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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As you know, I always encourage everyone to publish upbeat information in every newsletter. However, this newsletter although informative, is a tinge on the "not so" upbeat side. Although the newsletter went electronic, over the past few years our attendance at Post meetings and functions has declined in such, a motion had to be made to reduce our meeting attendance to sustain a quorum. Along with that, decisions have been made to reduce some of the hosted functions at the Post due to so little or no support. These outcomes are transcending a negative message to the membership, which is making it difficult for the Post to meet its obligation selecting those few delegates to represent the Post at the American Legion State Convention. Also, by not having you present at meetings the Post is not producing enough Officer candidates for the ensuing year. Did you know that only 15 members came out to vote this year to support those members who did step-up to be an Officer? One last comment for you on this topic, the Post conducted its installation of Officers last month (not including the Officers being installed) there was only 1 post member present supporting the event.

In closing and I can't express it enough, if you are not in attendance at our scheduled meetings getting involved with the decision-making process or attending social gatherings, motions will be made on the Post Floor that will directly affect you and the direction the Post is headed. Please, go the extra mile, come out and support the Post. For those members who might have missed previous newsletters, over the recent years, the Post built a sun deck that you can take your beverages on to. The parking lot has been dug up, repaved and restriped. We had electronic ticket machines installed that you could win up to \$499.00. The Post has gone non-smoking and had the smoke residue removed in the Grille area. The Steward has been scheduling new bands for our Saturday night entertainment. And let's not forget the first Friday of each month with D.J. Darlene providing karaoke?

We will be reviewing the Post By-Laws to make amendments at the next Post meeting on **Thursday, May 17, 2018** at 18:30 hours.

On to better news, the Memorial Day parade will step-off at 13:00 hours from the Citizens Bank parking lot. If everyone who was contacted by the Central Veterans Council to participate in the parade will make it considerably larger this year. If you can march with the Post please join us to make it even a bigger parade? In you cannot march, consider watching the parade from the corners of Islington and Middle road. As a reminder, the Sons-of-the-American-Legion, Post 6 will be hosting a BBQ after the parade in the lower parking lot at City Hall. The Squadron may be looking for assistance with that part of the parade. If you would like to help with their endeavor, get in touch with the Squadron Commander for information?

All of the Officers at Frank E. Booma Post 6 are here for you. If you have any questions, are in need of assistance or have any suggestions to better the Post, don't hesitate to ask? I can assure you, no question will go unanswered or any suggestion tossed aside.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

On April 20 Arthur Barrett Jr passed away. Condolences to his family and may he rest in peace. Charter will be draped at May meeting. If anyone knows of a sick or hospitalized member, please let me know. My phone number is 603 433-3911.

Jan Bailey, Post Chaplain

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

MAY 5th – Post
MAY 12th – S.A.L.
MAY 19th– Unit
MAY 26th – Post

BAND SCHEDULE

MAY 4th – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene
MAY 5th – Key Elements
MAY 12th – Sofa Kings
MAY 26th – Classic 5

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Hoping everyone is enjoying the warmer winter season. The Post elections have been held and all of our officers have been reelected.

Commander -- Frank Desper
1st Vice Commander -- Mike Faccioli
2nd Vice Commander -- Mike Smith
Adjutant -- Jim Bailey
Finance Officer -- Steve (Kubby) Katsanos
Chaplain -- Jan Bailey
Sgt at Arms -- Henry (Butchie) Bourasso

The turnout was a total of 15 voters. The installation was held upstairs on April 24th starting at 1900. Please show your support for the new officers and attend the installation. Please keep in our hearts and minds in the veterans who have passed this year on Memorial Day. Renewals for 2018 are starting to tune down to a trickle. We now sit at 90% renewals for 2018. Renewing is easy and can be done on-line It helps the Post save time as your renewal goes straight to Department and National. One more item, the new cards show more information. Several members are missing service and/or periods served. Please take credit for your service. Any member with 50+ years of membership will have their dues paid by the Post. Please ensure that a copy of your DD-214 is on file with the Post. We need to be able to verify your service. If you can't locate it, contact the Post and we can get the paperwork started so that you can receive your copy. The candidates for Boy's State will meet upstairs on May 8th at 1900. If you are interested in this program, you are welcome to join the meeting. All are welcome. We are always looking for new ideas. Our next meeting is after the election on May 17th at 1830. Please come to the meeting, voice your concerns and find out what's happening both in this Post and the Legion.

Jim Bailey, Post Adjutant

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone, it looks like our weather is finally going to get better. Keep your fingers crossed. We held our elections for Squadron Officers on MAY 19th. The Officers for the upcoming year will be:

Historian -Open
Sgt @ Arms – Jim Stewart
Chaplin – Jim Cooper
Adjutant – Mark Warrington
Finance Officer – Matt Karlson
Jr. Vice – Dave Thibeault
Sr. Vice – Scott Macdonald
Commander - Michael Hunt

Thank you to everyone who came out to vote and thank you to the Squadron Officers for all their time and effort that they put into helping our Squadron succeed.

Our next Squadron meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018 @ 6:00pm**. The next S.A.L. Sponsored Surf & Turf will be on **Saturday, May 12, 2018** from 3:00pm till 5:00pm. Thank You!

Michael Hunt, S.A.L. Commander

STEWARD'S MESSAGE

The deck is open and it is going to be a great time to common in and grab a cold one and enjoy the sunshine on the deck! Friday starting at 7 to 11 p.m. is Karaoke with DJ Darlene, Saturday, Cinco De Mayo we will have margarita specials all day and taco buffet starting at 3 p.m. for Surf N Turf. So why not just come on in and have some fun. Who knows you could win some dinner too!

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies - Congratulations to all the new officers in the Legion, SAL and the Auxiliary. Let's have a good year. We are not collecting empty medicine bottles at this time. I don't know how many hundreds we collected but there were plenty. Thank you to everyone who donated. You did a great job. The pull tabs are still being collected. We are now donating them to the Ronald McDonald House. So, keep them coming. I think I've been collecting them for about 6 years. Hundreds of pounds of pull tabs have been donated to many causes thanks to you. The Soxs of Love was a huge success. We are almost done putting them together. Thank you again. We still need volunteers to handle the money for Surf and Turf. We only do it once a month, if you want to volunteer TWICE A YEAR, it would help. Congratulations to Karyl Horn on her retirement. Enjoy it, Karyl!! Hope everyone has a nice Spring....but don't blink or you'll miss it.

Judi Fountas, Unit President 603-964-7007

On **Sunday, May 13, 2018, Mother's Day** National President Diane Duscheck of the American Legion Auxiliary from Wisconsin will be making her visitation to New Hampshire. She wishes to meet with as many veterans of New Hampshire while she is here. She will be at Post 6 for a light lunch provided by Unit 6 at 12:30 p.m. Come on down and meet the leader of the largest patriotic women's organization serving our veterans, our military, our youth and our communities.

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	1 MAY DAY	2	3	4 Karaoke w/DJ Darlene 7 p.m.	5 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Cinco De Mayo Key Elements
6	7	8	9	10 Unit Meeting 6 p.m.	11 District 3 Memorial Service Somersworth 7 p.m.	12 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Sofa Kings
13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY Natl Pres. Lunch 12:30 p.m.	14	15	16 S.A.L. Meeting 6 p.m.	17 Post Meeting 6 p.m.	18	19 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Classic 5
27	28 Memorial Day Parade	29	30	31	1 Karaoke w/DJ Darlene 7 p.m.	2 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.

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