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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Spring is just around the corner! March was a good month for us. We started our Friday night KARAOKE in the canteen. It was a good time, and we will keep doing it on Fridays until the summer. Come on out and join us for some fun. We also have our dice game and Queen of Hearts going that is becoming a big hit.

Our Friends Helping Friends Benefit was a great success. We were able to raise \$1500 for a family who lost everything in a house fire. Thank you to all the people who supported and donated to this great cause.

Scholarship news: Every year we award (4) \$500 scholarships to deserving seniors. We will be contacting the local high schools with the application, but students can stop by or call the Post to pick up an application as well.

Raffles: We will start up our Building Fund raffles again starting in April. Stop by the see what we have to raffle. All proceeds go to our Building fund.

Please, if you know of a Veteran in need or their family, please have them reach out to us, or please reach out for them. We can't do anything huge for jobs, but if we can help, we will.

Veterans serving Veterans

Respectfully,

Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Hello everyone, Spring is here, a little bit of a cold start but looks like warmer weather will slowly creep in for April. Hope everyone has a great Easter.

Looking at the calendar for April, it is looking pretty busy at the post. Wednesday night Cribbage, Thursday night Corn hole and Friday night Karaoke. April 18th is the American Legion Luck of the Draw to benefit Honor Flight of Maine. Come on over and support a worthy cause.

For our Auxiliary, we have a few events this month as well. COA will be at the Merry Manor Inn in South Portland April 11th starting at 1 pm. Our District meeting has been changed to April 19th in Dexter at 1pm. We also have our monthly meeting on April 14th. **Notice: We have changed our meeting time to 6:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.** We decided to make it a little earlier so we don't get out so late when we have more items to discuss. I think this will help a little if you are not liking to be out so late. We try to keep the meetings as short as we can but some months we have more to discuss.

Auxiliary helped put on a meal for the Rebecca's to help them raise money for ALS research. Member Diane Pinkham hosted their meeting at the Post. Along with Legion Auxiliary members we prepared a lovely meal where Diane provided all the ingredients. Was a lovely Lunch and I believe as successful meeting for Diane and the Rebecca's.

As always, if you know of a veteran in need, especially as the winter progresses, please reach out to the Auxiliary or the Post and we will see what we can do. If you are a member and you have volunteered your time helping a veteran, let us know. We know so many of you out there are doing your part, please let us know so we can give you credit for the things you do. Thank you for all you do.

Membership: We did make 95.1 % Membership as of typing this newsletter and I want to thank all those who made the effort to get it done. We do encourage you to consider getting your lifetime membership.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward
Auxiliary President

Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues.

April 14th, 6:30 pm, at the Post! Please note new time

Pennies for cancer bucket is located in the Hall, please consider dropping in your extra change as you walk by. All proceeds go to the Jackson Lab here in Maine. Care and comfort items are always welcome. Can tabs are also being collected in the Hall.

Other going's on at the Post :

- Cribbage every Wednesday and Corn hole 2nd, 3rd and 4th Thursday nights
- Queen Of Hearts game and Shake of the Day" dice game continue.
- Karaoke Night Fun, Fridays 6-9 pm

What is Patriots' Day?

Patriots' Day is the celebration of some of the most important battles of the Revolutionary War

April 20th 2026 we are celebrating 250 years since the first shots of the Revolutionary war began and the start of our Great Country!



Honor Flight of Maine will be Leaving
April 10-12

We would like to Congratulate our own
Phil Daigle and wish him a great trip



Donation box for Items to send to Veterans in Togus is Always located in the Bar.

Pennies for Cancer Jar is located in the Hall, if you have some spare change to help we would appreciate your donation.

Can Tab Collection Jar is also located in the Hall.



If you know of a veteran in need this winter season, please reach out to the Post. They would like to help in anyway that they can and the Auxiliary will do whatever they can do to help out as well

Spring is around the Corner



Thank you to all our Auxiliary Members that participate and do all you can for our Veterans. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without you!

Auxiliary News:

April is voting month at our April Meeting. Auxiliary will vote for Officer's for 2026-2027

**Reminder that new meeting time is 6:30 pm
2nd Tuesday of the month.**

We plan to do a joint installation of officers with the VFW

Tentative date June 4th at Post

Other Auxiliary News:

Our Auxiliary will be entering a Buddy Poppy Display at the April COA being held at the Merry Manor Inn in South Portland. I will include picture and highlights of that meeting next Month.

