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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I received a call from the Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) advising us that a team of representatives from the Veterans Affairs (V.A.) will be arriving with a service van on Monday, June 20^{, 2016} from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. These representatives will assist you with a host of venues, such as; enrolling into the V.A., helping you increase your V.A. benefits if you are already enrolled and answer any questions you or your spouse might have about the V.A. and benefits. You DO NOT have to be retired military to take advantage of this opportunity. If you are considering enrollment into the V.A. program, I recommend you bring your DD-214 (discharge paper) to help keep the process moving. A couple of reasons to consider visiting; there's no need to drive to Manchester and stand in a line. You don't have to be put on "hold" or transferred again and again trying to get an answer. Don't want to miss out on this valuable service and its right here in our own parking lot. Spread the word if you know any other veterans who might be interested.

On another note: May starts our wind-up for the upcoming year of events. The Annual Memorial Service to all of our fallen comrades within District 3 will be held at Post 69 in Somersworth. The service will start promptly at 1900 hours on Friday, May 13, 2016. If you never attended this ceremony, I highly recommend it. Then on Friday, May 27, 2016 at 10:30 am the Central Veteran's Council along with Portsmouth City Council members will be honoring those soldiers, sailors and airmen who were lost at sea. This service will be held in Prescott Part near the flag pole. The Portsmouth Middle School Band will be in attendance to play our National Anthem. Right after the ceremony the council will move over to the Emerson Hovey fountain to remember his legacy to our country. Moving onto Monday, May 30, 2016 at 1000 hours there will be a Memorial Service held in the USS Albacore Park. This ceremony is very moving if you never attended it. After a small break, the Memorial Day parade will start at 1300 hours. The parade steps off from the Citizens Bank parking lot, proceeding towards downtown turning onto Congress Street, turning onto Middle Street and turning again onto Richards Avenue, to finish inside South Cemetery at the Civil War Monument. After the ceremony, the parade will march from South Cemetery to City Hall located on Junkins Avenue where the Sons of the American-Legion Squadron 6 will host a B-B-Q in the City Hall parking lot. Please consider marching in the parade or volunteering with the Squadron?

Frank Desper, Post Commander

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Two Post members passed away this past month, Kenneth Triestan and David Thompson. If anyone knows of any member who is or in the hospital please Email: jsbailey54@gmail.com. Mobile phone 603-205-3903, Home phone: 603-433-3911.

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

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

BAND SCHEDULE

MAY 6th – Karaoke with DJ Darlene
MAY 7th – The Sofa Kings
MAY 21st – Craig Kendall and the
Northwood Playboys
JUNE 3rd - Karaoke with DJ Darlene
JUNE 4th – Rhythm Method
JUNE 18th - Rosie

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Our Department Adjutant Dan Yoder needs your help. He has presented himself to spend some time in the slammer on Thursday, May 5, 2016 to raise money for MDA in their research. You can help him in this worthy cause by donating to www2.mda.org/goto/DanielYoder.

The Post election was held on Thursday, April 21, 2016 with the following results;

Commander - Frank Desper (15)

1st Vice Commander - Austin (Nick) Nickerson (3)

Adjutant- Jim Bailey (15)
Financial Officer - Steve Katsanos (15)
Chaplain - Jan Bailey (15)
Service Officer - George McCall (14)
Sergeant at Arms - Henry Bourasso (12)

Audit Committee - Carl Bletzer (1) Jan Bailey (1) George McCall (1)

Congratulations to them all and good luck in the future. The installation was held on April 26th and was lightly attended. Please make an effort to support your officers. It will be appreciated. Boy's State meeting with the candidates will be held upstairs in the hall on **Tuesday, May 10, 2016** at 7pm.

The District 3 Memorial Service will be held at Post 69, Somersworth, **Friday, May 13, 2016** at 7 p.m. Department Convention is May 19-21, 2016 at the Days Inn in Lincoln, New Hampshire. Everyone is invited to attend the meeting though only delegates can vote on Saturday. The color guard competition is scheduled for Friday, May 20, 2016 at 1700. Check the Department newsletter for exact times.

IMPORTANT: Please make every attempt to renew your membership. We are close to reaching our goal of 100%. 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 wait too long to renew, your total year count will be reduced to one. So please make every effort to renew as soon as you can. No more 2016 renewals can be accepted after the department convention in May. 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. Anyone interested in being an officer of this Post, please contact an officer and come to the next meeting. Our next meeting is **Thursday, May 19, 2016** 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.

