TO MY LEGION FAMILY:

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Mid-Winter Conference this year. It was our best year in attendance that I have ever had as the Department Adjutant. It is so important for us to get as much participation as possible because of the information that we need to get out to your Post and the conducting of business which prepares us for the Convention coming up real soon.

Announcements for Department Officers for 2017-2018 were made. The following members announced their intent on running for a Department Office; elections to held at our annual Department Convention.

Department Commander
Emil Ouellette
Charlie Arkwell
Dave Meaney

National Executive Committeemen
Bill Roy

Alternate National Executive Committeemen
Kenneth Maynard

Department Vice Commander
Sherm Philbrick
Mike Faccioli
Rick Bickerstaff

Judge Advocate
Doug Micklon

Historian
George Boddie

Auditor
Mark Vatcher

I would like to thank all those who have decided to give up their time to be considered for Department Office for 2017-2018. Announcements can be made right up until convention either by letter of intent or at the DEC.
The Department also held its annual Winter Raffle. The following are the lucky winners for this year.

$2500 Winner – Eugene Cheney  
$1000 Winner - Robert Duke  
$500 Winner – C.J. Rogers  
$200 Winners – Robert Robinson  
Thomas Jackson  
Joseph Kutt  
Richard Palermo  
Lynette Westcott

Congratulations to all those winners! Better luck in the Fall Raffle for those that did not. Thanks again for a very successful conference this year. Let’s work on getting those same people out at Convention and the Fall Conference.

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

The 99th Department Convention, being held in Lincoln NH, May 19 – 22, 2017, is fast approaching. The costs of the Ad book have been posted.

ADVERTISE YOUR POST, UNIT OR SQUADRON IN THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION AD BOOK

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*note: $500 inside back and front covers

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND SEND BACK TO DEPARTMENT with payment and attached ad

MAY 1 2017

POST #_________POSTNAME______________________________________________

POST ADDRESS __________________________________________________________

CONTACT PERSON:__________________________PHONE#_________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS:________________________________________________

ATTACH AD TO THIS PAGE AND SEND TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS  
And indicate what size ad and color you want

MAKE SURE YOUR AD IS ATTACHED TO THIS SHEET  
*****AT THIS TIME WE CANNOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS****

SEND YOUR CHECK, YOUR AD, AND THIS FORM TO:
Ads and payment must be at Department by May 1

The following is information on the banquet:

CONVENTION BANQUET

The Convention Banquet will be held at the INDIAN HEAD HOTEL, in LINCOLN, NH on Saturday May 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Social hour will be at 6:00 pm. All American Legion Family members are welcome to attend.

The cost of the ticket is $30.00 per dinner with a choice of Beef or Fish

PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND SEND IT TO:

VERNON LEIGHTON
374 Hayward St
Manchester, NH 03103

TICKETS WILL ONLY BE SOLD THROUGH VERN LEIGHTON

DETACH AND SEND FORM BELOW ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK

DEPARTMENT CONVENTION BANQUET
TICKET ORDER FORM

Enclosed is my check in the amount of $ to cover the cost of_________tickets.

I am a member of Post/Unit/Squadron #_________

# BAKED FISH
# BEEF

Tickets should be held in the name of

DEADLINE: MAY 5, 2017 CONTACT PERSON VERN LEIGHTON 785-9622

THERE IS A LIMIT OF ONLY 200 TICKETS AVAILABLE!
GET YOURS TODAY!!
INTERPOST ACTIVITIES
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

DATE: March 12, 2017 – 11:00AM sign-up and a 12:00 noon start

PLACE: Post 1 LACONIA

ELIGIBILITY: All Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. paid up members (2017) who have attained the age of 21.

DEADLINE: March 10, 2017. All applications shall be sent to: Attn: Cribbage Tournament, Department of New Hampshire The American Legion, 121 South Fruit St Concord, NH 03301, accompanied with a check for $12.00 (per two person team) payable to American Legion Department of New Hampshire. NO REFUNDS

RULES: Each team will play three rounds of three games each for a total of nine games. Pairings will be drawn from a hat at the start of the tournament and upon completion of the first and second rounds. Total pegs for the nine games will determine, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th place winners. In case of a tie, positions will be determined by a play-off. There will be a prize for LOW TOTAL PEGS.

1. Each team will keep track of total pegs.
2. Deal and cut to the left.
3. All players will cut after each game to determine the dealer of the next game.
4. Two points for cutting Jack to be pegged before a card is played.
5. No count of Jack cut in the last five holes.
6. All hands to be counted just once, count in rotation and no interfering.
7. No discussions of play or hands between partners.
8. Kibitzing allowed but no talking.
9. Each team will bring their own cribbage board and cards.
10. No two teams will play each other more than once.

