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Nov 2025

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## **POST COMMANDERS REPORT**

### **Greetings Comrades,**

We hope everyone is enjoying the start of fall. October was a good month for us, we were able to help a few Veterans through rides to Togus VA. Our Honor Guard performed two funerals for our fallen heroes. The State Color Guard who is made up of Post 7865 members was asked to Post/Retrieve the colors for a Department of Maine officer who recently passed and did an outstanding job. We were also able to help a veteran's family by renting U-Haul and assisting them in moving from a house to an apartment. We are still partnering with the American Legion by hosting their S.A.L. meals and American Legion Auxiliary Turkey pie sales.

We have a few events coming up in November and everyone is invited. On November 11th we will be hosting a Veterans Day ceremony at the Post 12-3. The ceremony will start at 12:00 with food following. Veterans eat for free, we ask for donations from everyone else. We will have Smoking Good Times BBQ here, as well as some potluck for other options. We are also doing our annual Thanksgiving Day celebration on Nov 27th from 12-3. This meal is free for everyone (donations are always appreciated) and we can deliver to the local area for any Veterans that can't make it in. Please call the Post before so we can add your name and family to the list for delivery.

We also have a football Tail Gate party going on select Sundays; follow our Facebook page for dates and times. Doors will open at 12 on these days, and there is a sign-up sheet for food located in the canteen. Come on out and watch some football with us. Keep a lookout for the next raffle! Our current raffle is for two rifles, a CVA Scout 45-70 and 35 Whelen, both single shot rifles. We are only selling 100 tickets at \$20 each ticket. Our next raffle will start immediately after this raffle is drawn.

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

**Newsletter will now be available at the below website**

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Christmas season is coming quick and the Post is doing raffles to raise money for the Children's Christmas gifts. As many of you know we usually support 20-30 Local children during the Christmas season. So please consider participating in these raffles or you can also make a direct donation at the canteen.

There are many things going on at the post and I hope you all are able to attend a few things. Veterans day is just around the corner and Commander Mike is working on a surprise guest speaker. Following the Ceremony there will be Free Meal for Veterans as well as some pot luck meals for guests who attend.

The post has been helping out the Legion to raise money for new building. The SAL will be putting on a Pot Roast Dinner Nov 22nd. They will be Raffling off several Meat Packages over the winter for \$5 a ticket. Next drawing Nov 30th. Legion will also be having a craft Fair on Nov 15th from 9-3. Prospect Athletics will be putting on Craft Fair Nov 29th from 9-3 as well. Stop by to these great events, have a meal, or stop by on a Wednesday and play some cribbage or on a Thursday to play some Corn hole.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Post will be putting on their Annual Thanksgiving meal Thanksgiving day. This meal is free. There will be a sign up sheet in the Bar for donations of food. Not sure what to bring, you can contact Auxiliary member Karen Lytle, she is helping to coordinate so that we have a verity of offerings.

As always, if you know of a veteran in need, especially around the holiday's, 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.

I would like to mention, with the government shutdown continuing, if you are able, consider reaching out to your local food cupboards and make any donations that you can. There will be a lot of families out there this Thanksgiving that will be struggling with their food budgets and I am sure the food cupboards will be in need. Or if you know of a family member or Friend that is struggling and you are able, maybe help them with out with something. I just did this for one of my family members and they were so grateful, took a lot of pressure off of them at least until this whole thing is resolved. Thank you and God Bless you!

Also, just another if you have not paid your dues, we encourage you to pay before December 31st, for the 2025/2026 year or you might want to consider getting your lifetime membership.

Hoping you all have a wonderful start to the holiday season.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward  
Auxiliary President

**Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues. Nov 4th, 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. Care and comfort items are always welcome. Can tabs are also being collected in the Hall.



Other going's on at the Post :

- Tail Gate party starting at 12 on Nov 2nd. Doors will open at 12, and there is a sign-up sheet for food located in the canteen. Come on out and watch some football with us.
- November 11th—Veteran's Day Ceremonies—Veterans Lunch—Veterans are Free—All others for Donations
- November 27 Annual Thanksgiving Day Celebration—Free
- Cribbage every Wednesday, stop in an play, also try your luck at the Yahtzee game.
- There is a Senior meal every Tuesday at 11am at the VFW. It is free to all seniors, so stop by for some good food and company.

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving Day meal at noon on Thanksgiving Day. We are in need of volunteers to donate side dishes and desserts. We could also use some help packing to go containers for deliveries. If you would like to volunteer or donate a dish please sign up in the canteen or send us a message. Thank you for your continued support!!



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## Thanksgiving Day Celebration



*Happy  
Thanksgiving*

Food will be ready to be served at 12:00pm. We have delivery available if you can not make it to the Post, please call if you need delivery in the local area  
(deliveries will start at 12:30pm)

The VFW will be providing the turkey (Baked and Fried options). We also asking everyone to bring their favorite dish or dessert to help us feed everyone. Please sign up on our sign-up sheet at the Post

**Thank you for supporting your local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post**

Just a note if you are planning on any traveling especially by air!

If you or loved one plans to fly, you are now required to have REAL ID or a Valid Passport.

Many veteran's may not realize that they need at Least a REAL ID to fly, so if you know of a veteran or family member that plans on flying, especially Honor Flights, they will need to be prepared. Happy Traveling.





