

## **Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States**

#### HARVELL-BISHOP ARNOLD TRAIL POST #7865



June, 2024

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#### POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

We hope everyone is having a good spring so far. May has been a busy month for us. We have completed the new outdoor smoking area (Thanks R/C Construction). We are starting on the new vinyl siding in June to give the Post a much-needed facelift. We are also installing a new digital sign that should be up and running in June as well.

Our Post Honor Guard was invited to VA-Togus to perform the Posting and Retiring of the Colors for their Ceremony of remembrance that was held to honor the veterans that passed away last year either at Togus, or in the Veterans home. It was an honor to be a part of this ceremony. We also had the privilege to send off one of our own Ken Franzose (Rest in Peace Ken).

Our twice monthly Texas Holdem poker game is getting very popular. The last six games have had over 40 players each. The Post kitchen is open on poker days as well, stop by and get a good meal even if you don't play poker.

Congratulations to Oliva Urquhart and Marina Gilman have each won the \$500.00 scholarship for Madison, and Jordyn Plourd and Molly Hay have each won the \$500.00 scholarship for Carrabec high school.

Our Memorial scholarship toll bridge was a great success, raising just over \$4000.00, thank you to everyone who volunteered and donated. This money goes toward the Post and Auxiliary scholarship programs. We also gave out over 1000 poppies to all our donors, what a great day.

Our Memorial Day celebration was well attended. We had a special Guest speaker, John "Jack" Ducharme, Great speech, it was a honor having you today, thank you. We had a great day remembering our fallen heroes. Commander Padula also received and was draped with a quilt by Auxiliary members from Kennebec Valley quilters. Great work Ladies. Thank you for all that you do for our veterans.

<u>The post will be hosting a Meet and Greet/Pig Roast/BBQ on June 30th starting a 1 pm</u>. All Post and Auxiliary Members and a Guest are welcome to attend. Post will be providing the food but if anyone wants to donate something, that would be great. Come join us and bring a friend.

Congratulations to Bruce Crockett from Anson on winning the Crossbow raffle for May.

FYI: July Regular Post Meeting will be on Wednesday July 3rd @ 7:00 Due to the 4th of July Holiday. Spread the word.

Respectfully,

Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

News letter will now be available at the below website

Website: www.vfwpost7865.com Email: vfwpost7865@outlook.com

Facebook page: Madison VFW 7865





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58 Preble Avenue

Po Box 67, Madison ME 04950

June 2024

Hello Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Our Auxiliary Meet & Greet was an enjoyable, fun, and relaxing time! It was nice to see some new faces. Thanks to all who planned, coordinated, decorated, shopped, cooked, and attended. See a couple pictures from the event below:

The Auxiliary is beginning to plan our Annual Car Show fundraiser. Rob and Carol Shibley have again agreed to host our event. The Fall date will soon be shared. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sue LeHay or Michelle Steward. Stay tuned, more information will be shared as it becomes available.

## A reminder: pay your dues before 6/30/24, or you will have to rejoin the Auxiliary.





On May 24, some Auxiliary members help a Buddy Poppy Drive on Buddy Poppy Day. Thank you Sue LeHay, and Lorie Swift. Your service and remembrance of those who sacrificed all is appreciated!



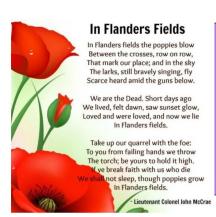
## \*NUDDY POPPY \*WEAR IT PROCES.'\*

#### "In Flanders fields the poppies blow..."

These are the opening words of Col. John McCrae's immortal poem dedicated to the memory of the men and women who served, fought and died in France during World War I, the poppies of which he wrote have become the true symbol of all those who have given their lives in our nation's wear.

The poppy has become recognized as the memorial flower in countries throughout the world. It is distributed by veterans organizations in Europe, North America, and in most of the countries of the British Commonwealth.

Since 1922, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has conducted an annual distribution of the "Buddy" Poppy to raise funds for its charitable programs on behalf of the needy and disabled veterans, and the surviving family members of deceased veterans.



Our May Regular
Monthly Auxiliary
Meeting is Tues.
June 11, 7pm, at the
Post!

It has been a pleasure servicing as your Auxiliary President for the past 10 years. It truly is an honor to be associated with you. I want to thank all who have serviced our veterans, their families, and our community so unselfishly. You are all superheroes! I know there is nothing this Auxiliary can't do! Please continue your good works as individuals and an auxiliary!

#### Your 2024/2025 Officers

President: Michelle Steward, Sr. Vice: Sue LeHay, Jr. Vice: Lorie Swift, Treasurer: Brenda Flanagin, Conductor: Anne Drawdy, Chaplain: Linda Jo Andrews, Guard: Diane Pinkham, Trustee 3: Lisa Switzer, Trustee 2: Lorie Swift, Trustee 1: Yvonne Brooker. The following members were appointed as follows: Secretary: Eleanor Jo Leblanc and Patriotic Instructor: Sue LeHay. Ladies, I acknowledge your service you, THANK YOU! You make me very proud to be part of this organization!

Be well! Humbly, Eula

#### Do you have one or more unserviceable American

**flags?** If so, please drop it off at the VFW Post. Unserviceable flags will be delivered to the American Legion – Tardiff Belanger Post for proper retiring.





