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## **SBA Honors Veteran Business Owner**

### ***In honor of Veteran's Day, Maine SBA recognizes pilot in the Maine Army National Guard and new business owner***

In honor of Veteran's Day, the U.S. Small Business Administration's Maine District Office recognized John Morse, new owner/operator of Tag's Sports Bar in Ellsworth. Morse, who grew up in Steuben and now lives in Ellsworth, is currently a member of the Maine Army National Guard. Morse is a Medevac pilot with the 126th Aviation Regiment located in Bangor.

Morse recently took ownership of Tag's Sports Bar, formerly Downeast Billiards on State Street in Ellsworth. Running his own business has been a lifelong dream, and he received assistance from Maine's Small Business Development Centers and the SBA's Veteran's Advantage loan programs.

"I'm so thankful for John's service, and all of us here at the SBA and our partners were honored and thrilled to help him achieve his dream of owning his own business," said Marilyn Geroux, District Director for the Maine Small Business Administration.

Regional Administrator Seth Goodall from the U.S. Small Business Administration, Colonel Diane Dunn of the Maine Army National Guard and members of the local business community recognized the accomplishments of Morse and welcomed his business to the area.

(photo of the event below the break)



(From left to right: Seth Goodall, Regional Administrator U.S. Small Business Administration, Col. Diane Dunn, Maine Army National Guard, John Morse, Owner of Tag's Sports Bar and Warrant Officer in the Maine Army National Guard, and Amanda Look, Camden National Bank)

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