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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Summer is here. It's hard to believe it's already July. We hope everyone is enjoying the better weather we are having. Post members were busy in June. Our volunteers mowed all the grass at the Post and then went out into the community and took care of a few Veterans' yards as well. Thank you, all members who volunteer their time to help us in our mission to assist and serve Veterans.

RAFFLE UPDATE

Building raffles has started! 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

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. If you feel lucky, our Queen of Hearts game pot is over \$6000, stop by before Friday at 7PM to try your luck. Our dice game pot is over \$2500 as well. A lot of chances to win big in the canteen.

PARKING LOT CHANGE

Starting 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.

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, summer is finally here and I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather. June has been a little bit rainy but we do need the rain.

Earlier this month several of our Post and Auxiliary members attended the Department of Maine State Conference at Sunday River. Was a good time and as always good to see the VFW and Auxiliary at work doing what they do. We received several awards again this year and it was nice to be recognized for all the efforts that our Post and Auxiliary members have accomplished this year. I want to congratulate our State Auxiliary President for making the Circle of Excellence this year, great job Dorothy. I will be helping out next year with Credentials, wish me luck.

I will be going to Nationals in Reno Nevada this year. It will be nice to see all that the VFW and Auxiliaries across the nation have done for their veterans. I will share any highlights I received while there in the next newsletter.

We have no meeting in July so not much to report as far as happenings this coming month. Although this July 4th will be a special year as our country celebrates our 250th year of Independence. I hope all have a chance to reflect on what a wonderful accomplishment this is for our country. Watching the world cup has shown in so many ways how great this country is and how many foreigners from all over the world Love America. I hope all take a moment this 4th and count your blessings that you live in such a great place even with its issues, we have life so much better than many other places on earth. This is why most of us support our Veterans so hard, we know what they sacrificed for us to continue to live the life we Love. Happy 4th.

Car Show preparations are in full swing. Mark your calendars for Saturday September 19th at Madison Memorial High School. We will have more information coming but Please share our date and come out and enjoy this wonderful event this September.

Just a highlight coming up August 8th, Our Post will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary, please come and join us in this celebration. See flyer within the newsletter.

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! **No Meeting in July** 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

Helping Veterans



The Post had the awesome opportunity this past month to help out a Veteran and his family. The Veteran we helped does so much for our Post and local Veterans. He is our Service Officer Dale Bickford. Dale and his wife Jasmine always volunteer to assist Veterans with rides to doctor's appointments, yard clean up, graveyard cleanup, installing ramps for Veterans, Volunteer on our Post Honor Guard and these are only a few of the things this family does for Veterans. To show our appreciation and to help their Family The VFW and the American Legion along with both our Auxiliaries was able to raise just over \$10,000 for a new well to be dug on their property. Along with a donation from Pine State drilling, we were able to make this happen. Thanks to everyone who helped out and supported us with helping out this local Veteran.



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. No Meeting in July!

Congratulations

Maine Auxiliary President Dorothy Iverson on Making the Circle of Excellence.

Auxiliary President Dorothy's Special Project was Spreading happiness and healing through music and she was able to provide many Guitar set up's for her Project to Help Veterans



Other Auxiliary News:

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

5th Annual VFW Auxiliary Car Show

Mark your Calendars and Spread the word, our 5th Annual Car show this year will again be at the Madison Memorial High School

Date will be Saturday September 19th.

Car show committee has been meeting and we will be creating new Classes this year
Check out our Facebook Page for updating information
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/>



Department of Maine
Will be holding 2 schools of
Instruction coming up
In August and September
As soon as I get more information we will share

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 for application.



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.

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.

Members supported a local youth with \$500 Donation to help him go to the Shriners Lobster Bowl to support Shriners.

Deceased Roll Call

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



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: Joe Conlon

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, David V Trask

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	
				1 Cribbage Tournament 6-8		2		3 Celebration of Life No Karaoke		4 4th of July 	
5	6 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	7 7pm House committee meeting 6pm	8 Cribbage Tournament 6-8		9 Post Meeting 7PM		10 Karaoke 6-9		11 Celebration of Life		
12	13 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	14	15 Cribbage Tournament 6-8		16		17 No Karaoke		18 Family Reunion		
19	20 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	21 MCL Meeting 6-7 Committee 6PM	22 Cribbage Tournament 6-8		23		24 No Karaoke		25 Family Reunion National Convention starts Reno Nevada		
26 Girl Scout Troop 351 Pancake breakfast 9- 1130	27	28	29		30		31				



Days to Remember in July and other Services and Events

July 4th – 250th anniversary of American independence

July 27 – Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

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



Events and Raffles happening at Post and around area



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Maine State Convention 2026

Maine State Convention was held at Sunday River this year
We want to thank Commander Amy Meuchel and President Dorothy Iverson for a wonderful year.
These two leaders of our Maine VFW and Auxiliary did a wonderful job this year.



Post 7865 was honored to be selected as the 2026-2027 State Color Guard! These heroes will be Posting and Retrieving our Colors at all State events.
Great job guys!

We would like to congratulate the 7865 Post Officers, who were also elected to the
Department of Maine, Veterans of Foreign Wars officers:
Mike Carter, *State Judge Advocate, *Post Commander
Chad Steward, *State Credentials Chair, *Post Quartermaster
Gary Kucipak, *District 5 Commander, *Post Chaplin
Dale Bickford, *State Color Guard Captain, *Post Judge Advocate



We would like to congratulate our Post on making
"All-State" again this year!
This is the second year in a row that our Post has
received this award from the Department of
Maine.
Thank everyone who helped us reach this goal

Madison was represented well at the
Maine State Convention
Thank you all who joined us



Commander Carter with
Past Commander
"Hutch" for a nice day
of Fishing.



Post and Auxiliary members were to
award two \$500 scholarships at
Carrabec High this past week.
Good luck !

Meet our New State Commander and State Auxiliary President

Please welcome Roger Stevens and Lisa Dennett
Wishing them a wonder and successful year!



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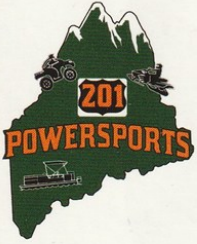


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CHANGE SERVICE
REQUESTED

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

Post Bar Opened Sunday – Saturday @ 2pm to Close

Cribbage Tournament Every Wednesday @ 6 - 8 pm

Cornhole Tournament Thursdays @ 7 - 9 pm Except 1st Thursday

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