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## **POST COMMANDERS REPORT**

### **Greetings Comrades,**

Is it Summer yet? We hope everyone is enjoying themselves so far this spring/summer. The record weekend rain outs are for sure a challenge, but we hope everyone is getting their stuff done.

We have had a good May. Our 2025 remodeling Canteen is going very well. We have finished all the work in the canteen. We have new barstools, a new carpet, and new shiplap around the canteen and we are painting the knee wall to match the bar stools. We are officially done with the canteen, please stop by and check it out.

Memorial Day was a huge success! The Post Honor Guard did an amazing job marching in and saluting all our fallen comrades. The Post was able to feed 55 meals to Veterans, Post and Auxiliary members, along with our local community members that showed up to honor Memorial Day with us.

Congratulations to our own bartender Nicole "Nix" on winning the Spring Clean-up raffle we had. She won a 30cc chainsaw, gas powered leaf blower, powerhead with grass cutter, brush cutter and pole saw attachments. Thank you again to Hardy's Motorsports in Norridgewock for helping us with it.

Keep a lookout for the next raffle!

We will be helping our brothers and sisters at the American Legion this summer. They will be making a meal once a month through September to help raise money for the Legion. This date will be on the calendar of events each month.

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.

**Respectfully,**

**Mike Carter**

**Post Commander Madison VFW 7865**

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Well May went by pretty fast and we are now moving into June and the summer months. The rain has dampened many activities this past month, including our Poppy Day drive. Hopefully we can reschedule sometime later in June.

We had a successful Toll Bridge this year, with many of our members pulling double shifts to help out. I want to thank you all who participated. The Toll Bridge helps to fund both VFW and Auxiliary scholarship funds so that we can offer to VFW and Auxiliary family members as they continue on to college after graduation.

We had a strong presence at the Memorial Day services this Memorial Day. Thank you all who participated and a thank you goes out to the Girl Scouts and their Troop Leaders for helping us out again. Girl scouts also helped out the Auxiliary to swamp out the kitchen and hall. Great bunch of girls and troop leaders.

Saturday June 7th will be the COL for passed Auxiliary member Linda Rogers, please stop by and show your support for her husband Everett and her family if you can.

Hope you have a great May, Summer is a little closer everyday.

Auxiliary is gearing up for our Annual Car Show, which will be held on Saturday September 20th. We are working on a new venue, sponsors and vendors to attend this year. Hopefully will have more info soon.

June 20-22 is the Annual Department of Maine Convention. We have quite a few members representing Madison this year. Should be a good source of information and I look forward to it.

I would like to thank all of you who have reported time spent helping veterans. We logged over 33 hrs. and over 450 miles. A quilt of Valor was gifted to Auxiliary member Ralph Withee by the Kennebec Quilters. Congratulations Ralph. We do appreciate all you do for us as well.

Ways and Means baskets will be raffled at the State convention if anyone is interested in buying a ticket. You can contact me if you are interested.

I hope that your June is a sunny one and your summer has a great start.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward

**Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues.**

**June 10th, 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.

Other going's on at the Post :

- Memorial Day Weekend Toll Bridge
- Color Guard Members & Commander Attended Funeral of WWII Veteran with limited family in Maine
- Memorial Day Ceremonies on Memorial Day

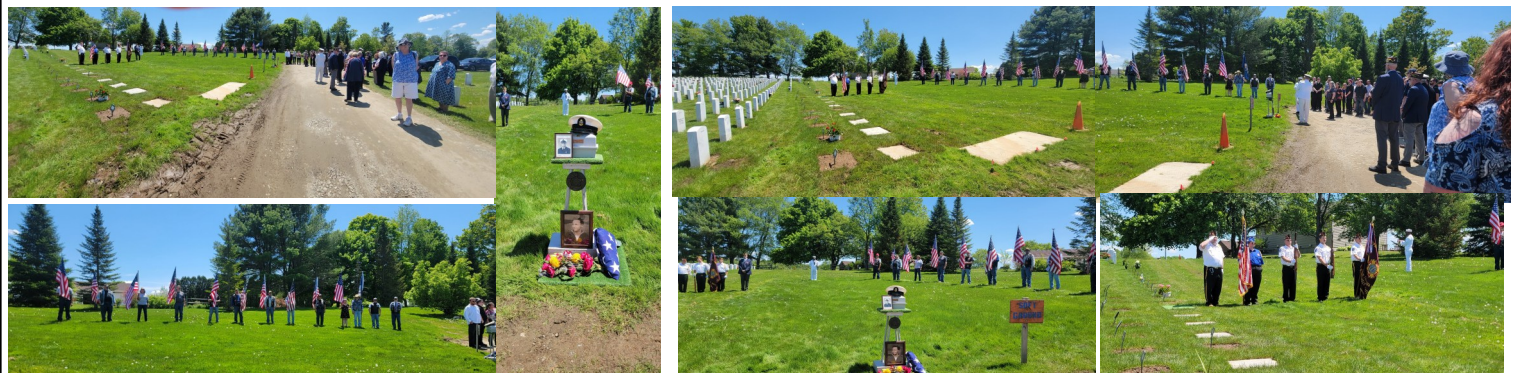
## Memorial Weekend Toll Bridge-VFW and Auxiliary Participation



