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THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

**TO MY LEGION FAMILY:**

**WINTER CONFERENCE:** The Mid-Winter Conference is now history and we had a very nice showing at the conference and I hope that all attendees enjoyed themselves and returned home armed with knowledge and insight which perhaps you did not have before. We had to change some things around because of speakers, however we were able to present the majority of the information we had planned on during the course of the day.

As I mentioned before, I am always looking for ways to improve these conferences. There is no doubt that some of the presentations can be boring to say the least but it is important that the most up to date information is passed on to our Legion leadership. We will also be looking for a more centralized location to have these conferences and are looking for venues for this next year Fall and Mid-Winter Conferences. But I want to thank again Post 7 Rochester for all they did to host our last three conferences and it is not without hard work and dedication from the members of Post 7 that made these conferences as successful as they were.

For those Districts and Posts that did not receive their Mid-Winter packets we have sent them out through the mail and you should be receiving them soon. It is important that each Post take the time to go through these packages and fill out the required paperwork. If you are missing something do not hesitate to contact us directly.

Again I want to remind all Post Adjutants the importance of the CPR's, Post Data Reports, and Post Officer Reports. CPRs and Data reports will be sent out to individual Posts around the beginning of April.

I want to congratulate the winners of this year's Mid-Winter Raffle:

\$200 dollar winners: Earl Leonard – Lake Placid, Florida  
Robert Bridges – Milton, NH  
Robert Aucoin – Henniker, NH  
Leonard Dube – Hampton Falls, NH  
Gerald Soucy – Sanbornville, NH

\$500 dollar winner: Donald Hemenway, Sr. – West Lebanon, NH

\$1000 dollar winner: Alan Chalbeck – Midway, GA

\$2500 dollar winner: Raymond Chesley – Londonderry, NH

Thanks to all of you that participated in both our Fall and Mid-Winter Raffles. It is with your support that we are able to keep this Department moving forward financially.

We also held announcements for Department Officers. I would like to say that we have a long list of people interested in leading this Department forward. However at this point the list is short. The following is a list of those who have announced their intention to run for Department office.

Department Commander: Robert Dionne

Department Vice Commander: David Meaney  
Jim Krajniak  
Deb Demers  
Mark Grimshaw  
Thomas Willey

Treasurer: No candidate

Judge Advocate: No candidate

Historian: George Boddie

Auditor: No candidate

**Department Calendar**

**February 2014**

**Feb**

- 1 District 4 Meeting – Post 37 Hooksett – 6:00 PM
- 8 High School Oratorical Contest – St. Anselm College – 8:00 AM
- 15 District 8 Meeting – Post 20 Woodsville – 9:00 AM
- 15 Junior Oratorical Meeting – Post 21 Concord – 10:00 AM
- 16 Department Pool Tourney- Post 2 Manchester – 8:30 AM
- 18 Installation – Post 9 Derry – 7:00 PM
- 22 Department LEAD Training – Veterans Home Tilton – 8:00 AM

**Washington Conference:** I would like to remind everyone that the Washington Conference is approaching fast. The dates of the conference are a month later this year and it is being held March 23-26, 2014. For those wishing to attend this conference you have until February 14 to make your reservations for the hotel. After that date the rate cannot be guaranteed. The room rates are \$217 (1 person), \$227 (2 person) plus tax. You can make reservations online: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/americanlegion>. Or you can call 1-800-Hiltons and ask for the group rate for the American Legion.

I ask any of you wishing to go to the conference to let Department know and or NEC Earl Beale so that we may have a count of people for visitation with NH congressional party.

**Americanism Month:** February is Americanism month and a time to reflect on the numerous programs that are promoted by the Americanism Commission and the American Legion. As a result it is that time of the year for our local Posts to start planning for i.e. Baseball, Boys and Girls State and of course Oratorical which is right around the corner. Holding a Legion Charter comes with the serious responsibility to serve our “*community, state and nation*”. It is unfortunate that not all our Posts are involved in these activities and this is something we need to change. For those that are involved, I tip my hat to you. Certainly no one expects that every Post will be able to support everything, but it is important to realize that this is a big part of what the American Legion is all about. People want to be associated with an organization that cares about and contributes to their children and their community.

We are lucky in this Department in that we have a member who has been a contributing factor in the promotion of these programs over the years. National Americanism Chairmen Emeritus Joe Caouette has spent most of his time in the American Legion on the forefront of ensuring the American Legion continues to contribute to these programs enhancing the society of our land.

I would like to refer back to a part of an article that Joe wrote, 20 years ago this month, in the New Hampshire Legionnaire in January of 1994. In this article Joe references the importance of these programs on our youth.

“We would like to see a Home based Values system instituted in the educational process of our children, get parents involved in the education of their children. We MUST restore the Values in our nation’s youngsters and the parent role in the system must be revived. When it comes to caring for the Children of America we truly can say we Walk and Talk” (*Caouette, 1994, Legionnaire*).

At no time in this country’s history is this more true than it is today. As it was 20 years ago when Joe wrote about how these programs contribute to the molding of our youth is it realized that today we cannot forget those very words.

Let’s be mindful of the fact that as Legionnaires we have a responsibility to ensuring the future of our children and instilling those very values that refer to one of the pillars of this great organization, “*Children and Youth*”. We need to get excited about promoting these programs not for ourselves but how these programs help build future leaders and give our youth the ability to express themselves in their own way while upholding the values of family and what this country was built on and what our veterans and uniformed military have fought for and continued to fight for!

**Legion Baseball:** Team registration for Legion Baseball is now underway online: [www.baseball.legion.org](http://www.baseball.legion.org).

Remember background screening checks are conducted annually each season prior to any meetings, events, practices or games that involve youth participants. During the baseball registration process, an acknowledgement will be required that each coach, manager and volunteer staff of the American Legion Baseball team has been verified as having passed the mandated background check screening requirements for that upcoming season. This is required before any managers or coaches can purchase insurance.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Department Headquarters. The Baseball Chairmen for the Department of NH is Gary Webster: [gcweby@aol.com](mailto:gcweby@aol.com).

**Legion Insurance Trust:** I want to again remind everyone about a NO COST \$5,000.00 accidental insurance coverage program which the American Legion offers in the event of accidental death. The benefits include \$5,000.00 of Accidental death Insurance if you die within 90 days of a covered accident, from bodily injuries as a direct result of an accident while you are traveling on official business for the American legion. The program also offers \$1,000.00 if you die from an accident that does not include Legion business at all. There are no hidden costs or requirements to get this coverage. I encourage you to sign up today and as many of you know any little bit helps when it comes to deferring the cost and expense of a person who has accidentally passed away. If you wish further information please call my office or go directly to, [www.theLIT.com](http://www.theLIT.com) for fast and easy enrollment.

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