District 5 meeting will be held April 19th in Dexter post at 1 pm. This date was changed due to other event being held at Dexter Post. Voting for District Officer's will also be held this day.

National President Lois Callahan will be coming to Maine for her official visit from Saturday May 2nd through Monday may 4th.

State convention will be held June 5th thru 7th at the Sunday River Grand Summit resort in Newry Maine. Post 7865 will be entering Coffee basket for raffle.

National VFW/Auxiliary Convention will be held in Reno Nevada this year July 25th-29th.



**"Quilts of Valor Sew Day"
at
Mac Crillis – Rousseau
VFW Post 8835**

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Wednesday
April 22nd, 2026
9:30 am – 3 pm

RSVP to Brenda Blair at
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What to bring: your sewing machine and thread for piecing
Provided: fabric and patterns to make squares and tops for Quilts of Valor!!

- coffee and lunch provided

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Spread the word that the VFW and Auxiliary is always looking for new Members. Join us in helping Veteran's and their Families use QR code below for application.



Auxiliary—Veterans and Family Support and Community outreach over last few months

Members continue to help other local groups with their functions.

Members continue to help veteran's with appointments and Dr. Visits.

Members support local youths by going to sporting events to cheer them on.

Deceased Roll Call

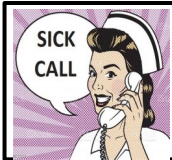
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Assistance is available

No veteran should ever have to face homelessness or housing insecurity. The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services (MBVS) is committed to ensuring that veterans and their families have access to the resources and support needed to secure stable housing and essential services. Whether you are currently homeless or at risk of losing your home, help is available.

Veterans who have become homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless should call our Homeless Veterans Coordination Team at 207-287-7019 or email HVC.maineBVS@maine.gov

The Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program (VEFAP), administered by the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services in partnership with FEDCAP, provides financial assistance to Maine veterans facing unexpected financial hardships. This program helps eligible veterans cover essential expenses such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities, vehicle repairs, and other urgent needs to prevent financial instability. VEFAP aims to support veterans in maintaining their independence and well-being during difficult times. To qualify, veterans must meet specific eligibility requirements, including residency and service criteria.



Pam Tweedie



PTSD Information Voice Mail: (802) 296-6300
Email: ncptsd@va.gov
Also see: [VA Mental Health](#)

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Harvell – Bishop - Arnold Trail Post 7865 Officers: Elected VFW Officer's for 2025-2026



Post Commander: Mike Carter - Senior Vice: Joe Conlon

Junior Vice : Dave Foss - Adjutant: Rick Petersen - Quarter Master: Chad Steward

Judge Advocate: Bill Lytle - Surgeon: Jessica Carter - Chaplain: Gary Kucipak

Service Officer: Dale Bickford - Trustees: Phil Daigle, Everett Rodgers, David V Trask

Post Bar Manager: Pam Dicky

Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Elected Auxiliary Officer's for 2025-2026



Auxiliary Officers: President: Michelle Steward - Sr. Vice President: Sue LeHay -

Jr. Vice President: Lorie Swift – Conductress: Lisa Switzer – Guard - Diane Pinkham

Chaplain: Karen Lytle - Treasurer: Brenda Flanagan - Patriotic Instructor - Sue LeHay - Secretary Anne Drawdy-Kucipak - - Trustee # 1 Lorie Swift - Trustee # 2 Lisa Switzer Trustee # 3 Yvonne Brooker



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	2 Post Meeting 7pm House committee meeting 6pm	3 Karaoke 6-9	4 Baby Shower
5	6 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	7	8 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	9 Corn Hole 7 Pm	10 Karaoke 6-9	11 Celebration of Life 12-8
12	13 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	14 Post Auxiliary Meet 6:30 PM	15 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	16 Corn Hole 7 Pm	17 Karaoke 6-9	18 A.L. Aux Luck of the draw 10 AM Drawing Noon
19	20 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	21	22 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	23 Corn Hole 7 Pm	24 Karaoke 6-9	25
26	27 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	28 MCL Meeting 6-7 Committee 6PM Honor Guard Practice 7pm	29 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	30 Corn Hole 7 Pm	1 Karaoke 6-9	2 VFW National Day of Service TBD
<p>Notes:</p> <p>1. Troop 351 meets Every Monday 5:30-7 2. Cribbage Tournament Wednesdays at 6pm 3. Cornhole Tournament Thursdays 7-9pm No Tournaments on the 1st Thursday of the month 4. Post meeting 1st Thursday of the month 5. Aux Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month 6. Marine Corp League Last Thursday at 6 PM 7. Honor Guard Practice 3rd Tuesday at 7PM 8. UBM 2nd Monday of the month</p>						



