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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

We hope everyone is enjoying this very humid summer so far. We have cold AC on in the Hall and Canteen. If you do not have AC stop by and cool off with us.

Things we offer at the VFW:

-The American Red Cross doing blood drives here usually on the first Monday of the month, each month. Sometimes it does change so keep an eye out for a change in date, we will post it on our FB page.

-Senior Citizens meals. Every Tuesday throughout the summer we host a senior meals luncheon. It is **FREE** for all seniors. It starts at 11AM, and yes you can bring a friend or two.

-Cribbage tournament every Wednesday starting at 6PM

Keep a lookout for the next raffle! It is a combo Blackstone Griddle and electric smoker. Retail value is \$998.00, and we are only selling 100 tickets at \$20 each ticket.

We are helping our brothers and sisters at the American Legion out this summer. They will be making a meal once a month through September to help raise money. This date will be on the calendar of events each month. August they will have two meals, one of the meals being a Lobster Bake. Tickets can be purchased at the VFW any day of the week.

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. So far this year we have assembled a Shed for a Veteran, and we have two more projects we are assisting Veterans in August.

MOLD training @ Post August 23rd Registration @

https://vfwme.org/uploads/documents/2026/MOLD_Training_Form.pdf

Veterans serving Veterans

Respectfully,

Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

I hope you are having a great summer. July has flown by and August is a few days away. We had no meeting for July and I am sure you have enjoyed your break.

Auxiliary members have been work on details for our Car show coming up on September 20th at Madison High School. Ralph Withee has been working hard helping us get sponsors. Post cards went out to our past participants to invite them to join us again this year. Such wonderful cars and people, we love to have them there. Trophies have been ordered. We meet again July 30th for the next round of details.

We have 2 Food Vendors from the Westbrook Post joining us this year. Willow's Coffee Café and Food truck Mill Side Creations. Also the Madison High School Sr. Class will be opening up the food booth and will be offering a variety of food offerings. The local Girl Scout troupe will also be helping us out as well, having a few games and face painting for the kids. We are hoping that the VA will be joining us again this year to share valuable information with our veterans and their families. Trying again to see if Darlings Ice cream could be on site for a couple of hours. Things are coming together. Of course the VFW Post and Auxiliary will be there to offer information and applications if anyone would like to join. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining, have them stop by at the car show and we can sign them up while having a good time as well. We hope also to have Buddy Poppies for sale if you are interested. We hope all our Post and Auxiliary members will stop by, we have a great time.

I will be off to VFW & Auxiliary National Convention in about a week and hope to bring back some valuable information to you all. I will update the newsletter with all I learn and pictures of your VFW & Auxiliary in action.

This coming Sunday, Aug 3rd is District 5 meeting in Fairfield. Hope to see some members join us. Please welcome Madison member Pam Tweedie as our new District 5 President. I am sure she will do a wonderful job. Thank you Pam for stepping up again. We now have a few members as District 5 officers. Nice to see Madison is so well represented at Post, District and Department levels. Thank you all for the work you do.

Hoping the rest of the summer is wonderful, fun and full of family and good times. See you in September.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward

Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues. Aug 12th, 7pm, at the Post! 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.

Other going's on at the Post :

- Cribbage every Wednesday, stop in an play, also try your luck at the Yahtzee game.
- Get your "Grill Time" raffle ticket for Black Stone Grill with built in smoker. Only 100 - \$20 Tickets to be sold.
- There is a Senior meal every Tuesday at 11am at the VFW. It is free to all seniors, so stop by for some good food and company.
- Lobster Bake at Post Aug 22nd—Put on by Sons of the American Legion
- Commander, Quartermaster and Auxiliary President to be attending National Convention in Ohio Aug 8-14. Commander to receive All American Award. Congratulations Commander—Thank you to all Members for your support of the Post, could not have been done without you.



