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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I always encourage anyone who submits information to be published in the newsletter that it be uplifting and inspirational. I am submitting the following information in that fashion to not offend anyone. I was asked to address the attendance within the Post at all levels.

In the past the membership commented on the lack of attendance at Post meetings, special ceremonies and gatherings. My response to them was; all of our turnouts are well supported in attendance, volunteerism and donations. Since then I do have to admit there are decreasing numbers in attendance across the board. To mention a few; we average 5 members in the audience at Post meetings. Our 90th celebration of the Post last month 5 Post Family Members and 2 guests were present and at the "Early Bird" hat pin day, I handed out 27 pins.

These numbers are quite small for a Post that has over 600 veterans and totaling over 1200 members combined (Post, Unit and S.A.L.) I know there are several reasons that contribute to non attendance but I need you to know that this is your Post. Without you programs will be lost then all else that follows will become inevitable. I encourage you to attend meetings and functions of the Post. With the design of the newsletter all of the Post information is reported to include a link to the district, state and national headquarters can be accessed on our website to help keep you updated as possible.

Too furthermore at Post meetings many issues are discussed and sometimes voted on that do impact you as a member and as the old saying goes, "before you know it, it's too late." Please consider reuniting yourself with the Post and getting involved instead of tossing your newsletter in the garbage after you read it. "Post it" maybe on the refrigerator for a quick glance or somewhere readily available so it serves as a reminder. It's your choice, I ask please don't read it and forget it.

I know there are several members who do frequent the Grille and your patronage is very much appreciated but I also need to inform you that there are several things happening not only inside the Post but outside as well that many times requires your attention. Sometimes informative and other times collective, again I am your ambassador in delivering the memberships concerns and values.

I would like to submit to you and open a "letter-to-the-editor page" within the newsletter for those of you who have comments on what you would like to express to the post and its membership. All I ask is please be brief, keep it within the guidelines of the newsletter and include your first name and last initial of your submission. Your submission will not be edited or corrected for type O's. You can address it to cmdr_post6@comcast.net or the Post Adjutant at boomapost6@comcast.net or to Karyl Horn our web page coordinator at karylh@comcast.net. We will insure your voice is heard. ** Note: There is an underscore (_) in my address between cmdr_post (not seen in the above due to the underlining)

The National Commander Jimmy Foster requested to visit our Post, **Sunday, September 12, 2010** to arrive approximately 1700 hours. This is a great honor to have the National Commander not only visit our Post but to request that we be put on his itinerary. I truly hope you make time to introduce yourself and represent the Post and the American Legion in the spirit our organization was formed, "A band of brothers standing united."

The B-B-Q for those holding "Early Bird" cards is scheduled for **Saturday, September 18, 2010**, from 1200 until 1400 hours. For all others there will be a small donation. It's not too late to become an early bird.

It is my sad duty to report that Pat McCartney (5 year member) has been called by our Supreme Commander, may his soul go marching on. As a tribute in memoriam to our past comrades who are enrolled in that Great Spirit Army who's footfalls cause no sound Reginald Toussaint, Adolf Berounsky, Al Potvin and Harry Smith.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As the Children and Youth Officer along with our District Commander Mike Faccioli, we would like to thank everyone who participated in the District 3 Golf Tournament. The donations are still coming in but so far we raised over \$2,000 dollars for our District Children and Youth programs. The Children's Outing has been postponed and will be announced at a later date. The Adult Outing is scheduled here at the Post on **Saturday, October 9, 2010** starting at 1200 and ending at 1700 hours. The menu will be B-B-Q Steak and Chicken with a variety of salads. Don't forget about the Super Surf and Turf game that will start at 1300 hours. Not only will there be lobsters and steak during the game, there will be several large prizes available too. As an added bonus we are adding consolation games this year you have two chances to win. DJ Darlene will be providing music and karaoke for those of you who want to sing your heart out. I asked the Steward to submit the necessary permits during the outing so it will allow you to take your beverages outside to enjoy with your meal or games being held. As a reminder the back parking lot will be closed during the outing except for drop off and pick up of those needing assistance. After the outing the Alan Roux Band will be starting at 2030 hours. Stick around and enjoy the whole day. Mark your calendars this is a do not miss great time.

Jim Minot, Junior Vice Commander

POST 6 COLOR GUARD MESSAGE

Our next Fish Fry will be **Friday, September 3, 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

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

It is my sad duty to report that Merton "Skip" Mobbs, Pat McCartney and Past Dept. Commander/N.E.C. Ben Talford passed away.

I want to congratulate Deb Demers on being elected our new Chaplain.

I would like to welcome our newest members to the Post. They are Jim Chase, Ryan Spearman, Diego Machado, Neil Rohrbacher, Eric Stuart, Seong Kang, Thomas Dunn, Keith Cano, Gary Clark, Todd Walsh, Marvin Jackson, Richard Pinney and Vincent Nobile. Thank you for joining the Frank E. Booma Family.

