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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

As the weather turns we need to focus on the fall and winter upcoming events around the post and city. Please read this and all future newsletters for these events.

Some will be hosted by the Auxiliary and/ or the Sons of the American Legion, who host the children's Halloween, Christmas and Easter party's to mention a few. Don't forget the veterans day ceremony coming up in November hosted in Goodwin Park. Please make an effort to support all of our programs and veterans at this ceremony.

At last month's meeting selling and moving the post was discussed. I've been in contact with a commercial real estate agent to find and prioritize a building for us to move into before we initiate any paperwork. The key objectives discussed for the new building were; the new building will have a larger parking lot, all on one floor, and have the potential to be easily divide into separate spaces. Ie. The grille area, hall rental/ meeting space, several office spaces and storage for our medical devices to loan. If you know of any buildings available and are at least 10,000 sqft. Please contact me so I can contact the agent to evaluate and professionally schedule an inspection. FYI, I was told we can go outside of the Portsmouth area. Newington was suggested to help us expand our search.

Membership renewals are coming in with the notice form quoting \$30.00 annual dues. The increased dues amount has not been updated at national headquarters to be posted on the notice to \$37.50. Until this occurs, the post agreed to pay the additional amount. So, if you have not renewed your membership for 2027 do it soon with that form!!

Volunteers will be needed for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Please consider signing up when the date gets closer and the list is posted.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

SAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello, Sons of The American Legion! October is here, bringing cooler weather, colorful leaves, and plenty of chances to spend time with family and friends. I hope everyone is enjoying the new season

and finding ways to help our post and community. Please join us on the third Wednesday of the month the 21st for our meeting.

Halloween is coming on October 31! Have fun choosing a costume, carving pumpkins, or handing out treats—but remember to stay safe. Use sidewalks and crosswalks and carry a flashlight.

Looking ahead, Veterans Day is November 11. It's a special time to thank the veterans who have served our country. You can show your appreciation by writing a card, attending a local ceremony, or simply saying "thank you" to a veteran.

Thanksgiving is also coming soon, on November 26. It's a chance to be grateful for the people who support us and to lend a hand to others. I'm proud of our Sons and the good we can do together. Have a safe, happy October, and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Cameron Chick, Squadron Commander

GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Hello all, I hope everyone made it through the first Nor'easter of the season safely. If that storm had hit in January, imagine how much snow we would have seen!

It is quiet at the grille this month. We had a wonderful Super Surf and Turf last month with great prizes awarded, and I sure hope you were one of them!

Looking ahead to October, DJ Darlene will be here on two nights from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM:

- Friday, October 2
- Saturday, October 17

We are also continuing our monthly Trivia Night on Tuesday, October 27, starting around 6:30 PM. Come test your knowledge!

Until next month, stay safe and be kind to one another. Best regards,

Shari Smith, Grille Steward

UNIT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello - Summer is over and winter is fast approaching! We are working towards a bunch of activities for the near future!

Breakfast, raffles etc. I am currently working on the Christmas Giving tree and excited of the great response thus far!

We secured Santa Clause and Mrs. Clause for the children's Christmas party. Sign-up sheet will be posted on October 25, 2026 and deadline will be November 16, 2026. Infant to 15 years old, maximum of 25 children. Children's Christmas Party will be held on December 6, 2026 from 1PM-3PM.

Just a reminder the second Thursday monthly are our Auxiliary meetings. We would love to have you!
Come one come all!

Dawn Lopez, Auxiliary Unit 6 President (207) 300-3122



ALA MEMBERSHIP

Eligibility Changes

SAME MISSION. MORE FAMILIES. A STRONGER TOMORROW.

More Families Can Belong!

WHAT'S NEW?

These family relationships are now gender-neutral and may be male or female.

	Grandmother	→	Grandparent
	Mother	→	Parent
	Sister	→	Sibling
	Daughter	→	Child
	Granddaughter	→	Grandchild

Adopted relationships are eligible.

WHAT STAYS THE SAME?

- LIVING VETERANS**
The veteran must still be a member of The American Legion.
- DECEASED VETERANS**
The veteran must have served during an applicable War Era and been honorably discharged or died in service.
- FEMALE VETERANS**
May join under their own service without being a member of The American Legion, unless someone is joining under their service (the Living Veteran requirement applies).
- SPOUSES**
Male or female spouses of veterans remain eligible (since 2019).

STILL NOT ELIGIBLE

-  Male veterans under their own service.
-  Nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.
-  Sister or brother-in-laws are not eligible.

TWO DEGREES OF CONSANGUINITY MEANS:

Great-grandparents, great-grandchildren or any further generations are not included. This is *per IRS requirement 2019*.

APPLICATION VERIFICATION

6/3/26
The American Legion Auxiliary Unit Secretary or other unit officer may verify the eligibility of a potential member and sign the application.

GET THE UPDATED MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Visit the ALA Department of Wisconsin website
www.amlegionauxwi.org
→ Programs → Membership → New Member: Application

SERVICE ★ ADVOCACY ★ COMMUNITY ★ TOGETHER FOR VETERANS

OCTOBER 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					Karaoke With DJ Darlene 7-11 p.m.	SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				Unit Meeting 6:30 p.m.		SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	COLUMBUS DAY		SAL Meeting 6 p.m.	Post Meeting 6 p.m.		SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Karaoke With DJ Darlene 7-11 p.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Trivia Night 6:30 p.m.				HALLOWEEN



