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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

A good time was had by all at this year's convention. Bob Blais is our new Department Commander. Senators Judd Gregg and Kelly Ayotte along with Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter were all guest speakers. They expressed that they are part of a committee who submitted a bill to legislation to make the New Hampshire Veterans Affairs Hospital a full care unit. The Post Adjutant has the 2012 membership cards available for issue. The early bird stamp will be issued until **October 15, 2011**.

I made a comment in last month's newsletter about the first "early bird" special, being free Surf & Turf game cards on **Saturday, July 2, 2011**. Giving it more thought July 2, 2011 would not be fair to everyone due to it being so soon after we return from convention. So not only will July 2, 2011 be a good date to play we will repeat the offer again on **Saturday, August 6, 2011** I hope to see you then, renew early!!!

I was approached about announcements I make in the newsletter for events hosted by the Post, to clear the fog, when I comment about these events it is intended and to invite all of Frank E. Booma Post family members and their guests (Post, Unit and S.A.L.). The only restrictions that may apply as to who can attend are Grille hosted events due to the age limit set by the state. The Steward will be your point of contact for information on these special circumstances.

The Executive Board meeting last month generated a questionnaire addressing their concerns to the members. I extended the questionnaire to include the whole Post family. Please take a moment to look at it and fill it out. We are trying hard at the Post to generate new membership and revitalize your interest becoming more active within the Post. Your comments will give us another approach to keep our Post moving forward. You can bring your response into the Grille and give it to the bartender on duty or you can drop it in the mailbox outside or send it via E-mail. All of your submissions will be forwarded to your organization.

I want to apologize to the Ladies President Sheila Brooks who donated poppy seeds and tulips to the Post last fall to bloom this year. I never said thank you for the donation and hard work around the Post. Your inspiration paid forward, Sheila Katsanos planted flowers in the boxes along the driveway and Mary Pento donated and planted more plants to further enhance our outward appearance to the membership and community. Its volunteers like these women who make our Post home an eye catching landmark. Thank you again ladies.

It is my sad duty to report Alfred Smith (23 year member) has been called by the Commander of us all. May his soul go marching on?

Frank Desper, Post Commander

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE POST 6 COLOR GUARD
FOR COMING IN FIRST PLACE IN
THE DEPARTMENT COLOR GUARD COMPETITION**

SENIOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We just returned from the State Convention and it was successful. The 2012 membership cards are in and available, see I or "Brooksie" to renew your membership and remember to renew by October 15 for the early bird. I am working on the membership dinner and will keep you informed. We need more members to attend our meetings, lately it has been primarily the executive board that is attending all meetings and we need your input as members to help us to be successful as a Post. The District 3 Golf Tournament is on **Saturday August 6, 2011**. We have the entry forms at the Post if you are interested. Have a safe summer.

Jim Minot. Sr. Vice Commander

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

It is my sad duty to report that Alfred Smith has been called to the high command. He will be missed.

I am happy to welcome the following new members to the Frank E. Booma family, Paul Bernier, Brittany Bigelow and Robert Cyr.

Legion baseball started on **Thursday, June 23, 2011** and if anyone is interested, you may see me for a schedule.

I received the membership cards at convention and you may see me or Jim Minot to pay your dues for 2012. We had a very good year last year with membership and hope to see just as good a year this year.

If you know of any veteran that is not a member, ask them to join the Legion, we need to get as many veterans in our organization as we can to stay a strong voice for veterans everywhere.

Our next meetings will be the Executive Board on **Thursday, July 7, 2011** at 1800 and our Post meeting on **Thursday, July 21, 2100** at 1800. We would love to see some new faces at the meetings, presently the executive board members are the primary people attending the Post meetings. New ideas are always welcomed. You have a say in the workings of the organization so please exercise your rights.

Remember, I am here to assist any member in any way that I can. If you have any questions, you may contact me at the Post at 4367575, my cell at 2072527532 or email at boomapost6@comcast.net.

