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Post Commanders Report

Greetings Comrades,

Hope you all had a happy and safe Thanksgiving. We had a busy November with Hunters Breakfast, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving dinner, DJ Dance nites and Paint Night. All the events went well. We still need members and auxiliary to step up helping in the kitchen and with raffles. We received a check for \$100 from the Millers Table for Pizza night. They donated \$5 per pizza sold. Thanks to Mike and Jessica Carter for running the recruting table and 50/50 raffle. I received another letter from the Department Commander Jennifer Lane to congratulate us on having a high membership of 100.73% for the year 2022-2023. This is truly a great accomplishment. Thank you to all who joined and helped make this possible. We still have some tickets left on the black powder rifle so please stop by soon to get one while they last. The two new TV's are up and running for Texas Holdem and Sunday football and NASCAR racing.

The plowing and sanding contract went to Chris Roy. The bid for the roof hasn't been awarded yet. We have 16 new stools at the bar. The Kid's Christmas raffle has not sold out yet. Please stop by and get your ticket asap as this will allow us to add the Town of Anson this Christmas.

Our last Kid's Christmas lunch will be Sunday, December 11th starting at 1pm. Please stop by and enjoy lunch with us for a donation of just \$5. Thank you to all the ladies that made meals this year to help us purchase gifts for local children. We purchased a new printer for the newsletter and other Post printing needs. We need someone to run the air fryers on DJ and band night's. Please see me or the bartender if you are interested in helping out. Please check out our calender for upcoming events. Our next two roof raffles will be for a Ice Fishing package and a Henry Golden Boy Tribute Edition . 22. Please stop by the Post for details and tickets.

Please spread the word! Our Hall and kitchen are avaiable for rental to not only our members but our community. Please call or stop by to make a reservation for your next party or family gathering. Our website is being improved thanks to Phil Parks. We are publishing a digital newsletter copy monthly with clickable links through out it. All or event flyers are also on our Facebook page so please use and share the links below.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 5th at 19:00.

Respectfully,

Louis Padula - Post Commander

Website: www.vfwpost7865.com - Email: MadisonVFW@gmail.com





Post Surgeon Report

Happy December! I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving with plenty of time with family and friends. As we continue into the holiday season, let us remember that this can be a time of great stress for many of our brothers and sisters in arms. If you know of a veteran that is struggling, please reach out to any post member so that we may try to assist the veteran in need.

For Immediate Assistance: If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, connect with our caring, qualified Veterans Crisis Line responders for confidential help. Many of them are Veterans themselves. This service is private, free, and available 24/7.

To connect with a Veterans Crisis Line responder anytime day or night:

- Call <u>988</u>, then select 1.
- Text 838255.
- Start a confidential chat.
- If you have hearing loss, call TTY: 800-799-4889.

You can also:

- Call <u>911</u>.
- Go to the nearest emergency room.
- Go directly to your nearest VA medical center. It doesn't matter what your discharge status is or if you're enrolled in VA health care.

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Do you have questions about the PACT Act?

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve. The Act (1) expands and extends eligibility for VA health care for Veterans with toxic exposures and Veterans of the Vietnam era, Gulf War era, and Post-9/11 era, and (2) expands eligibility for benefits for Veterans exposed to toxic substances. If you have questions regarding the PACT Act and applying for benefits please contact the Veteran's Affairs at 877-222-8387

Apply online at VA.gov/health-care/apply/application/introduction

What new or expanded presumptions will the Act create and when will they be in effect?

For Gulf War and post 9-11 Veterans, that includes: Brain cancer, Glioblastoma, Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type, Gastrointestinal cancer of any type, Head cancer of any type, Lymphoma of any type, Lymphoma of any type, Lymphoma of any type, Neck cancer, Pancreatic cancer, Reproductive cancer of any type, Kidney cancer, Melanoma, Asthma (diagnosed after service), Chronic rhinitis, Chronic sinusitis, Constrictive bronchiolitis orobliterative bronchiolitis, Emphysema, Granulomatous disease, Interstitial lung disease (ILD), Pleuritis, Pulmonary fibrosis, Sarcoidosis, Chronic bronchitis, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

For Vietnam Veterans and other Veterans exposed to tactical herbicides, that includes two Agent Orange presumptive conditions: Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS), High blood pressure (hypertension).

Please see our flyer page for more local recorces form Somerset Public Health!

Respectfully,

Jessica Carter - Post Surgeon

VFW AUXILIARY UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES®

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS – By Brenda E. Flanagin, Treasurer

We are down to the wire for collecting our 2023 dues. Currently, we are at 94% paid with only 8 members unpaid. If you are unsure if you owe dues, please contact me at 858-5101. Thank you, a 100% membership prior to yearend provides funds for the Auxiliary.

November saw the Auxiliary admitting 2 new annual members and 1 new life member. An application for membership was received at our last Paint Night, that application will be acted on at our next regular monthly meeting. Three others showed interest in joining the Auxiliary and applications were handed out to those interested.