I want to inform our members of a new tool that National has provided. You may register at mylegion.org and set up an account. There will be a link to our newsletter there once you are logged on. You can find information about the Post, Department and other services there. If you have the internet this would be a great way to get the newsletter before it is mailed and maybe we could drop you from our newsletter mailing list.

At the September meeting we will be having nominations and elections for Historian and Asst. Service Officer. If you are interested, please be at the meeting or have a letter of intent to me prior to the meeting.

Our next Executive Board meeting is on **Thursday, September 2, 2010** at 1900 and the Post meeting is on **Thursday, September 16, 2010** at 1900.

Richard "Brooksie" Brooks, Post Adjutant

Beginning **Sunday September 5, 2010** the Post will once again be having Sunday morning breakfast. The breakfast is served from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm in the upstairs hall.

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Our next meeting will be **Wednesday September 15, 2010** at 6:00 p.m. Any questions or concerns, you can see one of the officers from the S.A.L.

Grant Bergeron, S.A.L. Commander

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

September 4th– Post
September 11th – S.A.L.
September 18th – Unit
September 25th – Color Guard

BAND SCHEDULE

September 4th– Bill Vendasi
September 10h – Karaoke with DJ Darlene
September 11th – Jen Thayer
September 18th – Dirty McCurdy
September 24th– Motown w/ DJ Darlene
September 25th – Win/Place/Show
October 9th – Adult Outing
October 22nd – Fifties Sock Hop

GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone... I would like to thank Noreen Holmes, our morning bartender. She buys donuts and donates them on her morning shifts. Thank you Noreen! We are having a Fifties Sock Hop on **Saturday, October 22, 2010**, so you have plenty of time to get your attire ready for this event. We are hoping everyone will dress for the occasion and come enjoy a wonderful night of the 50's. Hoe your summer has been nice and relaxing. The weather has definitely been wonderful this year.

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

UNIT NEWS

Ladies –Thank you for renewing your dues! If you know of any member who has not paid their 2010 dues, it is still not too late. Your 2010 dues card is valid until midnight on December 31, 2010. Dues are \$20.00 for Senior Members, \$10.00 for Junior members and \$25.00 for New Members. Be an **EARLY BIRD**, pay before **October 15, 2010**. Your name will also be put into a drawing for one of two \$50.00 gift cards to be drawn at the Early Bird Dinner in October. To receive your monthly bulletin, it is important that I have your correct name and address, so please check that this information is correct on the dues notice sent from National.

We will be having an Initiation Ceremony on **Sunday, September 26, 2010** at 2 p.m. for all new members who have not attended an Initiation Ceremony in the past. In order to plan accordingly, please contact me at (603) 343-4369 or unit6_portsmouth@comcast.net.

Our next Unit meeting will not be until **Thursday, September 9, 2010** at 7 p.m. Until then, have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Karyl Horn, Secretary/Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well Ladies, as you are reading this I will be finishing up my first trip to National Convention which is being held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Hopefully I will be returning with loads of information for you.

The renewal notices for membership dues should be going out soon from National. Upon looking over the 2011 rooster, I see where National is unable to contact some of our members. The following members need to contact the Unit with an updated address. Without your correct address, National cannot contact you: Tammy J. Burrington. Melinda Anne Dobe, Nicole T. Hickman, Dawn E. Skidgell-Kenniston, Bryce F.J. LaChance, Cynthia McCall, Marlene V. Morgan, Donna L. Morse Relyea, Diane L. Pizz, Christine Royal, and Ellen M. Smith.

The first meeting of the Auxiliary year is **Thursday, September 9, 2010** at 7:00 PM at the Post in the upstairs hall. Chairmanships will be announced. At the October meeting we will be nominating and electing delegates for the coming year.

Sheila Brooks, Unit President

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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31 Grille Meeting 6 p.m.	1	2 E.B. Meeting 6 p.m.	3 Color Guard Fish Fry 4-7 pm	4 Surf & Turf 3-5 pm Bill Vendasi
5 Breakfast Resumes 7 a.m. – Noon	6 LABOR DAY!	7	8	9 Unit Meeting 7 p.m.	10 Karaoke w/DJ Darlene 8-11 p.m.	11 Surf & Turf 3-5 pm Jen Thayer
12 Breakfast 7 a.m. – Noon NATL Cmdr Jimmie Foster 5 p.m.	13	14	15 SAL Meeting 6 p.m.	16 Post Meeting 6 p.m.	17	18 Surf & Turf 3-5 pm Dirty McCurdy Early Bird BBQ 12-2 p.m.
19 Breakfast 7 a.m. – Noon	20	21	22	23	24 Motown w/DJ Darlene 8-11 p.m.	25 Surf & Turf 3-5 pm Win/Place/Show
26 Breakfast 7 a.m. – Noon Unit Initiation 2 p.m.	27	28	29	30	1 Color Guard Fish Fry 4-7 pm	2 Surf & Turf 3-5 pm T.B.A.