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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

The Post-Thanksgiving Dinner volunteers prepped, cooked and served enough to food to serve just under 300 meals. They worked hard for 2 days, I also need to recognize the other volunteers who delivered meals to those citizens who were shut-in, and I can't say Thank You enough to every Volunteer who assists Post 6.

The Post has had a terrific 2017 year! I would like this moment to thank all of the volunteers who helped the Post all year long and to recap on how far the Post moved forward. First, I am pleased to announce that the total number of new Post members has increased over 30%. This percentage includes the combination of Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. A job well done by all organizations! Let's keep those numbers climbing, if you know anyone who is eligible to join the American Legion please encourage them to join?

The next milestone the Post has accomplished is the sponsoring and donating of funds totaling over \$20,000.00. This money disbursed was made in support of a number of organizations, programs and City of Portsmouth programs. A large portion went to support our American Legion Senior and Junior baseball teams, The City of Portsmouth baseball little league team and Middle School Basketball team. We also donated to Saint Jude's Hospital, the American Heart and Lung Associations, the Girl Scouts of America, to include the Cross Roads House and Operation Blessing and purchasing all the gifts and food to host our annual Children's Christmas party.

Thirdly, through your support by attending Post meetings, voting on new business brought before the floor and by making donations, you've allowed the Post to continued upkeep by; re-paving the parking lot, voting to quit smoking in the Grille and to have the Grille area professionally cleaned. Last and by no means unforgotten, is our "Volunteers." Without these selfless people, the Post would go gridlock. Nobody means more or does more than those at Frank E. Booma Post 6. Thank you so very much EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU!

I need to again, thank the Auxiliary and Squadron for everything they do for the Post. On a joint effort, they donated \$6,000.00 towards the parking lot re-paving job. The Auxiliary also purchased a new coffee maker for the upstairs hall and a new popcorn machine for use in the Grille area.

This year's Christmas parade will be held **Saturday, December 2, 2017**. After the parade, (about 7:00) the Hibernian Drums and Bagpipe band plays a small set of music for our Post. Stop by to hear them play? And to close out the month, the Grille will be hosting our annual New Year's Eve party.

The band will be FOG; they'll be playing into the New Year. I hope to see as many of you as possible. If you can't make it to the celebration, I wish you all a happy New Year.

In closing, I need to remind everyone to renew your membership before **Monday, January 1, 2018**, the bartenders will be checking for your 2018 card upon entering the Grille.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Hoping everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving with family and friends. Pearl Harbor day is Dec 7th. Please keep those veterans who were there in your thoughts. We must never be caught napping again. Renewals for 2018 are starting to come in strong. We now sit at 72% renewals for 2018. Keep in mind that renewing is easy and can be done on-line. It helps the Post save time as your renewal goes straight to Department and National. Those of you that remain, please help us save some money and renew online at www.legion.org/renew or send your dues to the Post. It only takes a minute. One more item, the new cards show more information. Several members are missing service and/or periods served. Please take credit for your service. Any member with 50+ years of membership will have their dues paid by the Post. Please ensure that a copy of your DD-214 is on file with the Post. If you can't locate it, contact the Post and we can get the paperwork started so that you can receive your copy. It will come in handy to verify your service. All veterans with honorable or general discharges will be eligible to shop online at the various service exchanges starting this month on Veteran's Day. You can verify your status on www.vetverify.org <<http://www.vetverify.org/>>. If you haven't tried it yet, consider checking it out. Remember, our organization can only survive with active members. If you know any veteran that may be interested, please contact any officer for an application. This could be your chance to win \$1000 for referring an eligible member. A new member is any eligible veteran joining for the 2018 membership year who is not a member in 2017. Five members will have a chance by referring a name into the drawing. To enter, print and mail in the form from www.legion.org/documents/legion/pdf/newcertification_referral_form.pdf. The cutoff date is May 9, 2018. A certificate of appreciation will be mailed to the member responsible for the referral. Our next meeting is **Thursday, December 21, 2017** at 1830. Please come to the meeting, voice your concerns and find out what's happening both in this Post and the Legion. Pursuant to RSA 261-C, the NH DMV is issuing Veteran Decal Plates. Veteran Decal Plates can only be issued to a motor vehicle registered pursuant to the veteran.

For more info see: www.nh.gov/nhveterans/benefits/l_plates.htm

Jim Bailey, Post Adjutant

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

If anyone knows of a sick or hospitalized member, please let me know. My phone number is 603 433-3911.

Jan Bailey, Post Chaplain



SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 2nd – Post
DECEMBER 9th – S.A.L.
DECEMBER 16th – Unit
DECEMBER 23rd – Post
DECEMBER 30th – Post

BAND SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 1st – Karaoke
DECEMBER 8th - Karaoke
DECEMBER 9th – Sofa Kings
DECEMBER 31st – Fog, New Year's Eve Party

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to Christmas. Our 2018 membership has been coming in slow this year, if you haven't renewed yet you'll need to by January 1st. Please don't wait till the last minute. At our last meeting it was voted to donate \$1,000 to Seacoast Adopt a Block. They do a great job helping families in the area, and we're very happy we can help. The next S.A.L. sponsored Surf & Turf will be held on **Saturday, December 9, 2017** from 3:00pm till 5:00pm. Hope you can make it. Our next S.A.L. meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 20, 2017 @ 6:00pm**, Hope to see you there.

Michael Hunt, S.A.L. Commander

STEWARD'S MESSAGE

The band Fog will be playing from 8:30 until 12:30. Free champagne toast at midnight, finger foods and party favors will be available. On another note; the post will be hosting a Christmas Eve party from 6:00 to 11:00pm. It will be open to all members and their guests.

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies, I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. Now we look forward to Christmas and the hustle and bustle. At the December Auxiliary meeting we are having a \$10.00 Yankee Swap. Bring a gift and join us. Everyone is to bring a dish to share. The Children's Christmas Party is coming up and I want to thank the volunteers to stepping up to the plate to help. We have plenty of volunteers this year and look forward to a nice time for the kids. Remember all dues must be paid up by Thursday, December 31st. or you will not be able to come to the Post. Thanks again to all who are donating the empty medicine bottles and the pull tabs. Hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Judi Fountas, Unit President 603-964-7007

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1 Karaoke	2 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7 PEARL HARBOR DAY	8 Karaoke	9 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Sofa Kings
10	11	12	13	14 Unit Meeting 6 .p.m.	15	16 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
17 Children's Christmas Party 1-4 p.m.	18	19	20 S.A.L. Meeting 6 p.m.	21 Post Meeting 6 p.m.	22	23 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
24 Christmas Eve Party 6 p.m.	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
31 New Year's Eve Party Fog 8:30 p.m.	1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3	4	5 Karaoke	6

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