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Oct 2026 **Madison, ME 04950** ***Telephone (207) 696-3806***

POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

We hope everyone's fall is off to a good start. September was a busy month for us here at the VFW. Throughout the month we performed a ceremony at the Madison library for Sept 11th. Our Color Guard was invited to Jay for the POW/MIA Ceremony. Our Post and Auxiliary members participated in a Veteran event at Skowhegan High School. Three members of our Honor Guard represented Veterans at a High school football event honoring veterans. Four of our members were able to attend MELD training in Hampden VFW that was very insightful. All our Fall activities are coming back. We will be selling food for donations to help raise money for our Kids Christmas presents event.

There is always something to volunteer for if you are looking to give back. Thank you, all members who volunteer their time to help us in our mission to assist and serve Veterans.

RAFFLE UPDATE

Congratulations to Brad E. on winning the Shotgun raffle stay tuned for the next raffle All proceeds go toward our building maintenance upkeep.

GAMES UPDATE

Congratulations Laurie G., she has won the Queen of Hearts twice this year. TEXAS HOLD'EM will start back up. Hold'em will run Oct 2026 through Mar 2027, with Oct 4th being the first tournament. 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.

Veterans serving Veterans

Respectfully,

Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

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Oct 2026

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Hello everyone, OMG it is already October. Boy time is flying by and it is starting to get chilly out. Holidays are just around the corner and it will be a busy Fall. Don't forget Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy Scholarships are in full swing. If you know of a child that would like to possible earn some scholarship money take a look at the flyer in the newsletter that tells about the VFW Scholarships that are available. October 31st is the deadline.

Our Annual Car show was on Saturday September 19th. Another great year with lots of cars and lots of spectators. Was a great show and we really enjoyed ourselves. I was pretty busy all day, so I really didn't get to see many of the cars except when they first came in. Thank you all that participated and thank you to all our Volunteers. We had a great group of High School seniors that helped us out and we so much appreciate them and their coordinator June.

October will be busy with District Meeting at Post on the 11th and COA in Caribou this year. Post and Auxiliary members will be attending for the Auxiliary President Testimonial. Should be a good time. School of instruction was attended by 4 Auxiliary members in Jay. Was a nice time and we learned some new things.

I the Auxiliary at Vet Fest at the Skowhegan High School on September 12th with VFW. Was a nice day and we meet a few people and got to see all the great opportunities that were offered to local Veterans.

I am sorry the Newsletter has been late the last few months, Mike and I have been very busy the last few months and it has been difficult to keep up. I will try harder to get this out sooner if I can.

I know it is not always easy to volunteer for things but if you have a interest and are not sure what you can do, please reach out. We are always in need of help with some of the many things we are trying to do and with Christmas around the corner we will be in need of people to wrap Christmas gifts this year. Sometimes even the littlest things are a big help. Hope you all have a great October and will see you in November.

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. Oct 8th, 6:00 pm, at the Post**! **Special Surprise**, 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.
- District Meeting Madison Post Oct 11th 1 pm



Helping Veterans



VFW and Auxiliary representing VFW Post 7865 at Vet Fest In Skowhegan handing out info, Poppies and providing Applications for membership



Our very own members of the State Color Guard was honored to participate in the POW/MIA ceremony in Jay.

















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

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Auxiliary News:

Car show was a great Success!

Thank you to all our volunteers for all your help. And thank you again to our Generous Sponsors - We so Appreciate you! Here are our 1st place winners and our Overall Winner











If you know someone that is eligible to join the VFW or the Auxiliary, please sign them up today!







Deceased Roll Call

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

David LeBlanc



Laurie Swift

Veterans Crisis Line
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va.gov/homeless

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



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Tuesdays **Senior Meals**				1 Post Meeting 7PM House committee	**2** **Karaoke** **6-9**	**3** **COL**
4 **Texas Holdem** **Sign up Noon** **Start at 1pm** **Meal**	**5** Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	**6**	**7** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	**8** CornHole Tournament	**9**	**10**
11 **District 5** **Meeting** **1 pm**	**12** Girl Scouts 530-7 UBM Meeting	**13** 6:30 pm Aux Meeting	**14** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	**15** CornHole Tournament	**16** **COA** **Caribou**	**17** **COA** **Caribou**
18 **COA** **Caribou**	**19** Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	**20**	**21** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	**22** CornHole Tournament	**23**	**24** **Private party**
25 **Texas Holdem** **Sign up Noon** **Start at 1pm** **Meal**	**26** Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	**27** MCL Meeting 6-7	**28** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	**29** CornHole Tournament	**30** **Karaoke** **6-9**	**31** **Halloween**



