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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

We hope everyone is enjoying the start of Autumn. September was a good month for us, we were able to help a Veteran who was recently diagnosed with cancer, secure a washer for him and his family. We were also able to help another Veteran with some utilities through donations. One of our goals here at Post 7865 is to try and do what we can to help Veterans in the community. We can't do any huge for jobs, but if its needing steps repaired, a small platform built or helping a member move, we will try our best to help in any way we can.

We have a few events coming up in October. There is a Texas Holdem Benefit going on this month. We have the United Bikers of Maine (U.B.M.) annual Halloween party coming up on October 25th with a band, it starts at 7PM. We are still partnering with the American Legion assisting with benefits for their new building. We have an A.L. Auxiliary turkey pie sale coming up on Oct 27th, please stop by or over ahead of time.

We also have a Tail Gate party starting at 12 on October 5th. 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.

Keep a lookout for the next raffle! Our current raffle is for a Browning 6.5 Creedmoor rifle, and we are only selling 100 tickets for \$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. So far this year we have assembled a Shed for a Veteran, and pressure washed, stained and shore up some outside entry steps. We have other projects coming up and if you would like to volunteer and help, just stop by the Post any day of the week for upcoming information.

Veterans serving Veterans

Respectfully,

Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Well September is over and October and Fall is here. We have had some great weather and we have been busy.

CAR SHOW: What a wonderful day we had at the Car Show. Weather was great and we had a great turn out. We had 45 cars this year, 10 more than last year and they were beautiful. The venue at the Madison High School worked out wonderfully and we hope to plan on same place next year. Thank you all again who helped out, it would not of gone so wonderfully without your efforts. Please check out our Car Show Facebook page to see the cars and all winners and their cars will be posted soon. We had our postponed Poppy drive at Car Show and both Post and Auxiliary did a membership drive.

I am very happy to see the Auxiliary and Post doing things together. Auxiliary members have been going to the nursing home visits with the Post members to visit veterans there. Some of us went with them to support Jay post for their POW/MIA presentation. I love to see our Auxiliary members who are on the Honor guard as well. The post was a big help with the car show helping us set up, park the show cars and tearing down at the end of day. I love that we have a great working relationship. This is what we join the Auxiliary for and you all are doing a great job.

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. The post and the Legion will also be helping out one of our Veterans in need by doing a Toll Booth on October 11th. If anyone has a hour to spare, please consider helping out and signing up for a shift. Just call the Canteen and put your name down.

There are many things going on at the post and I hope you all are able to attend a few things. UBM will be putting on a Dance on October 25th and there will also be a Texas Holdem Tournament that day as well. The post has been helping out the Legion to put on Meals, next one is Tuesday October 27th, Ham dinner. Also the Legion is Raffling off several Meat Packages for \$5 a ticket. Stop by, have a meal, or stop by on a Wednesday and play some cribbage or on a Thursday to play some Corn hole.

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.

District Meeting is October 5 in Jackman and COA and President Banquet will be in Bangor on October 11th.

Also, just a reminder that you can pay your dues anytime, preferably before December 31st, for the 2025/2026 year or you might want to consider getting your lifetime membership.

Hoping you all have a good start of the fall season and hope to see you around. Thanksgiving and Christmas is right around the corner.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward
Auxiliary President

Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues. Oct 14th, 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 :

- October 11 Joint Toll Bridge with Legion to benefit Veteran—**Please consider signing up for a shift**
- October 5th District meeting Jackman and October 11th COA in Bangor
- Tail Gate party starting at 12 on October 5th. 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.
- October 28th Texas Holdem tournament benefit
- October 28th UBM Halloween Dance
- 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.

Madison Post and others Supporting Jay Post at their POW/MIA Presentation



Auxiliary President Supporting Athens Victory Club at Old home Days Face painting and Cookie Decorating with kids



Auxiliary Donation's to Togus Hospital



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

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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

October 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	2 Post Meeting 7pm House committee meeting 6pm	3	4 Celebration of Life
5 District Meeting Jackman NFL Tailgate Party Doors open at 12	6 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	7 Senior Meals 9:30-12	8 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	9 Corn Hole 7 Pm	10	11 Joint Toll Bridge COA Bangor 1pm Presidents Banquet to follow
12	13 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 UBM Meeting	14 Senior Meals 9:30-12 Practice at 7PM*Bar Com- mittee	15 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	16 Corn Hole 7 Pm	17	18
19	20 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 American Legion Aux Ham Dinner	21 Senior Meals 9:30-12 Honor Guard 7pm	22 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	23 Corn Hole 7 Pm	24	25 4-6 Texas Holdem Tournament Benefit UBM Halloween Dance 7-10
26	27 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	28 Senior Meals 9:30-12 Marine Corp League Meeting 6PM	29 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	30 Corn Hole 7 Pm	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	
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 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 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of the month

Tournament starts at 7PM

~Draft Beer Specials~

Days to Remember in October and other Services and Events

- **October 4, 2025:** Veterans Family Day
- **October 8, 2025:** Homeless Veterans Mobile Stand Down
- **October 10-12, 2025:** Honor Flight Maine trips are scheduled.
- **October 15, 2025:** Another Homeless Veterans Mobile Stand Down
- **October 16, 2025:** Maine's Hire-A-Vet Campaign event in Saco.
- **October 29, 2025:** A final Homeless Veterans Mobile Stand Down event.



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Events and Raffles happening at Post

Children's Christmas Raffle's

Current raffle for a Browning 6.5 Creedmoor rifle, we are only selling 100 tickets for \$20 each ticket.

Our next raffle will start immediately after this raffle is drawn.

Proceeds to go to purchasing Christmas gifts for Local children in need



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



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1 Package Bratwurst Sausage Links

\$5 Drawing - November 2nd

Starting October 1st 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 North Anson.

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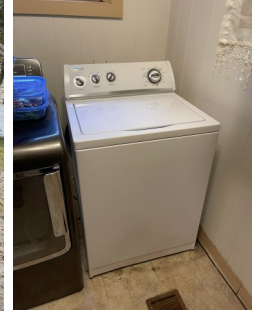
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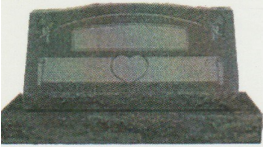
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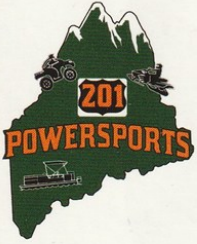


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Auxiliary Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each Month @ 7 pm

Marine Corps League Meetings: Last Tues of Month 6 pm

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