TO MY LEGION FAMILY:

This is it members. Convention is right around the corner!!

CALL TO THE

98TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
THE AMERICAN LEGION
LINCOLN, NEW HAMPSHIRE


PURPOSE:

THIS CONVENTION IS CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

1. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN OF STANDING AND SPECIAL DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES.

2. TO ELECT, BY A PLURALITY VOTE, THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.
   
   A. COMMANDER (1 YEAR)
   
   B. FOUR VICE COMMANDERS (1 YEAR)
   
   C. TREASURER (1 YEAR)
   
   D. JUDGE ADVOCATE (1 YEAR)
   
   E. HISTORIAN (1 YEAR)
   
   F. AUDITOR (1 YEAR)

3. TO ELECT REQUIRED NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO THE 2016 NATIONAL CONVENTION (CINCINNATI, OHIO) (NOTE: NATIONAL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MAN, DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, IMMEDIATE PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, NATIONAL COMMISSION
CHAIRMAN AND DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT ARE DELEGATES BY VIRTUE OF THEIR OFFICE).

4. TO TRANSACT SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY BE LEGALLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE CONVENTION.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS


ANY CANDIDATE FOR AN ELECTIVE OFFICE IN THE AMERICAN LEGION WHICH REQUIRES A VOTE OF THE DELEGATES TO THE
DEPARTMENT CONVENTION SHALL BE PRESENT ON THE CONVENTION FLOOR AT THE TIME OF HIS OR HER NOMINATING SPEECH. IF A
CANDIDATE IS UNABLE TO BE PRESENT AT THE TIME OF HIS OR HER NOMINATING SPEECH, THEN A LETTER SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE
SIGNIFYING HIS OR HER INTENTION TO SEEK THE OFFICE, WILL BE IN THE HANDS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, NO LATER THAN
9:00AM ON THE DAY OF THE NOMINATION. CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION MUST FILE IN PERSON
BEFORE 12:00 NOON ON FRIDAY

DANIEL YODER
DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

Banquet tickets are gone. If you did not purchase a ticket for the banquet before May 1st then you will not be able to go to the banquet. There are limited amount of seats and this is out of our control.

The Department does have convention shirts available (blue gold shirt or blue crew neck) Shirts are $20.00 a piece.

If you have not submitted names for the Memorial service by now as well then they will need to be saved for next year. Department is also not able to run a listing of deceased members not reported because the program that tracks those deceased members has stopped working and cannot access it anymore. With that said the only names that will be shown at the Memorial Service will be those submitted to us.

Registration for the Legion and SAL will be located in the bar area of the Beacon Resort. The times for registration are located on the agenda which of course is subject to change. However registration times will not.

I ask that delegates please have a little patience this year. The Department staff is there to help in any way we can. We hope that everyone enjoys there time in Lincoln.

THURSDAY – MAY 19, 2016

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM PRE-REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES

FRIDAY – MAY 20, 2016

MEMORIAL SERVICE IN THE BALLROOM, BEACON RESORT HOTEL (DOORS CLOSE AT 8:00 AM) OPENING CEREMONIES FOR CONVENTION
ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS (DEPARTMENT CHAMPIONSHIP COLOR GUARD, ROCHESTER POST 7)
INVOCATION – DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN JOSEPH DICHIARO
MEMORIAL SERVICE

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM (ONLY) REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION AT DEPARTMENT HOTEL HEADQUARTERS – BEACON (IF YOU ARE A DISTRICT DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO REGISTER AGAIN)
9:00 AM  MEETING OF RULES COMMITTEE - CHAIRMEN

9:00 AM  (JOINT SESSION)

CALL CONVENTION TO ORDER - DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
COLORS IN PLACE –
INVOCATION – AUXILIARY CHAPLAIN – LINDA DUPONT
PLACEMENT OF POW/MIA FLAG – DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDERS
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
PREAMBLE – DEPARTMENT COMMANDER JOHN GRAHAM
ADDRESS OF WELCOME – DEPARTMENT VICE COMMANDER
CALL TO CONVENTION – DEPARTMENT ADJUTANT

