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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Reading the many pieces of literature that derives from Department and National Headquarters, each report has the American Legion membership declining. I'm here to tell you, this is a true statement. At the Post, some of our decline is from members not renewing each year but the vast majority of decline is from the passing of our veterans with no one stepping up behind them to fill the billet. This is where I'd like to ask for your help. Would you please consider recruiting one new member? To help make it easy, ask your comrade to fill out an application and mail it to the Post along with a **COPY** of their DD-214 and \$30.00 (check or M.O.) for dues. The Post Adjutant will take care of everything else. I would be ever so gracious if you would do that for the Post. Another option available is; tell your recruit they can join online at legion.org then click on "join." If every Post Member signs up just one new person, the Post would pulse new blood and truly flourish.

On another note: I have some important information to distribute that will directly affect you at the Post. At this month's meeting, a motion will be presented to stop accepting all checks for Grille purchases. Another motion will be presented to nominate new officers for the ensuing year. And another motion will be to change the Post by-laws under "Voting." That motion will be suggested to change the voting poll time. Currently the polls open at 09:00 and close at 19:00. That change will be presented to open the polls at 12:00 and close at 19:00 hours. If you are concerned or interested in these issues, be present at the Post meeting **Thursday, February 16, 2017** at 1830 hours. REMEMBER, all motions that are voted on do directly affect you. As far as the first and second round of nominations for Officers, those motions will be made at the February meeting, with the second round of nominations being at the March meeting. During these nominations an additional nomination will be announced that three Post members will be asked to serve on the audit committee. These three positions and their requirements are outlined in the post by-laws.

If you're unable to be at these meetings, you can submit a letter of intent identifying the Officer's chair you are campaigning. Address the letter attention Post Adjutant and submit it prior to either meeting. If you have a change of venue after the second round of nominations, the Post by-laws state "you can still campaign as a write-in candidate". If you would like a copy of the Post by-laws, contact the Adjutant or myself. To give you a broader perspective of volunteerism needed at the Post, once the installation of Officers occurs in April, a Grille Committee needs to be selected. This Committee consists of five Post members whom convene once a month. Their responsibilities are outlined in the "Grille Rules and Regulations." Again, if you would like a copy of the Grille Rules and Regulations, contact the Adjutant or myself.

In closing, we at Frank E. Booma Post 6 support the City of Portsmouth Central Veterans Council (CVC) and their efforts supporting veterans and our community. To give you a brief overview, the CVC organizes all of the parades and ceremonies within the City of Portsmouth. Primarily these events occur during Memorial Day weekend and Veterans Day. The CVC told me an announcement of their elections with the date and time is forth coming. If you would like more information about being an officer of the CVC or assisting them, the Adjutant and I have copies of the CVC by-laws.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

IMPORTANT: Our membership is over 92% renewals. We surpassed the department and national goals. A lot of work remains to reach 100%. Thanks to those that renewed. Those of you that remain please renew online or send your dues to the Post. It only takes a minute. One point, when you mail in your renewal, please make sure that the notice is with the check. If you lose the notice, ensure that your name is on the check and send in the correct amount. Our organization can only survive with active members. If you know any veteran that may be interested, please contact any officer for an application. Our next meeting is February 16th at 1830. Please come to the meeting, voice your concerns and find out what's happening both in this Post and the legion. Future newsletters will describe happenings so stay tuned.

This month, we will be accepting nominations for Post officers. Get and stay involved. If you are interested in an executive position, submit your name at this meeting.

There are still several openings for Post delegates to the Department convention in May. It will be held in Lincoln NH. If you are interested, please come to the next meeting in **Thursday, February 16, 2017**. This would be a great opportunity to learn about the American Legion. Help support Mike Faccioli for Department Vice Commander. There is much more to it than the grille.

