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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Thursday, April 19, 2018 is Election Day for new officers within the Post, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. The polls will open at 1200 and close at 1900 hours. If you decide to campaign as a write-in candidate or want to write-in a candidate of your choice, remember this; for any write-in to be considered they must meet 2 requirements. (1) They must be a member of Post 6. (2) They must be in good standings. If any write-in candidate does not meet both requirements, then that portion of the ballot will be null and void. As mentioned earlier, the Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion are conducting their elections, please read the entire newsletter to confirm their poll openings and closings. I encourage everyone from all of the organizations at Post 6 to come out and show your support to all of the new and upcoming candidates and VOTE.

The Installation of all new Officers will be held in the upstairs hall on **Tuesday, April 24, 2018** at 1800 hours. A light meal will be served after its conclusion. If you decide at a later date to get more involved with the Post activities, there will be various positions available on many Committees. If you're interested in serving on a committee, let me know? All of the Committees and their responsibilities are outlined in the Post By-Laws.

Part of the American Legion mission involves a commitment to community service. Our Post American Legion Junior Baseball team will be hosting the 2018 New Hampshire Junior Legion State Tournament from July 28 through Aug. 1 at historic Leary Field in the heart of downtown Portsmouth. The Post 6 is seeking tournament sponsors and volunteers to make this a landmark event. The Post would appreciate any and all aid towards following such a mission during this venture. Some of the services needed are; volunteers to collect park entrance fees, concession stand operators and qualified person(s) to serve as an on-duty emergency medical technician (EMT).

For further tournament details, visit <http://newhampshireamericanlegionbaseball.com>. Any inquiries regarding tournament sponsorship and volunteering should be directed to Junior Legion Tournament director Matt Gladu, who can be reached at 603-867-8355 or gladu@comcast.net.

In closing, I want to thank Scott Smith, Brian Buttree and friend for painting both restrooms and jointing hallway. Great job!

Frank Desper, Post Commander

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

On January 13, 2018 Robert E. Gootee passed away. If anyone knows of a sick or hospitalized member, please let me know. My phone number is 603 433-3911.

Jan Bailey, Post Chaplain

SURF & TURF SCHEDULE

APRIL 7th – Post
APRIL 14th – S.A.L.
APRIL 21st – Unit
APRIL 28th – Post

BAND SCHEDULE

APRIL 6th – Karaoke w/DJ Darlene
APRIL 7th – Rosie
APRIL 14th – Fog
APRIL 21st – Black Lite Band

ADJUTANT'S MESSAGE

Hoping everyone is enjoying the friendly winter season. Renewals for 2018 are starting to come in strong. We now sit at 88% renewals for 2018. Keep in mind that renewing is easy and can be done on-line. It helps the Post save time as your renewal goes straight to Department and National. Those of you that remain, please help us save some money and renew online at www.legion.org/renew or send your dues to the Post. It only takes a minute. One more item, the new cards show more information. Several members are missing service and/or periods served. Please take credit for your service. Any member with 50+ years of membership will have their dues paid by the Post. Please ensure that a copy of your DD-214 is on file with the Post. We need to be able to verify your service. If you can't locate it, contact the Post and we can get the paperwork started so that you can receive your copy. All veterans with honorable or general discharges are eligible to shop online at the various service exchanges. You can verify your status on www.vetverify.org. If you haven't tried it yet, consider checking it out. Remember, our organization can only survive with active members. If you know any veteran that may be interested, please contact any officer for an application. The veteran's ID card is still on hold because the process has been overloaded from applications. No info yet on when it will start back up. The American Legion has finally allowed members to get the Dispatch Newsletter from its website. You can get info more quickly from this site. You can subscribe by entering your email address at the prompt. The address is <https://www.legion.org/media/212766/digital-dispatch-now-available>. At our March meeting, nominations were done for officers. All officers in the present slate have agreed to continue in their position. One more officer position – Mike Smith – 2nd Vice commander. We still have openings in other officer positions such as Historian, Audit committee, and Assistant Service Officer. If you are interested in these positions, please submit your name to the Adjutant before April 15th. Election is April 19th and the installation of new officers is scheduled for April 24th at 7pm. Please show your support for the new officers and attend the installation. All are welcome. We are always looking for new ideas. There are some opening for delegates to the Department convention in Manchester this June. Our next meeting is after the election on April 19th. Please come to the meeting, voice your concerns and find out what's happening both in this Post and the Legion.

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Jim Bailey, Post Adjutant

SQUADRON COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone, welcome to spring. At our last meeting we held 2nd. nominations for officers. We'll be holding elections for officers on **Thursday, April 19, 2018** from 12:00pm till 7:00pm in the upstairs hall of the post. You'll need to show your 2018 membership card to vote. Please come out and vote and show your support for your S.A.L. The next S.A.L. sponsored Surf & Turf will be held on **Saturday, April 14, 2018** from 3:00 pm till 5:00 pm. Please come out, have some fun and hopefully win some steak and lobsters. At this time our 2018 membership is at 173 members, which is about 104% of this year's membership goal. The next S.A.L. meeting will be held on **Wed. April 18, 2018** at 6:00pm. Hope you can make it. Thank You!

Michael Hunt, S.A.L. Commander

STEWARD'S MESSAGE

No message this month.

Sue Desper, Grille Steward

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you all for your generous donations for the Sox of Love. We got a lot of socks and toiletries which will be put to good use. They will be donated to Liberty House in Manchester. Also, the tabs are coming in at a good clip, thank you to all who donated. Nominations are in and elections will be held on **Thursday, April 19, 2018** from 3-6 pm. A meeting will be held at 6 pm. Our installation will be on **Tuesday, April 24, 2018**. Officers will wear navy bottoms and white tops. If you have anything to report on what you did to assist a veteran, children, the community etc. please write it down and give it to one of the auxiliary officers. Items donated to charity also counts. Don't forget to state your hours and money spent. Call me if you have any questions 964-7007. Hope you all have a Happy Easter!!!

Judi Fountas, Unit President 603-964-7007



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S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
1	2	3	4	5	6 Karaoke w/DJ Darlene 7 p.m.	7 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Rosie
8	9	10	11	12 Unit Meeting 6 p.m.	13	14 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Fog
15	16	17	18 S.A.L. Meeting 6 p.m.	19 Post Meeting 6 p.m. Election Day	20	21 SURF & TURF 3 p.m. Black Lite
22	23	24 Installation of Officers 7 p.m.	25	26	27	28 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.
29	30	1	2	3	4 Karaoke w/DJ Darlene 7 p.m.	5 SURF & TURF 3 p.m.

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