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**HAMPTON ROADS  
MOOSE LEGION #199**

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Hampton Roads Moose Legion  
#199  
113 Harpers Drive  
Newport News, VA  
23601-1107

**RETURN SERVICE  
REQUESTED**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

**Brother Moose Legionnaires:**

I hope you all survived the holidays. Now it's a New Year and time to get back to work. We have made some small gains in membership in the last quarter. Let's keep up the good work. Brother Ike and Brother Lee Richardson are running neck-and-neck in recruiting new members. It's not too late to give them some competition for the \$500 prize.

Don't forget our Winter Celebration is almost here. Plan to join us in Virginia Beach for a weekend of fun. Let's make this year as big a success as past years have been. Also keep in mind that if you plan to run for office, there will be a leadership class at this celebration. This training is mandatory for all officers every two years, and prior to running for office.

Participation--this is the life blood of all fraternal organizations. As many lodges are finding out, they can't survive on dues alone. Participate--go to lodge functions--they are put on for you to enjoy. I can't count the times while selling a raffle or 50/50 ticket that I hear "I never win"--no sale. I know it's nice to win once in awhile, but the idea is to support your lodge and keep the doors open. PARTICIPATE!!

Fraternally,

*Pete Thomas*

Pete Thomas  
President

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**CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?**

Be sure to contact your Moose Legion Secretary, Ike Burlingame, and make sure he has your current information so we can continue to get Moose Legion information to you in a timely manner. If we don't have your current information, we can't do that, and you surely don't want to miss out on any upcoming events!!

Help us to keep you informed!!

**HAMPTON ROADS MOOSE LEGION OFFICERS  
2011 - 2012**

- President Pete Thomas 434-247-1046
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**CHAIRMEN**

- Membership Pete Thomas
- Membership Retention Billy Meacom
- Audit Committee Billy Britt
- Housing Ike Burlingame
- Ritual Robert Calaway
- Registration Walter Johnson
- Program Book Committee George Gary Jacobs, Chairman  
Pete Thomas, Co-chairman



**UPCOMING EVENTS  
(Tentative at this time)**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW SO  
YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING!**

- February 16-19, 2012 - Winter Celebration at ~~Peninsula Plaza~~  
~~Hotel (for now)~~ DoubleTree Hotel in Virginia Beach
- April 14, 2012 - Spring Celebration and Conferral,  
Portsmouth #898
- June 9, 2012 - Annual Celebration and Conferral,  
Norfolk Lodge #39

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**GOLDEN BALL CEREMONY**

Dear Brothers,

I am working on the Golden Ball for February 2012. We are raffling off a laptop computer with carrying bag for first prize, and \$200 for second price, and finally \$100 for third prize. Cost is \$2.00 a ticket for \$5.00 for three tickets. You don't have to be present to win on February 18, 2012 at 8 PM. Your Moose Legion chairman will have the tickets for sale. Hope to see all of you Brothers and ladies at the Doubletree in Virginia Beach this February.

Fraternally,  
Jim Gridley

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**FROM THE WINTER CELEBRATION PROGRAM BOOK CHAIRMAN**

Brothers,

We need to get our ads in ASAP for the Winter Celebration Program Book. The deadline is January 10, 2012. Brothers, this date is coming up fast. Remember to check with your Chapters to see if they would like to place an ad too. Don't forget about committees such as Bingo, Sports, Moose Legions, Higher Degree, Chapter Degrees, personal ads, and businesses. You do have to be a Moose member to advertise in the Directory.

It is imperative that we sell as many ads as we can, because the ads you sell pay for the Winter Celebration's Program Book printing. Also, you can win CASH for selling the most ads. Make sure all ads and money are sent to Ike Burlingame, 113 Harpers Drive, Newport News, VA 23601.

I would like to thank everyone in advance for all their support.

Fraternally,  
Gary Jacobs

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Brother Moose Legionnaires:

I am hoping everyone had a very Merry Christmas and will have a very Happy New Year. With the New Year started I know everyone is looking forward to the Winter Celebration in February in Virginia Beach. I would like to bring to everyone's attention that six months of the Moose year has passed and our membership numbers are way below expectations. Brothers, we need members. Please work your eligibility and expired lists that Ike has sent you. You will find that some of these Brothers are unaware that they are no longer Moose Legion members because of a lapse in dues for one reason or another. Help a Brother out and keep him in Moose Legion #199.