Post and Auxiliary members working together to help a Veteran



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LOBSTER BAKE

Friday August 22nd
4 - 6 PM

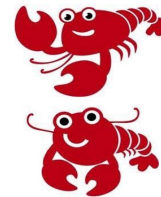
TICKETS

\$20 - 1 Lobster

\$30 for Twin Lobsters

\$20 Pre-Ordered Steak

Contact Mark at 858-3855



Location:

VFW

Harvell-Bishop Arnold Trail Post 7865

58 Preble Ave, Madison, ME

Meal includes:

corn on the cob,

assorted salads and dessert



Other Things going on around Maine for Veterans in August



Registration Form

https://vfwme.org/uploads/documents/2026/MOLD_Training_Form.pdf



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4th Annual VFW Post 7865 Auxiliary Car Show

— Madison Memorial High School 486 Main Street Madison Maine —



September 20, 2025 10:00 AM

****CASH ONLY** \$10 Car Entry Fee, Admission \$5.00 Adults—Kids under 18 Free**

***** Trophies & Door Prizes *****

Car/Vendor Registration starts 8:00 a.m. Please be here by 9:45.

Everyone Welcome! Judging by Participants and Spectators

Food Vendors: Madison High School Sr. Class Food Booth, Mill Side Creations and Willows Mobile Coffee Café Food trucks

Trophy Categories:

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For more info, contact:

Sue Leahy (207.634.2425) or Michelle Steward (207.431.1132)

or visit our Facebook Page: (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/495764428652439>)



Cribbage Tournament

Every Wednesday

Sign in at 5:30

Tournament starts at 6PM

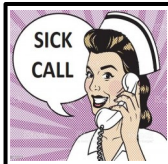
Corn Hole Tournament

Will start back up in Fall

~~Draft Beer Specials~~



None



None

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Dale Bickford goes above and beyond daily for Veterans and his community. We were able to surprise him a coal forge as a token of our appreciation for everything he does for us.



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Harvell – Bishop - Arnold Trail Post 7865 Officers: Elected VFW Officer's for 2024-2025



Post Commander: Mike Carter - Senior Vice: Lee Raymond

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

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

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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Elected Auxiliary Officer's for 2024-2025

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

August

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Notes: 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 3rd Thursday at 2PM 7. Honor Guard Practice 3rd Tuesday at 7PM 8. UBM 2nd Monday of the month					1	2 Celebration of Life for Bradley Taylor 2pm
3 District Meeting Fairfield 1 pm	4 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	5 Senior Meals 9:30-12	6 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	7 Executive Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7pm	8	9 Wedding reception
10	11 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	12 Senior Meals 9:30-12 Auxiliary Meeting 7PM	13 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	14 Firearms Training Class	15	16 American Legion Meal 4-6
17	18 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	19 Senior Meals 9:30-12 *Bar Committee Meeting at 6PM *Honor Guard Practice at 7PM	20 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	21 Marine Corp League Meeting 6PM	22 Lobster Bake 4-6 @VFW Sons of the American Legion	23 Birthday Party Madison/Anson Days Parade MOLD Training @ Post
24 Hayden Family Reunion 10-2	25 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	26 Senior Meals 9:30-12	27 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	28	29	30
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- ⇒ **Not to early to get your dues paid for 2026 or buy your life membership.** Both the VFW and Auxiliary welcome new members—If you know someone who might be eligible to join, bring them in to meet our members and to find out what benefits they can enjoy along with helping other veterans at the same time. We would like to welcome you to our family.
- ⇒ **Auxiliary continues to collect Care and comfort items in the Bar, please consider donating, this is such a worthy cause and the veterans at Togus really appreciate it.**

Days to Remember in Aug and other Services and Events

Aug. 4, 2025 – Coast Guard Birthday

Aug. 7, 2025 – **Purple Heart Day** – A time for Americans to remember and honor the brave men and women who were injured in combat or paid the ultimate sacrifice. Learn more about the Purple Heart.

Aug. 29, 2025 – Marine Forces Reserve Birthday



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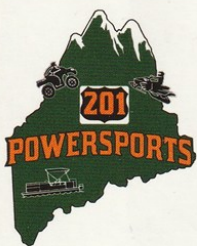
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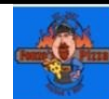
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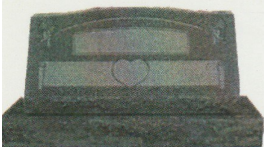
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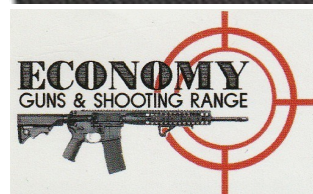
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Post Monthly Meetings: First Thursday @ 7pm
Auxiliary Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each Month @ 7 pm
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