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FELLOW LEGIONAIRES:

## ITEM 1:

I am late with the newsletter this month but nevertheless our next meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM, 16 Oct 80 at the DAV Home located on the south side of Willamette at #2101. Let's have a good turnout. The meetings are constructive, the drinks are good and the after-meeting comradery is enjoyable.

## ITEM 2:

I attended the District 7 Fall Convention at Post 5 on 21 Sept 80 and found it to be the best one so far. Most of the Department officers were there and gave a comprehensive report on the National Convention.

Department Commander, Pat Smith, addressed the session on the involvement of the Legion in the political process. It is our duty, no matter what one's political persuasion may be, to participate and to get out the vote. The apathy affecting the American people is seriously undermining our prestige as a world leader. Those with the "none of the above" syndrome should reflect that the person named Abraham Moses Jesus Christ Mohammad Martin Luther George Washington Abraham Lincoln Joseph Smith just does not exist and that the choices we have this November will have to do and it is our responsibility as citizens to vote our convictions and hope that the outcome proves best for the good ol' U.S.of A.

#### ITEM 3:

The Planning and Budget Committee has met and we can expect a report from them.

#### ITEM 4:

We still need an Adjutant. Any takers?

#### ITEM 5:

The letter I wrote to Sertoma after our last Bingo discussion seems to have cleared up a lot of muddy water. I have been promised a written reply from Sertoma stating that most of our points raised are acceptable. In essence, we will provide a minimum of 4 people each game to work the floor and do all other activities except work the "jars" (and we can do that too should help be needed). I personally feel comfortable with the agreement and it looks as though we will be getting a quarterly dividend on a regular basis.

#### ITEM 6:

At the District 7 Fall Convention, Pat Smith mentioned that the State Lottery Law to be voted on in November may not be all it appears. He brought out that most of these lotteries are handled by contract with some type of corporation. The corporation (or other entity) handling such lotteries normally wants to be a monopoly and severe restrictions are placed on raffles, bingos and other fund raising activities of that nature. This is a point worthy of thought and discussion.

## ITEM 7:

Veteran's Day is to be observed on Tuesday, 11 Nov 80. The formal ceremony will be held at "The Rock" in Memorial Park commencing at 11:00 AM. I encourage all of you that can possibly make it to attend. Our colors will be present and I hope you will also.

#### ITEM 8:

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Come to the meeting. Bring a prospective member. Let's surpass our membership quota this new Legion Year.

> Max Hoyer Commander