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POST COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We had an outstanding audience attendance at our September meeting. I want to thank everyone for showing up. We had a productive meeting with many suggestions supporting the Post. One interesting piece of information that was mentioned, the Portsmouth City Council is adding wording on the voting ballot this year to read; shall the city remove all games of chance from within the city limits. They are also using the same wording pertaining to Keno. To give you an early update Keno is being voted on again this year. I would like to remind everyone that some of Post's primary sources of income is provided from these types of games. For those of you reading this and are a resident of Portsmouth, please read the ballot carefully when you go out to vote this year. Voting day is November 4, 2025. It would be beneficial for the post if you would take a friend with you to vote on these topics. Please vote to keep both the games we have and to have Keno authorized for play within the city. Remember, people are strong in numbers. Get out and vote.

On the flip side during the meeting, our Post Adjutant resigned from the position. So, we are seeking out a new Adjutant. To lay all the cards on the table, this position is a very important role at the post. This position will require you to spend about 3 hours per day in the office until you get settled in. Then you can adjust your hours of responsibilities into your weekly schedule. After being voted on, the post will pay you a stipend for performing the Adjutant duties. If you are interested, (we would like a retired person) but it is not required. Please contact me or leave a message/ phone number with the bartender and I will get back to you. I need to inform you, until the Adjutant position is filled, membership cards will continue to be issued except at a slower pace. Please be patient while we work through this job search. Also, the post voted to increase the post dues from \$30.00 to \$31.50.

(UPDATE) Frank C. and I attended the City Council meeting on Sept. 24, 2025, to listen and speak about the upcoming vote supporting Keno and about it being put on the ballot. The short story is, Keno will be placed on the ballot for a vote. Be careful of the wording, it was changed to read; shall we prohibit the operation of Keno within the City limits of Portsmouth? Please Vote NO. This vote will allow Keno to be played in Portsmouth.

Another topic that was discussed; shall Portsmouth remove all games of chance within the city limits? Again, the short story is and in the eyes of the Concord; games of chance are card tables, roulette table, wheel of chance, and those games alike played at a casino. The charitable games of chance that we operate at our post will not be affected. Vote how you choose, either to allow a casino to be operated within the city limits or not?

Our Post Senior baseball coach is stepping down this year. However, he related to me that he will provide a complete turnover to the new coach before he totally moves side. If you are a hard charging coach that would like to help lead our team(s) for 2026 and on, contact me at the post. This is a volunteer position. The American Legion baseball program team age ranges from 13 to 19 years old. Our Post also supports a junior and a prep team. If you would like to get involved with our baseball program, contact me for more information.

The Post wants to wish everyone a Happy Halloween and please watch out for all the trickier treaters. Check out the steward's events for October? She seems to have a very interesting month planned for you!

Frank Desper, Post Commander

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

October 4th – Post
October 11th – Post
October 18th – Post
October 25th – Post

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

October 3rd – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene
October 18th – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene

SAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy October Squadron,

As we step into October, I am excited to continue building momentum with the Sons of the American Legion here in Portsmouth. This fall brings fresh opportunities for us to show our community what we are all about—support, camaraderie, and service. Whether it is lending a hand at local town events, working alongside our Legion family, or simply showing up with new energy and ideas, your involvement makes a difference. Together, we can bring new life and spirit into everything we do.

On top of that, we have got something fun to look forward to—live music coming up this month! It is a great chance to relax, connect, and enjoy time together outside of our usual routine. Do not forget, our next meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of October, and I would love to see as many of you there as possible. Bring your ideas and your enthusiasm—let us make this fall one to remember for the Sons of the American Legion at Post #6.

And do not forget—every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm we host Surf & Turf! It is one of the best ways to kick off your weekend: good food, good company, and plenty of fun. Come down and spend time with fellow members and friends—you never know who you will meet or what conversations will spark. It is the perfect chance to stay connected!

Cameron Chick, Squadron Commander

GRILLE STEWARD'S MESSAGE

Good day everyone!

If you have been in any of the stores lately, they show that the 'holidays' will soon be here. Crazy!! The weather is quickly changing (especially at night), and the leaves are changing and falling too.

Unfortunately, the band we had scheduled for October 4th had to unexpectedly cancel for personal reasons. I am trying to get them back on our schedule asap. We do, of course, have our amazing DJ Darlene scheduled for **Friday, October 3rd** and **Saturday October 18th**. Both nights she starts at 7pm and plays right through till 11pm. Get your vocal cords ready and come down to sing a song or two. We absolutely LOVE newcomers as well as our regular "Rock Stars" so please come in!!

Our **Halloween party** this year will be a bit early, but we have **Echo Tones** coming in to play on **Saturday, October 25th** starting at 7pm. Awesome band!! We will give out 3 separate prizes for the "funniest", the "scariest", and the "most original" costumes. So put on your thinking caps and come up with a great costume and COME ON DOWN!

The Ladies Auxiliary is having a craft evening here at the Post on **Sunday, October 19th**, starting at 4:30. Look at their message in this newsletter for more details and to find out how you can sign up. I went to this last year and totally enjoyed myself and came home with a beautiful craft that I had made myself! I was impressed with me, and you can be too. LOL!

The Game Day that I mentioned in last month's newsletter is coming together nicely. It will take place on **Sunday, October 12th**, here in the grille. There is a signup sheet at the bar so either come down and put your name on the list, or you can call and ask the bartender to add your name to the list. There will be prizes for the **1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners** so you do not want to miss this!!

Until next month, Be Safe

Shari Smith, Grille Steward
(16-year member and 12-year bartender)

UNIT PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello ladies

Nice to see new faces at our last meeting! We hope to see you all again at our next meeting! We will be hosting a Chalk Couture craft evening on Sunday October 19th at 4:30, upstairs, light refreshments will be present. A sign-up sheet will be up to RSVP. Price range is \$25-50 depending on what project you choose. Great for Holiday decorating or gift giving it will be a fun evening! Hope to see you all there! Happy Halloween!

Dawn Lopez, Unit President (207) 300-3122

UNIT NEWS

Auxiliary Membership Card are now available. Senior Members \$30.00. New Members \$35.00 and Junior Members \$10.00. Send your check and monies to ALA Unit 6, 96 Islington Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801 or put it in the Unit mailbox by the cellar door. If your address has changed, it is important that I get the information. Also, if you have not paid your 2025 dues, it is \$30.00.

In October there will be a box in the Grille area to help the Portsmouth Public Library Little Free Essentials Program. Please consider donating Toiletries (full and travel sizes), Laundry detergent, t-shirts, socks, Ziplock/garbage bags, etc. Check the flyer for a complete list.

Next Unit Meeting is October 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Karyl Horn, Unit 6 Secretary

OCTOBER 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
					Karaoke with DJ Darlene 7-11 p.m.	SUPER SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				Unit Meeting 6:30 p.m.		SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Game Day	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.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Craft Night 4:30 p.m.						SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Halloween Party Echo Tones
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
						SURF & TURF 3 p.m.

