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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Spring is in the air! We hope everyone is doing well with the weather change and upcoming mud season.

We have had a good April. Our 2025 remodeling is going very well. So far this year we have remodeled the women's restroom, installed new flooring in the kitchen and new Hall lights. We are currently working on our canteen remodel which includes new barstools, new carpet, new shiplap around the canteen and we are painting the knee wall to match the bar stools. We had Post nominations and voting for the 2025-2026 Post officer positions. The new officers will be as follows:

Commander-Mike Carter	Chaplain-Gary Kucipak II
Sr. Vice-Lee Raymond	Service Officer-Dale Bickford
Jr. Vice-Dave Foss	Year One Trustee-Everett Rogers
Quartermaster-Chad Steward	Year Two Trustee-Phil Daigle
Adjutant-Rick Petersen	Year Three Trustee-Dave Trask Jr
Judge Advocate-Bill Lytle	
Surgeon-Jessica Carter	

We currently have a "Spring Cleaning" raffle going on. It includes an Echo 30CC chainsaw, gas powered leaf blower, split shaft power head that includes a pole saw, spring cutter and bush cutter. An \$800 value, and we are only selling 100 tickets at \$20 each. We also would like to thank Hardys Motorsports in Norridgewock for getting us the equipment at a great price. Our 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.

Respectfully,
Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Wow, April went by pretty fast. Hope everyone had a nice Easter. Hopefully the weather will finally turn nice and not continue to tease us with these nice days just to turn around and be cold and wet.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our Paint night on Tuesday April 22nd. Maybe this fall we will have better luck. We will be starting our Committee to start planning for Car Show right off. Plan at this point is for September 20th. We should have more info in the coming months. We had three outreach projects in April, Michelle helped the Athens Victory Club give out flowers and pies to Older folks in Athens for Easter, Eleanor helped out at the Madison Elementary School Book Fair and Diane helped cook at the Grange for a function.



Well April was a busy month with COA, regular meeting, and then District meeting. At our April meeting we voted for new officers for the coming year, See below. Wish our new officers the best over the coming year.

2025-2026 officers are:

- President, Michelle Steward
- Sr. Vice, Sue LeHay
- Jr. Vice, Lori Swift
- Conductress, Lisa Switzer
- Guard, Diane Pinkham
- Treasurer, Brenda Flanagan
- Chaplain, Karen Lytle
- Patriotic Inst, Sue Lehay
- 1st Trustee, Lori Swift
- 2nd Trustee, Lisa Switzer
- 3rd Trustee, Yvonne Brooker{
- Secretary, Anne Drawdy

May promises to be a busy Month as well. National day of Service on May 3rd, National Poppy Day on May 23rd (Auxiliary will be at Dollar Tree), Toll Bridge TBD where on May 24th, and Memorial Service at Post on Memorial Day.

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

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward

Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues.

May 13th, 7pm, at the Post! Pennies for cancer bucket is located in the Bar, 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 :

- Come see the new floor in the Canteen.
- National Day of Service May 3rd—Members going to Athens to help the Rec Department Paint Building
- Memorial Day Weekend Toll Bridge TBD
- Memorial Day Ceremonies on Memorial Day

COA Meeting in April



Some of the gang that attended the Maine veterans homes committee meeting in April at the state capital building. It was a good turn out. Anything we can do to help our fellow veterans, we will be there.





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- The Skowhegan Area Community Band and Community Chorus will be having their Spring concert on Sunday, May 4th at 3pm at the Centenary United Methodist Church, 103 Dr. Mann Road, Skowhegan ME. This year's concert is a Patriotic theme and includes songs such as the Armed Forces, Battle Hymn of the Republic, America the Beautiful and An American Tribute to name a few. The chorus will be singing while the band plays. This is a FREE concert. Come by and support Auxiliary member Sue Leahy and her Band This weekend.
- National Poppy Day May 23rd—Stop by Dollar Tree in Skowhegan 10-2 and get your poppies for Memorial Day weekend.
- Congratulations Alton Jones, winner of the Auxiliary Family Night Basket

Spring Raffle

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Corn Hole Tournament

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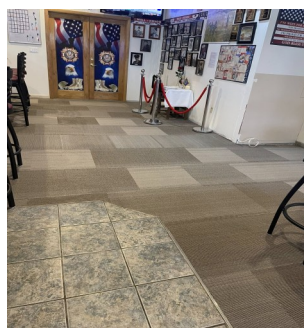
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Remember All those members who we lost.
Thank you for your service!



New flooring at the canteen!



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**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

May 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Notes: 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 Bar Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7pm	2	3 National Day of Service Athens Ball Field COL Jackie Pollis 11:30
4	5 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	6	7 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	8 6pm Corn hole Tournament	9	10 COL C. Peter 2PM
11	12 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	14 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	15 Marine Corp Meeting 2 PM 6pm Corn hole Tournament	16	17 COL R. Frazier 12-4
18	19 Girl Scout Troop meets at	20 *Bar Committee Meeting at 6PM *Honor Guard Practice at 7PM	21 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	22 6pm Corn hole Tournament	23 National Poppy Day Aux to be at Dollar Tree with Poppies	24 Toll Bridge TBD COL Elizabeth Page
25	26 Memorial Day Ceremonies Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	27	28 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	29 6pm Corn hole Tournament	30	31 American Legion Meal 2-6

- ⇒ 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.




Poppy Display winner

More Commander's
Banquet Pictures
At COA in April

Patriotic Art Winner






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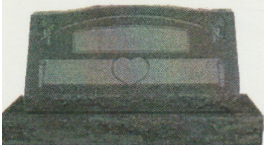
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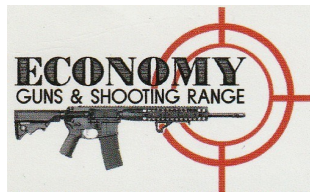
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