



## Frank E. Booma Post 6

### American Legion

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### COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

To follow-up on the announcement from last month's newsletter regarding our check cashing policy within the Grille; an affirmative vote was acknowledged to STOP accepting personal checks within the Grille for all purchases.

The first round of nominations for Officers was conducted, the nominees accepted are; Commander - Frank Desper, 1st Vice Commander - Mike Faccioli, 2nd Vice Commander - no candidate, Adjutant - James Bailey, Finance Officer - Steve Katsanos, Chaplain - Jan Bailey, Judge Advocate - no candidate, Service Officer - no candidate, Historian - no candidate, and Sergeant-at-Arms - Henry (Butch) Bourassa. The second round for nominations of Officers will be conducted at this month's meeting **March 16, 2017 at 1830 hours**. If you would like to become an Officer of the Post please be at this meeting or submit a letter of intent to the Adjutant prior to it convening. For those attending this year's election of Post Officers, the polls will open at 0900 and close at 1900 hours **Thursday April 20, 2017**. I encourage all post members who are in good standings to step forward and become an Officer of the Post. Should you decline the suggestion, please be in attendance to cast your vote.

I apologize for not publicizing the Department mid-winter conference in last month's newsletter that was called to order in January. The Conference was called to order, January 28, 2017 at 0900 at Post 7 in Rochester. After the opening ceremony, several scholarship awards were handed out for our up and coming college students. After the awards ceremony, the American Legion Auxiliary had 2 girls speak about their experience during "Girls State." Actually these girls did so well in the state program that they were selected to attend "Girls Nation" in Washington DC. As they spoke about their experience, they mentioned that they met several members of house, the Senate and President Obama. After the morning break, the floor reopened for nominations of Department Officers for the ensuing year. Michael Faccioli (one of our Post members) was nominated for the position of Department Vice-Commander. The elections for Department Officers will occur at our State Convention on **Saturday, May 20, 2017** in Lincoln, NH. If you would like to attend the convention come see me or the Post Adjutant for more information.

If you are reading this, our Post membership renewal is nearing our 100% goal. Please renew your 2017 membership. Another way we can reach our goal and possibly go above and beyond; is to recruit new members. If you have been recently blessed with a new grandchild, consider enrolling her or him into their respective organization (Unit or S.A.L.). Our organization can only flourish if it has members.

The Central Veterans Council asked me to ask you to attend their next meeting, in the Post upstairs hall on **Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:00pm**. The agenda will be organizing

Memorial Friday ceremony in Prescott Park, the Memorial Day parade and voting for new officers. The meeting is open to all veterans of the Portsmouth area to include every member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the Seacoast Marine Detachment and V.F.W. This meeting is also open to those veteran designated members of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree and City Hall representatives. Please spread the word to as many of the listed people you may know.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

### ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

**IMPORTANT:** Our membership is over 95% renewals. Another month that 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. Otherwise it will be returned to you and time will be wasted. Also, no more 2017 renewals can be accepted after the Department Convention in May. 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 **Thursday, March 15, 2017** at 1830. Please come to the meeting, voice your concerns and find out what's happening both in this Post and the legion.

Last month, nominations are:

Commander: Frank Desper

Vice Commander: Mike Faccioli

Adjutant: Jim Bailey

Chaplain: Jan Bailey

Finance: Steve Katsanos (Kubby)

Sergeant at Arms: Henry Bourasso (Butchie)

This month, we will again be accepting nominations for Post officers as several positions are available. 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 March. This would be a great opportunity to learn about the American Legion. Help support Mike Faccioli for Department Vice commander. Future newsletters will describe happenings so stay tuned.

Jim Bailey, Post Adjutant

### 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, we're getting closer to warmer and better weather. It hasn't been too bad of a winter, but I'm sure most of us are looking forward to summer. At our last S.A.L meeting we held first nominations for officers. At our next meeting, we'll be holding 2nd nominations. If you would like to help, and run for an office, please attend the next S.A.L. meeting on **Wednesday, March 15, 2017** at 6.00pm. If you can't attend the meeting, but would like to run for an office, please submit a letter of intent to myself, or the S.A.L. Adjutant before the meeting. The next S.A.L. sponsored Surf & Turf will be held on **Saturday, March 11, 2017** from 3:00pm until 5:00pm. Hope to see you there. Hope everyone has a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day.

Michael Hunt, S.A.L. Commander

## GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Spring is in the air!!! I hope everyone had a great St. Valentine's Day! We will be having our Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on **Friday, March 17, 2017** serving from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Karaoke will be starting at 4 p.m. with DJ Darlene until 8 p.m. The price of the dinner is \$8.00 per plate this year served in our upstairs hall with all the fixings. Come on in, have dinner and sing some Irish tunes! We will also be having some green beer draft specials as well. The Echo Tones and the Classic 5 Band is our line-up this month for your entertainment and not to mention our Huge Projection Screen will be on Sundays for all you NASCAR fans. Come on in and watch the race! Until next month, pray for no more snow but warmer weather and sunshine.

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, winter is almost over and soon the warm weather will be here. That also means nominations for officers are coming up this month. If you want to nominate someone who is interested in committing for the year, not a month, please come to the meeting. We are also having a continuous problem with getting volunteers for Surf and Turf. It's getting to the point where we might be forced in giving it up altogether. The membership can't expect the same 2 people to do it every month. So again I'm asking to give it some thought and if you can spare 2 hours a month every 3 months please see me or Karyl Horn. If you have prescription bottles, please save them (when empty, of course) and try to remove the labels. We will do it if you have a problem removing them. They are being collected for the purpose of distributing medication for people in very poor countries. The problem is there are not any containers available for the doctors/nurses. I will have a container at the Legion where you can deposit the bottles. These are greatly needed. Thank you all in advance. Don't forget the Unit meetings are every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6pm.

Judi Fountas, Unit President 603-964-7007



Scholarship Applications are available for 2017 for a senior graduating and looking to further his/hers education. Contact Karyl Horn, [karylh@comcast.net](mailto:karylh@comcast.net) for more information.

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29	30	31	1	2	3	4 <b>SURF &amp; TURF</b> 3 p.m. Echo Tones
5	6	7	8	9 Unit Meeting 6 p.m.	10	11 <b>SURF &amp; TURF</b> 3 p.m.
12 Daylight Savings Begins	13	14	15 S.A.L. Meeting 6 p.m.	16 Post Meeting 6 p.m.	17 St. Pat's Day Dinner 4-6 p.m. Karaoke 4-8 p.m.	18 <b>SURF &amp; TURF</b> 3 p.m. Classic 5
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 <b>SURF &amp; TURF</b> 3 p.m.
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 <b>SURF &amp; TURF</b> 3 p.m.

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SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

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

BAND SCHEDULE

MARCH 4th – Echo Tones  
MARCH 17th – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene  
MARCH 18th – Classic Five