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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Our State Convention will be in Lincoln, N.H. this year. If you would like to attend you do not need to be a Delegate. The opening date will be June 25th and run through the 27th. After we return from the convention the Adjutant will have the 2011 membership cards ready for issue. As promised from last year, if you become an "early bird" by renewing your membership early, the Post will be hosting special events for those of you who hold an "early bird" card. The Post family (children's) outing is in the planning stages and will be held at Chucky Cheese this year. A firm date has not been set contact the 2nd Vice Commander for more information. Our Flag Day Ceremony will be held on **June 14, 2010** at 1800 hours. Please try and come down to the Post in the back parking lot to observe this auspicious occasion. Opening day for the Legion Baseball league to start is **June 17, 2010** at 1900 hours. Our Post color guard will be presenting the color of our Nation and I will be throwing out the first pitch. Come down to Leary Field and enjoy the game. The Post Grille will be hosting a Father's Day Brunch **Sunday June 20, 2010**, see the Grille Stewards message for more information. The American Legion's motto is; "Still Serving America." Spare no effort in the release of our POW's/MIA's still unaccounted for. It is my sad duty to report that Paul Villeneuve (20 year member) has been called by our Supreme Commander. May his soul go marching on? As a tribute in memoriam to our past comrade one year ago this month Ernest "Ernie" Webber (31 year member).

Frank Desper, Post Commander

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Post membership is at 583, that is 91.67 % of our last year total. It's not too late to achieve that 100 %. If you know a veteran that may qualify, talk to them, bring them by and introduce them. Active duty persons not only qualify but the Post pays for their **First** year membership. We can all help with membership of this fine organization and family.

John Moulton, Senior Vice Commander

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

It is my sad duty to report that Paul Villeneuve a 20 year member passed away as well as the wife of Don "Cappy" Capalare. Our Frank E. Booma Legion Baseball schedule is posted on our website for those of you interested in following the team this year. We recently had another member participate in the Honor Flight New England, George McCall traveled with them in May. Memorial Day ceremonies are as follows:

Burial at Sea at Prescott Park, **Friday May 28, 2010** at 1000.

Albacore Memorial ceremony, **Monday May 31, 2010** at 1000.

Memorial Day Parade, **Monday May 31, 2010** with step off at 1300 on Parrott Avenue, all Post, Unit and Squadron members are welcome to march with the Post. I hope to see many of you at the parade.

At our next Post meeting on **Thursday June 17, 2010** at 1800 we will be having a special election for a member of the Audit Committee. If you are interested, please come to the meeting or have a letter of intent to me prior to the meeting.

I hope ever one has a safe and happy holiday. On Memorial Day let us remember our departed members, may they rest in peace.

Clarence Bailey	50 yrs	Robert Gallagher	35 yrs	Albert Potvin	62 yrs
Ronald Barrett	11 yrs	James Jenkins	27 yrs	James Puma	9 yrs
Adolph Berounsky	62 yrs	Henry Jutras	42 yrs	Edward Shea	8 yrs
Henry Berounsky	50 yrs	Donald Lawrence	34 yrs	Paul Smith	59 yrs
Jacob Bookholz	37 yrs	Michael Leonard	17 yrs	Walter Smith	40 yrs
Ernest Bryant	23 yrs	Arthur MacDonald	58 yrs	Theodore Syrmos	21 yrs
Carlton Cassidy	37 yrs	Robert Ouellette	12 yrs	Richard Tessicini	40 yrs
Loukas Cousoule	30 yrs	Martin Perenick	27 yrs	Reginald Toussaint	22 yrs
John Cronin	64 yrs	William Perry	34 yrs	Paul Villeneuve	20 yrs
Eugene Franceware	31 yrs	William Phelps	25 yrs	Howard Walden	4 yrs
				Merton Wilder	18 year

KEY CARD CHANGE

We are changing the key cards for access to the Post. This may be done by the time you read this. It is a completely new system that will take a little patience from all. It is a proximity reader and the card will have to be programmed when it is issued. I will be scheduling times for members to get their cards once this is in place. In order to receive a card I will have to be in the Post to do the programming. This system will enable us to activate your card as you pay your dues and deactivate it if you have not paid your dues or are not allowed in the Grille for some reason. There will be a charge for lost cards. Let's safeguard them once they are issued. Thank you,

Richard "Brooksie" Brooks, Post Adjutant

POST 6 COLOR GUARD MESSAGE

Our next Fish Fry will be **Friday, June 4, 2010** from 4-7 p.m. Thank you for your loyalty and please continue to support us.

Your 2 Time National Post 6 Color Guard

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I would like to congratulate Vincent "Sonny" St. Louis our new Adjutant and Bob Prendergast as Finance Officer. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 16, 2010** at 6:00 p.m. Please try to attend as this will be the last meeting until September. I hope to see you there and may you have a wonderful summer.

Grant Bergeron, S.A.L. Commander

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

June 5th – Post
 June 12th – S.A.L.
 June 19th – Unit
 June 26th – Color Guard

BAND SCHEDULE

June 5th – Downtown Rhythm
 June 11th – Karaoke with DJ Darlene
 June 12th – Jen Thayer
 June 18th – Karaoke with DJ Darlene
 June 19th – Bill Vendasi
 June 26th – Win/Place/Show

GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Hello and welcome to summer!!! Hope everyone had a safe and fun Memorial Day Weekend. We had an awesome line-up for entertainment last month and it keeps on for the month of June! Karrie and the Rock fish were great!!!. Hope to have them back in the next few months and Karaoke is always a blast with some great singers. Mother's Day Brunch was lovely with music by George McCall, he did a fantastic job as usual! We have a great line-up this month for bands as well as a Father's Day Buffet on **Sunday June 20, 2010** from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free to all members and the guest. So mark your calendars and come in and enjoy the food as well as drink specials. We are in the process of replacing our heat and air systems. The new system being

installed is designed to clean the air and replace it with fresh so the smoke will not be noticeable. Come check it out. Come play Surf & Turf on Saturday afternoons and stay cool. See you next month!

