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THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

**TO MY LEGION FAMILY:**

**DEPARTMENT TRAINING:**

The Department of New Hampshire recently held training at the Fall Conference on October 25<sup>th</sup>. To say the least the reception for this training was more than enthusiastic in all phases. This training included Adjutant training and I am glad to say there were approximately 20 Adjutants who participated in this training. I want to say thanks to those who did participate and for all your questions and interest in wanting to serve your Post better through your position.

The last question asked was when are we going to hold this training again? As many of you know the Department is hosting LEAD (Leadership, Education and Development) training on November 8 and 9. The training on the 8<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Post 34 in Plaistow. The training on the 9<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Post 68, Littleton. The training will focus on Post Operations, Membership Development, Americanism programs, Finance, and Resolutions and will be taught by staff from national headquarters. I urge anyone wishing to participate in this training there is not much time left from the post of this newsletter to plan in doing so. Pre-registration can be made through a form downloaded from the website, and there is a registration fee of \$7 dollars.

Beyond this training I am making plans to hold additional Adjutant training for all Adjutants in the Department. Because those who attended my last class had so many questions and concerns I was only able to get through a third of my Part 1 course before we had to stop for the day. I will be planning a time to hold additional training and I am considering holding some type of annual training for Adjutants either bi-yearly or quarterly. I will be posting copies of IRS documents, web addresses, and a copy of my lesson on the website for your viewing pleasure.

It is important that you as Adjutants get as much information and assistance on your duties and responsibilities as I can offer. But also build a network where you as a Adjutant can feel comfortable in asking another comrade Adjutant in this department for guidance and support. As many know this can be a very stressful and demanding position and on many levels a thankless position. The National Adjutant has made it a priority to ensure department Adjutants have the means and network to work together. I also would like to build a network of Adjutants within this department that are skilled and ready to move forward with improving this Department.

I will release further information on any future training events as we plan them.

**AMERICAN LEGION LAUNCHES NEW FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN:**

The American legion is launching a national awareness campaign to raise funds to help our organization assist veterans, their families, young people and communities. The first installment of that campaign will focus on the internal health needs of veterans, particularly those who are battling the signature wounds of today’s war era, PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

Because these messages will air nationally and before audiences that may be unfamiliar with The American legion and its services, you may receive calls, visits and other correspondence from veterans in need or their families in and around your Post location. If the request is routine, please handle as you usually would, as being a service organization.

If the need is urgent, refer the veteran or family member to a VA emergency support service, such as:

- Suicide prevention hotline: 800-272-8255, press 1
- Texting service: 838255
- Online chat service, [www.VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net)

If the veteran comes to you or your Post as a result of the message, please be welcoming and helpful. Offer him or her the services of the nearest accredited American legion Service Officer, who can easily be found online at [www.legion.org/serviceofficers](http://www.legion.org/serviceofficers) or connect the veteran to local resources through your post service officer or other member. There is also information for service programs located on the Department website at [www.legionnh.org](http://www.legionnh.org).



**Olive Garden** – On **Tuesday, November 11**, all veterans and current service members get a free meal from a limited menu.

**On the Border** -- Veterans and active duty military can enjoy a free meal from the “Create Your Own Combo menu” on **Tuesday, November 11**.

**\*NEW\* Outback Steakhouse** – All active and former service members receive a free Bloomin’ Onion and a beverage on **November 11**. Outback is also offering active and former service members 15% off their meals Nov. 12 through Dec. 31.

**Pinnacle Entertainment** -- Veterans and active duty military get a free meal at select casinos on **Tuesday, November 11**.

**Red Hot & Blue** -- Veterans receive a free entrée with the purchase of a second entrée on **November 10, 11 and 12**. Coupon required.

**Red Lobster** -- Veterans, retired and active-duty military personnel receive a complimentary appetizer from a limited menu from **Monday, November 10 to Thursday, November 13**.

