

Matching Veterans and Rescue Dogs

VFW Post Auxiliary holds fundraiser for service dog organization

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A Vermont VFW Post Auxiliary in April hosted a successful bingo fundraiser to support a service dog training program that helps bring together service dogs with military veterans and first responders.

More than 100 bingo players participated in the event, which featured a 50/50 raffle and additional prizes, at VFW Post 1034 Auxiliary in Brattleboro, Vt. The guests also had lunch and met service dogs, Mercie and Sasquatch, from Vermont Paws and Boots. Those attending also were educated about the Bennington-based program by Vermont Paws and Boots Executive Director Michelle LeBlanc, a member of VFW Post 1034.

According to the organization's website, the mission of Vermont Paws and Boots is to save the lives of veterans and first responders who struggle with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) and physical disabilities.

"Being in southern Vermont, we don't have any military bases, so we need to make sure we take care of organizations in our area," said Karen Campbell, president of VFW Post 1034's Auxiliary. "We felt that Vermont Paws and Boots was an amazing organization. Veterans and first responders give so much to our country and community."

The fundraising event raised more than \$1,300. For more information about Vermont Paws and Boots, visit www.vermontpawsandboots.org.

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