

Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States HARVELL-BISHOP ARNOLD TRAIL POST #7865

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Post Commanders Report

Greetings Comrades,

February 2023

The internet is up and running thanks to Aaron Rollins and Phil Parks. We switched over to Bee-Line and our connection is much better. I want to thank everyone who helped on the celebration of life for Alfred Mayo and Bob Mcglashing. Everything went well and our Comrades will be greatly missed. We are happy to announce that JOHN HODGDON will be hosting Open Mic Night on Friday, February 10th & 24th from 7 to 10 pm. There is no cover charge! Please Join us on Saturday, February 11th for our Valentine's Day Dance with local band 38 DEGREES from 8pm to midnight. The cover charge is just \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Join us for drink specials and the classic country sounds of THE UNKNOWN COWBOY & FRIENDS on Sunday February 12th and 26th from 1 to 5pm. There is no cover charge and the kitchen will be open. We have a t-shirt order form for custom Saint Patrick's Day shirts with our Post information. Show your Post pride soon, the deadline is March 1st! Saint Patrick's day is on Friday the 17th so please come join us for the big party with DIRTY MCCURDY. The cover charge is just \$15 per person or \$20 per couple and the show is from 8pm to midnight. We still have a few tickets left on the Stingray 33cc Auger & Eskimo 3 man pop up package. With cold weather finally here we will be drawing a winner soon so stop in and get one while they last. The VFW Honor Guard will start meeting on the 3rd Monday monthly at 19:00. We would like to have at least two more alternates so if you are interested please attend the meeting. We have two new post members and sadly lost two Post Life Members. Texas Holdem is going well and always have room for more so please bring a friend to the next tournement. We are still looking for help in the kitchen on event nights and on Texas Holdem days. If you would like to volunteer please let us know! We donated our bingo machine and board to the Madison American Legion. Commander Price said it will be used in their new building.

Our next meetings will be Thursday, February 2nd & March 2nd at 19:00.

Respectfully,

Louis Padula - Post Commander

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





Post Surgeon Report

Happy February!

This month I would like to highlight some upcoming events at the VA Maine Healthcare System.

On February 15th, there is an online event titled "The PACT Act: What does it Mean for Women Veterans".

On February 25th, there is an in person family friendly event in Bangor to assist veterans with information about the PACT Act and new presumptive conditions:

- Agent Orange, Radiation, Toxic Exposures.
 - Expanded locations to presume conditions.
- New presumptive conditions.
 - Respiratory conditions, MGUS, Cancers, Hypertension.

There will also be many other organizations available to assist veterans. Some of these organizations include: VBA, VHA, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, CDC - Suicide Prevention, Department of Labor - Career Center, Disabled American Veterans, Hope for Healing, House in the Woods, Maine Bureau of Veteran's Services, Maine Veterans Project, Maine Veterans' Services, Marine Corps League, Martin's Point, Travis Mills Foundation, Vet Center, Vet2Vet Maine, Wabanaki Public Health and Wellness.

For more information on both events please visit: https://www.va.gov/maine-health-care/events/

Respectfully,

Jessica Carter – Post Surgeon

You can sign up for SmokefreeVET in English by texting VET to 47848 or by visiting smokefree.gov/VET.

You can also contact the Maine Quit Link to start your quit journey.

A NEW YEAR'S QUITTING RESOLUTION



As New Year's approaches, Somerset Public Health is focusing on the health consequences of cigarette

smoking and tobacco use on active duty Service members, veterans, and their families.

Brian (above) has been diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and has had bypass surgery, a heart transplant, lung cancer, and part of his lung removed due to smoking. Brian quit smoking at age 55 to be eligible for a heart transplant.

Active duty Service members, retirees, and their family can access tobacco cessation counseling, medicines, and other services at 1-800-QUIT-NOW.









AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP NEWS – By Brenda E. Flanagin, Treasurer

We hit 101.7% paid membership as of 12/31/22. Thank you to all who got their memberships paid. Meeting the 100% membership paid status will translate to additional funds being awarded to the Auxiliary. In November and December 2022, we welcomed 6 new Auxiliary members. And, in January 2023, we welcomed another new member. We also have two new member applications pending. Thanks to all who have been recruiting, keep up the good work! If you need to pay your membership dues or if you are unsure if you owe dues, please contact me at 858-5101.