Job fairs are scheduled in Portsmouth the entire month of February for various positions. If you are interested, a list of positions is located at <http://www.nhes.nh.gov/media/job-fairs/>, the contact info is:

NHES / NHWorks
2000 Lafayette Road
Portsmouth, NH 03801

To register for this event, please contact:

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Jim Bailey, Post Adjutant

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 4th – Post
FEBRUARY 11th – S.A.L.
FEBRUARY 18th – Unit
FEBRUARY 25th – Post

BAND SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 3rd – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene
FEBRUARY 5th – Super Bowl Party
FEBRUARY 11th – The Black Light Band
FEBRUARY 25th – Ghost Riders

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

If anyone knows of any Post member who is ill or in hospital, please let the chaplain know, my phone number is 603 433-3911. I can also be reached by text at 603 205-3903.

Jan Bailey, Post Chaplain

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hope everyone's handling the winter so far. We haven't had it too bad yet, and hopefully it'll stay that way. Our 2017 membership is coming up a little bit. At this time we have 143 members renewed, which is about 76% of our goal. We're doing better, but we still have some more that need to renew. The next S.A.L. sponsored Surf & Turf will be held on **Saturday, February 11, 2017** from 3:00pm till 5:00pm. Come on out and try your luck. Our next S.A.L. meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 15, 2017** @ 6:00pm. At this meeting we will be doing first nominations for officers, if you would like to run for an office or nominate someone, please be at the meeting, or submit a letter of intent to myself or the S.A.L. Adjutant before the meeting.

Michael Hunt, S.A.L. Commander

GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope winter has been kind to everyone? Just to let everyone know our 50s Sock Hop was a blast! Thank you to everyone that dressed the part. It sure was fun! A huge Thank You goes out to Chuck Olech for his skills and fast food diner experience. He did a GREAT Job cooking our burgers and fries for our Sock Hop. We will be planning a 70s night soon, so stay tuned. We have a new and exciting band this month. The Black Light Band on **Saturday, February 11, 2017** so come on in and have some fun. Do not forget we always have free coffee and popcorn and Surf N Turf every Saturday starting at 3 p.m. Come on in and win some dinner or cash prizes. On **Sunday, February 5, 2017** we will be hosting a Super Bowl Party starting at 6 p.m. And it is a pot luck event so come on in and cheer on our PATRIOTS!. We will be having beer bucket, draft and 25 cents off well drinks specials starting at 6 p.m. Until the game is over, GO PATRIOTS! Until next month, stay warm and safe.

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies: Our next Unit meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 9, 2017** at 6:00 pm. Please try to attend. We do not have a reasonable turnout of members attending and we can do more if we have participation. Thanks to Trudy and Jimmy for helping to decorate and to Sue for helping to deliver the meals and to Chuck for doing all the cooking for the 50's Sock Hop. We all had a fun time and the music was the best. So many of you got in the mood of the 50's and you all looked great in your "costumes". Glad you had a fun time. Nominations for officers will be coming up so if anyone is interested in taking an office or a committee, start coming to meetings. It's a commitment for the term, not for a meeting or two. There will be a District Meeting in Dover on Friday, February 10, 2017 and an Installation in Epping on

Friday, February 24, 2017. I want to thank Sue Williams for delivering all the food for the Portsmouth Food Pantry. We had a trunk full of canned goods. And thank you to all who donated. It is really appreciated.

Judi Fountas, Unit President 603-964-7007

UNIT NEWS

In the event of inclement (snow or ice) weather, the Unit meeting may be cancelled. Call ahead 603-436-7575. Your 2016 membership card is no longer valid. Please renew for 2017 by sending in \$25.00 TO Unit 6 American Legion Auxiliary, 96 Islington Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Your dues help the Unit sponsor girls to Girls State, award Scholarships and make monetary donations to the NH Veterans Fund, Christmas Gift Shop and the Manchester VA Supply Shelf.

Karyl Horn, Secretary/Treasurer

FEBRUARY 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2 GROUND HOG DAY	3 4-7 pm Karaoke	4 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
5 Super Bowl Party 6 p.m. Pot Luck	6	7	8	9 Unit Meeting 6 p.m.	10 District 3 Dover 7 p.m.	11 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Black Light
12	13	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15 S.A.L. Meeting 6 p.m.	16 Post Meeting 6 p.m.	17	18 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
19	20 PRESIDENT'S DAY	21	22	23	24	25 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Ghost Riders
26	27	28	1	2	3 4-7 pm Karaoke	4 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.

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