**Shoney's** -- Shoney's will be offering a free All-American Burger to veterans and active duty service members on **Tuesday, November 11**.

**Sizzler** -- Sizzler offers active duty and veteran military members a free lunch from a limited menu on Tuesday, November 11 until 4 p.m.

**Texas Roadhouse** -- Texas Roadhouse locations nationwide will offer veterans a free lunch on **Tuesday, November 11** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Offer is good for active duty, retired or former U.S. military.

**Travel Centers of America** -- On **Tuesday, November 11**, all CDL drivers who are military veterans eat free at participating full-service restaurants.

**Zoes Kitchen** – Active duty military and veterans get a free entrée, and family members get 10% off on **November 11**.

### **2014 Veterans Day Travel and Recreation Discounts:**

**Army Corp of Engineers Recreation Areas** -- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will waive day use fees for veterans, active and reserve component service members, and their families at the USACE-operated recreation areas nationwide on **November 11**.

**Busch Gardens** -- Veterans and active duty military can get 50% off single-day admission tickets **through November 11**.

**Colonial Williamsburg** – Active duty military, reservists, retirees, veterans, and their direct dependents receive free Colonial Williamsburg admission for Veterans Day weekend (**November 7–11**).

**Harley-Davidson Museum** -- The Harley-Davidson Museum is offering free admission to military members and families on **November 8, 9, and 11** in honor of Veterans Day.

**Jefferson Lines** -- Jefferson Lines offers free travel to veterans on **Tuesday, November 11**.

**Knotts Berry Farm** -- Knott's Berry Farm is offering free admission for veterans and active duty military personnel and one guest from **November 2, 2014 to January 4, 2015**.

**Mariners' Museum** -- Active duty and retired military, veterans and their families receive \$5 off admission price **Saturday, November 8 to Tuesday, November 11.**

**Mohegan Sun** -- Mohegan Sun offers active and retired military members a special hotel \$99.00 room rate available from **Monday, November 10 to Thursday, November 13.**

**\*NEW\* Mount Vernon** -- All active duty, former, or retired military personnel are admitted for free on Veterans Day, **November 11.**

**National Parks** -- On Veterans Day, **November 11**, veterans will have access to over 100 National Parks that require entrance fees for free.

**Professional Association of Innkeeping International** -- Inns and B&Bs throughout the country will open their doors to thank veterans for their service on **Monday, November 10 and Tuesday, November 11** with free or discounted stays.

**Queen Mary** -- The Queen Mary offers free admission to active service members, retired military personnel, veterans and special discounts for their family members on **November 11.**

**SeaWorld** -- Veterans and active duty military can get 50% off single-day admission tickets **through November 11.**

**Sesame Place** -- Veterans and active duty military can get 50% off single-day admission tickets **through November 11.**

**2014 Veterans Day Retailer Offerings:**

**Grace for Vets** -- Car washes from around the world who join this program offer free car washes to veterans and service members on **Tuesday, November 11.**

**Great Clips** -- On **Tuesday, November 11**, customers who come in for a service can get a free haircut card to give to their favorite veteran. Veterans can also receive a free haircut or get the free haircut card. Haircuts are redeemable until Dec. 31.

**Home Depot** -- Home Depot offers a 10% discount to all veterans on Veterans Day **November 11.** Home Depot offers the 10% discount year round to for active duty and retirees.

**Lowe's** -- All veterans receive a 10% discount on Veterans Day, **November 11.** The offer is available in stores only.

**Rack Room Shoes** -- Military personnel and their dependents get a 10% discount off entire purchase on Veteran's Day, **November 11.**

**Sleep Number** -- From **October 14 through November 16**, Sleep Number is providing special offers for current and past military personnel. Save \$400-\$700 on selected Sleep Number mattress sets.

