TO MY LEGION FAMILY:

CALL TO THE

100TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
THE AMERICAN LEGION
MANCHESTER, 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 2018 NATIONAL CONVENTION (MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA) (NOTE: NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER, 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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY BALLOT, WILL TAKE PLACE AS THE LAST ORDER OF BUSINESS DURING THE SATURDAY AM SESSIONS, JUNE 23.

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
Good morning, Legionnaires and Veteran advocates today is Wednesday, May 1, 2018 which is Frequent Flyer Day, Mother Goose Day, Silver Star Service Banner Day, and Phone in Sick Day.

**SOME HISTORY**

- On this day in 1863, the Battle of Chancellorsville begins in Virginia. Earlier in the year, General Joseph Hooker led the Army of the Potomac into Virginia to confront Robert E. Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia. Hooker had recently replaced Ambrose Burnside, who presided over the Army of the Potomac for one calamitous campaign the previous December: the Battle of Fredericksburg. At that conflict, the Yankees amassed over 14,000 casualties while the Rebels suffered some 5,000 casualties.
- 1898: At Manila Bay in the Philippines, the U.S. Asiatic Squadron destroys the Spanish Pacific fleet in the first battle of the Spanish-American War. Nearly 400 Spanish sailors were killed, and 10 Spanish warships wrecked or captured at the cost of only six Americans wounded.
- 1960: An American U-2 spy plane (flown by Francis Gary Powers) is shot down while conducting espionage over the Soviet Union. The incident derailed an important summit meeting between President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev that was scheduled for later that month.
- On this day in 1931, President Herbert Hoover officially dedicates York City’s Empire State Building, pressing a button from the White House that turns on the building’s lights. Hoover’s gesture, of course, was symbolic; while the president remained in Washington, D.C., someone else flicked the switches in New York.

**DEPARTMENT HISTORY**

This month’s Department History includes a couple pictures from years gone by. One is a guess who, and the other is about a Post we had that was all female.

Here is an interesting crew. Can you name all the people in this picture?
Here is a picture of some interesting guys, who is that sharp dresser on the right?

The American Legion has been honored with Presidents as members of the Legion.
Tentative

Department Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, June 2, 2018
Place TBD.

This DEC will go over the FY 19 proposed budget for submission to the Convention floor.

Centennial News

May 10 @ 7 PM  Post 43 Centennial Meeting   can’t make it give email report. should be no more than hour.

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LOUDON COUNTRY CLUB TO HOST CENTENNIAL GOLF EVENT ON SATURDAY.
SEPTEMBER 22

Loudon, NH –Beautiful Loudon Country Club will be the venue for yet another special event celebrating The Department of New Hampshire American Legion Centennial when it host a Centennial Legion Golf Tournament on Saturday ,September 22. The competition will utilize a “scramble “format and will commence at 9:30 AM. The centennial tournament will feature numerous prizes and competitions as well as a cookout/BBQ. The cost per foursome will be $500 ($125 per golfer) all friends of Non – Legionnaires are invited but every foursome must have at least one Legionnaire.

For more information or sign up a team. Contact State Representative Mike Moffett, a member of Loudon Post 88, at Michael.moffett@leg.state.nh.us

All checks made out to American Legion Centennial Fund
Department Events Recognized

July 19-23, 2018
Souhegan High School
412 Boston Post Road, Amherst

The Milford Rotary Club and Marie Grella of Amherst are collaborating to bring The Moving Wall to Souhegan High School in July 2018.

The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. The wall will be on display around the clock and free of charge for public viewing from July 19th through July 23rd. This is a large undertaking and many volunteers will be needed. Additionally, a variety of sponsorship opportunities are available for those interested in supporting the event through corporate, individual or in-kind donations. To volunteer or become a sponsor, please contact Marie and Peter at info@MovingWallNH.org.

Two fundraisers are already being set-up – a Flag Day 5K on June 15th and a Flag Sale featuring 3’x5’ United States of America flags made in the USA.

The Flag Day 5K is a run or walk event through picturesque Amherst with the start and finish lines at the Amherst Green. The 5K will be professionally timed by Millennium Running. The entry fee is $25 pre-event and $30 day of the event. For more information or to register online, please visit www.AmherstFlagDay5K.com.

The Flag Sale - Interested in supporting The Moving Wall event by purchasing some new USA colors to fly at your house? Sign-up today or place your order for a 3’x5’ flag at info@MovingWallNH.org. The cost is $25 per flag and all proceeds go to The Moving Wall event in July.

Great video about the Moving Wall at UNH in May 2017 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygim8nFrZRo

Website www.amherstflagday5k.com Direct Registration for 5K at Millennium Running www.runreg.com/flag-day-5k
NEW ENGLAND DISABLED SPORTS

White Mountain Warfighter Experience

Join us for a 3 day and 3 night White Mountain Warfighter Retreat.
When: August 13th-16th
Who: Veterans with a disability
How: Email Dana at DanaR@NEDisabledSports.org or call 603-745-9333 to sign up TODAY. Limited spots available!

This program was funded in part by a grant from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The opinions, findings, and conclusions stated herein are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect those of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.
Department Adjutant (ME) receiving this years revenue from the Legion Insurance Trust. There are new programs for LIT this year and I encourage all to go to www.theLIT.com.

You are cordially invited to attend

the Sons of the American Legion

Detachment of New Hampshire

Dedication Ceremony of their Memorial Stone

at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery

110 Daniel Webster Highway Boscawen N.H. 03303

on Saturday 9 June 2018 at 1000 Hrs.
Veteran Events & Announcements

Memorial Day Ceremony: NHSVC

May 30, 2018, Boscawen NH
http://nhsvc.com/1100am-memorial-day-ceremony-rain-or-shine-1
VA’s next big problem: Key health care program is running out of money again

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs secretary nominee Rear Adm. Ronny Jackson withdrew his name from consideration for the job Thursday, after a week of allegations which cast doubt on his leadership and professional demeanor.

