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June 2026

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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Summer is almost here! The temperatures are getting warmer and fun in the sun is upon us.

Our annual "Toll Bridge" for scholarships was a huge success. We along with our Auxiliary hit our goals for scholarships this year. Thank you to all who helped and supported this event. Our Memorial Day ceremony was a big hit. We would like to send a special thank you to Commander Meuchel's for being our guest speaker, on the day we honor our fallen heroes. We feed around 50 people at this event. We grilled hamburgers and hot dogs this year and all the traditional Memorial Day foods and desserts.

We were honored to be invited back to VA-Togus again this year for the Day of Remembrance ceremony. This is our third year performing at this ceremony. We were able to help Honor the memory of 39 Veterans who passed away last year at Togus.

RAFFLE ALERT!

Our Building raffles have started up again. 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.

If you feel lucky, our Queen of Hearts game pot is over \$5000, stop by before Friday at 7PM to try your luck. Our dice game is over \$1500 as well. A lot of chances to win big in the canteen.

Our Post Maintenance team was also able to help a Veterans wife out with some light sheet rocking and carpentry at her home in Starks.

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, I hope you are doing well. June is finally here and I know I am ready for the warmer weather with summer around the corner. May was a bit chilly for me.

May was a busy month for our Auxiliary. I want to thank Jasmine Bickford for helping out on the VFW Day of Service and Veteran's Helping Veterans. Thank you for all you do Jasmine, I appreciate you very much.

Our Poppy Ladies were at the Dollar Tree in Skowhegan on Poppy Day, Friday May 22nd taking donations. Thank you Sue and Lori for spending the day giving out Poppies to remind people about the sacrifices that our veteran's have made and that Memorial Day is about remembering those sacrifices.

On Saturday May 23rd we had our annual Scholarship Toll bridge. We had a very successful day. The combined effort of both the VFW and Auxiliary was a great contribution to this effort. Jasmine Bickford, Robin Trask, Anne Drawdy Kucipak, Brenda Flanagan and myself all Participated. Thank you Brenda and Anne for pulling double duty to cover our shifts.

Thank you all officers that were able to come to our Joint Installation Ceremony Prior to our Memorial Day Ceremonies. This was a very nice ceremony and I hope that we can continue to do this yearly on Memorial day. It is a great day to come together with our counterparts in the VFW and to come together and honor our Fallen Veterans on Memorial Day. Thank you all again, you are the best!

Car Show preparations have started and we have a Date. Mark you calendars for Saturday September 19th at Madison Memorial High School. More to come over the next few months.

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.

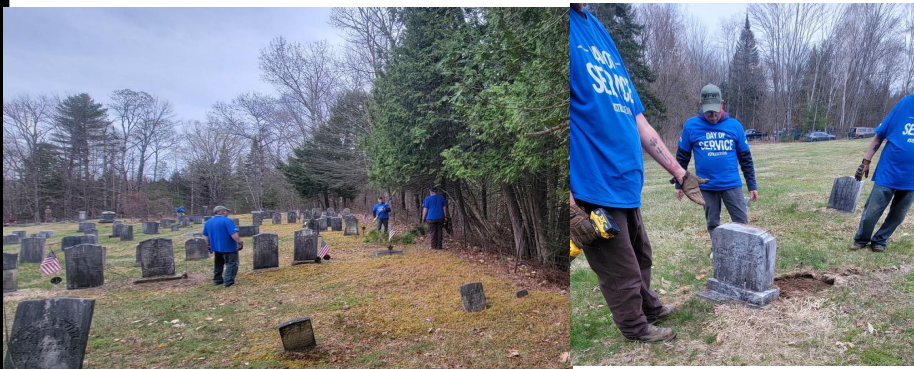
June 9th, 6:30 pm, at the Post! Please note new time Pen-nies for cancer bucket is located in the Hall, please consider dropping in your extra change as you walk by. All proceeds go to the Jackson Lab here in Maine. Care and comfort items are always welcome. Can tabs are also being collected in the Hall.

Other going's on at the Post :

- Cribbage every Wednesday
- Queen Of Hearts game and Shake of the Day" dice game continue.
- State VFW and Auxiliary Convention will be June 5-7 in Sunday River

Day of service 2026

VFW and Auxiliary members Help clean up Local Cemeteries after a long winter



Helping Veterans



7865 Construction Crew out helping a Veteran's Spouse with a Sheetrock project.



If you know of a veteran in need this winter season, 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

Spring is around the Corner



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Auxiliary News:

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



Thank you to these Lovely Auxiliary Ladies that spent their Day on "Poppy Day" handing out Poppies in remembrance of those service men and women who gave all to our country.



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.



Other Auxiliary News:

State convention will be held June 5th thru 7th at the Sunday River Grand Summit resort in Newry Maine. Post 7865 will be entering Coffee basket for raffle.

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

5th Annual VFW Auxiliary Car Show

Mark your Calendars, 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 will be meeting soon.

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?"



Pam Tweedie



PTSD Information Voice Mail: (802) 296-6300
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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.

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Harvell – Bishop - Arnold Trail Post 7865 Officers: Incoming 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 **Incoming 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



June 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	4 Post Meeting 7pm House committee meeting 6pm	5 State Convention No Karaoke	6 State Convention
7 State Convention	8 Blood Drive 1-5 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	9 Post Auxiliary Meet 6:30 PM	10 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	11	12 Karaoke 6-9	13 Celebration of Life
14 Flag Day	15 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	16	17 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	18	19 No Karaoke	20
21 Fathers Day	22 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	23 MCL Meeting 6- 7 Committee 6PM Honor Guard	24 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	25	26 No Karaoke SAL Meal	27
28	29 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	30	1	2	3	4 4th of July

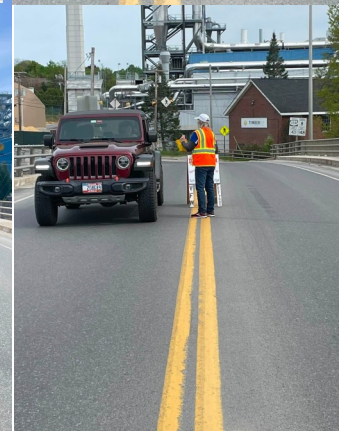
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Days to Remember in April and other Services and Events

Jun. 6 – D-Day Anniversary
Jun. 14 – Flag Day & Army Birthday
Jun. 23 – Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday

Memorial Weekend Toll Bridge

VFW and Auxiliary Members
Participated in our Annual Toll
Bridge to raise funds for our
Scholarship fund
Great Job all who Volunteered
your time. Thank you!
We gave out well over 1000
Poppies to all who donated.



Events and Raffles happening at Post and around area

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Memorial Day 2026

Memorial day started out with a joint Installation of VFW Post 7865 and Auxiliary Officers,
Installed by our very own State Commander Amy Meuchel.
Our Memorial Day Service Followed, honoring those who have fallen in Service to our Country.
After our service we invited our guests for BBQ with Hot Dogs Hamburgers and fixings.



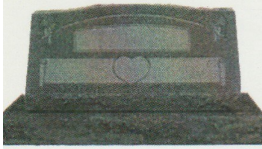
VA Maine's 2026 Last Roll Call ceremony



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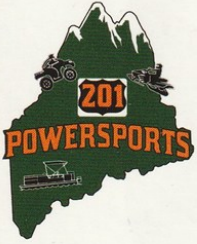


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CHANGE SERVICE
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Post Monthly Meetings: First Thursday @ 7pm

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

Marine Corps League Meetings: Last Tues of Month 6 pm

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