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone! Mother's Day is coming up on the 8th of this month, so don't forget the cards and flowers. We held elections for officers on Thursday, April 21, 2016, the results are as follows. Commander – Michael Hunt; Senior Vice Commander – Open; Junior Vice Commander – Dave Thibeault; Adjutant-Mark Warrington; Finance Officer – Matt Karlson; Historian - Drew Hogan; Chaplain - Jim Cooper and Sergeant At Arms – Tied between John Wilkinson and Scott Macdonald. We will be deciding the tie for Sergeant at Arms at our next scheduled S.A.L. meeting. The voting will be done by written ballet, the results will be counted, and the winner announced at the meeting. It will also be announced in next month's newsletter. At this time our membership is at 174 members, which is 100% of the goal set for us at the department level. This is good, but I think we can still do better. The next S.A.L. sponsored Surf & Turf will be held on **Saturday, May 14, 2016** from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm. Come on out and join us, have some fun and hopefully win some nice prizes. Our next S.A.L. meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 18, 201**6 @ 6:00pm. Please come to the meeting and show your support for either John or Scott for the Sergeant at Arms position, I'm sure they'll appreciate it. Hope to see you there.

Michael Hunt, S.A.L. Commander

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies: Well Elections are over and Officers are as follows: President - Judi Fountas; First Vice President - Trudy Huff; Second Vice - Karen Hemstrought; Secretary/Treasurer - Karyl Horn; Chaplain - Jenny Hoppe; and Sergeant At Arms - Sue Williams. Same as last year. There were two write in votes for Historian – Pam Mattingly and Katherine Barrett. Congratulations to all officers. Without you stepping up we would not have a slate of officers. However, again it was a very disappointing turnout. Last year 17 members turned out to vote, this year it was 16. Pretty bad considering the number of members in our unit and many do come to the post for other occasions. Sitting and waiting for 4 hours for a small turnout is pretty bad and shows a lack of interest from members. Some were in the Post but did not vote. Congratulations to all Legion and Sons of the American Legion officers.

Judi Fountas, Unit President 603-964-7007

<u>UNIT NEWS</u>

2016 Membership cards are available. Dues are \$30 new members, \$25 senior members and \$10 junior members. You can now pay your dues online? Simply go to www.ALAforVeterans.org and log in to the "Members Only" section. (You'll need to create your free login if you haven't already done so; it takes only a few seconds). Once in the Members Only section, click the "Pay Dues" button. You'll then be prompted on how to pay your renewal dues online – your dues statement is already calculated. It's easy, secure, and takes less than a couple of minutes. Once I receive notification, your dues card will be mailed. Our next Unit meeting will be held on **Thursday, MAY 12, 2016** at 6 p.m. 2016 Unit Scholarship application is now available. Contact me at (603)988-8267 (leave a name and address) and I will send the application out. **DEADLINE is June 1,** 2016.

Karyl Horn, Secretary/Treasurer

GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone and welcome to Spring! We have a couple of new bands for your entertainment starting with The Sofa Kings on **Saturday**, **May 7**, **2016** and Craig Kendall and the Northwood Playboys on **Saturday**, **May 21**, **2016**. Our bands start at 8 pm till midnight. Come on in and check them out! Starting May 15, 2016 our hours of operation will be 9 am to 1am for the summer. Hope to see you, till next time stay safe and enjoy the sunshine:)

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

MAY 2016						
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1 MAY DAY	2	3	4 CVC Meeting 6 p.m.	5 CINCO DE MAYO	6 4-7 pm Karaoke	7 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. The Sofa Kings
8 MOTHER's DAY	9	10	11	12 Unit Meeting 6 p.m.	13 District 3 Memorial Service 7 p.m.	14 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
15	16	17	18 S.A.L. Meeting 6 p.m.	19 Post Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Craig Kendall and the Northwood Playboys
22	23	24	25	26	27 BURIAL AT SEA 10:30 a.m.	28 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
29	30 MEMORIAL DAY Albacore 10 a.m. Parade 1 p.m.	31	1	2	3 4-7 pm Karaoke	4 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Rhythm Method

CENTRAL VETERAN'S COUNCIL

The CVC will be meeting on **Wednesday**, **May 4**, **2016** at 6 p.m. at Post 6 Hall. All Veterans are invited to attend

MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES

Burial at Sea Service – **Friday, May 27, 2016** at 10:30 a.m. at Prescott Park USS Albacore Service – **Monday, May 30, 2016** at 10 a.m. at Albacore Park Annual Memorial Day Parade - **Monday, May 30, 2016** Step off at 1 p.m. from Parrott Avenue Parking lot with Ceremony at the South Cemetery.