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### POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Hope everyone had a great month of February. Our Texas Hold-um games have grown over the last month with a lot of new faces. We had 42 players the last game in February. What a great turnout. Would love to see some of the old players come back and join us, hoping to get 48 players or more if we can. Mark your Calendars, they are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month. Doors open at noon, games start at 1 pm. Kitchen opens at noon. Thank you Dawn Lynn and Auxiliary volunteers for providing such delicious lunches

The current raffle of the Henry 3030 riffle will be drawn on March 3rd, good luck to all who have entered. Our next raffle will be a hunting package Cross Bow. Remember all the money for these raffles goes into our Building fund to help us to continue to make the post a nice place for our members and guests.

Speaking of Building fund, we are still getting prices for some of the projects we want to accomplish in the spring this year. First of all we want to finish the roof. We are getting pricing on replacing the vinyl on the building and to add a new digital sign to our sign out front. The canteen is looking good, Senior Vice has been doing rearranging around the canteen and cleaning it up so that it is a nicer atmosphere to come and hang out, looking good, Thanks Mike.

Mark your calendars for Our April 20th Spring Fling. We will be having the Band "Night Shift", \$15 a couple or \$10 per person. More info in the next newsletter. Come on in and support your VFW and have a good time too. We look forward to seeing you. Also don't forget to drop by on St. Patty's day, we will be having Drink specials on Guinness cans and Irish Red on Tap.

Shop local and support our sponsors. If anyone wants to rent the hall contact the bartenders at 696-3806 after 2 pm. We are the #1 post in the top Ten highest posts by percentage in the state at 120.71%. Next to us is Washington Post 9437 at 108.82%. As a District, in District 5 we are #1 Post by 105.26%. Still looking for new members, if you know someone who is eligible to join, bring them in with their DD214 and lets sign them up and welcome to our family. Again Support your post and our sponsors.

Respectfully,

Louis Padula, Commander

This News letter will now be available at the below website

Website: www.vfwpost7865.com Email: vfwpost7865@outlook.com

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March 2024

Merry March to all my Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

We've gotten some whispers of it already— is on the way. Tuesday, March 19 is the official 2024 **First Day of Spring,** it marks the start of a fresh new season and a period of opportunity to serve our veterans and our communities! I appreciate all your works your servant hearts are to be commended!

The Auxiliary "Meet & Greet on Sunday, April 28 at 11am is shaping up to be a fun and entertaining time. Brunch will be available and oh, the opportunity to see each other and share! I am so looking forward to it!

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, is National Anthem Day?

So, how did a poem, penned by Francis Scott Key on September 13, 1814, become our national anthem?

While the anthems of most countries are either martial victory songs or tend to communicate other praising sentiments, "The Star-Spangled Banner" is unique in its message of endurance and perseverance. Originally titled "Defense of Fort McHenry," Key penned his poem during a naval attack on

Fort McHenry in Baltimore, on the Chesapeake Bay, by British ships during the war of 1812. A battle we almost lost, following a battle where Washington D.C. itself was captured and burned. The fort was bombarded viciously on the night of September 7, 1814. The rockets' red glare, and bombs bursting in air, were actual rockets and bombs fired by warships. Francis Scott Key and John Stuart Skinner were detained



Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one?



by the British during a prisoner exchange mission. They watched the battle unfold in the pouring rain. Key was able to determine that the Fort's storm flag had survived the barrage and that by dawn, the larger revile flag was proudly raised. That 15-star flag, known as the Star Spangled Banner, is now on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.

A couple other March days of significant-

March 13th — National Good Samaritan Day, also known as Good Samaritan Involvement Day, is celebrated on March 13 every year. It's a day to celebrate and encourage kindness and selflessness, despite our differences. The phrase 'Good Samaritan' is based on a Biblical parable.

March 29th — Vietnam Veterans Day. The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act, signed into law in 2017, designates March 29 of each year as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. This is a day to celebrate the service of a generation. Please work to thank those who made it home and please remember those who didn't.

Thank you for your continued selfless, focus on others. Our veterans and community are better that you exist!

I hope you have been enjoying the longer lighter days of late.

Be well! Eula

## <u>Save the Date – Sunday, April 28,</u>

The "Auxiliary Meet & Greet" is at Ilam. Come have brunch, receive some goodies, and enjoy some camaraderie!

Our March Regular
Monthly Auxiliary
Meeting is Tues. March
12, 7pm, at the Post!



Thank you all who participated in our Visit to the Nursing home to visit with some of our local Veterans.