VFW Auxiliary

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AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS – Please report your volunteerism! If YOU volunteer, please report your volunteerism to the Auxiliary. Please write your name, how you volunteered, and the hours or minutes you volunteered on a piece of paper and slip it in the Auxiliary mailbox located in the bar at the Post. Thanks to ALL who are volunteering in all the different ways you are doing it.



Auxiliary Regular Monthly Meetings are held at the Post on the Tuesday following the first Thursday of the month. Here is the meeting schedule for the next three months: February 7 @ 7pm, March 7 @ 7pm and April 11 @ 7pm. All members are welcome, and we hope to see YOU there!

Auxiliary Scholarship Info – By Sue LeHay, Senior Vice President

The Auxiliary has revised its scholarship eligibility and application. Any graduating Senior, attending a postsecondary school (a minimum of 12 credit hours carried), who is a child or grandchild of our Post's Auxiliary member(s) is eligible to apply. Scholarship applications have been provided to High School Guidance Offices in our service area including Bingham, Carrabec, Madison, and Skowhegan. Your local student can obtain a copy of the scholarship application from their Guidance Office. If your student is outside of our service area, or if the student prefers, a copy of the application is available for download on the Madison VFW website. To download a copy of the application, go to: <u>http://www.vfwpost7865.com/Aux_App.pdf</u>. You can also contact any of the Auxiliary Officers to obtain a copy of the application. Completed scholarship applications must be received by the Auxiliary by April 30th. Applications can be dropped off at the Post (58 Preble Avenue, Madison) or mailed to the attention of the Auxiliary to VFW Post 7865, PO Box 67 Madison Maine, 04950. The Auxiliary will review and vote to award scholarships at the May meeting. Award letters will be sent to the student's High School. Scholarships are paid to the student following the successful completion of their first semester of post-secondary study. A copy of student grades must be submitted to the Auxiliary as proof or successful completion.

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NOTE: Scholarships will be paid to the student at the end of the successful completion of the first semester of postsecondary study. Recipients must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours and be returning for the second semester. A copy of your grades must be submitted to the Auxiliary.



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VFW POST 7865		FEBRUARY 2023		EVENTS CALENDAR		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
EVERY Sunday CCR Starts@2pm	EVERY Monday Auxiliary Members 50¢ Off		EVERY Wednesday Post & Auxiliary Members 50¢ Off		EVERY Friday is RED FRIDAY Post Members 50¢ Off	
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5 TEXAS <i>cfeold em</i> Opens @ Noon	6 <u>RED CROSS</u> <u>BLOOD DRIVE</u> <u>1:00 to 6pm</u>	7 Auxiliary	8	9 Kennebec Valley Quilters Meeting @ 5pm	10 OPEN MIC NEGHT John Huggon 7 to 10pm	11 Valentine's Day Dance WITH 38 DECREES
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AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – February 6th from 1pm to 6pm

Valentine's Day Dance with local band 38 DEGREES - February 11th from 8 to Midnight Saint Patrick's Day Dance with DIRTY MCCURDY - March 17th from 8 to Midnight APRIL FOOLS DANCE with THE WHAT NAUGHTS - April 1st from 7 to 11pm Dance Nite with local band SONG PIRATES - May 5th from 8 to Midnight "ELVIS" - DON BOUDREAU - October 21st from 7 to 9pm Veterans Day Dance with DIRTY MCCURDY - November 11th from 8 to Midnight Christmas Dance with BORDERLINE EXPRESS - December 3rd from 8 to Midnight New Years Eve Dance With SIX WAYS TO SUNDAY - December 31st from 8:30 to 12:30 Stay Up To Date On Events, Programs And More On Our Website And Facebook Page, Just Click The Links: <u><Online Version Only!></u>



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<u>Post Officers:</u> Post Commander: Louis Padula - Senior Vice: Mike Carter Junior Vice : Everett Rogers - Adjutant: Rick Petersen - Quarter Master: Chad Steward Judge Advocate: Phil Parks - Surgeon: Jess Carter - Chaplin: Jess Carter Service Officer: Rick Petersen - Trustees: Phil Daigle, Aaron Rollins, Vincent Santoni

Post Bar Manager: Sarah Rollins



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

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