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THE DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

TO MY LEGION FAMILY:

**American Legion Membership Dues Increase**

The national organization of the American Legion through resolution has passed a five dollar increase to membership dues. This increase will take effect by the 80% deadline on January 17, 2016. Any dues not received for the 2016 membership year will be subject to the five dollar increase on that date. Dues received by your members prior to this date will not be subject to this increase.

The per capita will increase from 21.50 to 26.50 on that date (JAN 17, 2016) for each member that will need to come to department. It is highly recommended that each post consider increasing your dues to cover this increase and or to at the very least inform each of your members of this increase and when it takes effect.

It is also advised to encourage each member to pay their 2016 dues prior to this date.

We will be discussing this increase further as time goes on and sending out reminders in various publications as a reminder of this dues increase.

We understand the hardships this may cause some of members. The American Legion is still the best veteran service organization in this country and this increase is needed to maintain the programs of the American Legion and cover the costs of dwindling membership and overhead.



## Georgia Legionnaire Elected American Legion National Commander

Sep 3, 2015--Dale Barnett was elected national commander of the 2.2 million member American Legion on Sept. 3, 2015 in Baltimore during the 97th national convention of the nation's largest veteran's organization.

Barnett graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and served as an Army infantry officer from 1974 to 1996, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. A member of American Legion Post 105 in Fayetteville, Ga., he served The American Legion at every level, including Department (State) Commander of Georgia from 2007 to 2008. After leaving the military, Barnett taught high school social studies and coached basketball, baseball and cross country. He was the Creekside High School Teacher of the Year in 2005-2006 and a national board certified social studies teacher in 2003.

Raised in central Indiana, Barnett attended Whiteland Community High School, where he was student body president, captain of the track and basketball teams and president of the Whiteland United Methodist Youth Basketball Team. He credits his experience with Hoosier Boys Nation in 1969 with his decision to attend West Point.

Barnett served from 1990 to 1991 as the battalion executive officer of the 2nd Battalion, 18th Infantry in Operation Desert Shield and Operation Desert Storm. His decorations include The Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3 rd Award), Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon (2 Awards), Kuwait Liberation Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge and Pathfinder Badge.

In addition to an International Relations / Public Affairs degree that Barnett earned at West Point, he holds a Masters of Business Administration from Boston University and graduated from Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Barnett served as The American Legion National Membership and Post Activities Chairman from 2008 to 2010 and National Economic Chairman from 2010 to 2013.

Dale and his wife, Donna, live in Douglasville, Ga., and have five children: Michelle, Andrea, Desiree, Kathalyn, and Joseph. They also have four young grandchildren: Heather, Daniel, Joanne and Brandon.

Barnett took the oath of office along with five other national officers. Serving as national vice commanders are George E. Cushing, Department of Arizona; Jimmy F. Lane; Department of Arkansas; Alan A. Davis, Sr., Department of Minnesota; David L. Gough, Department of Wisconsin; and John W. Hargreaves, of the Department of Maine. They each represent regions that cover the 50 states, the District of Columbia and overseas departments of The American Legion.

National Historian James E. Copher, Sr., of Mound, Minn.; National Sergeant-at-Arms Daniel L. Zimmermann of Douglasville, Ga.; and National Chaplain H.C. Ted Kelley of Camp Hill, Pa., were appointed to their positions by Cmdr. Barnett following the close of the national convention.

**NATIONAL COMMANDER AND LEAD CANDIDATE VISITS**

National Commander Dale Barnett will be visiting the Department on September 10-13, 2015.

He will be the keynote speaker at the Global War on Terrorism Memorial remembrance ceremony at Hampton, NH Post 35 at 6:00 PM

On Saturday, September 12, 2015, 10:00 AM, he and Department Commander John Graham will be leading a 2.1-mile walk to raise awareness of the American Legion and also fundraiser for the National Emergency Fund. The walk will commence and terminate at Sweeney Post 2 with a barbeque to follow at the Post. Sponsorship will be \$20.00 per person and will include a T Shirt and the barbeque.

We encourage all Legion Family and guests to support this event as well as to give our National Commander a big New Hampshire welcome. We will also be having a Legion Family booth at Veterans' Park at this event. We will need volunteers from all of the Legion Family.

The Lead Candidate for 2016 National Commander, Charlie Schmidt from the Department of Oregon, will be visiting our state from Thursday November 19 thru Monday November 23, 2015.

Comrade Schmidt will be attending the Post 79 Thanksgiving Day for veterans at the Tilton Veterans' Home and the VA Medical Center on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 11:00. AM. All Legion family is welcomed to attend this event to honor our veterans domiciled at these facilities. Not only will there be great food, there will also be entertainment to follow with the AOH Pipe Band and the Amoskeag Strummers!