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## Community Service—Auxiliary President and Post Quartermaster Paint Food Booth for Athens Rec Department



### Meet your Auxiliary Member Family

Love this great group of VFW 7865 Auxiliary members from Madison. Thank you for all that you do for our Veterans and families.




### Veterans and Family Support and Community outreach over last few months

37 hours driving to and from TOGUS and 480 miles driving a veteran to store (5 trips)  
4 hrs stacking wood for a veteran  
3 hours for funerals  
1 hour assembling carport for a veteran  
3 hours visiting veterans at homes, Nursing homes and at TOGUS  
\$175.00 cleaning supplies donated for Cabin in the Woods  
Member Sat with a veteran for 3 ½ hours before he passed  
15 hours volunteered at food pantry, produce truck, Bingham Health Clinic



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



None

## HOMELESS VETERANS MOBILE STAND DOWNS

**Connecting homeless & at-risk veterans to:**  
Housing resources, benefits, healthcare services, employment & training opportunities, personal care items, winter clothing, haircuts, food, & other community resources!

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<b>OCT. 15</b> 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.	<b>VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK</b> 2-20 MAIN STREET, LEWISTON
<b>OCT. 29</b> 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.	<b>HANNAFORD</b> 295 FOREST AVENUE, PORTLAND
<b>NOV. 5</b> 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.	<b>MILL PARK</b> 2-32 ME-104, AUGUSTA

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## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

### Harvell – Bishop - Arnold Trail Post 7865 Officers: Elected VFW Officer's for 2024-2025



Post Commander: Mike Carter - Senior Vice: Joe Conlon

Junior Vice : Dave Foss - Adjutant: Rick Petersen - Quarter Master: Chad Steward

Judge Advocate: Bill Lytle - Surgeon: Jessica Carter - Chaplain: Gary Kucipak

Service Officer: Dale Bickford - Trustees: Phil Daigle, Everett Rodgers, 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: Lisa Switzer – Guard - Diane Pinkham

Chaplain: Karen Lytle - Treasurer: Brenda Flanagan - Patriotic Instructor - Sue LeHay - Secretary Anne

Drawdy-Kucipak - - Trustee # 1 Lorie Swift - Trustee # 2 Lisa Switzer Trustee # 3 Yvonne Brooker





Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Tail gate party 12 pm	3 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	4 Senior Meals 9:30-12 Post Auxiliary Meet 7PM	5 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	6 Post Meeting 7pm House committee meeting 6pm	7 8 Marine Corp League Birthday 1-5
9 Birthday Party	10 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 UBM Meeting 6pm	11 VETERANS DAY Ceremony	12 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	13 Corn Hole 7 Pm	14 Craft Fair set-up 15 A.L. Auxiliary Craft Fair
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23	24 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	25 Senior Meals 9:30-12 Marine Corp League Meeting 6PM	26 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	27 POST 7865 THANKSGIVING Meal 12-3 Corn Hole 7 Pm	28 Craft Fair set-up 29 Prospect Athletics Craft Fair 9-3
30	<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 Last Thursday at 6 PM 7. Honor Guard Practice 3rd Tuesday at 7PM 8. UBM 2nd Monday of the month				



## Cribbage Tournament

**Every Wednesday**  
Sign in at 5:30

**Tournament starts at 6PM**



## Corn Hole Tournament

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month**

**Tournament starts at 7PM**

~Draft Beer Specials~

## Days to Remember in October and other Services and Events

Nov. 10, 2025 – Marine Corps Birthday

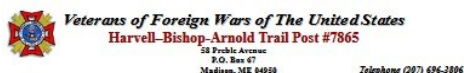
Nov. 11, 2025 – **Veterans Day** – Veterans Day (originally known as Armistice Day) is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11, for honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces. It coincides with holidays in several countries, including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which also occur on the anniversary of the end of World War.



### Heating Fuel

Disabled Maine Veterans with a valid ID card, a financial need, and an account with RH Foster. To establish an account, please call 947-3835 and tell them you are setting up an account for the MVP heating fuel program. **Who is eligible:** Any veteran in need of assistance with a valid DD214 or ID card.

## Events and Raffles happening at Post and around area



### American Red Cross

#### Blood Drive dates for 2026

Jan 5

Feb 2

Mar-No drive

April 6

May 4

June 1

July 6

Aug 3

**Sept 14\***

- second Monday due to Labor Day holiday

Oct -No drive

Nov 2

Dec 7

**Hours of blood drive: 12pm - 4pm**



American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post 39

### \$100 Meat Package Raffle

#### PACKAGE INCLUDES:

5 lbs Hamburger, 2 Ribeye Steaks, 1 Stew Beef

1 Chuck Roast, 1 Package Shaved Beef,

1 Package Boneless Chops,

1 Package Chicken Thighs

1 Package Bratwurst Sausage Links



Drawing - November 30th

Tickets can be obtained:

in the Canteen at the VFW Harvell-Bishop Arnold Trail Post 7865 58 Preble Ave in Madison or at Sunday Bingo at Northern Star Masonic lodge#28 173 N Main Street in North Anson.



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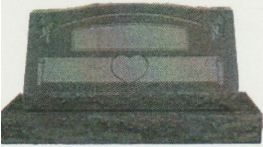
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CHANGE SERVICE  
REQUESTED

**Post Monthly Meetings: First Thursday @ 7pm**

**Auxiliary Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each Month @ 7 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**

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