## Memorial Day Ceremonies and Veteran's Lunch-VFW and Auxiliary Participation



Dept. of Maine VFW Color Guard, Dept. Adjutant Lambert and Commander Carter attending a ceremony for a fallen veteran at the Veterans Cemetery in Augusta. Duty, Honor, Respect.





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- Car show meetings have started—we will be locating to a new venue this year, hopefully have details soon.
- State convention in Poland Springs from June 20-22.
- Can pull tabs that have been collected will be gathered and donated.
- Kitchen clean up was done with the help of Auxiliary member's and Girl scouts.

### Days to Remember in June

**June 6, 2025 – Anniversary of the World War II Allied invasion in Normandy, France, now known as D-Day.**

**June 14, 2025 – Flag Day – A Day to celebrate the adoption of the U.S. flag.**

**June 14, 2025 – Army Birthday**

**June 23, 2025 – Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday**

## Women Veterans Appreciation Day

**June 13, 2025**  
1:00 p.m.  
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Featured Speakers:

**Kristina Sabasteanski**  
Director of Veterans Adaptive Sports, VAST Program  
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**Christy Gardner**  
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JUNE 27



## Cribbage Tournament

**Every Wednesday**  
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**Tournament starts at 6PM**

## Corn Hole Tournament

**Will start back up in Fall**

~Draft Beer Specials~

# Deceased Roll Call

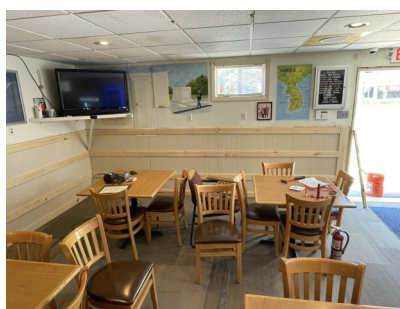
"May Our Comrades Rest In Eternal Peace In Post Eternity?"



The Post Honor guard had the honor along with Commander Kimball and Carter of attending a great comrade funeral service. Commander Edward McCall—Jackman, you were definitely a one of a kind guy and it was an honor for us to get to work along side of you.



## New walls going up at the canteen!



## 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: Lee Raymond



### *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

# June 2025

**Sun**

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**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

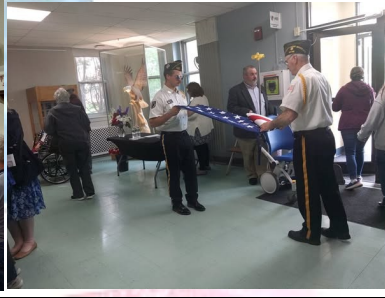
**Sat**

<b>Notes:</b> 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	3	4	5 Bar Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7pm	6	7 C.O.L. Linda Rogers
8 Belinda Pinkham Chinese Auction	9 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	10 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	11 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	12	13	14 C.O.L. Bruce Santora
15	16 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	17 *Bar Committee Meeting at 6PM *Honor Guard Practice at 7PM	18 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	19 Marine Corp Meeting 2 PM	20 State Convention starts Poland	21 C.O.L. Gail Moore
22 State Convention Ends	23 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	24	25 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	26	27	28 American Legion Meal 2-6
29	30					

- ⇒ 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.

## Last Roll Call

VFW post 7865 honor guard members participating at the annual last roll call honors at the V.A. hospital in Togus. We were also asked if we could refold a veterans flag for his widow. It was an honor to be asked to participate and we will be back next year to pay our respects.

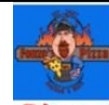


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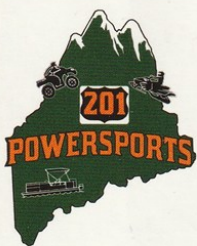
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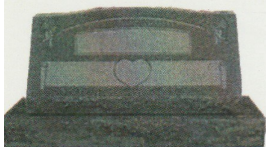
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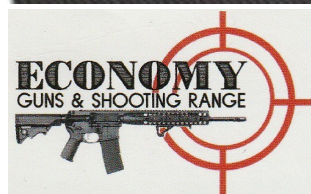
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