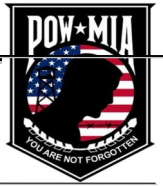




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## **POST COMMANDERS REPORT**

Greetings Comrades,

Hope this Newsletter finds you all in good health and that this winter weather is not getting you down. This month's newsletter is being done by Bromar Printing; hope you like the new format.

First of all congratulations to Jeff Ellegood from Highland Plantation (Mass), the winner of the Rock Island 45 auto ACP pistol. Our current February raffle is for a Henry 30-30 rifle. Tickets are still available at the bar. They are \$20.00 a ticket and only 100 tickets to be sold. The next raffle will be a cross bow Package. Don't forget about our Milwaukee Pack out Back Pack and Pack out radio + Charger raffle, Over \$500 worth of prizes, just \$1 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$5, that was donated by member.

The Men's room is finally finished inside. Thank you Fred Carrigan, a non-member for coming in and completing the repairs that needed to be done. The outside wall will be completed in the spring/summer when we replace the vinyl siding on the rest of the building.

We lost a great friend and life member, Ken Franzose in January of 2024. He was one of the original members that built the building and started the VFW Post 7865. He was also a past commander and Jr. Vice commander for many years. RIP Ken Franzose. A special thank you goes out to Ken's daughter for the donation of a 70" TV. Just in time for the Super Bowl. A celebration of life for Ken will be in sometime in the spring. No details available yet. It will be posted as soon as we are notified. Thank you Mike Carter for hooking up the new TV. The one that was replaced will be moved over to the bar where the small one is now.

Thanks again to Mike Carter and Lee Raymond for the removal of the ice along the edge of the roof. It has to be done every storm and if anyone is willing to come to help out, it would be much appreciated.

Shop local and support your post and those sponsors who help support this newsletter so that we can keep you informed of what is happening at the post and so we can share helpful information to our members.

Don't forget that our meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7 pm. We would love to see more members attend and hear what we are doing and maybe be part of what we try to do. Honor guard training for Military funerals is the third Tuesday of every month. Volunteers are welcome. Call the Post for more info, 696-3806

Respectfully,

Louis Padula, Commander

**This News letter will now be available at the below website**

Website: [www.vfwpost7865.com](http://www.vfwpost7865.com) Email: [vfwpost7865@outlook.com](mailto:vfwpost7865@outlook.com)

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Happy February to all my Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers,

I hope this wintery newsletter finds you well. It's a leap year, so February offers us an additional day to serve. The ice, snow, and seasonal lack of sunshine makes for a long winter season. Please check on your veterans, neighbors, friends, and relatives. A call, or visit may be just what one may need to brighten their day or month. If any special needs are identified, please bring them to the Auxiliary, maybe we can help!

As mentioned, the Auxiliary is planning a "Meet & Greet. We hope all members will attend. Please save the date now – Sunday, April 28th, at 11am. A fun and entertaining time is being planned. We look forward to seeing you! Watch your mail for more info.

Here are some February dates to remember:

February 14 – Valentines Day

February 15 – Continuing Education Scholarship Applications Due

February 19 – Presidents Day

Here are some opportunities to be social or stay informed:



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The Next Regular  
Auxiliary Monthly  
Meeting is Tuesday,  
February 6, 7pm, at  
the Post!

Are you a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one?



It is with fondness, admiration and heavy hearts that we draped our charter for our departed members Dorcas Mathews and Arlene Hoyt.

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

Be well!

Eula

## Save the Date

*The "Auxiliary Meet & Greet" is scheduled for Sunday, April 28th, 2024 at 11am. Watch your mailbox for more info! We look forward to seeing you!*



**Join us February 11th for  
Super Bowl LVIII Live from Las Vegas**



**Enjoy watching game with your VFW Family**

**Pot luck—Sign up sheet available at bar—bring your favorite dish and share**

**Drink specials will be available**

**Come cheer your favorite team on and hang out with your VFW family.**

**We can't wait to see you!!**

**Other VFW news:**

1. VFW Post 7865 received recognition from Department at the Jan COA and received 2 certificates and a Plaque for 100 % membership.
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.