We would like to thank the members of our Honor Guard

Both from the Post and the Auxiliary for doing what they do to honor Veterans



#### Other VFW news:

- 1. March 17th, St. Patty's day, Drink specials, Guinness cans \$2.75, and Irish Red on Tap \$2.00
- 2. Any Post member that has a picture of themselves while they were in the Military and would like to put it up on our Wall of Honor, please bring picture in and we would be glad to hang it up. We want to Honor you!
- 3. Don't forget, that Hall is available for rental for all your party and get together needs, call 696-3806 or talk to your bartender for more info.



### Other Auxiliary news:

- 1. Big Thank you goes out to Dan Pomelow, one of our members, for Donating 100 gift packs to the Auxiliary to bring to Togus. These gift packs come with Toothbrush and paste, hand cream and socks all in a nylon bag. Thank you Dan! Other donations recently made by other members: 13 hats to the Skowhegan homeless shelter, 2 boxes of food was donated to the Skowhegan food cupboard and other donations worth about \$200 was dropped off at Togus Last month. Thank you all for your generous donations.
- 2. Membership voted to Donate \$100 to Members niece for "Stop Soldier Suicide" awareness campaign. She will be riding 100 miles to promote.
- 3. Don't forget to Save the Date for our Auxiliary meet and greet coming April 28th. Keep a look out in your mail for all the information coming soon. Please RSVP if you will be coming @ <a href="mailto:vfwauxpost7865@gmail.com">vfwauxpost7865@gmail.com</a>
- 4. Don't forget to pay your annual dues. You might want to consider a lifetime membership as prices for both monthly and lifetime will increase in July. Contact Brenda Flanagan for more information

### TAKE ACTION

- Dial 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 to talk to someone
- Start a confidential online chat session at www.
   VeteransCrisisLine.net/chat
- Send a text message to 838255 to connect to a VA responder
- Take a self-check quiz at www. VeteransCrisisLine.net/quiz
- If you or a Veteran you know is in crisis, find a facility near you
- Visit www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net if you are Active Duty, Reserve, or Guard
- Connect through chat, text, or TTY if you are deaf or hard of hearing



#### Veteran suicide prevention

If you're a Veteran in a mental health crisis and you're thinking about hurting yourself—or you know a Veteran who's considering this—get help right away. You're not alone.

#### How do I talk to someone right now?

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.

Here's how you can connect with a Veterans Crisis Line responder, anytime day or night:

Call 988 and select 1.

Text: 838255.

Start a confidential chat.

www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/ If you have hearing loss, call TTY: 800-799-4889.

You can also take these actions:

Call 911.

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.

Find your nearest VA medical center

## VA is here for you.

## Mental health resources and treatment

- Help for Veterans who want to stop using or misusing tobacco, alcohol or other drugs.
- Care for survivors of military sexual trauma.
- Evidence-based therapies to help with conditions like traumatic brain injury, posttraumatic stress disorder and chronic pain.
- Specialized support for Veterans of all genders, ages, races, sexual orientations and branches of service.



#### Care wherever you are

Connect with mental health care in person or remotely:

- At your local VA facility or Vet Center.
- Over the phone.
- Using telehealth video tools.

Anyone who is concerned about a Veteran in their life can get free guidance from VA's **Coaching Into Care** counselors.

Learn more about VA services, programs and ways to access care at www.MentalHealth.va.gov.





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# Warch 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

					1	2 Hall Rental
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Texas Hold'em 1200				Post Meeting 7 pm		
10 VFW/AUX	11	12	13	14	15	16
District 5 Meeting 1PM Dexter		Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm		Kennebec Valley Quilters 5:30 Pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Texas Hold'em		Honor Guard Training 7 pm First day of Spring		Marine Corps Meeting 6 pm		
24	25	26	27	28	NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY 29 MARCH  Join the Veterun Jorn Service to our Nation	30
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June 12. 2024 1:00 p.m. | Maine State House









More than 8 Million US troops served in Vietnam. The Last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam at the end of March 1973. These veterans came home to a country divided on their feelings about the war and many who returned home did not receive recognition for their service. March 29th is our annual opportunity to give them a proper warm welcome home and Thank you.





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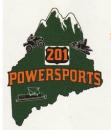
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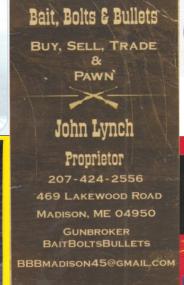
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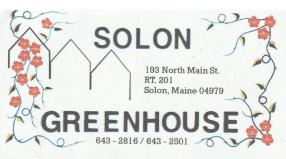
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