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Commander Donald R. Hadley Jr.

Hello again Comrades and members of the Auxiliaries,

It's been a year now since I did my first newsletter and can't believe how fast the time has gone by. We had a very successful year thanks to the hard work of ALL members and I'd like to personally THANK YOU ALL! Job well done.

As the start of a new year ensues I will start by saying I hope we can repeat last year's performance. We have a new slate of officers whom I'm sure will do everything possible to keep us a Top-Notch Post. We have a Lady's and Men's Auxiliary that are unparalleled.

This will be the last newsletter that will be mailed to members. We had to extend the printing for one more issue to inform ALL members of next month's meeting in order to address and vote on a revision to the Post By-Laws. Very little was changed but all the same, members need to be informed so they have the opportunity to come down and vote.

Upcoming Events:

July

4th Independence Day

6th Scheduling of yearly events 6PM prior to House Committee Meeting

17th Post Steak Dinner

August

21st Post Steak Dinner

I'd also like to Congratulate the following members for the election to the following positions:

Department Senior Vice Commander Louis "Sandy" Peterson

Department Judge Advocate
District 10 Commander

Mark Reilly
David Olson

Also, several other members of Deering Memorial Post have been elected to or appointed to District 10 positions.

Ladies Auxiliary

Department Chaplain

Department Color Bearer

District 10 President

Joy Andreasen

Gwen Basinger

Stacey Martin

Again, congratulations to these individuals for their elections and appointments. Good Luck to you all in your new positions and have a Great Year!!!

Remember, the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at the Post home starting at 4:00 PM, members *voluntarily* showing their membership cards get \$.50 off all drinks the remainder of the evening. Members already in the lounge show your card on the first drink ordered after 4:00 PM and you get the same deal.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer.

Yours in Comradeship

Don Hadley



Chaplain's Report

William R. Doughty

As we come to the Summer of 2010 this nation faces one of the most difficult issues of our time. The oil invasion of the United States of America. The entire coast line of the Gulf of Mexico is about to be rendered unusable for years to come. What can we, as members of the VFW, do to help the people in that part of our country? How about this, contact VFW Comrades in that vast coastline and offer to some food, clothing, services and money through our VFW Post to their Post. Perhaps you know someone who is suffering due to the oil leak who could use a short vacation in Maine just to get away from the tension and depression for a little while.

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President Joy Andreasen

Sisters'

IMPORTANT: The post has requested that the meeting night be changed from 7:30p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month to 7p.m. We will vote on this at the next meeting. If passed at the post level, the request will be sent on to Dept, and then on to National. Please try to attend the next meeting.

We have been made aware of a need for donated heart shaped pillows for breast cancer surgery patients to use under their arms after surgery. The post and the Men's Aux. have both donated 100.00 to use for materials towards the project. If you would like to work on this please let me know so we can set up some work dates.

Alexa Goscinski participated in the Heart Walk and her team raised 1,000.00 The Auxiliary made a 25.00 donation for her.

Our Auxiliary did very well at convention this year with awards. District Pres. Of the year, Stacey Martin Auxiliary President of the Year, group 4, Joy Andreasen Treasurer of the Year, Barbara Sawyer Cancer Program, most money earned over quota, Joy Andreasen Comm. Service, Make a Difference Day, Barbara Sawyer Membership Program, Greatest Membership gain National Award, Outstanding participation Buddy Poppy, Barbara Sawyer National Award, National Military Service, Certificate of Recognition Auxiliary 6859 Fran Booth Scholarship, Most money in Group 4 Veterans + Families Support Program group 4, Gwen Basinger Co-Convention Chairman, Barbara Coty

The first District meeting will be Sept. 12th at our home Post.

Aux. dues are due again July 1st

If you have any ideas for the craft fair, bring them to meeting. We need to get going on this. Fall will be here before you know it.

Thank you,
Joy



Membership Chairman
National Home for Children

Barbara Sawyer

ATTENTION LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBERS – The new membership year 2011 starts on July 1, 2010. Please start thinking about paying your 2011 dues of \$15 as soon as you can. The Auxiliary did very well for 2010 ending up with 210 members which was an increase of 23 members. By paying your dues before September it helps the auxiliary receive money awards from Department and National. We did receive such awards this past year and the monies was put into our Veterans programs. Hopefully, with your help, we can have another great year. Thanking you in advance.

VFW NATIONAL HOME FOR CHILDREN – The “Fishing Rodeo” that I mentioned in the last bulletin went well and all the children had a wonderful time. We can still support the children by saving the Campbell Labels which go for educational materials and another van. You have done a wonderful job saving the labels and I hope you continue to send them to me.

Why not think of getting a Life Membership to the “Home”? The cost is \$35.00 and as a Life Member you will receive a discount on all National Home souvenirs and also have the ability to vote when there is a vacancy in our National Home District. If you are interested in becoming a LM please get in touch with me and I will send you an application and more information.