**Sport Clips** -- Participating locations are offering veterans and active duty service members free haircuts on **Tuesday, November 11.**

**Steve Madden** -- Steve Madden is offering 20% off the entire purchase with a valid military ID on **November 11.**

**2014 Veterans Day Events:**

**America's Parade** -- Veterans are invited to march in this New York City parade on **November 11**. The theme for this year's Parade is Land of the Free/Home of the Brave, in honor of the 200th Anniversary of the writing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

**Cabela's** -- Cabela's hosts a Hometown Heroes event on Veterans Day, **November 11** with an increased discount for military personnel as well as Law-Enforcement, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Service personnel.

**Letters from War: A Tribute to Veterans** -- On **November 7** at 7 PM, the Washington National Cathedral presents a 75-minute concert tribute featuring the U.S. Marine Corps Orchestra, Washington National Cathedral Choir and selections from American War Letters. This tribute event is free and open to the public with no ticketing required.

**National Veterans Day Ceremony** -- The Veterans Day National Ceremony is held on **November 11** at Arlington National Cemetery. It begins at 11:00 AM with a wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns and continues inside the Memorial Amphitheater with a parade of colors.

There are many national and state cemeteries throughout the country that may also be holding Veterans Day ceremonies. [Click here](#) for a cemetery listing.

**NFL Salute to Service** – To honor Veterans Day, the NFL will donate \$100 to each of its non-profit partners (the Pat Tillman Foundation, USO and Wounded Warrior Project) for every point scored during the 32 Salute to Service games.

**Veteran Day Ceremony at Boscawen Veteran's Cemetery:**

The Veteran Day State ceremony will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. There will be representatives from all service organizations as well as the Adjutant General and State and Local representatives. This year's ceremony is being sponsored by the American Legion.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 8, Department LEAD Training, Post 34, Plaistow

November 8, District 8 Fall Conference, Post 41, Whitefield

November 8 & 9, SAL Detachment Membership Roundup

November 9, Department LEAD training, Post 68, Lincoln

November 22, Department Executive Board Meeting, Post 68, Lincoln

## TROOPS, FAMILIES WORRY ABOUT TERROR THREATS ON HOMEFRONT

There are a lot of things happening around the world today none more so prevalent and becoming something that we cannot ignore anymore is the threats of terrorism and how to protect our families from it. Considering this state has to military bases with a fairly good size military presence I thought the following article offers some good ideas as to what we can all look for in regards to Terror Threats in our own back yards. The recent attacks in Canada have shown that no place is safe or a target.

Military facilities around the U.S. are on alert, urging troops and their families to take precautions amid continued threats of violence from the Islamic State group.

The responses to that threat are being driven not just by the need to ensure protective measures are taken, but also to address increasing concerns being voiced by troops and family members who are worried about safety for their loved ones and themselves. It marks a shifting mindset, from one of full confidence that the military community was safe on its home turf to an unsettling sense that that is where they are newly vulnerable.

The Defense Department refuses to discuss the protective measures it has taken on behalf of the country's 2.1 million troops, and to date Washington has not issued universal guidance. But many senior leaders and installation commanders are taking matters into their own hands, issuing clear warnings of the potential for "lone-wolf" style attacks like those carried out in mid-October on military personnel in Canada.

On Oct. 29, for instance, the Marine Corps issued a service wide announcement instructing personnel to report "even the most minor suspicious activity" and to watch what they share on social media to help reduce the likelihood of an attack.

At MacDill Air Force Base in Florida, officials with the 6th Air Mobility Wing took the Marine Corps' warning a significant step further. Troops assigned to the base, home to the headquarters of U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command, should downplay their military affiliation while in public. Uniforms, even military T-shirts and car bumper stickers, could put people at risk, it says.

### **'Legitimate Targets'**

Perhaps the most chilling statement came from the Pentagon, where officials with the building's internal security force sent employees a memo the week of Oct. 20 calling troops and law enforcement officers "legitimate targets." Citing unspecified sources within the intelligence and law enforcement communities, the memo said such attacks could involve knives, guns or bombs – and most likely would be perpetrated without

warning.