DUES RENEWAL

Effective immediately, you may pay your dues online at www.legion.org. Once you have paid your dues, you can print a temporary card and then send or bring the applicable receipt to me for your regular card.

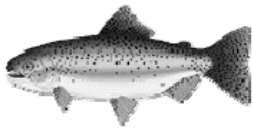
A reminder to all members, Post, Auxiliary and Squadron - Do not throw out your 2011 card when you receive your 2012 card. You must have that in your possession until the end of the year to enter any Post.

SPECIAL NOTICE

If you are active duty please contact me concerning your dues. At one point we were paying all active duty members dues as long as they were active duty. There was a vote previously to pay only first year dues from that day forward. I need to know how long you have been active duty to ascertain if we will still pay your dues. Also, if you have left active duty, please contact me too either by email at boomapost6@comcast.net or at 96 Islington Street, Portsmouth, N.H. 03801. Thank you,

Richard "Brooksie" Brooks, Post Adjutant

POST 6 COLOR GUARD MESSAGE



Our next Fish Fry will be **Friday, July 1, 2011** from 4-7 p.m. Thank you for your loyalty and please continue to support us. I am happy to announce that the Frank E. Booma Post 6 Color Guard won first place in the Hubert O'Neill Color Guard Competition at the State Convention this year. The trophy is back at home.

Your 3 Time National Post 6 Color Guard
Richard "Brooksie" Brooks, Secretary

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Our next meeting is not until **Wednesday, September 21, 2011** at 6 p.m. Congratulations to the post Color Guard for being #1 in the state. 2012 membership cards are in. If you pay by **October 15, 2011**; you will be an Early Bird. If you want to be an Early Bird, make sure you pay by that date. I am still looking for volunteers for Surf And Turf every second Saturday of the month. Say Safe and have a great summer.

Grant Bergeron, S.A.L. Commander

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE



July 2nd – Post
July 9th – S.A.L.
July 16th – Unit
July 23rd – Color Guard
July 30th – Grille



GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Hello. I hope everyone is enjoying the warm/hot weather? We had a nice turnout o our Father's Day Lunch. I hope everyone enjoyed it. We have a great line up for July as well as a new Band called SubStance. They were featured in the Spotlight Magazine. So Com on in and enjoy one of Portsmouth's Hottest Banks! We have Karaoke twice a month with some awesome singers. Darlene puts on a great show, so don not miss it. Se be prepared to enjoy your Post. We always have something for everyone. Until next time, stay safe and have a great 4th of July.

BAND SCHEDULE



July 2nd – Velvet Sky
July 8th – Karaoke w/ DJ Darlene
July 9th – SubStance
July 16th – Ron Jones
July 22nd – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene
July 23rd – Rosie
July 30th – Win/Place/Show



UNIT MEMBERSHIP



Due to a printing snafu, the 2012 membership cards will **NOT** be available for several weeks. Dues are \$20.00 for senior members, \$10.00 for junior members and \$25.00 for new members. Pay before October 15th and you will receive an "early bird" stamp as well as be able to participate in the Post special events exclusively for "Early Bird" card holders. **The Unit will not be meeting in July and August. If you have any concerns and/or questions, contact the Unit President and/or Secretary.**

Karyl Horn, Unit Membership Chairman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies: Well, convention is over and it went pretty well. As District 3 Director, I was so happy we came in first place in membership. I'm looking forward to serving as President for the Auxiliary this coming year. All members are urged to attend meetings and bring ideas for our programs, committees and activities. I look forward to working with Commanders Frank and Grant. Sheila has done a great job serving as President and I will be looking to her to get me organized. It's not too early to start recruiting new members so let's see how many we can sign up this summer. Please remember that on **Saturday, July 23, 2011**, District 3 will be hosting the yearly cookout at the Tilton Home. Try to attend. Lunch will be served at noon time. The District 3 cookout at Glenda Joyce's house in Newmarket will be on the **Sunday, July 24, 2011** at noon time and all District 3 members are invited. Hope everyone has a great and safe summer.

