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THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THE AMERICAN LEGION

TO MY LEGION FAMILY:

AMERICAN LEGION 96TH NH STATE CONVENTION: I want to thank everyone for your support and help over the period of this convention. The following are your elected Department Officers for 2014-2015.

- A. COMMANDER (1 YEAR) – Robert Dionne
- B. FOUR VICE COMMANDERS (1 YEAR) – Tom Wiley, Deb Demers, Jim Krajniak, and Charlie Arkwell
- C. TREASURER (2 YEARS) – Robert Wyman
- D. JUDGE ADVOCATE (1 YEAR) – Doug Micklon
- E. HISTORIAN (1YEAR) – George Boddie
- F. AUDITOR (1 YEAR) – Ken Maynard

There were 5 resolutions introduced at the convention, 4 of which were voted on official ballot. All of these resolutions required to pass by a two thirds vote. None of them received enough votes to fulfill the two thirds requirement.

Resolution 4, Resolution Submission Procedures was introduced through the report of the Resolutions Committee and was approved at the time.

There were a number of issues associated with this year's convention that should have been handled by committee but were handled by this office as a result. I want to especially recognize my staff, Lisa Beale, Ned Brooks, and Jim Dupont, for all their hard work and filling in the gaps that needed to be filled in to the best of their ability. If it had not been for their hard work the convention would not have been the success it

was.

This was the first year we have had to cancel Color Guard Competition because of lack of participation. There was one color guard from the Roland E. Patnode Post 7 in Rochester that had intended to through their hat in the ring for the first time this year. The unfortunate thing is that there were no other color guards to compete against causing us to cancel the competition. This competition is a part of our legacy and tradition. It is just another example of where this department is headed if things do not change soon. It is important we get back the pride and patriotism that we used to have and show it otherwise programs like this competition will be lost forever. Hopefully next year we can bring it back and eventually send a team back to the national competition.

AMERICAN LEGION 96TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION: By authority of the national executive committee, the 96th Annual National Convention of the American legion is hereby called to meet in Charlotte, North Carolina, August 26-28, 2014.

The Department of New Hampshire will be staying at the Hilton Garden Inn. We will be about 5 delegates short of our authorized number for delegates for this convention. This is another area that this Department needs to improve on. The National Convention is an opportunity for this department to voice its concerns on behalf of our membership as a result of business conducted at our own convention. We need more participation if we are going to succeed over all.

Delegate packages will be coming soon to those that have been chosen as delegates for this convention. However, housing forms need to be back into this office by Friday, July 11th. The hotel is holding me to this deadline and I need to do the same. We have 22 rooms reserved for this department and it will be first come first serve. If by chance we do not fill all our allotted rooms the hotel will be taking them back and distributed to other departments. Along with your housing forms a deposit of \$143.00 plus \$10.00 for extra occupants must be submitted with the form. The housing form can be found on the department website at www.nhlegion.com.

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP: There were a lot of Posts that did not pick up their 2015 membership cards at convention. We will be sending out these cards as soon as we can. It may be a week or two before we can do that do to staffing shortages. If you wish to get your cards before then feel free to come to department headquarters and pick them up. This department has a lot of work to do this year in order to make up ground lost this year in membership. Currently we are about a 1000 members below where we were at last year at this time. Membership is everyone's responsibility and we ask your help.

DEPARTMENT: This Department will be looking at our local posts real close this year. We will be conducting audits and reviews of posts that are not following the rules established by our Constitution and Bylaws. We will be reporting mismanagement and any criminal activity we find occurring within any of our Posts. This office continuously receives calls from businesses and vendors about some Posts not paying bills, and other delinquent obligations. This is not good for you or the American Legion. Internal Affairs was very clear about the change that needs to occur within our local Posts in order to maintain the values of the American Legion. I believe the leadership we have in place this year will be proactive and we will begin to move in the right direction.

I want to thank everyone for your patience these last couple weeks since our convention. Illness has hit this office real hard after convention and we have limited as to what we can do as a result. Mailings and processing of membership is one of the areas we are currently behind in most of all. Hopefully we will be back to full staff after the holiday and we will get to those areas we are behind on as soon as we can. Your understanding and patience has been very much appreciated.

I WANT TO WISH EVERYONE A GREAT 4TH OF JULY AND SAFE HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

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