Cribbage Tournament

Every Wednesday
Sign in at 5:30

Tournament starts at 6PM



Corn Hole Tournament

Every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of the month

Tournament starts at 7PM

~Draft Beer Specials~

Days to Remember in April and other Services and Events

April is the Month of the Military Child

April 5 (Sunday): [Gold Star Spouses Day](#)

April 9 (Thursday): [National Former POW Recognition Day](#)

April 14 (Tuesday): [Air Force Reserve Birthday](#)

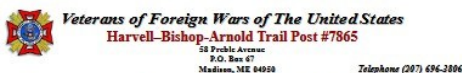
April 15 (Wednesday): [Purple Up! Day](#)

April 23 (Thursday): [Army Reserve Birthday](#)

April 25 (Saturday): [ANZAC Day](#)

April 30 (Thursday): [Military Brats Day](#)

Events and Raffles happening at Post and around area



American Red Cross Blood Drive dates for 2026

Jan 5

Feb 2

Mar-No drive

April 6

May 4

June 1

July 6

Aug 3

Sept 14*

- second Monday due to Labor Day holiday

Oct -No drive

Nov 2

Dec 7

Hours of blood drive: 12pm - 4pm

Bingham Area Food Cupboard

Are you in the Bingham Area and are you in need of help to stretch your grocery dollar? The Bingham Food cupboard is open Monday thru Friday 7:30 to 4:00 and is open to anyone who is in need. They are located at the Bingham Health center, 237 Main St. Bingham. They also take donations of food if you are able to help others.

Thrift store @ 56 North Main Street in Solon is also available every Friday and Saturday from 9:00-3:00



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\$5 for a pack of 10 sheets

SATURDAY - APRIL 18, 2026
Doors Open at 10 am
Drawings will start at 12 pm

VFW Post 7865 - 58 Preble Ave, Madison

FMI: Harriet 635-2051, 431-4903; Tammy 399-4948; or Diane 314-5135

Events from House in the Woods

APRIL

1 MONTHLY HITW 2026 Gun of the Month DRAWING LIVE ON FB

TBD - kick off Veteran archery night (leading up to the Veteran archery retreat in fall)

12 Boyden Lake Half Marathon - Fundraiser *everyone welcome*

15 COFFEE WITH VETS - HITW *everyone welcome- every 3rd Wednesday*

18 NIGHT OUT with House in the Woods & The Whiskey Bent Band MUSIC AND AUCTION - BANGOR, ME

Fundraiser - open to ALL

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Veteran's Day of Service

May 2nd is Veteran's day of service.

Commander will be posting information as to what the post will be doing soon. Keep an eye out on the Facebook page for details

Helping Veterans



NO ONE DOES MORE FOR VETERANS than the Veterans of Foreign Wars VFW.

Maine Legislative team and Maine Commander Amy Meuchel in Washington Representing Maine and advocating for veterans issues .
Thank you all, including our very own VFW Post 7865 Commander Mike Carter.

Post Honor Guard

The Post Honor Guard is always looking for new members to join.

If you are a VFW or Auxiliary Member and would like to learn more about the Honor Guard, they meet the 4th Thursday of every month.



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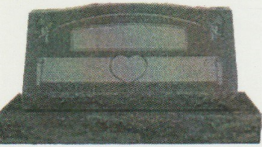
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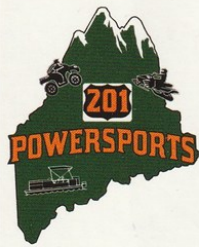
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Post Monthly Meetings: First Thursday @ 7pm
Auxiliary Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each Month @ 6:30 pm
Marine Corps League Meetings: Last Tues of Month 6 pm
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Cornhole Tournament Thursdays @ 7 - 9 pm Except 1st Thursday

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