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THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE THE AMERICAN LEGION

TO MY LEGION FAMILY:

AMERICAN LEGION 96TH NH STATE CONVENTION: Included in this month's newsletter is the Call to Convention for the Department of NH on June 20, 21, and 22, 2014. This year the following offices will be open for election:

- A. COMMANDER (1 YEAR)
- B. FOUR VICE COMMANDERS (1 YEAR)
- C. TREASURER (2 YEARS)
- D. JUDGE ADVOCATE (1 YEAR)
- E. HISTORIAN (1YEAR)
- F. AUDITOR (1 YEAR)

Last we tried some changes and we will continue to go forward with those same changes. Colonguard Competition will be held on **Friday, the 20th, at 5:00 pm**. Last we had the largest in attendance to watch this competition then we have had in some time. We would like to see this grow not in just participants but in spectators as well. Colonguard applications need to be into Department by June 10th so that we may know how many teams are attending.

Additionally, we had shortened the Memorial Service to less than an hour **on Friday morning, at 8:00 am**. We found this to be very favorable and still maintain the respect of our members that have been called to the everlasting. After which we held a joint session for all members of the American Legion family.

We want to remind everyone that Delegate sheets are due to Department by June 10th (NO EXCEPTIONS). We will not take Delegate sheets at the convention. If your delegates were not registered previously to convention then they will not be able to vote. Please help us help you.

If you have not made your final payments, which were due April 30th, I can only stress that urgency is a must and there may be a problem with your rooms if payment is not received.

Department Calendar

May 2014

Subject to Change

May

- 1 Installation – Post 83 Lincoln – 6:00 PM
- 2 Installation – Post 103 Deerfield – 7:30 PM
- 3 District 1 Spring Conference – VFW Winchester – 10:00 AM
- 3 Rededication – Post 7 Rochester – 6:00 PM
- 4 Installation – Post 46 Conway – 1:00 PM
- 4 Installation – Post 5 Peterborough – Community Center – 2:00 PM
- 5 Installation – Post 10 Wilton – 7:00 PM
- 6 Installation – Post 123 Berlin NCF – 10:00 AM
- 6 Installation – Post 33 Meredith – 7:00 PM
- 6 Installation – Post 68 Littleton – 6:00 PM
- 6 Installation – Post 42 Barnstead – 6:30 PM
- 6 Installation – Post 54 Bedford – 8:00 PM
- 7 Installation – Post 108 Chester – 6:00 PM
- 7 Installation – Post 4 Keene – 7:00 PM
- 8 Installation – Post 62 Colebrook – 12:00 PM
- 8 Installation – Post 3 Nashua – 7:00 PM
- 10 Juniors Dept Convention – Post 11 Jaffrey – All Day – 9:00 AM
- 10 Children & Youth Project – Gilbert Rhoades Track – Lancaster – 8:00 AM
- 12 Installation – Post 12 Ashland – 7:00 PM
- 12 Installation – Post 82 Gorham – 7:00 PM
- 12 Installation – Post 75 Pittsfield – 7:30 PM
- 13 Installation – Post 50 Antrim – 7:30 PM
- 13 Installation – Post 77 Walpole – 7:00 PM
- 14 Installation – Post 20 Woodsville – 6:00 PM

- 17 Commander Testimonial – Beacon Resort – Lincoln – 3:00 PM Social
- 18 Past Departments Commanders Meeting – 11:00 AM
- 18 Installation – Post 63 Salem – 2:00 PM
- 19 Installation – Post 35 Hampton – 7:00 PM
- 20 Memorial Day Ceremony – Post 123 Berlin NCF - TBA
- 20 District 3 Girls State Orientation – Post 67 Newmarket – 7:00 PM
- 21 District 1 Girls State Orientation – Post 11 Jaffrey – 7:00 PM
- 22 Memorial Day Ceremony – Post 123 Concord NCF - TBA
- 22 Installation – Post 74 Brookline – 7:00 PM
- 28 Installation – Post 122 Police Academy – 7:00 PM
- 30 District 4 Meeting – Post 63 – 7:00 PM

National Oratorical Contest: Recently I had the honor and privilege to attend the 77th National Oratorical Contest, held in Indianapolis, with Past Department Commander Maynard. I cannot tell you how impressed I was with the level of competition, and how much I learned overall about this very important program. The 2.4-million member American Legion developed the contest to encourage young people to improve their communications skills and to study the U.S. Constitution. More than \$3 million in scholarships have been awarded over the history of the contest. In attending this contest the PDC Maynard and I also had the privilege of supporting our New Hampshire representative and winner of the Department of New Hampshire 2014 Oratorical Contest, Zachery Letourneau, of Dublin, New Hampshire. I am proud to say that Zachery represented the Department with distinction and gave all he had in the quarter final round of the contest. Unfortunately he was not selected to continue to the semis but his presentation was outstanding. A senior from Columbia, Mo., capped a busy weekend of competition in Indianapolis by earning an \$18,000 college scholarship and first place in High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. This contest teaches the future leaders of this country about our Constitution.

Consolidated Post Reporting/Officer Reports: I am reminding all Adjutants that your Consolidated Post reports (CPR) is due to Department Headquarters. It is important that if you are completing a hard copy of the form it needs to come to us and we will send it out to National Headquarters. Adjutants can still complete this process on line, and it is just as easy. If it is done on line the information will be forwarded to us immediately.

With this being the time of year for the majority of Posts electing new officers, it is important that the officer reports are filled out and sent in to Department Headquarters. This information is how we keep our listings updated and we know who the current officers are for each Post and District. If for some reason you do not have any of these forms and still need them, please contact us and we will make sure that you get them.

American Legion College: I have addressed the Legion College at several events, but I just wanted to mention it again since the deadline and coming fast for submissions.

Over the last few months I have had many members come to me and expressed interest in going to the National American Legion College. This is a program that I had the privilege to attend in October 2012 and I can tell you that if you plan on being a leader within this organization this is the class to go to. I cannot say enough how informative and educational this was for me as a new Adjutant, to include the networking availability I had with other current and future Legionnaire leaders around the country.

The Department of New Hampshire has the ability to send two Legionnaires to this class. The next class will be held October 26 - 31, 2014. There is a prerequisite to this class and that is taking the American Legion Extension Institute. This is a course that is easy to take and can be done on-line within a few hours.

Just a little about what the college is all about. The American Legion National College enhances knowledge and appreciation of The American Legion, and teaches the core values and contributions of the organization, it's Auxiliary, Sons of The American Legion and many subordinate programs. The National Legion College prepares young Legionnaires for leadership positions in posts, districts, counties, and departments through education, development, and motivation. The curriculum challenges student leaders to think critically and creatively about issues confronting the Legion.

The unfortunate thing with this course is that it is restricted to Legionnaires veterans from the Lebanon/Granada era to present. However if you are a legionnaire that served before that era it is still possible to go if the other person going falls within those guidelines. There is no cost to you and is paid for by Department and National Headquarters. Along with the application you have to submit a 500 word essay on why you would to attend this school. If by chance the Department gets more than two applicants, then we will be putting a selection committee together to choose the best candidates. This is where your application and reasons for going will come into play.

As well national headquarters will be reviewing these applications to make sure that all applicants fall within the guidelines.

More information can be found on www.legion.org. The deadline for applications to Department will be July 1st, 2014. If there are more than two applicants then you will be informed of a time and place for a selection process.

Next Department Executive Meeting: The next DEC meeting is scheduled for May 31st, Hooksett Post 37 at 10:00AM. This will be our budget meeting and will finalize our FY 2015 budget that will be presented at our Department Convention.

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