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## Commander Donald R. Hadley Jr.

Hello again to all Post and Auxiliaries Members. I hope that this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirit. It seems like the year just started and now it's winding down. As a reminder the Post Officer Nominations and Elections will be held at the March 9<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup> meetings respectively. The balloting for elections will be held from 0800-1900 hours on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Any members not running for an office that would like to work the ballot box please contact me so we can set up a schedule of time blocks.

I would like to thank all who helped make our Super Bowl and Daytona 500 parties a success. Special Thanks to Steve San Pedro, Joy Andreasen and Kelly Googins for their help in the kitchen. It was a lot of work but I think all who attended enjoyed the foods we put out for them. Thanks Again!!!

The following is a list of upcoming events at the Post:

### March

- 7<sup>th</sup> VOD and Patriot Pen Banquet
- 7<sup>th</sup> Men's Auxiliary Breakfast 8-10:30 AM and Ladie's Auxiliary Ham Shoot
- 13<sup>th</sup> Casino Night 7-11 PM
- 13<sup>th</sup> First Steak Dinner 6-8 PM \$10 per person. SIGN UP sheet in post soon

More info to follow with menu on sign-up sheet

- 14<sup>th</sup> District 10 Meeting, Portland
- 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Dinner, \$6.00 per person, 5 PM Tickets at Bar soon.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Life Member Breakfast 9 AM, Ladie's Auxiliary Ham Shoot
- 27<sup>th</sup> Country Western Night, Tickets at Bar \$10 per person

### April

- 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday, Men's Auxiliary Breakfast 8-10:30 AM
- 11<sup>th</sup> Ladie's Auxiliary German Dinner
- 18<sup>th</sup> Life Member Breakfast 9 AM

As always, Karaoke is every Friday night from 7-11 PM and every Sunday from 6-10 PM. Come on down and have some fun. We've also added some food items to the menu at the bar....look for Chicken Wings (Hot, BBQ and Plain), Mozzarella Sticks, Jalapeno Poppers and Soft Pretzels. The prices are very reasonable and the food is good so come on down and enjoy!!!

If there is anyone that needs to contact me for any reason please do so through the post and I'll return your call as soon as possible. Just a reminder that there is a suggestion box just outside the Pool Room in the hallway that I check regularly.

Lastly, just a reminder on membership. If we all recruit 1 new member we can be 100% with ease. Please talk to your friends, neighbors and family. We must retain and increase membership to keep our organization strong.

Thank you for your efforts.

Yours in Comradeship  
Don Hadley

## Chaplin's Report William R. Doughty



Comrades, we have now come to that time of the year when the activities of Post 6859 will increase in number. Official meetings of Post, District and Department, holidays and local patriotic gatherings will be on our calendar as the Spring weather arrives. So also will the number of funerals be required once the ground is no longer frozen.

I am calling on all of you to keep your Post informed if you have need of our services at the funeral of a departed member. We are honored to serve you and our team of officers stand "at the ready" to take action but YOU MUST INFORM US ASAP when we are needed.

Just call the Post at 207 773 8745 or you can call me at 207 773 9580. We will respond quickly to meet your need.

On the brighter side, if you would like your Chaplain to conduct a wedding service (at no charge to an active member family) please contact me personally. As you know I am a fully ordained United Methodist minister. Your Post has banquet facilities which you can rent at a very reasonable price so you can also hold your reception or a family party here.

Remember that Post 6859 is your Post so take advantage of the activities that are listed in this Newsletter as well as the ones mentioned above.

Your Chaplain also offers you his services in various ways. Home or hospital visitation for one thing, if you call him. In addition, if you need to discuss a problem of a personal nature your Chaplain will come to you or meet you at a "neutral" location for privacy. Are you looking for a job? Need a reference? Got a problem?

Call your Chaplain



## President Joy Andreasen

Sisters'

The coffee and end table that was so generously donated by Ann and Sandy Petersen, was raffled off at our last meeting. Kelly Googins drew the winning name and I'm excited to report that the winner was Me!!! Thank you Ann and Sandy for your continuing support to our auxiliary.

I'd also like to thank Commander Don Hadley and Jr. Vice Steve San Pedro for all the work they did to provide us with a great Super Bowl party, and a Daytona party. Thank also to all others that brought in food.

I hope you all had a great Valentine's Day. The ladies who came down to the post were treated with roses from Commander Hadley and heart shaped boxes of candy from Shelby Cobb. Thank you for making our ladies feel special.

Thank you to all of you who are knitting helmet liners for our troops in Afghanistan. Your support and good deeds will be greatly appreciated. Keep up the good work.

Mindy Singleton, our Legislative and PAC chairman, donated a "Date Night Basket" to be raffled off for PAC. With help from the bartenders, Pat Gervais and Kelly Googins, Mindy raised \$73.00. The basket consisted of a \$25.00 Applebee's gift card, two movie tickets candles and chocolates, and was won by Steve San Pedro.

### CANCER DINNER

The annual roast pork dinner for cancer aid and research will be Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 p.m. at \$7.00 each. Tickets are available behind the bar. Cake for dessert to be donated by Helen Harley.