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

UNIT NEWS

This year Unit 6 awarded \$2250.00 in scholarships. Congratulations to Nick DeMatteo, Angela Kearsey, Alicia DeMatteo, Abigail Fernandes, Cassondra Buckman and Stephanie Revels. Your support at the Unit Surf and Turf on the third Saturday of each month helped to make this possible. Thank you. At the May Unit meeting we voted to send Lisa Harning from Portsmouth Senior High to Granite Girls State, a citizenship program held the week of **June 27- July 3, 2010** at Rivier College in Nashua. We will also be sending in money to sponsor two (2) girls from Sanborn High School as well. Thanks to Portsmouth Elks, J. Verne Wood Funeral Parlor, S.A.L. Squadron #6 and American Legion Post #6 for their generosity and help in making this program a success.

Ladies – Thanks you for paying your 2010 dues. We are not at 100%. 2010-2011 cards will be available in July. It was voted to increase the dues starting with the 2010-2011 year to **Seniors - \$20.00, Juniors - \$10.00 and New Members - \$25.00**. Send your payment to: American Legion Auxiliary Unit 6, Attn: Membership, 96 Islington Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

Karyl Horn, Secretary/Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It feels like summer is going to come in nicely. With summer are the Patriotic Holiday observances that we all love. We have Memorial Day on the last Monday in May. This was first established to remember soldiers who died in the Civil War and was known as Decoration Day. Then we have June 14th, Flag Day. It celebrates the history and symbolic meaning of the American Flag. It has been celebrated since the Civil War but President Wilson proclaimed it would be celebrated on June 14 in 1916. Only Pennsylvania has adopted it as a state holiday. Independence Day marks the adoption by the First Continental Congress of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Thomas Jefferson said "It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires and illumination from one end of the continent to another from this time forward." Constitution Day is celebrated on Sept. 17th, memorializing the date the Constitution we signed in 1787. Previously known as "Citizenship Day", it became an official federal holiday, "Constitution Day" in 2004. Election Day is the Tuesday following the first Monday in November when ballots are cast for elected officials. Not what most think of as a Patriotic Holiday but what is more Patriotic than exercising your right as a citizen to vote. Veterans Day is celebrated on November 11th to commemorate and remember veterans of the U.S. Military. It is a federal holiday originally recognizing the Armistice which memorialized the end of World War 1 on November 11, 1918. It was designated a federal holiday by President Eisenhower in 1954. A big THANK YOU to all that could stop in and buy raffle tickets for the Mother's Day Raffle. The winners were Mike & Carol, Vicki, Bob P. Phyllis Lowry, Rachel Burg, Steve Thompson, and Johnny W. Four of these prizes have not been picked up yet. Please come by and pick these up as soon as you can. If you for whatever reason if you do not want them let us know and we will dispose of them with another raffle. The Auxiliary raised \$282.00 on this raffle. With the Post and SAL kicking in to help we will have a total of \$823.00 to spend on items for members of the 157th Security Forces in the Mideast and the postage. A big THANK YOU to Carol Tuley for the three beautiful Mother's Day baskets that the Auxiliary raffled off. We raised \$105.00 for other programs of the Auxiliary. Next Auxiliary meeting is **Thursday, June 10, 2010** at 7:00 PM. At the May meeting of the Auxiliary, Charlene Powell became the 2nd Vice President of the Auxiliary. She will join Viola Levesque, Karyl Horn, Lorraine Gordon, Trudy Huff, Sue Williams and myself, to round out the Officers for 2010 – 2011 year. Remember to keep an eye out for the children that will be getting out of school soon. We want ALL of our children to return to school in September. The Auxiliary is looking for uniform hats for the 5 branches of the United States Military. If anyone has a hat to donate we would appreciate a call. They will be used for a solemn and beautiful service in the future. Contact the President if you can help us. Sheila Brooks - 207- 252- 7533 or email at: brooksie-sheila@comcast.net

Sheila Brooks, Unit President

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30	31	1 Grille Meeting 6 pm	2	3 E.B. Meeting 6 pm	4 Color Guard Fish Fry 4-7 p.m.	5 Surf & Turf 3-5 pm Downtown Rhythm
6	7	8	9	10 Unit Meeting 7 p.m.	11 Karaoke w/DJ Darlene 8-11 p.m.	12 Surf & Turf 3-5 pm Jen Thayer
13	14 FLAG DAY. Ceremony 6 p.m.	15	16 SAL Meeting 6 pm	17 Post Meeting 6 p.m.	18 Karaoke w/DJ Darlene 8-11 p.m.	19 Surf & Turf 3-5 pm Bill Vendasi
20 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY Brunch 11 a.m.--1 p.m.!	21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER	22	23	24	25	26 Surf & Turf 3-5 pm Win/Place/Show
27	28	29 Grille Meeting 6 pm	30	1 E.B. Meeting 6 pm	2 Color Guard Fish Fry 4-7 p.m.	3 Surf & Turf 3-5 pm T.B.A.