### <u>Ceremony of Remembrance at Togus VA, Memorial weekend Toll</u> <u>Bridge with Poppy Drive and Memorial Day Services at the Post</u>

Thank you to all Post and Auxiliary members for participating



1. All kinds of changes going on at the post, come check them out. Roof has been completed. Old Sign out front has been removed to allow for New Sign to be added once received. Vinyl siding is coming down and new siding will be going up

soon. Fine Line has been here to fix some of the bad spots in the parking lot and Outdoor smoking room has gone up. More to come.......

- Committee Meetings will be held twice a month at 6 pm, first one prior to Post monthly meeting and second one prior to Honor guard meeting.
- 3. 103 State Convention is coming up June 21-23 June Held at the Bangor Grand Hotel. Deadline to preregister is June 11. Banquet is \$45 to attend. Contact Joan Hebert with any questions. 207-782-2573.
- 4. Red Cross Blood drive Jun 3rd 12-4, please consider donating if you could.







#### Other Auxiliary news:

- Auxiliary will be gearing up to start planning our Annual Car Show. This will take place sometime in September. Rob and Carol Shibley have again agreed to host our event. Once we have verified the dates we will post here and to our Facebook page all the updated information. Looking forward to seeing Past and New participants. More to come......
- 2. Don't forget to come to the Post on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the Month for Texas Holdem. Don't Play, well come down anyway and have a nice meal. 1st meal of the month is put on by the POST and the Second Meal of the month is put on by the Auxiliary. Great meals at a great price, Serving starts at Noon.

#### TAKE ACTION

- Dial 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 to talk to someone
- Start a confidential online chat session at www.
   VeteransCrisisLine.net/chat
- Send a text message to 838255 to connect to a VA responder
- Take a self-check quiz at www. VeteransCrisisLine.net/quiz
- If you or a Veteran you know is in crisis, find a facility near you
- Visit www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net if you are Active Duty, Reserve, or Guard
- Connect through chat, text, or TTY if you are deaf or hard of hearing



#### Veteran suicide prevention

If you're a Veteran in a mental health crisis and you're thinking about hurting yourself—or you know a Veteran who's considering this—get help right away. You're not alone.

#### How do I talk to someone right now?

If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, connect with our caring, qualified Veterans Crisis Line responders for confidential help. Many of them are Veterans themselves. This service is private, free, and available 24/7.

Here's how you can connect with a Veterans Crisis Line responder, anytime day or night:

Call 988 and select 1.

Text: 838255.

Start a confidential chat.

www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/ If you have hearing loss, call TTY: 800-799-4889.

You can also take these actions:

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Find your nearest VA medical center

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The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services have created VEFAP for veterans who suffer an emergency and do not have sufficient savings or access to other financial assistance to resolve it. Examples of grant assistance (up to a \$2,000) for veterans who are Maine residents include - To prevent or resolve the veteran from being homeless; vehicle repair to maintain employment; illness of the veteran or family member that results in hardship; damage to the veterans home due to fire, flood, or hurricane that is not covered by insurance, up to \$500 for a dental emergency (suffering pain and/or infection), and any other condition that puts the veteran at risk of not having the basic necessities of food, shelter, or safety. For more information, or to request financial assistance, please contact one of our vendors below:

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http://www.maineveteransforward.org/

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#### **Carl Moore**







#### **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

### Harvell – Bishop - Arnold Trail Post 7865 Officers: Newly 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**

**Newly 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

# June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Texas Hold'em 1200	3 Red Cross Blood drive 12-5	4	5	6 Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7 pm Anniversary of D-Day	7	8
9	10	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	12 Women Veterans Appreciation Day Maine State House 1PM	13 Kennebec Valley Quilters 5:30 Pm	14 Flag Day Army Birthday	15
16 Texas Hold'em 1200	17	18 Committee Meeting 6pm Honor Guard Training 7 pm	19	20 Marine Corps Meeting 6 pm	21	22
23 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday	24	25	26	27 National PTSD Awareness Day	28	29
30 Post Meet & Greet Pig Roast & BBQ 1pm Post & Aux members welcome with a guest	1	2	Reminder: July Post meeting on July 3rd 7pm	4 Independence day	5	6

Mark your calendars Event by

Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services

1 State House Station, Augusta, ME

04330

Join us for a special day dedicated to appreciating our amazing women veterans featuring guest speakers and veteran services on site.



June 12. 2024
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#### Camp Lejeune Justice Act Litigation

If you have questions about eligibility and how to pursue a federal lawsuit under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, the VFW encourages you to contact one of our entrusted law firms: B&M Bergmann & Moore, LLC (800-898-9450) or Baird Mandalas Brockstedt & Federico (410.421.7777)

#### Important Numbers

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Dial 988 then Press 1

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Maine Military Members and Families Assistance Hotline:

1-888-365-9287

MyVA411:

1-800-MyVA411 / 1-800-698-2411

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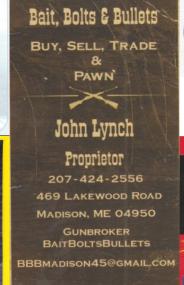
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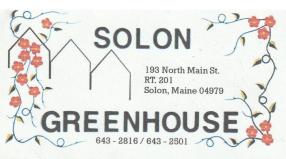
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**June 2024** 

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Post Monthly Meetings: First Thursday @ 7pm Auxiliary Meetings: The Tuesday Following 1st Thursday @ 7pm Marine Corps League Monthly Meetings: Third Thursday @ 6pm Post Bar Opened @ 2pm Monday—Saturday And Sunday @ Noon Texas Holdem 1st & 3rd Sunday — Lunch & Buy In Start @ Noon













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