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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I'd like to thank everyone who attended and supported the BBQ Bruce Marshall, and the Post Adjutant Scott Annis offered on Memorial Day. They smoked different kinds of meats along with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone to enjoy. I also need to thank the other post supporters who brought side dishes. All of this made the BBQ an extra special event. A good time was had by all.

A motion was made and approved at our last meeting to open our hall and grille area for Portsmouth VFW Post 168 so they can host their meetings and enjoy refreshments afterwards.

The 2025 New Hampshire American Legion Convention closed on June 18, 2025. During this event, the 2026 membership cards were issued to the Post Adjutant. The cards will be available for issue after the third week in June. The reason for the late issue is that, at the convention, our new department leaders advised the members that our national headquarters raised their dues requirements from \$26.50 to \$31.50 for each members renewal. As the trickle down effect goes... Our post will have to raise the post annual dues from \$30.00 to \$35.00 possibly \$40.00. This raise in price will cover any future increases on your renewals. Hopefully for 10 years? With that said, at June's meeting I will recommend a motion be made on this announcement. If you have any concerns please be at our meeting, June 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm to have your voice heard. The day after the vote of the meeting, I will update you on the Post Facebook page about the price increase. Or you can call the post for the membership renewal cost.

Then you can either stop by the post to drop off your dues, pay it online at "legion.org" or wait until the notification letters have been delivered to your household. I need to remind everyone that national headquarters is very slow about posting renewal membership information on their books after you pay. This has been a problem for years. After several complaint inputs.... you June still receive future renewal notices afterwards? Just throw the notices away if have already paid.

The driveway drainage construction work is almost complete. I ask everyone to please be careful entering and exiting the parking lot. On that note, when you're leaving the parking lot, please watch for pedestrian traffic crossing along the sidewalk path. Thank you for your patience.

I've been approached about not receiving the post newsletter since it's being published on the post Web page. If you know older members who don't have access to a computer or how to operate one, have them send a note to me at the post asking for a copy to be mailed to them? If that member belongs to the squadron or auxiliary I will forward the request to that organization.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

POST ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

2025 department convention in Lebanon, NH was a great learning experience. I attended multiple committee meetings on rules, regulations and ceremonies. People noticed Post 6 presence in which it was really great for me to be there representing our post. We did get an award for 100 percent membership last year. Also, department raised legion dues \$5 dollars in which we will be taking that up at the next legion meeting on the third Thursday of this month.

Thanks to everyone that attended our memorial day service and BBQ it was a really great turnout.

I have processed most of the SAL's memberships. We are sitting right about 93 percent. If you have not received a membership card, please let me know. Please remember the special meeting for nomination and elections for the squadron officers. It is June 18, 2025 at 1800 hrs. Being a dual member and doing both memberships now and for some time, I feel I would be the best candidate for the adjutant for the squadron, and I will be running for squadron adjutant in the upcoming elections. Your support would be greatly appreciated

Scott Annis, Post Adjutant

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE	ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE
June 7th – Post	June 6th – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene
June 14th – Post	June 21st – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene
June 21st – Post	
June 28th – Post	

SQUADRON MESSAGE

To all Squadron members, Please allow me a minute of your time. I need to bring the following information to your attention.

Our Post Squadron detail has diminished to only a few members being present at the monthly meetings. The Squadron's roll at the post is to host some annual events for the child & youth programs and to volunteer helping the Post during their annual dinners and outings just to mention a few.

Although the Squadron is recognized as a program in the eyes of our National Headquarters, I'd like to think of you as more than a program. The squadron used to create many fundraisers like hosting the children's annual Christmas party, Easter party, they used to take children to many sporting events in Portland and to water parks during the summer. They used to adopt a family or 2 purchasing gift cards and presenting them during Christmas for "the not so fortunate" families that have trouble providing gifts for their children. It is my hope to do our best to get back to that kind of caring and fun the squadron used to provide to the children and the community while helping the post. With your help we can get back there and soon!