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**Other Auxiliary news:**

1. 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
2. Auxiliary will be hosting a Meet and Greet coming April 28th. Come join us for brunch, fun, entrainment and information. Get to know your Auxiliary and what we do. Let us get to know you, our members. Save the Date and keep a look out in your mail for all the information.
3. Paint night is being planned for probably sometime in March. We always have a great time and hope you will be able to join us. More info to follow.
4. As always auxiliary is looking for donations that can be brought down to Togus for our veterans there. There is always a need. Some current comfort needs are: Nail clippers, combs, brushes, shampoo, body wash (all in one's are great), body lotion, toothbrush covers, deodorant, disposable and electric razors, shaving cream and powders, travel size tooth paste and Polygrip & mouthwash. Gift cards are always welcome, Visa, Gas Cards, Walmart, Tracfone cards, Hannaford cards and door dash cards. Other items include: Financial assistance for pizza, ice cream parties, BBQ's. Sneakers, Bluetooth headphones, New clothing all sizes; t-shirts, short sleeve shirts, underwear, PJ's, shorts, both men's and women's, summer hats, bug spray and sunscreen.



## TAKE ACTION



- Dial 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 to talk to someone
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- Send a text message to 838255 to connect to a VA responder
- Take a self-check quiz at [www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/quiz](http://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/quiz)
- If you or a Veteran you know is in crisis, find a facility near you
- Visit [www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net](http://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:

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Text: [838255](tel:838255).

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[www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/)

If you have hearing loss, call TTY: [800-799-4889](tel:800-799-4889).

### You can also take these actions:

Call [911](tel: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.

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The Maine Veterans Project offers a variety of programs and services for Maine veterans

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**Life-Essential Needs:** Thanks to a great partnership with the Maine Military Supply's 'Hero of the Month' program, MVP is able to assist with life-essential needs such as utility bills, food and clothing. Use this link:

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# Feb 2024

**Sun**

**Mon**




**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

				1 Post Meeting 7 pm	2	3 Hall Rented
4 Texas Hold'em 1200	5	6 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	7	8 Kennebec Val- ley Quilters 5:30 Pm	9	10
11 Super bowl Party Starting at 4 PM Drink Specials 	12	13 Honor Guard Training 7 pm	14 	15 Marine Corps Meeting 6 pm	16	17 Hall Rented
18 Texas Hold'em 1200	19 	20	21	22	23	24 COL Aaron Rollins 1-4 PM
25 Hall Rented	26	27	28	29		



### December Storm Victims

This storm was rough on all of us. Please let us know if there is a member of the post, or a local veteran who needs some assistance with anything during this time. Leave any info on our messenger page or please let the commander or bar manager or bar tender know who is in need. Contact 696-3806 to call the post directly, after 2 pm. We are here for those who served and gave for our country. Veterans assisting veterans.

### Here is some other information that might be helpful to all who have been effected by the storm

Officials are encouraging members of the public to report any storm damage to their property by calling 211.

The state of Maine has set up a website to help people affected by the storm to connect with potential resources. The website can be found at [www.maine.gov/governor/mills/flood](http://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/flood).

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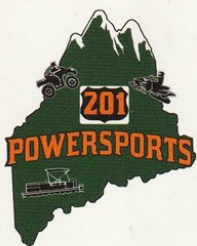
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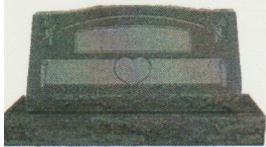
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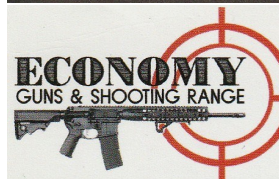
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**Auxiliary Meetings: The Tuesday Following 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 7pm**  
**Marine Corps League Monthly Meetings: Third Thursday @ 6pm**  
**Post Bar Opened @ 2pm Monday-Saturday And Sunday @ Noon**  
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