Talk up the Moose Legion in your Social Quarters and in your membership meetings. Invite people you know who are not Moose Legionnaires into your Moose Legion meeting and let them see for themselves what they are missing. And remember Brothers, by you signing up two Moose Legionnaires before April 30th, you will receive one year's paid Moose Legion dues from Moose International. Not only that, but your name will also go into the hat to possibly win \$25 CASH during our Moose Legion Conferrals held every other month.

I will be looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at our Winter Celebration. And remember, do something for someone each day.

Fraternally,  
*Gary Jacobs*  
Vice President

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**NEED MORE MOOSE LEGION INFORMATION??**

**GO TO THESE WEB SITES:**

**WWW.LEGION199.MOOSEPAGES.ORG**

**(NO PASSWORD NEEDED)**

**WWW.VMAWEB.COM**

**(NO PASSWORD NEEDED)**

**WWW.MOOSEINTL.ORG**

**(PASSWORD IS IN THE MOOSE MAGAZINE**

**INSIDE THE FRONT COVER)**

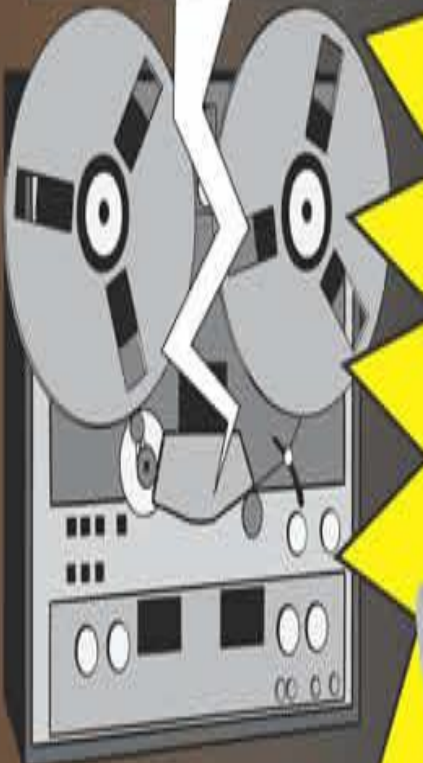
# MOOSE

CREATE SOME INTEREST

August 1-October 31, 2011

Your mission is to increase the membership of your Lodge and Chapter — Mission Two is...

MISSION:  
**POSSIBLE**



By recruiting 2 members, L.O.O.M. agents will receive a Moose: CSI Lynx 12-function pocketknife. W.O.T.M. agents will earn a Moose: CSI 6-piece manicure set in an aluminum case.

\*For every 4 members you recruit, your name will be entered in a drawing for one of three great Moose: CSI trips! \*See Moose: CSI annual campaign poster for details.



W.O.T.M. agents receive this 6-piece manicure set with nail clipper, tweezers, nail file, scissors and cuticle tool.



L.O.O.M. agents receive this Lynx 12-function pocketknife, including scissors, saw blade, bottle opener, can opener and corkscrew.



## NOTICE TO CANDIDATES

If you have not been to a CONFERRAL OF THE MOOSE LEGION, please be at the NEXT CONFERRAL which is the same as an enrollment. To become a Moose Legionnaire you must attend one of these CONFERRALS. If you have attended a Conferral and not received your card within 14 to 20 days, PLEASE call me at my home phone, 757-595-0454, or email me at [ike.burlingame@verizon.net](mailto:ike.burlingame@verizon.net). The Conferral dates and times are listed in the bulletin.

Fraternally,  
*Ike Burlingame*  
Ike Burlingame  
Secretary

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## FROM THE SECRETARY

Brother Moose Legionnaires,

If you do not, or hear of anyone that did not receive a newsletter, please let me know.

Remember, I work for you, the membership, and the only way I can do my job is if I am given the information. so don't hesitate to call me at home, 757-595-0454, and my email address is [Legion199@mooseunits.org](mailto:Legion199@mooseunits.org) or [ike.burlingame@verizon.net](mailto:ike.burlingame@verizon.net).

Again, please do not hesitate to call.

Ike Burlingame, Secretary  
Hampton Roads  
Moose Legion #199

2011-2012 MOOSE LEGION



**MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Moose Legion is planning a membership program for the 2011-2012 campaign year that will reward sponsors for helping to BUILD MEMBERSHIP in the Degree of Service.

