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## **POST COMMANDERS REPORT**

**Greetings Comrades,**

The cold temps have arrived!

We have had a light January. With all the events we have had through the last quarter and the holidays, the Post is taking it easy in January. We still have a lot of things going on this month with the COA and Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen, and Teacher of the year banquet we attended. At the banquet, our Post we had a young lady from Athens representing us in Patriots Pen, and a young lady from the Jackman Post representing our District for Voice of Democracy. Unfortunately, our contestants didn't win first place, but did very well, and we look forward to next year's contest, hoping it is even better. As for the COA District 5 did an awesome job! Our District 5, which consists of Madison Post, Farmington Post, Jackman Post, Dexter Post and Fairfield Post is currently **ranked 8th in our division in the Nation.**

**Vietnam Era Veterans**- All Vietnam Vets, The Travis Mills foundation is putting on a FREE breakfast for Vietnam Veterans. This will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on March 26, 2025. This breakfast event will start at 9AM. Our Post is putting together a ride to the event from the Madison Post. We need a head count, so if you would like to go, please let us know by calling or stopping by the Post. This is a Free breakfast and ride, all you must do is let us know, and show up.

Our Gun raffles have starting back up and are going very successful. We are raffling two guns this time, A 22 LR rifle and compact 9MM. Our gun raffle money is what funds all our building projects, so **THANK YOU** to all the people that buy tickets and support the Post.

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.

If you haven't already, stop by the Post and check out what we are doing. We have several opportunities to help support Veterans and the great community of Madison each month.

Respectfully,

Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

I wanted to thank all those members that stepped up and paid their Due's before the end of December, We Made 100% paid by 12/31/2024! Thank you Brenda for all your hard work getting the word out and processing everything in time. As of this writing, we are currently at 102.26%!

Also, I wanted to thank everyone that has been going thru your loose change and donating to Our Pennies for Cancer collection. Please continue to think of us when you have loose change and drop in our bucket. All monies collected go directly to Jackson Laboratory here in Maine for Cancer research. Every little bit helps.

COA was held on January 18th at the Waterville Post with 5 of us there representing Madison for the Auxiliary. The Banquet followed at the Winslow Post later that evening where 6 Auxiliary members attended. They honored the Voice of Democracy, the Patriot Pen and the Teacher of the Year winners at the Banquet. Patriots Pen District winner Adalyn Linkletter, 7th Grade from Athens and The Voice of Democracy winner Bryn Clauson, From Jackman were in attendance with their parents. Although they didn't win for State, they received Certificates of appreciation and \$50 from Department. Congratulations to all the winners. Hopefully next year they will consider trying again.

Auxiliary Scholarship winner Maci Grant submitted her transcripts for her first semester at collage and was awarded \$500 for completing her requirements. Congratulations Maci!

Our Auxiliary was able to provide over \$394 dollars in care and comfort items to Togus during December timeframe, so nice that we have been able to provide this service. There continues to be a donation box in the bar for any times that are listed, please consider to donate if you can. They really appreciate our efforts.

We did vote also at the Last meeting that we would be collecting Can Tabs for the Shriners. Diane Pinkham will provide a small collection bin at the Post and will collect and give to our contact for this great cause. So please consider saving these for us. Any questions please Contact Diane.

Just a reminder that Cribbage Tournaments on being held on Wednesdays are now being run by the post and the Bulldog Baggerz will be hosting Corn Hole tournaments on every Thursday except the 1st Thursday of each month, so if you are interested in participating, come on down to the post and sign up.

Auxiliary will be hosting a Paint Night coming up, dates and picture to be posted on our Facebook page and webpage soon. We will also be running a Family night themed raffle in the Bar over the next month, 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Coming soon.

Hope you have a great February, spring is a little closer everyday.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward

**Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues.  
February 11th, 7pm, at the Post!**

**NOTE: We voted last month to Change meeting dates to always be the  
2nd Tuesday of the month going forward, so mark your calendars if you  
want to join us. This will make the date more consistent.**



## Goings on at the VFW

- **New Years EVE: 2nd annual Pre-game New Years Eve party was a success, thank you to all that came.**



## Patriot Pen, Voice of Democracy and Teacher of the Year awards



## COA—January 18 2025

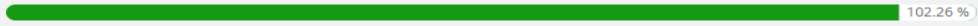
District 5 took home a lot of awards at our COA on January 18th





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## Harvell-Bishop-Arnold Trail Auxiliary Members



102.26 % Membership Progress  
136 Members Paid For 2025  
133 Members Paid For 2024

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## Other up coming events

- VFW Post Meeting—Nominations for officers for 2025-2026 Year
  - VFW District 5 meeting March 9th @1pm Madison Post  
April 13 @ 1pm Farmington
  - Auxiliary District 5 meeting March 9th @ 1pm Dexter Post  
April 13th @ 1pm Madison Post
  - April 5th, COA and Commanders & Presidents Testimonial  
Merry Manor Inn South Portland



## Cribbage Tournament

**Every Wednesday**  
Sign in at 5:30

**Tournament starts at 6PM**



## Corn Hole Tournament

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month**

Tournament starts at 7PM

~Draft Beer Specials~



# Deceased Roll Call

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

Jack Murphy



None

We have received 100 % membership 5 of the Last 6 years and are on track again for 2025  
Quartermaster received Recruiter of Year in 2024



## 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: Everett Rodgers - Chaplain: Gary Kucipak

Service Officer: Dale Bickford - Trustees: Phil Daigle, John Greenhalge, David V Trask

Post Bar Manager: Jessica Carter



***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: Anne Drawdy – Guard - Diane Pinkham

Chaplain: Linda Jo Andrews - Treasurer: Brenda Flanagan - Patriotic Instructor - Sue LeHay - Secretary  
Eleanor LeBlanc- Trustee # 1 Yvonne Brooker - Trustee # 2 Lorie Swift - Trustee # 3 Lisa Switzer



HAPPY  
Valentine's Day

# February 2025



HAPPY  
President's Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Notes:</b> 1. Girl Scout 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 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						1 <b>Celebration of Life for "HOD" 2-6PM</b>
2 <b>Baby Shower</b> <b>12:30-3PM</b>	3 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	4	5 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	6 Bar Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7pm	7 band night Open to Public, No Cover	8 <b>*Birthday Party 12-3</b> <b>*Birthday Party 6-10PM</b>
9	10 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 <b>UBM meet at 7pm</b>	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	12 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	13 7pm Corn hole Tournament	14 	15 <b>Baby Shower 2PM</b>
16	17 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 	18 6:00 Bar Committee Meeting 7 pm Honor Guard	19 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	20 <b>Marine Corps Meeting 2 pm</b> 7pm Corn hole Tournament	21	22 <b>Baby Shower 12:30-3pm</b>
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- ⇒ Don't forget to get your Dues in for 2025 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.






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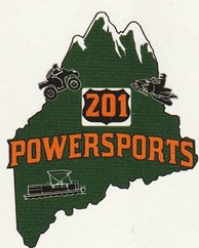
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