Judi Fountas, Unit President

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Phone: 603-436-7286

Dover Location
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920 Central Avenue
Dover, NH 03820

Last month the Executive Board had an extensive meeting with the topic being the lack of attendance at Post meetings. We brainstormed some ideas it concluded to generate this questionnaire. With that said I want to comment on and not to intrude in the Ladies Auxiliary or the Sons-of-the-American Legion organizations but I would like to submit this questionnaire for everyone in our Post family and hope that everyone participates to make us aware of your feelings within the organization.

If at any time while you're filling it out other thoughts come across your mind that are not mentioned for comment the bottom of the page open for you to expand on. Please be brief and to the point, the officers and appointed committees are here to assist you, if you don't tell them than how can they help?

We "The Post" are in the business for the care and wellbeing of our veterans and their families. I need to remind you that the American Legion does not recognize the "Grille" as part of the Post. However, we do have one so, if you do have a comment for the Grille, I will forward your comments to the Grille Committee for action.

If you would like a personal reply to any question on the questionnaire, one will be provided. If you request literature on a specific topic we will help you any way we can.

On another note, your responses will be kept anonymous. To make your submission completely anonymous you can either fill out the survey write "Survey to your organization" on the outside of the envelope and drop it in the Post home mailbox. If you choose to mail it, write the post address in both areas on the envelope, front centered and again in the return address corner. The address is 96 Islington St., Portsmouth, NH 03801.

If you have a computer, another option to take this survey is; log onto our website at feboomapost6.org, click on the link which will open up a Microsoft word document. This option makes it easier for answering and adding additional pages for longer explanations.

As your Commander and speaking on behalf of the officers, I encourage you to be completely honest and express what your concerns, interests, and issues are so we can assist you. If you don't tell us, it makes it difficult to move forward or help someone who needs it.

Are you a Post (Veteran), Unit (Ladies Aux) or Squadron (Sons) Member?
How long have you been a member of the American Legion?
When was the last time you visited the post?
Was your visit a pleasant one?
Is your family part of the American Legion?
Have you enrolled a new member to your organization?
Have you participated in a membership function?
Would you consider becoming a Cub or Boy Scout Leader?
Do you know how many Child and Youth programs the Post supports?
When was the last time you attended a meeting?
Do you know your organizations meeting time and date?
When was the last time you attended a convention?

When was the last time you were in attendance with the "Pease Greeters" for our troops coming home?
Would you consider becoming an officer within your organization?
Would you consider becoming a committee member within your organization?
Would you consider forming up and starting a new committee?
Are you enrolled in the Veterans Affairs?
Do you need assistance getting enrolled into the Veterans Affairs?
Do you know your entitlements being a veteran and a member of the Post?
Is your last will and testament in order and in safekeeping?
Do you need information on a living will or your last will and testament?
Are you planning to be laid to rest in Boscawen Veterans Cemetery?
Did you know who the Post Service Officer is and their roll in the American Legion?
Did you know the Service Officer provides information and assistance to spouses of deceased veterans?
Do you need nursing assistance?
Do you need a wheel chair, walker, shower chair or other assistance equipment?
Is there a special program of the Post you would like to comment on?

** Please use the remaining space or add extra pages to voice your concerns make recommendations or address a special area of interest. No comments will go unrecognized.

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JULY 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28	29	30	1 Color Guard Fish Fry 4-7 pm	2 Surf & Turf 3-5 p.m. Velvet Skyi
3	4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!	5 Grille Meeting 6 p.m.	6	7 E.B. Meeting 6 p.m.	8 Karaoke w/DJ Darlene 8-11 p.m.	9 Surf & Turf 3-5 p.m. SubStance
10	11	12	13	14 NO Unit Meeting	15 FULL MOON	16 Surf & Turf 3-5 p.m. Ron Jones
17 .	18	19	20 NO SAL Meeting	21 Post Meeting 6 p.m.	22 Karaoke w/DJ Darlene 8-11 p.m.	23 Surf & Turf 3-5 p.m. Rosie
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Surf & Turf 3-5 p.m. Win/Place/Show

