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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Happy fall everyone. October was a good month of Volunteering and Comradeship for us. Our Post Honor Guard was invited to two different events, representing the Madison VFW Post and State Color Guard. We are always looking for new Honor Guard members, or just fill ins. We have a lot going on in November. We have our Veterans

Day ceremony coming up on Veterans Day. Our ceremony will start at 1200, with our guest speakers, followed by the Post Honor Guard salute. Afterwards we have a potluck for food. Veterans eat for free, all other donations of whatever you can, no minimum.

After that we have our Thanksgiving Day meal coming up. The Post will fry and bake turkeys. We also have a sign-up sheet in the canteen for anyone who wants to donate any food. Anyone who would like to volunteer to serve food or delivery meals (in the local area) can contact the Post and let the officers know what you would like to volunteer for. Thank you, all Post/ Auxiliary and community members who volunteer their time to help us in our mission to assist and serve Veterans.

RAFFLE UPDATE

We have a Browning 30-06 bolt action wood grain rifle with Vortex Scope and rings. Tickets are $1 each or 6 for $5. The drawing will be held on Thanksgiving Day. All proceeds go toward our building maintenance upkeep and Kids Christmas Gifts.

GAMES UPDATE

TEXAS HOLD'EM has begun again. Great turn out so far. Every 1st and 3rd Sundays. 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.

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.

We are Veterans serving Veterans

Respectfully,

Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Hello everyone, boy October went by fast and we are already into November. Was a busy month for me with District Meeting and COA in Caribou and many other things in between that kept me busy this month. Presidents Testimonial was a very nice event. We enjoyed being up in Caribou and had a good time.

We had our first Texas Hold'em meal that the Auxiliary put on this month. Thank you Diane, Joan and Sue for coming out and helping me get this meal prepared and served. I think we did pretty well and everyone seemed to enjoy their meal. Next Auxiliary meal is November 15th. Come on out and have a meal, even if you are not playing, the meal's are wonderful. Thank you also to Eddie Cowan who has been helping out the Post side with their meal. We appreciate all that you all do.

November is also going to be a busy month at the Post. Veteran's day is just around the corner. There will be a ceremony at the Post starting at noon. With a Pot Luck meal immediately following. Please join us on this Veteran's day and have a nice meal. Unfortunately I will not be there as I will be preparing and serving another Veteran's Day meal in Athens for the Athens Victory Club, but I will be there in spirt.

Thanksgiving is also happening this month. The post will be hosting a Free Thanksgiving meal for Veteran's and their families. All others are invited as well but we would encourage a donation, if possible but not required. There is a sign up sheet for donations and we are always looking for volunteers to help serve and to help deliver meals to folks who are not able to join us.

Some of you may have wondered what the special surprise was at our Last meeting. The ladies from the Quilt of Valor were at the Post to honor one of our Post Members, Rick Petersen. Congratulations Rick.

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. If you would like to volunteer and don't know what you could do to help, please reach out, there are many things great and small that help us fulfil our mission.

Have a great holiday season, Christmas is around the corner.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward
Auxiliary President

Our **Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues. Nov 10th, 6:30 pm, at the Post**! 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.
- Veterans Day Ceremony and Meal
- Thanksgiving Day Meal

Helping Veterans



VFW and Auxiliary Providing Holiday Meals for Veterans

Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day meals to be provided. Looking for donations for both meals and Volunteers to serve both and Deliver Meals on Thanksgiving





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:

Auxiliary and Post gave Baby shower to 2 of our members

Baby Atticus Arrived a little early but was a healthy 7lb 14oz boy.







$500 in Donations Voted on and Sent to Togus for both Men and Women



48 Mens Socks
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12 Mens t-shirts
18 Mens briefs
30 Womens briefs
12 Sport Bras
12 Womens Yoga Sweatpants
6 Baggy Sweatshirts
6 Mens Lounge Pants
Misc Mens and Womens comfort items



If you know someone that is eligible to join the VFW or the Auxiliary, please sign them up today!
Have a family member who is Eligible?
Membership Makes a Great Lifetime Christmas Gift.





Deceased Roll Call

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

F Louise Lehay





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National Center for PTSD

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Also see: VA Mental Health

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

Harvell – Bishop - Arnold Trail Post 7865 Officers: Elected VFW Officer's for 2026-2027

Post Commander: Mike Carter - Senior Vice: Dave V Trask

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, Rick Petersen

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 Flanagin - Patriotic Instructor - Sue LeHay - Secretary Anne Drawdy-Kucipak - Trustee # 1 Lisa Switzer - Trustee # 2 Lorie Swift - Trustee # 3 Yvonne Brooker

November 2026

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tuesdays Senior Meals						
1 **Texas Holdem Sign up Noon Start at 1pm Meal**	**2** Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	**3**	**4** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	**5** Post Meeting 7PM House committee meeting 6pm	**6**	**7** **Private Function**
8 Private Function	**9** Girl Scouts 530-7 UBM Meeting	**10** 6:30 pm Aux Meeting	**11** Veterans Day Ceremony Noon	**12** CornHole Tournament	**13** **Karaoke 6-9**	**14** **Private Function**
15 **Texas Holdem Sign up Noon Start at 1pm Meal**	**16** Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	**17**	**18** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	**19** CornHole Tournament	**20**	**21** **Private Function**
22 **Private Function**	**23** Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	**24** MCL Meeting 6-7	**25** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	**26** Thanksgiving Day Free Meals	**27**	**28** **Private Function**
29	30 Girl Scouts 530-7					



Days to Remember in November and other Services and Events

Nov. – Military Family Month & Warrior Care Month
Nov. 10 – Marine Corps Birthday
Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day

Remember that November is National Veterans & Military Family Month & Warrior Care Month

Thanksgiving Pie's
Get your order in for Girl Scout Pie Sale



Texas Hold'em is back for Limited time this winter

Meals served at Noon and during first break, anyone is invited





One of the great meals being served on Texas Hold'em afternoons

Stop buy and grab a meal, don't have to play to buy one.







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Quilt of Valor

It was a great night to honor our own Rick Petersen with a quilt of Valor.







VFW post 7865 District 5 Meeting



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If you are a member of the Post or Auxiliary and have Volunteered your time to help a Veteran or Other organization, Let us Know

Volunteer tracking Sheets

Month: _____
Day: _____
Year: 2026

Name: _____

Activity: _____

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Hours Donated: _____

Number of Volunteers _____

Money Saved/Money Spent _____

Remarks:

Events and Raffles happening at Post and around area

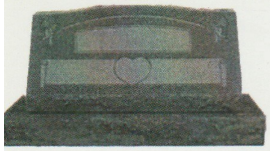






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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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

Guests Welcome











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