DISTRICT MEETING- March 14<sup>TH</sup> 1P.M.

Chop suey, salad + bread-needed donated desserts.

COUNTRY DINNER AND DANCE- pending post approval- March 27<sup>th</sup> 6-11 \$10.00 each.

Live band- Gloria Jean and the EZ Riders with special performance by Artie Gallant.

Dinner served from a Chuck Wagon

Door prizes, raffles and 50/50

NEEDED- new items of any sort to be used for Ways and Means prizes at Dept. Convention. Items may be left at the post with my name.

May you all have a Happy St. Paddy's Day and a wonderful Easter

Joy.



Barbara Sawyer—Membership Chairman/VFW National Home

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the members of the Ladies Auxiliary as you have made the Auxiliary over 100% in Membership for the first time in a few years. By getting our 100% before December the Auxiliary received a check from National for \$75 which went into the General Fund for our community activities. We now have 125 Life members which is great. Those Life Members won't have to worry ever again about paying their dues on time.

National Home for Children celebrated their 85<sup>th</sup> birthday in January and received over 500 Birthday Cards and enough donations of monies for their mini bus. Thank you to all that sent a card.

Campbell labels, (UPC Code) for the National Home for Children— Keep those "Labels" coming and I will let you know the total count in the next bulletin. Please keep up the good work. THANK YOU for all that you do for the children at the National Home.

# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  HC Meet 7:00pm	3	4	5 Karaoke 7:00pm	6 VOD & Leg. Conference Washington, DC 5-7
7  Men's Aux Breakfast 8-10:30 am Ladies Auxiliary Ham Shoot	8	9  Post Ladies Aux Meeting 7:30PM Men's Aux 7PM	10	11	12 Karaoke 7:00pm	13 Casino/ Post Steak Dinner Night
14  Pool Tourney 2:00PM Karaoke District 10 Portland	15	16	17  HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19 Karaoke 7:00pm	20
21  LM Breakfast 9:00am Ladies Auxiliary Ham Shoot	22	23	24	25	26 Karaoke 7:00pm	27 County Western Night
28  Pool Tourney 2:00PM Karaoke 6:00PM	29	30	31			

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 2:00 PM sharp!*

# APRIL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 ☉	2 Karaoke 7:00pm	3
4 ☉ HAPPY EASTER Breakfast 8-10:30 am Ladies Auxiliary Ham Shoot	5	6 ☉ HC Meet 7:00pm	7 ☾	8 ☉	9 Karaoke 7:00pm	10 Eastern States/Nashua, NH 9-11
11 ☉ Pool Tourney 2:00PM Aux. German Dinner	12	13 ☉ Post Ladies Aux Meeting 7:30PM Men's Aux 7PM	14 ☾	15 ☉	16 Karaoke 7:00pm	17 Department Commanders Testimonial Auburn Post
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## President Jonathan Andreassen

Brothers'

We will be working with the Ladies Aux. helping them with the country western dance that they are putting on. The date is March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-11 p.m. Gloria Jean and the EZ Riders will be performing and Artie Gallant will be doing some songs as well. Hope you will be able to attend this event.

Our meeting room is looking very good with new paint on the walls. Some of the members such as Marc Lamontagne and Jim Payson have been working hard to get the final coats on the walls and doing the final touch ups. Thank you both for your hard work.

On Sunday afternoons we are still having the pool tournaments at 2 p.m. Lately there have only been about 8 people playing, so if you would like to come down and play in them there is plenty of room, plus it's a good chance for you to come down and support the post.

It's getting to that point in the year already where we need to start thinking about fund raisers for the upcoming year. If you have an idea that we could do please come to the meeting and let us know, or let myself or any of the officers know so we can bring it up at the meeting for you.

Membership is slowly picking up. We have had a few new members join since the last news letter. If you know anybody that is eligible for anyone of the organizations please give them an application. Applications are available behind the bar, just ask the bartender for one and they will gladly get it for you. Also if you haven't paid your dues yet please do it as quickly as possible. The dues are \$35.00.

Thank You,

Jonny



### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership continues to grow. We are now total 50 members. I know we've had some issues with lost applications, to this end. The Men's Auxiliary has instituted a new policy. All applications should be mailed.

Please mail **ALL** applications to:

Jonathan Andreassen  
26 Sullivan Dr.  
Cumberland, ME 04021

**Do not leave applications at the bar.**

### **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS**

Effective July of 2010 the Post will discontinue mailing the newsletter.

Our Post has a Website

[www.vfwpost6859.org](http://www.vfwpost6859.org)

All Post information will be published on the site including the Post Newsletter which will contain much more information. This change will save the Post a considerable amount of monies that we can use for our community activities projects.

Please take a look at the website and check out the previous published Post Newsletters.

In-Comradeship,  
Thomas R. Lussier, PSC  
Post Adjutant



**HALL RENTALS**

Our banquet hall is available to all members for an extremely reasonable cost.

**\$150.00**

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773-8745

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