Earlon Beale, Cribbage Chairman Department Headquarters
455-2026 856-8951

TEAM REGISTRATION FOR 2017 CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

March 12, 2017

NAME _______________ Card # ___________ Post/Unit/Squad# _______________
NAME _______________ Card # ___________ Post/Unit/Squad# _______________

I, ___________________________ certify the eligibility of names listed.
(Post Adjutant)

PLEASE POST ON BULLETIN BOARD
NATIONAL CONVENTION

The 99th National Convention will be held in Reno Nevada, August 18 – 24, 2017. The Department of New Hampshire will be staying in the Grand Sierra Resort and Casino Hotel, 2500 East Second Street, Reno, NV  89595. I recommend to those of you wishing to go to this convention this year that you start making plans now. https://www.grandsierraresort.com/

The cost per night is $115.00 + 13% tax + $2.00 Tourism Tax = $132.00 a night. I have King and Queen rooms available. Right now I have 23 rooms assigned to this Department. However the Keene Band from Post 4 has decided to join us this year and will also be competing in the National Band Competition along with joining us in the parade. This requires me to adjust for an extra 17 rooms. Last year the Department ended up paying almost $2000 extra for rooms not used based on our contract and I do not want that to happen again this year. We always enjoy having them with us, and they always find the time to entertain us during the convention at some point.

There is free parking and valet parking available at the hotel. This particular Hotel has a lot of amenities available within the hotel to include many restaurants, activities for the family, and of course gambling.

I am attaching a copy of the housing form, which needs to be back to me with a one night deposit by July 1, 2017.

The banquet tickets this year will be $47.00 a piece. I need people to get back with me as soon as possible on how many tickets they might want. I originally will order 30 tickets, but if there is more that want to go, I need those numbers before national sells out. After that it is first come first serve for any tickets that departments might have left over.
The American Legion, Department of New Hampshire
121 South Fruit Street, Suite 103 Concord NH 03301
Tel. 603-856-8951

99th National Convention August 18-August 24, 2017
Housing Application

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS FORM IN DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS 4 PM FRIDAY JULY 1, 2017.

I hereby make application for housing at the 99th National Convention of The American Legion to be held in Reno, Nevada from August 18 – August 24, 2017.

The New Hampshire Headquarters will be the Grand Sierra Resort Hotel, 2500 East Second Street, Reno, Nevada 89595.

Accommodations $115.00 + tax of 13% + Tourism Tax of $2.00 King beds, (1-2 Persons) – $132.00
Additional Occupants in Room is $25.00, 3 – 4 persons. Doubles, (1-2 Persons) - $132.00
Rollaway per day – Complimentary Parking per day- FREE!!

Housing Deposits: A deposit of $132.00 is required for each room plus additional fees.
Non Delegate or Alternates Registration Fee: $25.00 registration fee before room assignments are made. All housing is assigned on a basis of three night’s minimum occupancy. On Check-out make sure your deposit is credited to your account.

Room to be occupied by: (List full name, address of each occupant)

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Circle: 2 Doubles or 1 King  (King requests are very limited, No Guarantee, but we will try to accommodate all requests)

Email Address (if available): ___________________________

Arrival Date: ____________________

Departure Date: ____________________

This is a non smoking hotel. There is a $200.00 fee if caught smoking in the room. The Department will not be responsible for any smoking related fees.

If you plan to attend the convention, but have other housing arrangements, Please check and RETURN TO DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTER (    )
Department Caucus:

Appropriate attire required: (TBA)

New Hampshire Night:

BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS, THERE WILL BE NO NEW HAMPSHIRE NIGHT.

Important Notice: No telephone reservations will be accepted by the Department or the Hotel.

Enclose a check payable to: The American Legion, Department of New Hampshire

Circle one: 2 Doubles or 1 King (King beds are limited, first come first serve)

Housing Deposit ($132.00 Minimum, includes 13% tax) ____________
Registration Fee ($25.00) (Non Delegate/Guest) ____________
Additional Occupant - $25.00 ____________
Rollaway Bed – Complimentary – (limited) ____________

TOTAL: ____________

Name: ______________________ Tel. Number: __________ Post#_______
Address: ______________________ City ______________________
Email Address: ______________________ Cell # ____________

Please ensure all items are answered in full.
There have been some questions brought up about new legislation adding the $1.00 ticket. There are two different sides of view on this change. The below has to do with new legislation on this change. **NOTE:** The below information is not sourced from the American Legion, but information forwarded from another source in favor of the change.

**New Legislation to Help New Hampshire Charitable Gaming**

Did you Know that New Hampshire:
- Has Limited the Lucky Seven ticket price to $.50 for 42 Years.
- Is the only state in the entire country that has not allowed $1.00 tickets.

Why is that?
- Because paper Ticket Manufacturers have lobbied very hard for years and spent many thousands of dollars to keep it away!
- Paper manufacturers make double the profit on a $.50 paper ticket over the $1.00 ticket!
- Every single paper ticket manufacturer in New Hampshire takes that extra profit out of the State of New Hampshire!

New Legislation:
- Will allow the sale of $.25, $.50 AND $1.00 tickets!
- Will allow Charities to double their profits!
- Will keep more hard earned dollars from paper ticket sales in New Hampshire!

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Allowing the sale of $.25, $.50 and $1.00 Lucky Tickets
Even if you sell half the amount of tickets you still make more money!

**New Proposed Fee Structure on Lucky Seven Tickets**

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Make no mistake about it, this legislation was designed by law makers to make the charities more money.
Need More Information?
Call The New Hampshire Racing and Charitable Gaming Division of the New Hampshire Lottery Commission at (603)271-3391

Structure taken from an actual approved Lucky Seven $.50 ticket

Please Post