At installations across the country, troops and their families are increasingly on edge, sources tell Military Times. “At least a third to half of my friends in the military spouse community have changed their last names on their Facebook profiles,” said Kristine, the wife of an active-duty Marine who, like other military spouses interviewed for this report, asked that her last name not be published.

Bonny, spouse of an Air Force crew chief, acknowledged feeling “scared to death” by recent communication from her husband’s command at Langley Air Force Base along the Virginia coast.

They have since attended a commander’s call and a meeting with leaders in the Key Spouses program. Officials told the families gathered that they could not specify the severity of the threat but recommended they shut down social media accounts.

While it was an initial consideration, “we came to the decision that we are not going to live our lives in fear over this,” Bonny said. She and her family opted instead to max out privacy settings, remove military and location references and teach their kids to be especially careful on social media, which the parents closely monitor.

A bigger problem for her is soothing the fears of other loved ones.

“Our families and friends are worried more than us, probably because we are accustomed to threats, and extremely upset that they have to lose social media ties,” Bonny said. “For military families that’s huge because of distance.”

Distance of a different kind is an issue for Brandon, a sailor whose wife also serves on active duty.

“I’m not scared for myself. I’ve got the man upstairs, along with 2,000 rounds and six weapons fighting on my side,” he said. “I am only scared for the times I’m on duty and my wife and daughter are alone.”

Brandon said he takes seriously the threat posed by the Islamic State. He taught his wife how to shoot weapons and they both carry side arms wherever they go. They also deleted social media accounts.

“It made me realize how ridiculously accessible we are through Facebook,” he said. “Little stuff like shutting that off gets you off the map. This terrorist group is organized and they are not dumb. I would not second-guess them.”

Select Navy commands also issued warnings as attacks ramped up in October against Islamic State group targets in Iraq and Syria, many carried out by Navy warplanes flying



from aircraft carriers in the Persian Gulf. Officials in Jacksonville, Florida, and Norfolk, Virginia, have encouraged sailors and their families to guard against common operational security mistakes like posting personnel rosters or scheduled ship movements.

### **Stressing Online Safety**

And while the response varies from base to base and service to service, online safety is a consistent theme. Spokespersons for three Army posts – Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Fort Belvoir, Virginia – each said their installations had adopted no additional security measures.

Yet a recent directive published by the Army Threat Integration Center calls on troops to disable mobile apps that track their whereabouts and avoid posting anything on social media that reveals where their kids attend school or would otherwise allow someone to know ahead of time where they’ll be.

Kristine, who runs the family support site USMC Life, has a substantial digital presence. Her site’s Facebook community alone has more than 200,000 followers. Recently, she has rechecked her privacy settings to ensure her personal profile is locked down, and purged the last names of her staff members from her website.

Even so, she downplayed the risk associated with one’s digital footprint, saying it would take considerable effort to target someone electronically.

“There’s a larger chance of the Islamic State targeting us through random acts of violence around local military installations, or by following people’s cars by tracking DoD stickers or additional military decals on their vehicles,” she said.

The growing sense of troops and family members as targets owes not just to domestic concerns but also to recent incidents overseas.

A bold Islamic State kidnapping plot in Turkey raised safety concerns for thousands of troops and family members stationed there.

Earlier in October, U.S. military officials in Europe told local-level commanders they should consider instructing troops not to wear their uniforms off base. And within a week in the same month, two Canadian soldiers were killed in separate attacks by individuals believed to be terrorist sympathizers.

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It may seem sometimes that the security of our families and homes is not a big concern and we always have someone else to look out for our security needs. As a retired security specialist from the Air Force, I want to remind everyone security is every ones responsibility and it is the small things we can do that may make the difference. Security is not just a military issue and living near or around a military installation can put you at a higher risk then maybe someone who lives in the northern part of the state. Be Aware!

**LET US NOT FORGET OUR VETERANS ON NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>!!**



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