Jackson, a 23-year naval officer who serves as the White House physician, was a surprise pick for the post following the firing of former VA Secretary David Shulkin last month. President Donald Trump had repeatedly backed Jackson in recent days, even as Senate Republicans and Democrats publicly questioned whether he could ever be confirmed.
Leaders with the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee postponed his scheduled confirmation hearing this week amid reports from whistleblowers that Jackson repeatedly drank on the job, improperly handled and horded pain medication, and was abusing to staff at the White House Medical Office.

Jackson vehemently denied those charges in a statement Thursday.

“Going into this process, I expected tough questions about how to best care for our veterans, but I did not expect to have to dignify baseless and anonymous attacks on my character and integrity,” he said.

“The allegations against me are completely false and fabricated. If they had any merit, I would not have been selected, promoted and entrusted to serve in such a sensitive and important role as physician to three presidents over the past 12 years.”

But, Jackson said the accusations have “become a distraction for this president” and the Department of Veterans Affairs, prompting him to end his bid for the Cabinet post.

In an interview with Fox News just minutes later, Trump praised Jackson as a man of integrity and said he would have made “a great VA secretary.” He also blamed “obstructionist Democrats” for derailing Jackson’s nomination.

In a statement, Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee ranking member Jon Tester, D-Mont., praised “the service members who bravely spoke out over the past week” about the problems with Jackson’s nomination.

Earlier, he said nearly two dozen current and former service members have come forward to speak out against Jackson, unsolicited by Senate Democrats. While unproven, the accusations raised questions among Republicans and Democrats on the committee about the thoroughness of the White House vetting process.

“The White House bungled this nomination from the start – fumbling the facts and vetting and then failing to produce documents,” Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., said in a statement. “Veterans deserve a first-class manager with unquestionable
integrity and ability … This deeply flawed process should end the administration’s repeated failures in screening and scrutinizing top level nominees.”

White House officials have pushed back against that charge in recent days, saying Jackson served three presidents and received glowing reviews from each. White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders said officials there had no record of the drinking and drug allegations.

In his Fox News interview, Trump said that he does have another VA secretary pick in mind — “someone with political experience” — but would not give any further details.

Tester in a statement said that he is ready to work with “Chairman (Johnny) Isakson to vet and confirm a secretary who is fit to run the VA.”

For now, the acting VA secretary is Robert Wilkie, who also serves as the Defense Department’s under secretary for personnel and readiness. Wilkie’s appointment to that role has been challenged by some veterans groups who say the role should have gone to VA Deputy Secretary Thomas Bowman, who like Shulkin has sparred with White House officials in recent months.

In a statement released Wednesday, VA spokesman Curt Cashour said that since Shulkin’s abrupt firing over Twitter last month, “senior VA officials are now on the same page, speaking with one voice to veterans, employees and outside stakeholders” and that “employees who were wedded to the status quo and not on board with this administration’s policies or pace of change have now departed VA.”

The statement also listed getting Jackson confirmed as a top priority for the department moving forward.

Administration officials told Bloomberg News that following Jackson’s withdrawal, he will remain in his post with the White House Medical Office. In his statement, Jackson said that “I am proud of my service to the country and will always be committed to the brave veterans who volunteer to defend our freedoms.”

Defense Department officials are looking into whether the allegations leveled against Jackson may warrant additional investigation, even with his nomination finished.

(Leo Shane III, 04/29/2018, Army Times)
Five candidates to be the next VA secretary nominee

Now that Rear Adm. Ronny Jackson has dropped out, who will lead Trump's veterans' reforms?

Whats Next!!!!!!!!!!!

ITEMS OF INTEREST

I am leaving this in here one more month since I receive more and more calls from veterans on how to get their records.

For those of you that have issues finding copies of your military records, the following is one way of doing that. Just follow the instructions below.

Military Records

Records may be obtained by one of the following ways:

1. By linking to the National Personnel Records Center and obtaining a copy of SF 180, must provide a telephone number where you can be reached.

2. Send a request including:
   o Type of record needed
   o Veteran's full name
   o Service or Social Security number
   o Branch and dates of service, to include if person was enlisted person or an officer
   o Current mailing address and telephone number
   o Mail to:
The Adjutant General's Department
Attn: Mr. Peter Fortier
4 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301-5652

4. E-mail Mr. Peter Fortier
5. Fax the request:
   603-225-1341, Attn: Mr. Peter Fortier
6. Phone 603-225-1380 8:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Historical Military Records and Information:

Due to the size of our staff in the Human Resources Office, we are not able to conduct any historical research that may require a lot of time.

Those wishing to conduct historical research of military records may do so by contacting Mr. Peter Fortier at (603) 225-1380 to coordinate a date and time that you would like to visit our archives at:

The Adjutant General's Department
4 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH 03301-5652

Form TAGNH 24 (Record Request Form)

During the convention we are hoping to hold the event below. We are still waiting on final confirmation but will verify in future issues. We are also going to have the VA Van Care Center at the Radisson as well. These are things I have always wanted to have for our members and veterans at our conventions and thanks to Curt, our Service Officer, for helping me coordinate this with the VA.

VA Benefits Information Session
WHAT: VA Benefits Information Session at The American Legion Department of New Hampshire Annual Convention. The Vet Center van will also be available.
WHEN: Friday, June 22, 2018: 1-5PM.
WHERE: DoubleTree by Hilton (formerly known as the Radisson Hotel)
Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, New Hampshire, 03101, 603-625-1000

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