9:10 AM  WELCOME ADDRESSES
GOVERNOR MAGGIE HASSAN
NH DELEGATION ADDRESSES (TBD)
NH VETERAN’S HOME COMMANDANT- MARGARET “PEGGY” LABRECQUE
NATIONAL VICE COMMANDER – JOHN HARGREAVES
USAA – DOUG CASTLE
PRESENTATION/VETERANS ADMINISTRATION & EDUCATION COMMISSION
PRESENTATION/COMMANDER GRAHAM – NH NATIONAL GUARD

9:50 AM  PRESENTATION – DEPARTMENT OF N.H. LAW ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER OF THE YEAR – OFFICER ROBERT BUETLE - CONCORD P.D.
EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

BREAK (AUXILIARY AND SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION EXCUSED) 15 MIN

FRIDAY - MAY 20, 2016 (cont’d)

REPORT OF RULES COMMITTEE
10:30 AM  ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS FOR 2016-2017

10:45 PM  ADJUTANT ANNOUNCES ROOMS FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND CAUCUSES

10:45 – 12:30 PM  TRAINING – TBA

BREAK FOR LUNCH (RETURN AT 1:30 PM)

1:30 PM  SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION OPENING SESSION
CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 PM  COMMITTEE MEETINGS: LOCATIONS TBA
2:00 PM  DEPARTMENT TRAINING – DISTRICT TRAINING

3:30 PM  CAUCUSE (CAUCUSE WILL INCLUDE ALL DISTRICTS)

5:00 PM  COLOR GUARD COMPETITION (RADISSON GRAND BALLROOM)

SATURDAY - MAY 21, 2016

7:30 – 11:00AM  (CONT) REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO
THIS ANNUAL CONVENTION

8:30 AM  RECONVENE CONVENTION
CALL CONVENTION TO ORDER
COLORS IN PLACE, SALUTE TO COLORS
PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

9:00 AM  REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN RESULTS OF
MEETINGS:
AMERICANISM
FINANCE CHAIRMEN
CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
INTERNAL AFFAIRS
RESOLUTIONS
TROPHY & AWARDS
VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION
CHILDREN AND YOUTH
UNIFORM GROUPS

10:30 AM  GREETINGS FROM DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
INSTALLATION OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION DETACHMENT OFFICERS
NOMINATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

11:00 AM  REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT CONVENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

11:15 AM  MEETING OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

11:30 AM  REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

11:45 AM  ELECTION SETUP

SATURDAY – MAY 21, 2016 (cont’d)

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTION

12:45 PM  TELLERS MEETING AFTER VOTE

1:30 PM  RECONVENE FOR FINAL BUSINESS SESSION
COMPLETE PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

3:30 PM  NEWLY ELECTED DEPARTMENT COMMANDER AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS TO
MEET
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6:00 PM    SOCIAL FOR BANQUET

7:00 PM    BANQUET, INCLUDING CHANGING OF THE GUARD

SUNDAY – MAY 22, 2016

9:00 AM    WREATH LAYING AT WAR MEMORIALS IN PARK

ADJOURN CONVENTION

REMINDER: THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May DATES: 1st, 1960: U-2 recon plan shot down over Soviet Union
4th, 1942: 29 Navajos reported to Fort Defiance AZ, first of 400 to be trained as Code Talkers
5th: Cinco de Mayo
5th, 1942: Battle of the Coral Sea
8th, Mother’s Day
8th, 1945: V E Day, end of War in Europe
10th, 1925: Coast Guard Band established
13th, 1908: Navy Nurse Corps established
16th, 1942: WACs (Women’s Army Corps established)
17th, 1987: Iraqi aircraft fired Exocet missiles at USS Stark, killing 37
21st, Armed Forces Day
21st, 1940: FDR authorized wiretapping to watch German agents
21st, 2010: U.S. Cyber Command established at Fort Meade MD
26th, 1972: Presidents Nixon and Brezhnev signed SALT 1 Treaty
29th, 2001: U.S. court convicted four al-Qaida members of terrorism bombing of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania
30th: MEMORIAL DAY
12th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial at Boscawen, NH Veterans Cemetery

Saturday July 2, 2016
1:30PM
Please join us to honor our brothers from NH who gave it all in Vietnam and to remember our POW/MIA's.
WE WILL NEVER FORGET

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