In closing, there will be a meeting in the upstairs hall at the post on Wednesday June 18, 2025 at 6:00pm. At this meeting we will be nominating, electing and installing new squadron officers. The positions required to fill the executive board is:

Commander; 1st Vice Commander; Adjutant (Secretary); Finance Officer; Chaplain; Historian; and Sergeant-at-Arms .

A post member will be assigned as the squadron advisor. This person doesn't have to be but can be a dual member.

I hate to see the squadron dissolve. Please consider becoming an officer of the Squadron and/ or attending their meetings to keep them active? I've listed a lot of good reasons to be active within the squadron. If you would like information about each position being voted on, contact me at the Post or you can text/ call me at 603.953.5347. Thank you,

Frank Desper
Post Commander

GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone - I hope your summer is off to a great start!

I know on Memorial Day we had a wonderful crowd here at the post, with Scott Annis and Bruce Marshall at the smoker and Scott Smith manning the grille. Lots of you (us) brought in incredible dishes to share of which we all enjoyed after a great speech given by Scott Annis. I personally had a wonderful day and by the looks of the crowd, you all did too. 🍷

Of course, the Ladies Auxiliary went to the cemetery the day prior so that most of the veterans there were honored with an American flag at their gravestones. This is something the Auxiliary has done for years and years with probably not a lot of recognition. I must say I participated with them for the first time this year and thought it was a very meaningful, sometimes emotional yet VERY rewarding experience. So, props to you Ladies Auxiliary!! Much Love ❤️

DJ Darlene will be here on Friday, June 6, 2025 as well as Saturday June 21, 2025 for our karaoke fans. She starts at 7 and rocks out till 11 so COME ON DOWN and sing a song! 🎤

I can't think of anything else to report at this time, so I'll say goodbye until next month

Shari Smith, Grille Steward
10 year bartender/15 year member



UNIT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello, we recently had our elections for the upcoming year. We are excited to announce our newly elected officials as the following:

Dawn Lopez: President
Joelly Miller: Senior Vice
Sheila Hardy: Second Vice
Secretary: Karyl Horn
Treasure: Karyl Horn
Chaplain: Ella Studrance
Historian: Karen Hemstrought
Sgt of Arms: Brenda Eldon

Thursday, June 12, 2025 will be our last auxiliary meeting for the summer break. Have a wonderful and safe summer! We will resume in September. Please continue to support our post and unit.

Dawn Lopez, Unit President

UNIT NEWS

Dear Unit Member – We had a good turnout at our last meeting on Thursday, May 8, 2025. The Unit was able to donate \$2,000.00 to the Special Needs program at Portsmouth High; \$1,000.00 to Vouchers to Veterans benefiting 50 veterans; \$1,500.00 to Hero Pups; \$2,500.00 to Liberty House to help repair their kitchen; \$500.00 to Hyder House Family Hospice; \$1,200.00 to the USS Albacore Park; and \$2,000.00 to the Biddeford Youth Hockey Program. We also voted to award two \$2,500.00 scholarships. Juliana Siraco will be studying welding through the PNSY Apprentice Program and Aliza McKenney who is studying radiology at Southern Maine Community College.

Plans are underway to collect items for Liberty House and school supplies for the Give 10 to Education over the summer months.

Do you have a local charity that you think can benefit from a donation from our unit, come to the next meeting with this info. We still have funds that we would love to donate. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your continued membership and volunteer work.

Karyl Horn, Unit Secretary/Treasurer

"When we honor our flag, we honor what we stand for as a nation—freedom, equality, justice, and hope." - Ronald Reagan

JUNE 2025						
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Karaoke with DJ Darlene 7-11 p.m.	SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				Unit Meeting 6:30 p.m.		FLAG DAY SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
FATHER'S DAY			SAL Meeting 6 p.m.	JUNETEENTH POST Meeting 6 p.m.		SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Darlene 7-11 p.m.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
						SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
					Karaoke with DJ Darlene 7-11 p.m.	SURF & TURF 3 p.m.