Days to Remember in October and other Services and Events

Oct. 7 – Global War on Terrorism & Desert Storm Veterans Appreciation Day
Oct. 13 – US Navy Birthday
Oct. 26 – National Day of the Deployed
Oct 27 – Navy Day
Oct 28 – Statue of Liberty's Birthday
Remember that November is National Veterans & Military Family Month & Warrior Care Month

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Scholarships

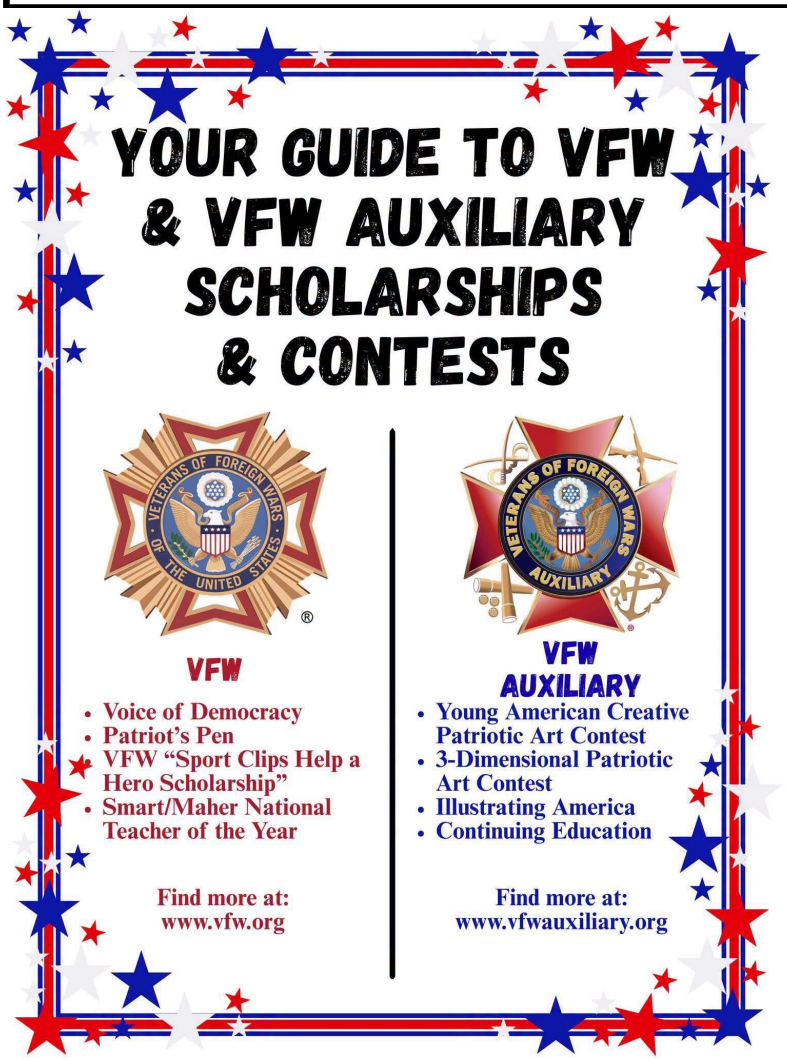
Post level prizes are $100 for the winner, while the District 5 winner will receive $200.

Contact Commander Mike

Or Auxiliary Senior Vice Sue Lehay for more details

Coming in October

Texas Hold'em is coming back for Limited time this winter



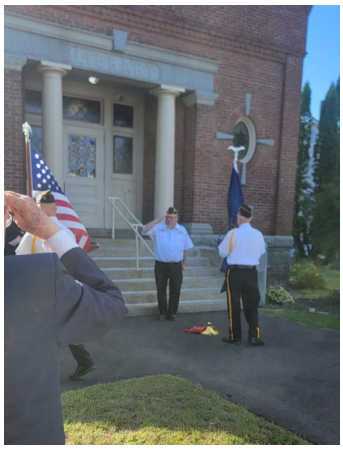


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VFW post 7865 Honor Guard was at the Madison High School home coming game recognizing our Military and Veterans.



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

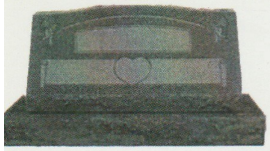






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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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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