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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Summer is definitely here! August and the heat have arrived. We hope everyone is enjoying the hot weather we are having. Remember, we have Air Conditioning in our building. If you get too hot, stop by and enjoy some cold air and comradeship. Post members were busy in July. Our volunteers mowed all the grass at the Post and then assisted 5 Veteran families in getting their yard mowed. Thank you, all members who volunteer, there time to help us in our mission to assist and serve Veterans.

RAFFLE UPDATE Only a few tickets left! This month we have a Winchester SX4 Hybrid semi-auto 12 gauge. We only sell 100 tickets at \$20 per ticket. All proceeds go toward our building maintenance upkeep.

GAMES UPDATE Queen of hearts was won, however the pot is back over \$1000 already. Our Dice game that was won is back over \$600, stop in and try your luck. Starting in October, back by popular demand TEXAS HOLD'EM will start back up. Hold'em will run Oct 2026 through Mar 2027, with Oct 4th being the first tournament. The buy-in has changed to \$60. Food will also be served on Hold'em days, all proceeds from the food will go toward the kids' Christmas presents.

PARKING LOT CHANGE In August 2026 the memorial side of Post (where the side door is located) will be employee parking only. There will be two big employee spots with signs to park for our canteen employees. Everyone else is asked to park in the other designated parking areas.

Sr. Vice Joe Conlen has stepped down and Dave V Trask has been elected our new Sr. Vice. Good luck on your new adventures Joe. Rick Petersen has been elected as Trustee.

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, Hope you are all enjoying your summer.

I hope everyone was able to come to our 80th Anniversary celebration at the Post on Aug 8th. Unfortunately this Newsletter will be a bit late this month as I wasn't able to get out on time.

Commander Mike, Quartermaster Chad and I all attended the National Convention in Reno Nevada July 24th –July 30th . I always enjoy going and being a part of this important event. It is nice to meet other Auxiliary members and VFW members across the country. Everyone was so nice and we had a good time. Congratulations President Dorothy Iverson on make the Circle of Excellence! Congratulations to our New President Lisa Michaud, hopefully you also have a great year. Congratulations to Commander Amy Meuchel for making All American, along with Our very own Post Commander Mike Carter along with the rest of the Maine posts who also made this Honor. Congratulations Roger Stevens for being elected Department of Maine Commander.



Now with that behind me my focus will shift to our Annual Car show coming up on Saturday September 19th. We have a lot of great prizes and will be collaborating with the Madison Sr. Class to run the food booth at the Car show this year. Please spread the word and come on by and enjoy the cars, music and prizes. VA representative will be there to answer any questions you might have.

As always, if you know of a veteran in need, 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.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward
Auxiliary President

Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues. Aug 11th, 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
- Queen Of Hearts game and Shake of the Day" dice game continue.
- District 5 Meeting will be August 9th, Come welcome new District Commander Gary Kucipak, Location TBD
- 80th Anniversary Celebration at the Post August

Helping Veterans



We had a great time presenting a \$500 scholarship check to Ms. Emily Richards. Ms. Richards was also our Voice of Democracy winner for our Post. This young lady is going to do great things



Monthly American Red Cross Blood Drive

Comrade Lytle and Auxiliary chaplain Lytle were posted at the door to help out.



VFW

All America

Winners

Congratulations Madison for Making All American again this year



Buddy Poppy Display at Nationals

Maine came in 2nd place this year. Great Job Diane Raymond and the Auxiliary members from Caribou



If you know of a veteran in need , 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

Veteran's Helping Veterans



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Auxiliary News:

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

Auxiliary School of instruction: Aug 29th Jay Post 10:30 Sept 12th Harrington Post 10:30

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AUXILIARY **5TH ANNUAL** **CAR SHOW**

CASH ONLY
ADMISSION
ADULTS \$5
UNDER 18 FREE

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
10-3

REGISTRATION
BETWEEN
8-10
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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.



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 here



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

"May Our Comrades Rest In Eternal Peace In Post Eternity?"

Teddy J Gray



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

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.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Harvell – Bishop - Arnold Trail Post 7865 Officers: Elected VFW Officer's for 2026-2027



Post Commander: Mike Carter - Senior Vice: Dave V Trask

Junior Vice : Dave Foss - Adjutant: Tim Lawrence - Quarter Master: Chad Steward

Judge Advocate: Dale Bickford- Surgeon: Bill Lytle- Chaplain: Gary Kucipak

Service Officer: Dale Bickford - Trustees: Phil Daigle, Dennis Pinkham, Rick Petersen

Post Bar Manager: Pam Dicky



Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

Elected Auxiliary Officer's for 2026-2027

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

Jr. Vice President: Lorie Swift – Conductress: Erma Fluette – Guard - Diane Pinkham

Chaplain: Karen Lytle - Treasurer: Brenda Flanagan - Patriotic Instructor - Sue LeHay - Secretary Anne

Drawdy-Kucipak - Trustee # 1 Lisa Switzer - Trustee # 2 Lorie Swift - Trustee # 3 Yvonne Brooker



Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
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2	3 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	4	5 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	6 Post Meeting 7PM	7 Karoke	8 Post 7865 80th Anniversary Celebration					
9 District 5 Meeting VFW Farmington 1 pm Auxiliary at Madison Post 1pm	10 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	11 6:30 pm Aux Meeting House committee meeting 6pm	12 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	13	14	15 VFW MELD Training Hamden 8am Girl Scouts Spaghetti Dinner					
16	17 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	18	19 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	20	21	22 Madison/Anson Days Parade					
22	24 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	25 MCL Meeting 6-7	26 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	27	28	29 Auxiliary School of Instruction Jay Post 10:30					
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Days to Remember in July and other Services and Events

Aug. 4 – Coast Guard Birthday
Aug. 7 – Purple Heart Day
Aug. 29 – Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

VFW Post 7865

80th Anniversary
August 8th

Come and join us to celebrate

Coming in October

Texas Hold'em is coming back for Limited time this winter



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MADISON, ME

VFW

TEXAS Hold'em

1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS

OCT - APR

\$60 BUY IN

SIGN IN STARTS AT 12

TOURNAMENT STARTS AT 1

PRIZES FOR 1, 2, 3 & 4 PLACE, ALSO HIGH HAND

FOOD WILL BE SERVED STARTING AT 12

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2026 VFW National Convention—Reno

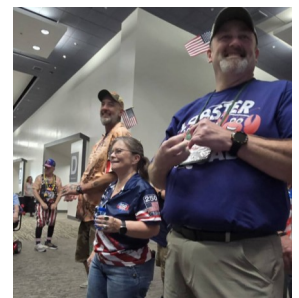
Congratulations to our Past Department Commander Amy Meuchel on receiving her All-American cover at the 127th VFW National Convention in Reno, Nevada. Congratulations to our Past Department President Dorothy Iverson on receiving her Circle of Excellence Medal at the 127th VFW National Convention in Reno, Nevada.



Maine was well represented at the VFW National Convention in 2026



Patriotic Rally at National Convention 2026



Events and Raffles happening at Post and around area



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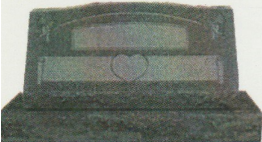
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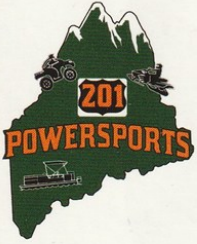


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CHANGE SERVICE
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Post Monthly Meetings: First Thursday @ 7pm

Auxiliary Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each Month @ 6:30 pm

Marine Corps League Meetings: Last Tues of Month 6 pm

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