Any Post who would like the above dignitaries to attend their Posts please contact:

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- September 2<sup>nd</sup>- 1864 Union Forces capture Atlanta  
1945 Japan formally surrenders (V-J Day) aboard the USS Missouri
- 5<sup>th</sup>- 1972 Palestinian Terrorists killed 11 Israeli Olympic Athletes and a German policeman in Munich
- 6<sup>th</sup>- 1941 Winston Churchill visited Bletchley Park
- 6<sup>th</sup>- 1814 Battle of Plattsburg begins
- 7<sup>th</sup>- [Labor Day](#)
- 9<sup>th</sup>- 1943 Allied Forces land at Salerno
- 11<sup>th</sup>- 2001 Al-Quida attack on the Pentagon and World Trade Center
- 11<sup>th</sup>- 2001 Global War on Terrorism Begins
- 11<sup>th</sup>- 1777 Battle of Brandywine
- 11<sup>th</sup>- 1814 Battle of Plattsburg ends
- September 11<sup>th</sup>- Patriot Day (flag at half-staff)
- 12<sup>th</sup>- 1918 St. Mihiel Campaign begins
- 13<sup>th</sup>- 1814 Bombardment of Fort McHenry
- 13<sup>th</sup>- [Rosh Hashanah \(Sunset\)](#)
- 13<sup>th</sup>- 1847 Battle of Chapultepec
- 15<sup>th</sup>- 1944 Rhineland Campaign Begins

- 15<sup>th</sup>- 1950 U.S. Forces land at Inchon (Operation Chromite)
- 16<sup>th</sup>- 1779 Siege of Savannah Begins
  - 1918 St. Mihiel Campaign Ends
  - 1950 U.S. Eighth Army Breaks out of Pusan Perimeter
- 17<sup>th</sup>- 1862 Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg)
- 17<sup>th</sup>- 1944 Operation Market Garden
  - Constitution Day (Citizenship Day)
- 18<sup>th</sup>- National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 18<sup>th</sup>- 1863 Battle of Chickamauga Begins
- 19<sup>th</sup>- 1777 Battle of Freeman's Farm (Saratoga Campaign)
- 20<sup>th</sup>- 1863 Battle of Chickamauga Ends
- 21<sup>st</sup>- 1846 Battle of Monterey
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- 1980 Iran/Iraq War Began
- 22<sup>nd</sup>- [Yom Kippur \(Sunset\)](#)
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- 1780 British Major John Andre captured with treasonous ciphered letter from Benedict Arnold
- 25<sup>th</sup>- 1807 Alfred Vail co-inventor of the Telegraph born
- 26<sup>th</sup>- 1918 Meuse-Argonne Campaign Begins
- 26<sup>th</sup>- 1941 Military Police Corps Established
- 27<sup>th</sup>- 1781 Battle of Yorktown
- 30<sup>th</sup>- 1949 Berlin Airlift Ends
- October 1<sup>st</sup>- 1943 Woman's Army Corps Established
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 1780 Major John Andre hanged as a spy
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- 1918 U.S. 77<sup>th</sup> Division "Lost Battalion" is surrounded
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 1990 Germany reunited, Cold War nears end
- 4<sup>th</sup>- 1777 Battle of Germantown
- 5<sup>th</sup>- 1813 Battle of Thames
- 6<sup>th</sup>- 1973 Yom Kippur in Middle East began
- 7<sup>th</sup>- 1777 Battle of Bemis Heights (Saratoga Campaign)
  - 1780 Battle of King's Mountain
  - 952 USAF RB-29 Shot down by Soviet Fighters over Sea of Japan
  - 2001 Operation Enduring Freedom Begins in Afghanistan
- 8<sup>th</sup>- 1862 Battle of Perryville
- 8<sup>th</sup>- 1918 Lost Battalion (rescued)
- 10<sup>th</sup>-1779 Siege of Savannah ends
- 10<sup>th</sup>-1951 Battle of Heartbreak Ridge
- 11<sup>th</sup>-1776 Battle of Valcour Island
- 12<sup>th</sup>- [Columbus Day](#)
  - 2000 Al-Qaida bombed the USS Cole in Aden Yemen
- 12<sup>th</sup>-1968 Operation MacArthur Begins
- 13<sup>th</sup>-1812 Battle of Queenston Heights
  - 1775 U.S. Navy's Birthday
- 15<sup>th</sup>- 1964 People's Republic of China detonated its first Nuclear Weapon

- 17<sup>th</sup>-1777 British surrendered at Saratoga
- 19<sup>th</sup>-1781 British Surrender at Yorktown
- 1864 Battle of Cedar Creek
- 1944 U.S. Forces land Leyete Island
- 1978 Women's Army Corps disestablished
- 21<sup>st</sup>- 1962 President Kennedy ordered Naval Quarantine of Cuba after intelligence Discovered offensive missile sites on Island
- 23<sup>rd</sup>- 1965 Operation Silver Bayonet Begins
- 1983 Terrorists destroyed the Marine Compound in Beirut killing 254
- 25<sup>th</sup>- 1983 U.S. Forces Invade Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury)
- 26<sup>th</sup>- 1918 First Combat employment of Native American (Choctaw) Code Talkers
- 28<sup>th</sup>- 1776 Battle of White Plains
- 1861 Lincoln approved establishment of Military Telegraph Department
- 31<sup>st</sup>- **Halloween**
- 1980 Elizabeth Friedman died (While working for the Coast Guard and the Bureau of Foreign Control during the Prohibition era, she solved over 12,000 rum-runners' Messages.



**THE AMERICAN LEGION,  
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24 HOUR POW/MIA VIGIL**

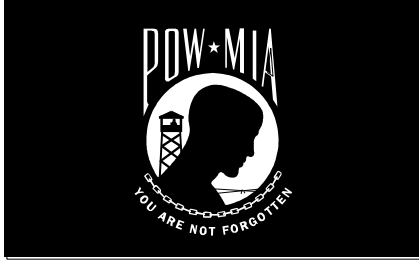
**NEW HAMPSHIRE VETERANS HOME PAVALION**

**TILTON, NH**

**SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2015**

**OPENING & CLOSING CEREMONIES**

**TO START AT 11 AM**



**COME STAND A "WATCH" (15  
MINUTES)**

**TO SHOW THAT YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN**