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HARVELL–BISHOP ARNOLD TRAIL POST #7865

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

POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Summer seems it was here and gone. September chilly days have started. A lot is going on this month at the Post. We have started up our Scholastics programs again, Voice of Democracy, Patriots Pen and Teacher of the year contest. Post level prizes are $100 for the winner, while the District 5 winner will receive $200. A young lady from Bath, Maine won the VOD national contest last year and received a $35,000 check. It can happen again. Thank you, all members who volunteer, there time to help us in our mission to assist and serve Veterans.

RAFFLE UPDATE

Only a few tickets left! We will be pulling a winning ticket on Sept 3, 2026 for the Winchester SX4 Hybrid semi-auto 12 gauge. All proceeds go toward our building maintenance upkeep.

GAMES UPDATE

Queen of hearts was won, however the pot is back over $1700 already. Our Dice game that was won is back over $400, stop in and try your luck.

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.

MELD Training will be held at the Hamden Post on September 26th starting at 8 am.

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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Sept 2026

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Hello everyone, Well summer is getting closer to the end and the weather will start to change for the cooler days of Fall. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. School is back in session and our 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.

VFW celebrated our 80th anniversary this past month. We had a great turnout. Bouncy houses for the kids, burgers and dogs on the grill and some great people to celebrate 80 years of Helping Veterans. State commander Joined us, it was a great day.

With September rolling around it is almost time four our Annual Car show coming up on Saturday September 19th. We have a lot of great prizes and will be collaborating with the Madison Sr. Class to run the food booth at the Car show this year. Please spread the word and come on by and enjoy the cars, music and prizes. VA representative will be there to answer any questions you might have. Big shout out to Ralph again for getting us all our sponsors again this year. We appreciate all the hard work you do for us.

We also participated in the Madison/Anson day parade with both Auxiliary and VFW members on the Float and the Honor Guard Marching. Thank you all for coming.

Four members from Madison Auxiliary also participated in School of Instruction at the Jay Post. Lots of informative information was given. If you would like to participate in a School of Instruction, another will be held on September 12 at the Harrington Post, starting at 10:30.

I will be representing the Auxiliary at Vet Fest at the Skowhegan High School on September 12th with VFW. Please stop by and see us if you can. There will be a memorial ceremony at the Madison Library on September 11th if you would like to participate.

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. Sept 8th, 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.
- Sept 11 Memorial—Madison Library
- Vet Fest Sept 12 Skowhegan High School—Stop by our booth

Helping Veterans



Celebrating 80 years























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:

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







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Deceased Roll Call

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Laurie Swift

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va.gov/homeless

National Center for PTSD

PTSD Information Voice Mail: (802) 296-6300
Email: ncptsd@va.gov
Also see: VA Mental Health

Assistance is available

No veteran should ever have to face homelessness or housing insecurity. The Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services (MBVS) is committed to ensuring that veterans and their families have access to the resources and support needed to secure stable housing and essential services. Whether you are currently homeless or at risk of losing your home, help is available.

Veterans who have become homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless should call our Homeless Veterans Coordination Team at 207-287-7019 or email HVC.maineBVS@maine.gov

The Veterans' Emergency Financial Assistance Program (VEFAP), administered by the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services in partnership with FEDCAP, provides financial assistance to Maine veterans facing unexpected financial hardships. This program helps eligible veterans cover essential expenses such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities, vehicle repairs, and other urgent needs to prevent financial instability. VEFAP aims to support veterans in maintaining their independence and well-being during difficult times. To qualify, veterans must meet specific eligibility requirements, including residency and service criteria.

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**	2 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	3 Post Meeting 7PM House committee	**4** **Honor Guard 6:45 Madison High School**	**5**
6	**7** Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	**8** 6:30 pm Aux Meeting	**9** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	**10**	**11** **Sept 11 Memorial Madison Library**	**12** **VET FEST** **(see flyer)** **Hall rental 12-2** **Skowhegan High School 10am**
13	**14** Girl Scouts 530-7 UBM Meeting	**15**	**16** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	**17**	**18** **Karaoke 6-9** **Color Guard MIA/POW Jay**	**19** **CAR SHOW MADISON HIGH SCHOOL 10-3**
20 **Celebration of Life 3-6**	**21** Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	**22**	**23** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	**24** CornHole Tournament	**25**	**26** **VFW MELD Training Hamden 8am**
27 **Hall rental 12-5**	**28** Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	**29** MCL Meeting 6-7	**30** Cribbage Tournament 6-8	1	2	3
4 Texas Holdem Sign up Noon Start at 1pm Meal	5	6	7	8	9	10