The theme for this year's program is:

**"Create Some Interest"**

which is exactly what we need to do as all of us become the spark plugs to ignite the spark and interest of becoming part of the program of the Degree of Service. We are excited to be bringing you this program. Teamwork will make it a success.

We will have a continuation of credits in the Medal of Honor and the Elite Ring programs as well as other special awards that will include an "invitation" to the "International Moose 25-Club Party" for qualified Medal of honor members.

In addition, we will offer a "Distinctive MOOSE LEGION LAPEL PIN" for "sponsoring your first member" and if you sponsor and enroll "two members" there is "FREE DUES FOR THE SPONSOR" and even an award for the "LIFE MEMBERS" who do not have a membership where dues can be paid.

Other special incentives may be planned throughout the year. More details of this program will be announced at the Moose Legion Conference Friday morning breakfast session being held at Anaheim on July 1st, 2011. You will want to be present at the session to hear first-hand what is planned as we continue our quest to "Create Some Interest" in building the Degree of Service.

If it is to be - it is up to me.....To have a plus -- it is up to us!

**FROM THE FINANCIAL DIRECTOR**

Greetings Moose Legionnaires!

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and Happy New Year! it's time for the final push to sell the green raffle tickets sent to you by mail. The proceeds from this annual fundraiser are needed to help with HRML #199 expenses at the Winter Celebration. Additional tickets will be available for purchase at the Winter Celebration. With you help I know we can make things happen. Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you in Virginia Beach!

Fraternally,

*Bob Benjamin*  
Financial Director

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**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
ASSISTANT MOOSE LEGION SECRETARIES OF  
HAMPTON ROADS MOOSE LEGION #199**

TO: The Board of Directors and Assistant Moose Legion Secretaries of Each Lodge

You are hereby notified that the annual meeting of the Nominating Committee of the Corporation will be held February 18, 2012, at 10:00 AM at the Doubletree Hotel, Virginia Beach, Virginia at the Winter Celebration.

The purpose of this meeting is to consider all eligible members who have submitted a request to be considered and nominate one (1) or more candidates for each office to be filled.

Directly after the Nominating Committee meeting, we will meet for the purpose to plan for the upcoming celebrations for the year 2013 starting in June and ending April, 2014. You will need to have your newsletter article ready at this time. If you have applications to turn in, please do so as soon as possible. Also remember to turn in your endowment fund that has been collected during any Moose Legion function held at your lodge. We will conduct any business as may be properly brought before the meeting.

Ike Burlingame, Secretary

**HAMPTON ROADS MOOSE LEGION #199  
WINTER CELEBRATION 2012  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL, VIRGINIA BEACH, VA**

**FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

**Brother Moose Legionnaires:**

The Moose Legion #199 Board of Directors and Assistant Secretaries are pleased to announce a new membership program and we are continuing the sponsorship drawing in addition to the Moose Legion's International Membership Campaign.

For those who are unfamiliar with the sponsorship drawing, here are the rules. Each time a Moose Legionnaire sponsors a new Moose Legionnaire since the last meeting, you will have your name placed in the bag and have a chance at winning \$25.00. This sponsorship drawing will continue through the end of this Moose year. This is a great program for sponsors, and now we have one for the new prospective Moose Legionnaires.

Until December 31, 2011, Moose Legion #199 will pay the \$10.00 application fee for new members. Therefore, until the December 31st deadline a prospective Moose Legionnaire will only pay \$15.00 to become a Moose Legionnaire! This is a 40 percent savings and a great incentive for someone to join our Higher Degree.

The Moose Legion International Membership Campaign is the same as last year's campaign. For every two Moose Legionnaires you sign up you will receive one year's Moose Legion dues paid by Moose Legion International.

So Moose Legionnaires, you now have three great incentives to "Create Some Interest" and increase our numbers!

**Fraternally,**

*Gary Jacobs*

**Brother Moose Legionnaires:**

Winter Celebration 2012 is just around the corner. Talk it up with your brother Moose Legionnaires and let's see if we can't beat last year's record. This is a new hotel for us and it has 292 rooms. Let's see if we can fill it!

**PRE-REGISTRATION!** Moose Legionnaires, everyone ask to pre-register when you are sending your reservations for the Winter Celebration and Conferral. On your reservation form there is a place for you to pre-register. It will be \$5.00 per person. So just add it to your reservation form. It will be \$10 dollars at the door so please pre-register and save money and time. Also, the Assistant Secretaries can collect the pre-registration fees and submit them to Wally Johnson or me.