Care & Comfort Items - By Brenda E. Flanagin, Treasurer

Last week, 4 full bags of approximately \$200 worth of care & comfort items were delivered to Togus. Some of the delivered items were items donated through the drop box located in the bar at the Post. Care and comfort items are essential needs for veteran patients of the VA hospital. The Auxiliary supports this need several times a year by delivering comfort care items. Thank you to all who have donated to the cause. The Auxiliary appreciates all help in meeting this need, please continue to donate comfort and care items in the drop box. Sample and hotel size shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes and other items are accepted. Below are member eligibility and benefits:

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Buddy Poppy

The VFW conducted its first poppy distribution before Memorial Day in 1922, becoming the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide distribution. The next year, the VFW decided that VFW "Buddy" Poppies would be assembled by disabled and needy veterans who would be paid for their work. VFW "Buddy" Poppies are still assembled by disabled and needy veterans in VA Hospitals, providing compensation to the veterans who assemble the poppies. The poppy program also provides financial assistance in maintaining state and national veterans' rehabilitation and service programs and partially supports the VFW National Home for Children.

Our **NEXT PAINT NIGHT** will be planned for January 2023, stay tuned for more information! Thanks to all who participated on November 9th



Auxiliary Regular Monthly Meetings

are held at the Post on the Tuesday following the first Thursday of the month. Here is the meeting schedule on Tuesday's for the next three months:

December 6th @ 7pm – January 10th @ 7pm – February 7th @ 7pm

All members are welcome, and we hope to see YOU there!







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AS THE HOLIDAYS NEAR, REMEMBER: BUZZED DRIVING IS DRUNK DRIVING

The weeks leading up to the holiday season are a busy time on America's roads. To keep drivers and their passengers safe, Somerset Public Health is teaming up with the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to remind drivers about the dangers of drinking and driving.

Help NHTSA and Somerset Public Health share this message: Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving.

Celebrate with a Plan:

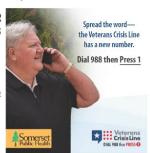
- Even if you've had only one alcoholic beverage, designate a sober driver or call a sober friend to get home safely.
- If you see a drunk driver on the road, contact local law enforcement.
- Do you have a friend who is about to drink and drive?
 Take the keys away and make arrangements to get your friend home safely.

CONFIDENTIAL CRISIS HELP FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The Veterans Crisis Line is a toll-free, confidential resource that connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) responders.

Veterans and their loved ones can **Dial 988 then Press 1**, chat online at **VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat**, or send a **text message** to **838255** to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care.

Your life is worth it. Keep fighting and never give up. Every day, responders at the Veterans Crisis Line help people going through a crisis.



Not a Veteran? You can still call or text 988 or chat 988Lifeline.org.





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Kids Christmas Fundraiser

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November 13th & 27th ● December 11th

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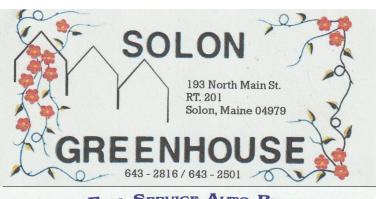
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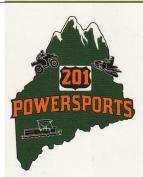


November 20th - December 4th & 18th - January 1st &15th - February 5th & 19th







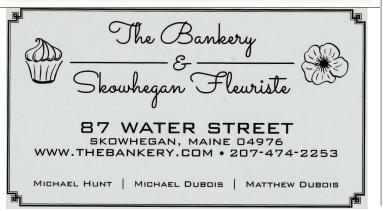


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	EVERY Monday Auxiliary Members 50¢ Off		EVERY Wednesday Post & Auxiliary Members 50¢ Off		EVERY Friday is RED FRIDAY Post Members 50¢ Off		
				1 POST Meeting@7pm	2	3	
TEXAS cfeold em Opens @ Noon	5	6 Auxiliary Meeting@7pm	7 National Pearl Harbor Day HALF STAFF ALERT!	8 KVQ Quilters Meeting @ 5pm	9	10 DISCO DANCE NIGHT 8 To Midnight	
11 CR Starts@2pm	12	13	14	15 MCL CORPS Meeting @6pm	16	17	
18 Cfeodd em Opens @ Noon	19	20 RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 12:30 to 5pm	21	22	23	24	
25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Party	

JACK & JILL AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 10th @ 2pm

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20th STARTING AT 12:30

<u>Valentine's Day Dance with local band 38 Degrees on February 11th from 8 to Midnight Saint Patrick's Day Dance with Dirty McCurdy on March 17th from 8 to Midnight</u>

Dance Nite with local band Song Pirates on May 5th from 8 to Midnight "ELVIS" - Don Boudreau on October 21st from 7 to 9pm Veterans Day Dance with Dirty McCurdy on Novermebr 11th from 8 to Midnight Christmas Dance with Borderline Express on December 3rd from 8 to Midnight

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