Days to Remember in September and other Services and Events

Sept. 11 – Patriot Day – 25th anniversary
Sept. 18 – Air Force Birthday
Sept. 19 – POW/MIA Recognition Day **Sept. 27** – Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

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Scholarships

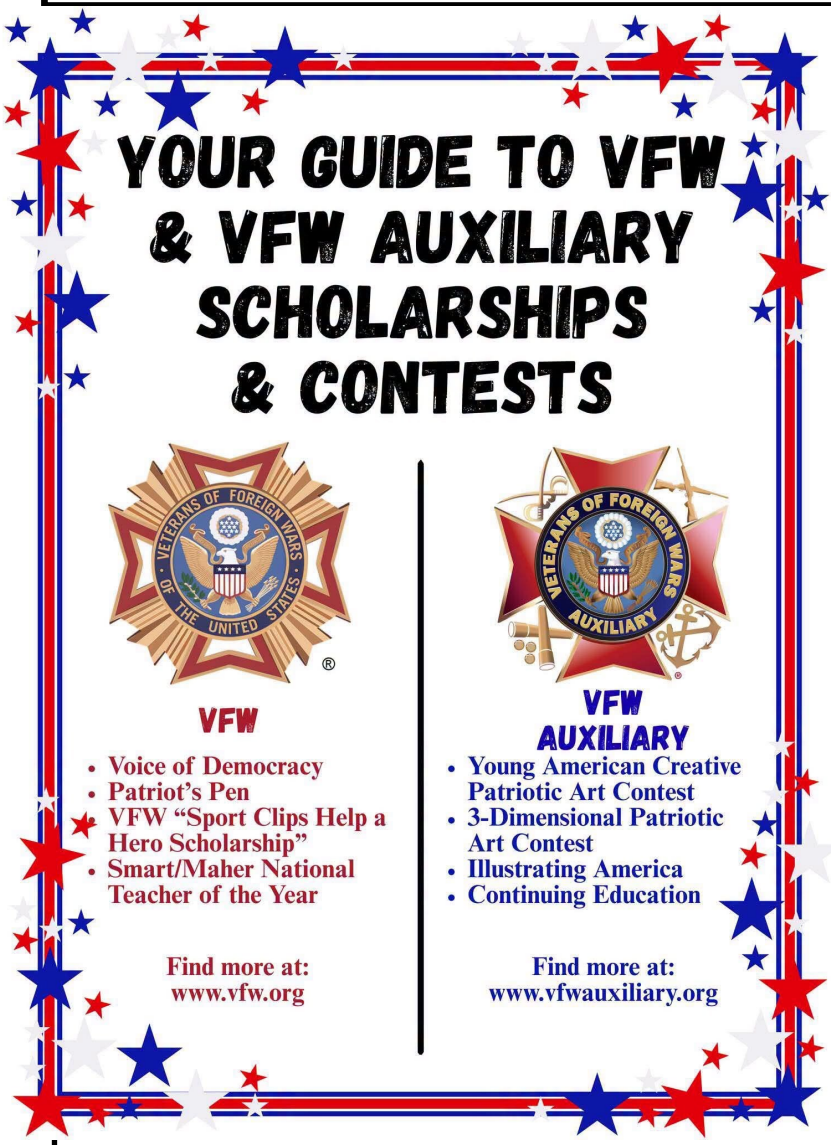
Post level prizes are $100 for the winner, while the District 5 winner will receive $200.

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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Madison Anson Days Parade

















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

Name: _____

Month: _____
Day: _____
Year: 2026

Activity: _____

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Number of Volunteers _____

Money Saved/Money Spent _____

Remarks:

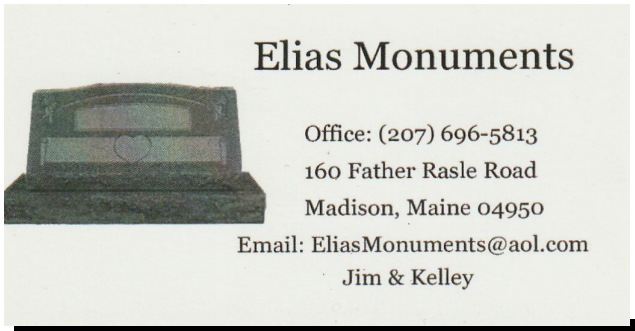
Events and Raffles happening at Post and around area







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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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