THANK YOU for all that you do for the children at the National Home.



!!!!ATTENTION ALL POST MEMBERS!!!!

In accordance with the Post By-Laws notification is hereby given that at the July Post meeting all Articles and Sections of the Post By-Laws including the following amendments proposed by the Post By-Laws Revision Committee will be voted on:

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OFFICERS 2010-2011

Commander	DONALD R HADLEY	PO Box 10201	Portland	04104
Senior Vice Commander	STEVEN J SAN PEDRO	251 Gray Rd	Windham	04062
Junior Vice Commander	RICHARD M O'LEARY	4 Andrews Ave	Falmouth	04105
Quartermaster	JAMES M SAWYER	72 Pope Rd	Portland	04062
Asst. QM	CHASE M LIBBY	32 Autumn Lane	Portland	04103
Chaplain	WILLIAM R DOUGHTY	E-1 Clairmont Ct	Portland	04103
Surgeon	NORMAN T MCLEOD	95 Summit St	Portland	04103
Judge Advocate	LOUIS A PETERSON	2 Cliff Lane	Biddeford	04005
Adjutant	THOMAS R LUSSIER	126 Bancroft St	Portland	04102
Trustee - 1 Year	DONALD R MALANSON	29 Leland St	Portland	04103
Trustee - 3 Year	MICHAEL T PAQUETTE	115 Woodsford St	Portland	04103
Guard	DONALD R MALANSON	29 Leland St	Portland	04103
Service Officer	CHARLES P MORSE	PO Box 231	Gray	04039

CHAIRMEN:

Americanism	JAMES M SAWYER	72 Pope Rd	Windham	04062
Blood Bank	NORMAN T MCLEOD	95 Summit St	Portland	04103
Buddy Poppy	JAMES M SAWYER	72 Pope Rd	Windham	04062
Community Act.	JAMES M SAWYER	72 Pope Rd	Windham	04062
Employment				
Historian	DANA HARDACKER	PO Box 2442	So.Portland	04106
Legislative				
Life Membership	DONALD R HADLEY	PO Box 10201	Portland	04104
Membership				
Memorial	LOUIS A PETERSON	2 Cliff Lane	Biddeford	04005
(Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Pearl Harbor Day, Remember the Maine)				
Post Activities				
Chairman	DONALD R HADLEY	PO Box 10201	Portland	04104
Members	STEVEN J SAN PEDRO	251 Gray Rd	Windham	04062
Public Relations				
Voice of Democracy				
Youth Activity				

HOUSE COMMITTEE:

Chairman-Cmdr	DONALD R HADLEY	PO Box 10201	Portland	04101
Jr Vice Cmdr	RICHARD M O'LEARY	4 Andrews Ave	Falmouth	04105
Quartermaster	JAMES M SAWYER	72 Pope Rd	Windham	04062
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Member	JAMES T FOLEY	14 Dow St	Portland	04102
Member	JOHN T BEKING	880 Forest Ave	Portland	04103



President Jonathan Andreassen

Brothers'

It is heart saddened to report that due to Family matters Treasurer Dave Perry has had to resign from office. He did a great job with the position, and I thank him for all his hard work and dedication.

At the last meeting we voted to raffle of a 12gauge shotgun. The drawing will be Oct.3 at 4:30. The stipulations are that you have to be 18 years of age, pass the FBI check, and be a U.S. citizen. If you do not want to take the gun as the prize you may also take the cash value of the gun. Tickets are available behind the bar, 5 dollars a piece or 5 for 20 dollars.

We donated 100.00 to the Ladies Auxiliary so they may buy materials to make heart shaped pillows to hand out to local hospitals for the cancer patients after they have surgery. The pillows go under the arms to ease the pain of an incision. If you would like to help the ladies with going shopping or if you know how to sew I'm sure the help would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any ideas for fund raisers please bring in your ideas and present them at a meeting. The turnout for meetings has improved lately. If you are unable to make it to a meeting but do have an idea please feel free to call me or send me an email.

Thank You,

Jonny

(Chaplain's Report Continued)

Why not invite them to spend some time with us this summer? Let us show them our coastline and mountains. Perhaps we could offer some Summer camp scholarships to the children who will no longer have their own beaches to play on. Reach out to our Comrades and their families in some way over the summer and fall of 2010 to show our concern. It's the VFW way. You should remember to pray for them and our country too. May GOD be with us as we face this disaster together



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

This will be the last Post Newsletter mailed. Future Newsletter will be available on our Post Website

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

Weddings

Birthdays

Reunions

Holiday Parties

All occasions

Contact our Lounge Manager

773-8745

FOR LEASE



695 Forest Avenue, Portland

- 4,600± sf 1st floor retail opportunity
- Great visibility & signage, ample parking
- \$12.00/sf NNN
- Justin Lamontagne

For More Information

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