All room reservations **MUST** come through the Housing Chairman. The HOTEL WILL NOT accept any reservations being called or mailed to them. So please send your reservations to me:

Ike Burlingame  
113 Harpers Drive  
Newport News, Virginia 23601-1107

If you want to be in a group, talk to your Moose Legion Assistant Secretary of your lodge and get the reservation forms for the Doubletree Hotel and send them all together and the Doubletree personnel will try to keep you all together.

There are eight hospitality rooms, and all of them will be on the second floor of the hotel. The hotel is a smoke-free hotel. They do have smoking your private rooms on the 4th and 7th floors. If you want a smoking room you must request it.

When you use your credit card (I know this has never been done before, but it is on the reservation sheet) they are taking out the first night. So please check your bank or credit card statements when you receive them. If you have questions, please call me. My contact at the hotel is Rachel Jackson, (757) 422-9800.

We still have plenty of rooms, so send in those reservation forms for the 2012 Winter Celebration and let's all have a great time.

FYI: The Doubletree is noted for their great cookies!!

Ike Burlingame  
Secretary  
Hampton Roads Moose Legion #199  
757-595-0454



**Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk to Host  
Virginia Moose Legion All-State Celebration and Conferral  
October 12-14, 2012 (New Dates)**



The Holiday Inn Virginia Beach-Norfolk offers an upscale experience and a central location. Hotel guests in Virginia Beach are 12 miles from the beaches of Virginia, five miles from the Norfolk airport, and 10 miles from downtown Norfolk, VA.

Guests can shop in Virginia Beach Town Center, see a free outdoor concert, or catch a show at the Sandler Center. Princess Ann Athletic Complex, Hampton Roads Soccer Complex, and USA Field Hockey Center are nearby.

From a 6-story atrium lobby with a stone fireplace and water features, to the cool BLU Bar, hotel guests in Virginia Beach enjoy the latest in hospitality trends. Drop into the Xpresso Café for premium coffee drinks or Ashley's Bistro for upscale dining. Relax with the state-of-the-art Fitness Center, an indoor-outdoor pool, whirlpool, and a dry sauna.

The six Moose Legions of Virginia are hosting an ALL-State Celebration. This All-State Celebration and Conferral is the first one ever held and we hope to make this an annual event. The dates are October 12-14, 2012. Each Moose Legion will host a hospitality room. The Conferral will be conducted by members of each Conferral Staff depending on their standing at the Mid-Atlantic held in North Carolina. There will be a MLEC school, a session on how to fill out a Moose Legionnaire of the Year form, and a session on How to Conduct a Lodge Moose Legion Orientation Program. We will have a program book, fundraisers, and a progressive 50/50. We are also planning some tours. If you attended the 2008 Convention hosted by Virginia, you will remember the Deal or No Deal that was played at the banquet. We will play the game on Saturday night at our banquet and you will be surprised at who dresses for the occasion. Above all, there will be fun and fellowship with Moose Legionnaires from around the state. Registration information will be forthcoming. We will have flyers at the Mid-Year Convention. Please mark your calendar--you will not want to miss this first-ever event!!

**"IT'S GREAT TO BE A VIRGINIA MOOSE LEGIONNAIRE"**

**VIRGINIA MOOSE ASSOCIATION  
MID-YEAR CONFERENCE  
JANUARY 12-15, 2012**



**Wesley I. Crowder  
Supreme Governor**



**Judy Sissons  
WOTM Director of  
Operations**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
MID-YEAR CONFERENCE 2012**

The location for our upcoming Mid-Year Conference has been changed from Richmond Virginia to Norfolk, Virginia. The Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel will be hosting the conference, and at this time, the LOOM as well as the WOTM will be in the same hotel, as well as all meetings, hospitality, and banquet. Room rates are \$79.00 per night, with an additional 13% tax fee. Please note: **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 28, 2011 AT MIDNIGHT.** Also, there is a firm 4:00 PM check-in time, there will be **NO** early check-in allowed. There is a reservation link posted on our website at [www.vmaweb.com](http://www.vmaweb.com), under Conferences and Conventions, or you may call the hotel for reservations at 1-800-325-3535.

**IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR EITHER LOOM OR WOTM TO  
CONTACT PREVIOUS HOTELS TO CANCEL RESERVATIONS!!**

We hope to make this transition from one location to another go as smoothly as possible, and please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

