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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I have been approached by many members expressing their concerns since the announcement was made canceling the Burial at Sea Ceremony on Friday, May 22, 2015. Included in these concerns were other patriotic venues not being carried out in our city? All valid however, we need to find answers and come up with a solution. So, my question to you is; is there anyone willing to step up and assist our Central Veterans Council and the City of Portsmouth with these impasses? If anyone would like to campaign please let me know. To stay focused on the Post and our mission, it puzzles me when I try to rationalize why some people seem to be the most patriotic but only during veteran's holidays? We need to stand and be counted 365 days a year. The following are not holiday related events but, I'd like to list a few events that occurred in our life that were "gut wrenching" to say the least. Those protesters who spit on our American soldiers coming home from Viet Nam? Or those who wanted to remove "In God We Trust" from our U.S. currency? How about the atheists who want to remove the Pledge of Allegiance from schools? Topping it all off with, the burning of our National Flag. You don't have to be a veteran to "feel" the anguish of these acts but, if I were a betting man and confronted these (most likely) non-veterans, they're response would probably contain the words "It's my freedom" or "it's my right."

Isn't that profound, our forefathers began writing a list of documents expressing our freedom and our rights all of which are still preserved today. It's a shame how people conveniently twist a few words around in those documents in their favor so these events could occur without retribution. I'm 99% sure since saying this: some sort of thought went through your mind "something needs to be done." Unfortunately they all happened. Take a stand, and be in attendance to as many veteran based services as you can? Your voice as a veteran is the reminder to everyone that YOU are part of why they have the freedom and liberties they do. Know in your heart that one of the most historic writings that started our march defending our freedom is the Star Spangled Banner containing the most repeated line ever "and the home of the brave."

A Flag Day service will be conducted on **Sunday, June 14, 2015** at 2:00 p.m. As mentioned earlier this is a patriotic event, please make every attempt to be in the attendance. There will be BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs after the ceremony. Another event to consider attending is our State Convention in Manchester. The primary dates to attend are Friday, June 26, 2015 & Saturday, June 27, 2015. The convention opening ceremony is Friday at 08:00. The itinerary is posted on our Facebook and web pages.

I'd like to start a new column called "Tell me something good" There was a person who passed away years ago to which the cremains were retained by the funeral director until any family member would retrieve them. This person visited our post on several occasions but unfortunately had no living relatives. After contacting the funeral director and cemetery curator a vote was passed on the floor that this person will be interred in South Cemetery accompanied with a bronze marker.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

June 6th – Post
June 13th – S.A.L
June 20th – Unit
June 27th – Grille

BAND SCHEDULE

June 5th – Karaoke with DJ Darlene
June 13th – Gene Sibly Band
June 19th – Pete Peterson
June 27th – Echo Tones
July 4 – Allen Roux Band

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

June 6th is the 71st anniversary of D-Day, the invasion of Europe. This helped to start the end of the war in Europe. We can never thank the veterans of this war too much. Flag Day is June 14th. Four boys were selected this year to attend Boys State which starts on the 21st at Rivier University. The department convention is June 25-28 in Manchester. Even if you are not a delegate, you are welcome to attend the meetings and the tutoring sessions.

IMPORTANT: Please make every attempt to renew your membership. You can renew online or send your dues to the Post. It only takes a minute. It is not too late and every member counts. 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, June 18, 2015** at 1800 hours, 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 during the summer so stay tuned.

Jim Bailey, Post Senior Vice

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

First I'd like to thank everyone that helped out at the cookout that was held at the end of the Memorial Day Parade. Everything went great and everyone seemed to enjoy it a lot. Again, thank you very much. I hope everyone's enjoying their summer so far. It took a long time getting here so hopefully it'll stay a while so we can enjoy it. At the moment our 2015 membership is at 171 members, which works out to be about 98% of our yearly goal set for us by Department. If you haven't renewed your membership, or know someone that hasn't renewed, or would like to become a member, please ask them to come in and we'll be happy to take care of them. The next S.A.L. meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 17, 2015 @ 6:00 pm**. Please try to attend if you're able to.

Michael Hunt, S.A.L. Commander

POST 6 COLOR GUARD MESSAGE

Our next Fish Fry will be **Friday, June 5, 2015** from 4-7 p.m. **We will not** be having a Fish Fry on Friday, July 3, 2015. Look for us in August. Thank you for your loyalty and please continue to support us.

Your 3 Time National Post 6 Color Guard

GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Hello, I hope everyone had a safe and fun Memorial Day! The line-up for June is filled with some great entertainment for your enjoyment. I hope to see you here. We are trying some entertainment on a Friday here and there. I hope you like it. Come on in and check I out. Let me know what you think. Do not forget we have Flag Day coming up June 14, 2015 with a Flag Burning Ceremony and a BBQ to follow. We are hoping for a good attendance for this special day. July 4, 2015 is quickly approaching and we do have a band that Saturday night so come on in and dance the night away to the Allen Roux Band. We have some Oasis Frozen Drink Specials all summer long as well as something going on! Enjoy our summer and don not forget the sunscreen.

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies: First I want to thank everyone for their help in placing the Flags at the South Street Cemetery for Memorial Day. A special thanks to Karen Hemstrought and Shirley Williams for involving the Scouts to participate. As I stated in the last Newsletter, Mayor Lister and the town of Portsmouth granted us \$1,256.00 to purchase Flags. Mayor Lister was very accommodating to our request. We hope to add more as we get names and locations of deceased Veterans and, of course, more money to purchase Flags. And we will accept all contributions. Thanks again to all. Our last meeting before Convention is on **Thursday, June 11, 2015** at 6:00 pm. There will be an informal meeting before September and I hope more Auxiliary members attend. Some of the discussions will be about what activities and fundraisers we may want to try. We need to get busy and we need your input. Do I sound

like a broken record?? Hope So!! Convention is June 25th through the 28th. Keep Sunday, July 12, 2015 opened. We will be having the Dedication of the Deck for Shirley Calvert. The Auxiliary will provide food and desserts. There will be a sign up sheet posted for anyone who wants to contribute side dishes. Have a safe summer, everyone.

Judi Fountas, Unit President 603-964-7007

UNIT NEWS

Unit 6 is having a Cash Raffle. You have five (5) chances to win. **Only 400 Tickets Sold!** Tickets are \$10.00 each. Drawing will be held at the Deck Dedication on Saturday, July 12, 2015. Get your ticket today. .

1st Prize - \$1,000 2nd Prize - \$500.00
3rd Prize - \$250.00 4th Prize - \$150.00
5th Prize - \$100.00

The Unit is asking it members to help and take 10 tickets to sell. Contact me at karylh@comcast.net or come by the Legion. We would appreciate your help!

Karyl Horn, Unit Secretary/Treasurer

LOCAL SPONSORS



PIC-N-PAY
800 Islington Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801



Rye Location
13 Sagamore Road
Rye, NH 03870



SUBWAY
29 Vaughan Mall
Portsmouth, NH 03801

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5 FISH FRY 4-7 p.m. Karaoke w/DJ Darlene	6 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
7	8	9	10	11 UNIT MEETING 6 p.m.	12	13 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Gene Sibly
14 FLAG DAY Flag Burning Ceremony 2 p.m.	15	16	17 SAL MEETING 6 p.m.	18 POST MEETING 6 p.m.	19 Pete Peterson	20 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. No Band
21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Echo Tones
28	29	30	1	2	3	4 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Allen Roux