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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I always enjoy communicating with you and hope that the feeling is mutual. This month's newsletter is of urgent interest and requires your participation and action. To echo Past Commander George McCall concerns about meetings and the attendance thereof. Allow me to recap the results of the last 3 Post meetings for you; the first 2 were canceled due to no quorum and the third was near canceled due to the same reason. With frustration on the rise, I'll convey to you some of the quoted dialog from those Post members in attendance while a quorum was being gathered. "LET'S ALL make a motion to close the Grille to everyone until the meeting IS adjourned." I expressed to them that this would not be a valid motion nor would it be a good idea. All I can tell you is; **every** Legionnaire of Post 6 is "the voting body." If you don't get involved and I mean very soon, a lot of privileges that have been earned over the years will slowly start disappearing. Another thought to consider is; every motion made not only affects the operation of the Post but more importantly **your moral**. In closing, there is approximately three weeks left for you to decide whether your attendance is essential at this or any other meeting of the Post. **Thursday, February 19, 2015** is the next scheduled meeting date, starting at 6:00 pm, get involved... stay involved. Also at this month's meeting we will be conducting the first round of nominations for next year's Officers. Letters of intent will be accepted. The final phase for upgrading communication at the Post is underway. Our phone number will not change however the E-mail addresses and WIFI connection will. When the upgrade is complete and everyone's E-mail address is established, they will be made available on the Post website at feboomapost6.org. I want to thank everyone who submitted names for the deck dedication. The awardee will be decided this month and announced in the March newsletter. The dedication ceremony will be presented in April. Quickly looking ahead to March, "Saint Patrick's Day" specifically, the Post will be hosting its Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. This is a big event at the Post and several volunteers will be needed. If you would like to help please let me know.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Some important dates to keep in mind - January 31 at the Rochester post 7 was the mid-winter conference. A lot of useful information came from the meeting. **IMPORTANT:** February 15 is the deadline to renew your membership for 2015. It can either be done online or send your dues to the Post. It only takes a minute. Turnaround for your card is within 2 days of receiving your dues. Members who have not renewed by February 15 will be delinquent and your consecutive year count could also be compromised. Another point – please come to the meetings and find out what's happening both in this Post and the legion. Our next meeting is February 19th. There are still openings for delegates to the department convention in June. If you are interested, give your name to one of the officers or come to this month's meeting. Hope to see you there.

Jim Bailey, Post Senior Vice

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

At our last post meeting the charters was draped for the following member's: Elliot Sherwood, James Donini, George Henley and Chester Stawarz. If you know of someone who is sick or in the hospital, please let me know. My telephone number is (603) 433-3911. Email is jsbailey54@gmail.com.

Jan Bailey, Post Chaplain

POST 6 COLOR GUARD MESSAGE

Our next Fish Fry will be **Friday, February 6, 2015** from 4-7 p.m. Thank you for your loyalty and please continue to support us.

Your 3 Time National Post 6 Color Guard

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone, at the next S.A.L. meeting on **Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2015** we will be holding 1st nominations for officers and 2nd nominations at our March 18th meeting. We'll be voting for officers on April 16th. If you'd like to run for an office, or nominate some someone, please attend the meeting and show your support. If you can't attend the meeting, but are interested in running, please submit a letter of intent either to myself, or the S.A.L. Adjutant before the meeting. Our 2015 membership renewals have slowed down since the 1st of the year. At this time we have about 130 members for 2015. Our goal is 175 members. If you haven't renewed, please come in and do so, or if you know anyone that hasn't, please remind them. Don't forget we have Surf &

Turf in the Grille every Saturday from 3.00 pm till 5.00 pm. Come out and have some fun. Hope to see you there. Again, our next S.A.L. meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 18th** @ 6:00 pm. Thanks a lot!

Michael Hunt, S.A.L. Commander

GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Hello, hope everyone is having a warm winter! We have two bands this month as well as Karaoke on the 6th. On St. Valentine's Day we have a new band Ricky and the Giants. So come on in and bring your sweetheart for some dancing and fun. The ladies will get a beautiful red rose and a complimentary Mimosa and the gentlemen will receive some chocolates so why not make a night of it. The band Red Sky Mary speaks for itself, get here early and enjoy one of the hottest bands around! Until next month, stay safe and warm..

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies: Hope you are all staying warm during this cold spell. The Auxiliary is still collecting non-perishable foods for the food pantry. Please bring an item for donation when you visit the Post. We are also collecting prayers for the Chaplain's book. Remember if you have donated anything to charity or did something for the community, neighbors or veterans, please write it down and give it to one of the Auxiliary officers or call me at 964-7007 with the information. Hope to see more of you at the weekly Surf and Turf games. Profits go to worthy causes, so your participation is very important. If you have not paid your dues, please do so. You will not be allowed in the Post and cannot be signed in. Let Karyl Horn (unit6_portsmouth@comcast.net) know if you have not received your 2015 membership card. Auxiliary meetings are at 6:00 pm the second Thursday of each month. See you there.

Judi Fountas, Unit President 603-964-7007

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

February 7th – Post
February 14th – S.A.L
February 21st – Unit
February 28th – Grille

BAND SCHEDULE

February 6th – Karaoke with DJ Darlene
February 14th – Ricky and the Giants
February 28th – Red Sky Mary

UNIT MESSAGE

Your 2014 membership expired on **January 1, 2015**. National is sending out another renewal notice on February 15th. If you should get one and have already paid your dues, ignore the notice and **THANK YOU** for paying your dues! Please pay your dues and keep up your eligibility and access to the many Unit programs and discounts available. **REMEMBER** dues are now \$25.00 for senior member and \$10.00 for a junior member.

AGAIN, the newsletter will be posted on the American Legion Post 6 website and a link on the Facebook Page each month. I have access to some email addresses, if you would like the bulletin emailed to you send me an email at unit6_portsmouth@comcast.net and I will put you on the email list. Unit scholarship applications are now available on the website, <http://feboomapost6.org/UnitScholarship.pdf>. Deadline is May 1, 2015. Department Auxiliary scholarships are also available at <http://www.legionnh.org/page/content/about/auxiliary-scholarships>.

Karyl Horn, Unit Secretary/Treasurer

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Rye, NH 03870



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FEBRUARY 2015

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 Ground Hog Day	3	4	5	6 FISH FRY 4-7 p.m. KARAOKE	7 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. No Band
8	9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday UNIT MEETING 6 p.m.	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Ricky and the Giants
15	16 President's Day	17	18 SAL MEETING 6 p.m. 1 st Nominations	19 POST MEETING 6 p.m. 1 st Nominations	20	21 Washington's Birthday SURF & TURF 3 p.m. No Band
22	23	24	28	26	27	28 MID-WINTER CONFERENCE Rochester 9 a.m. SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Red Sky Mary

DID YOU KNOW? Woodchucks are the best-known hibernators among mammals. They are the "groundhogs" which are said to come out of their burrows on February 2 but go back for six more weeks of winter if they see their shadows. Actually, woodchucks go into burrows four or five feet (1.2 to 1.5 meters) underground in September or October. There they stay without moving until March. Ground squirrels, jumping mice, and some bats also hibernate, for four to seven months. Now that we have all this modern technology and the satellite pictures we don't really need the Ground Hog. Do we?