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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I'd like to open this message by asking you to consider becoming an officer of the post. At this month's meeting we will be conducting the first round of nominations. The second round of nominations will be conducted at the March meeting. Then for the April meeting, we open the voting polls at 12:00 to close them at 7:00 pm this way it gives everyone a chance to come out and vote for the officer of their choice.

The post baseball coach sent me the following message, I'd like to share it with you; "I hope all is well at the Post. I wanted to reach out and keep you updated on baseball this summer. I am moving forward plans to have a Prep, Junior, and Senior team. The teams are registered and we are working on the schedules. Secondly, it is the 400th anniversary for the City of Portsmouth, and we are planning a baseball exhibition on Sunday, June 25, 2023. The plan is to have 4 games at Leary field on that day. There is an old - timers baseball group who will play in the morning and our Prep, Junior, and Senior teams will play in the afternoon/evening vs Dover Post 8. I've been working with Dover and the city to plan an exciting day. The City of Dover is also celebrating its 400 anniversary. It would be great if we could have participation from the post. We are still in the planning stages but would welcome some ideas if possible.

Potential ideas:

- National anthem and Legion code of sportsmanship for each game.
- Honorary first pitch
- Concession stand set up. (There is a legion member, who I can't remember his name, who has approached me about operating it over the years.)
- Decorate Leary with banners.
- Color guard? "

Respectfully, Matt

My request and questions to you are.

Would you like to throw out the first pitch?

Who was the post member that offered to operate the concession stand?

Would anyone like to decorate the field with flags and streamers?

If anyone is interested in helping this year's baseball games, please contact the Post Adjutant or myself so we can support the children and community.

In closing, I'd like to say, the post will only survive through your support and thank you for renewing your 2023 membership.

Frank Desper, Post Commander

POST ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Veterans! If you haven't yet paid your 2023 dues, please consider doing so soon. Post 6 is doing great things in and outside of the community and you are a part of that. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the post if you have questions or need assistance.

I will be away from the post from 2/21/23 through 3/7/23.

Frank Capalare, Post 6 Adjutant

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone, hope everyone is doing well and getting through the winter months without too many problems. Our next S.A.L. meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 15, 2023** at 6:00pm. At this meeting we will be holding first nominations for officers. If you are interested in running for a position or nominate to someone please attend the meeting or submit a letter of intent to myself, the Squadron Adjutant, or drop it into the S.A.L. mailbox in the Grille before the meeting date.

Second nominations will be held at our regularly scheduled meeting in March. Our The next S.A.L. sponsored Surf & Turf will be held on **Saturday, February 11, 2023** from 3:00 till 5:00 pm. Hope to see you there.

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2023. Please do so when you get a chance. Thank you!

Michael Hunt, S.A.L. Commander

GRILLE MESSAGE

Be sure to come in and try out the EBOT machines!

Karaoke is the first Friday and third Saturday of the month!

The Grille Entertainment schedule for 2023 so far is:

February 2023 - TBA

March 2023 - TBA

April 15, 2023 - Echo Tones

May 13, 2023 - Echo Brook

Dec 31, 2023 - Echo Brook will perform for our New Year's Eve Party

As usual, Surf and Turf is every Saturday!

Feel free to email me for any reason!

For God and Country,
Paddy O'Hare, Grille Steward
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SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 4th- Post
FEBRUARY 11th – S.A.L.
FEBRUARY 18th – Unit
FEBRUARY 25th – Post

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 3rd – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene
FEBRUARY 21st – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene

UNIT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Ladies: A special meeting was called a couple of weeks ago. Date and time was posted and put on our website. However, as usual, only 5 officers attended. As it's been said every month, we do not have participation at meetings or any committees. It is now becoming a problem that cannot be remedied. Before Thanksgiving a box for the food pantry was set up at the Post. It's a small box and still not half full. Why??? A toy and a pair of Jeans were put in that box which wasn't appropriate so it was trashed. We never got winter coats, hats, etc. for our homeless and veterans. Another disappointment. We only have a handful of volunteers for 2 hours a month for Surf and Turf. No one is interested apparently. I won't go on.

The officers have decided to cancel all clothes drives, food pantry collections, cancel some committees to be reported each year, eliminate any social activities, dinners, etc. from now on. We will not be asking for volunteers in the future. This is YOUR Auxiliary. We are a few members who are trying to keep it active. If all auxiliary members are not interested in making it successful, that is your choice. We do not want to lose our charter. If that happens, we will not have an auxiliary and your membership is not valid in Portsmouth. Members would have to transfer to another Post. We really are struggling to keep us afloat. But we do want everyone to be aware of what is a possibility.

Nominations and Elections are coming soon. Another situation that is troubling. No one wants to be nominated or attend meetings to see what it's all about. We have a large membership but in the past we only get 11 and 17 members to come to vote. Not a good showing. We may change the voting times as sitting around for hours for a dozen members seems like a waste of time.

I do want to thank our Officers and volunteers who are available when asked. You are very much appreciated.

Judi Fountas, Unit President 603-964-7007

As a friendly reminder, if dues not paid, you would eventually lose your privileges at the Legion.

That being said, the delegates to the 2022 National Convention voted to increase dues by \$6.00 starting in 2024. Sadly, Unit 6 will be voting in the months to come to increase our unit dues to **\$30.00** starting with the year 2024. More info to come.

There are several ways to renew your dues. Visit www.ALAforVeterans.org to renew online with your member ID on your card. You must log in to pay your dues. Click "Renew Here" and log in with your username and password. If you do not have a username or password, simply click "Sign Up" to get started.

- Pay by phone to ALA National Headquarters at (317) 569-4570, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. Visa/MasterCard or Visa/MasterCard Debit are accepted when renewing online or by phone.

- Send to American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 6, 96 Islington Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801. Please make all checks payable to “American Legion Auxiliary.” If you prefer, you can visit your unit and pay your dues directly to an Auxiliary officer.

Thank you for your continued support of Unit 6 and its programs helping our Military, Veterans, Families and Community.

Karyl Horn, Secretary/Treasurer

FEBRUARY 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3 Karaoke with DJ Darlene 7-11 p.m.	4 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9 Unit Meeting 6 p.m.	10	11 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
12	13	14 HAPPY ST. VALENTINE'S DAY	15 S.A.L. Meeting 6 p.m.	16 Post Meeting 6 p.m.	17	18 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Karaoke with DJ Darlene 7-11 p.m.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
26	27	28	1	2	3 Karaoke with DJ Darlene 7-11 p.m.	4 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.

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