TO MY LEGION FAMILY:

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

The Mid-Winter conference this year will be on January 30, 2016, at the Roland E. Patnode Post 7, Rochester N.H. The following is the tentative agenda for this conference and of course may change some.

**Joint Session**

Saturday, January 30, 2016:

8:00 am – Registration opens, coffee and Donuts

9:00 am – Opening of morning joint session, introductions

9:10 am – Introduction of SAL Guest – Lead candidate William Hill

9:20 am – ANAVICUS Award presentation

9:35 am – Convention Committee Report - TBD

9:45 am – Department Raffle

9:50 am – Any other Announcements

**10:00 am – Brief Intermission – break room up and split into respective meetings.**

10:05 am – Reports – Membership, Oratorical, Boys State

10:15 am – Training Session – National Judge Advocate Phil Onderdonk
11:15 am to 12:30 Lunch – Jr Auxiliary

Legion – Afternoon Session

12:30 pm – Legion reconvene – Auxiliary and SAL to respective sessions

12:30 pm – Training Session Cont – National Judge Advocate, Phil Onderdonk

2:30 pm – Any Other business before conference

2:30 pm - Announcements for Office:

   Department Commander
   Department Vice Commanders – 4
   Department Treasurer
   Judge Advocate
   Historian
   Auditor

2:45 pm – Department Commander remarks

3:00 pm – Closing

(Times and speakers are tentative and subject to change)

As you will see our special guest speaker this year is is National Judge Advocate Philip Onderdonk. The Judge will be addressing a wide range of issues during the course of the day and if you have not heard him speak before you will be in for a treat.

In years past we have had issues with Posts not sending a representative to this conference, which is very important for gathering required information and forms for your Posts. I highly recommend each Post send a representative. If for nothing else but to get the Mid-Winter package that needs to go back to the Post. This will help the department cut down on the cost of mailing them out to Posts that did not attend. This cost has grown in the last few years and not budgeted.

If there are any changes in the agenda it will be posted on the web-site.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

REGISTRATION:

Please be reminded that our registration period has started for the 2016 season. Our registration deadline is February 15, 2016.

Please be on time and please make sure that all your volunteers do their background checks as soon as they can.
SCHEDULING:

You can also start scheduling your district games. According to the NHIAA schedule, we cannot start our games until Tuesday June 16th.

Here is the link to their tourney schedule:
http://nhiaa.org/PDFs/6202/201516SpringTournamentDates.pdf

The district numbers are as follows:

Senior District A: 18 games, one home and away with each team.
Senior District B: 18 games, one home and away with each team.

Junior District A1 & 2: 16 games, a home and away with each team in your division and one game against other division.
Junior District B1: 14 games, a home and away with each team in your division and one game against each team in other division.***
Junior District B2: 16 games, a home and away with each team in your division and one game against each team in other division.

*** If we add Hollis-Brookline, District B1 will be the same as B2.

Our scheduling meeting will be held on March 6, 2016 at Sweeney Post 2. The committee meeting will be at 9:00am and the scheduling meeting will be at 11:00am.

POLLING - NEED YOUR INPUT:

Like last year we are talking about an elite travel team for the summer/fall of 2016. The other Region 1 states want to make this commitment to happen before our season starts. Honestly I do not know how this can be done. We would have to know our potential players and have our coaching staff lined up before middle of June, but commit to it way before that. The players we are talking about would be players going into their junior year in high school in the fall of 2016.

I believe at better solution in trying to "showcase these players" would be a one day double header between the potential NH players. I would like to us either Holman or Gill Stadium. Potential dates would be 7/8 or 7/9 or 7/10. No one would play a game on that given day. We would rent either stadium and play two 7 inning games, District A vs. District B. First game at 4:00 and second at 7:00. Again, the players we are talking about would be players going into their junior year in high school in the fall of 2016. Coaching staffs and players could be determined by 7/4/16. I would create an email list of all the managers of all the New England colleges and invite them to attend. This could become an annual event. I would need an early decision to serve either stadium. Please give me your input to this idea.

HOLLIS-BROOKLINE - JUNIORS:

I expect to have an answer by the end of the week if we are adding Hollis-Brookline to the junior program. I will say that I have received well over 30 emails regarding this question with only one negative response.

Thanks to all.

Rick Harvey
Baseball Chairmen
There will be a baseball committee meeting to be held at Sweeney Post 2, on Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 0900-1030 with the scheduling meeting of the baseball coaches to be held at 1100.

DISTRICT FOUR
FOXWOODS RAFFLE

ONE NIGHT DELUXE ACCOMODATIONS AND DINNER FOR TWO

$300.00 SPENDING MONEY

$5.00 PER TICKET OR 3 TICKETS FOR $10.00

DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION

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I hope that everyone had a great holiday season. I will not be writing a editorial this month.

(Please Post)