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### American Legion

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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I have to say thank you to all the members who stepped up and volunteered over the past year. I would like to especially recognize two volunteers who march the march every year, without fail, that most of us never see. They are; Matt Gladu and Bradley (Leo) Vigers, they're our Post (Junior and Senior team) Legion Baseball coaches. To give you a little story; Matt and Leo approached the membership a couple of years ago with a vision of starting a new junior baseball team. This junior team "in a sense" would be a baseball farm system for our Post. After much discussion, the junior team was approved and is doing very well. In the spring, try and attend a game or two to cheer either of the Post's teams on as they advance towards the play-offs. Without volunteers, a lot of our hosted events and programs would not come to pass. Frank E. Booma Post 6 offers a sincere and whole hearted thank you to all the ladies and gentlemen who make these events possible! While we're closing out the year and recognizing everyone for their hard work, the Post would like to say thank you to the local business owners/operators who have supported Frank E. Booma Post 6 during 2016. Those businesses are; Taylor Lobster, Harvey's Embroidery, O'Brien's General Store II, Davies Tires, Hannaford's Market, Market Basket, Janeto's Market, Carl's Meat Market and Golden Harvest. The last and by far not the least, a huge thank you goes to all the members and guests who donated their pocket change in the "Children & Youth" collection bucket. I don't have the exact total but the Finance Officer deposited over \$500.00 in pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. Now that's a lot of coins! If you ask the Finance Office how he does it? He'll answer (in a deep gravelly voice) I pick things up... I put them down. It's a little early but the Post February's meeting will soon be upon us, at that meeting, we will be conducting the 1<sup>st</sup> round of nominations for Post Officers. If you are interested in campaigning for an Office; be at that meeting or submit a letter of intent to the adjutant prior to, so you can be recognized. The American Legion moto is: "still serving America." And our mission is to assist all veterans and their families. Please don't forget our POWs/ MIA's or all of the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

## ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

IMPORTANT: We are approaching 80% for our membership. I want to thank all of you that have sent in your renewals. December 31 was the deadline, but you can still 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. It's short and takes very little time to get started. Our next meeting is **Thursday, January 19, 2017** 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.

There are several openings for Post delegates to the Department convention next May. It will be held in Lincoln NH. If you are interested, please come to the next meeting in January. The hotel rooms must be finalized before the end of January 2017. This would be a great opportunity to learn about the American Legion. There is much more to it than the grille. Job fairs are scheduled in Portsmouth the entire month of January 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:  
Deb Nelson  
603-559-9132  
Deborah.L.Nelson@nhes.nh.gov

Jim Bailey, Post Adjutant

### SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

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

### BAND SCHEDULE

JANUARY 6th – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene  
JANUARY 14th – 50's Sock Hop - The Classic 5 Band  
JANUARY 28th – Night Hawk

### 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

Hi everyone, hope everybody's enjoying the holidays. Our 2017 membership renewal is getting off to a slow start. At this time we have 106 members that have renewed. That works out to be about 57% of our goal of 187 members. If you haven't renewed yet, please come into the Grille and do so, or mail your membership renewal to: "Squadron #6, 96 Islington St. Portsmouth, N.H. 03801". Be sure to include your full name, member number, current address, phone number, and a check for \$20.00 made out to Squadron #6. The next S.A.L. sponsored Surf & Turf will be held on **Saturday January 14, 2017** from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm. Our next S.A.L. meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 18, 2017 @ 6:00 pm**. Hope to see you there.

Michael Hunt, S.A.L. Commander

## GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a smooth and safe transition into the year 2017. Just a reminder we are having our 50s Sock Hop on **Saturday, January 14, 2017** with music, food and fun! So if you haven't got your poodle skirt; bobby socks; hair gel; Brylcreem and hair tonic, leather jacket and dungarees, hurry up because it is going to be a blast! Just think of the old days dancing to the twist and when the smell of Aqua Velva and Aqua Net filled the air! Hope to see you here! The music starts at 8 p.m. Come early and enjoy a burger and fries at a 50s price. Our next band is a new one called Night Hawk on **Saturday, January 28, 2017**. Come on in and check them out. Until next month, stay safe and warm.

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas with family and friends. Travelers were fortunate to have dry weather instead of icy roads. A big "thank you" to everyone who volunteered to help for the Children's Christmas Party.....shoppers, wrappers, cooks, servers and the cleanup crew We had a nice turnout. Don't forget the 50's Sock Hop on **Saturday, January 14, 2017**. Get out your 50's wardrobe ready and dance to the music of the Classic 5, great 50's music. Our next Auxiliary meeting is **Thursday, January 12, 2017** at 6:00 pm. Midwinter conference is on Sat. Jan 28th in Rochester. I wish you all a safe and Happy New Year.

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

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<b>1 HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6 4-7 pm Karaoke</b>	<b>7 SURF &amp; TURF 3 p.m.</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Unit Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 SURF &amp; TURF 3 p.m. Classic 5 50's Sock Hop</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16 MLK DAY</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 S.A.L. Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>19 Post Meeting 6 p.m.</b>	<b>20 INAUGURATION DAY</b>	<b>21 SURF &amp; TURF 3 p.m.</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28 SURF &amp; TURF 3 p.m. Night Hawk</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3 4-7 pm Karaoke</b>	<b>4 SURF &amp; TURF 3 p.m.</b>

### January Observances

National Mentoring Month  
 National Glaucoma Awareness  
 Cervical Health Awareness Month  
 National Blood Donor Month  
 Birth Defects Prevention Month  
 National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention