

Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States

HARVELL-BISHOP ARNOLD TRAIL POST #7865



Sept 2025

Madison, ME 04950

Telephone (207) 696-3806

POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

We hope everyone is enjoying the summer fun. We have a lot going on this month including our corn hole tournaments starting back up. Our cribbage tournaments go on all year round, every Wednesday. The Marine Corp League meeting changed this month. It will be the last Tuesday of each month starting at 6pm going forward.

We recently returned home from the National VFW Convention that was held in Ohio this past. It was a great experience for our officers with one of the highlights of being present when the Veterans of Foreign Wars elected its first ever female Commander in Chief Carol Whitmore. We recently hosted M.O.L.D. training at the Post. MOLD training or Maine Officers Leadership Development is an in-depth dive into Officers positions requirements and general dashboard information. We hosted around 25 members from all over the state. We are also looking forward to attending the Eastern VFW conference in Wilmington Delaware in October.

CALLING ALL SENIOR CITIZENS!!

Senior Citizens meals. Every Tuesday throughout the summer we host a senior meals luncheon. It is FREE for all senior citizens. It starts at 11AM, and yes you can bring a friend or two. Keep a lookout for the next raffle! It will be a hunting rifle, and we are only selling 100 tickets at \$20 each ticket. Stop by to check out what it is!

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

Newsletter will now be available at the below website

Website: www.vfwpost7865.com Email: vfwpost7865@outlook.com

Facebook page: Madison VFW 7865





HARVELL-BISHOP ARNOLD TRAIL POST #7865

58 Preble Avenue

Po Box 67, Madison ME 04950

Sept 2025

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

I hope you all have had a great summer! Fall is right around the corner now as the days and nights get cooler.

Well I had a great time at the National Convention in Ohio this year! I have learned a few things that I will bring back to our meeting this month. I was able to spend some time with other Maine Auxiliary/Post members and The Maine Department members and was able to meet some people from around the country as well as catch up with a few that I met last year. Commander Mike was Awarded both All State Commander for the Post and All State Commander for District. He is doing a great job and I am glad that I can serve our Post with him. President Lonnie Keller was awarded the Circle of Excellence award, he did a great job this last year. I wish Dorothy Iverson our New President a great year this year. State of Maine for Auxiliary received several Awards including 2 awards for Veterans and Family Services, 1 for Legislative and 2 for Youth Activities. Also the Eastern Conference had the highest Membership percentage overall for the year. Caribou won the Poppy Contest for the Eastern Conference.

CAR SHOW: Its getting down to the wire and the car show is right around the corner. We had a change in Food truck as Mill Side Creations could not make it but we now Have Mandy and her crew from the Spotted Dog coming as well as Willow's Coffee Café. The Madison High School Sr. Class will be opening up the food booth and will be offering a variety of food offerings. The local Girl Scout troupe will also be helping us out as well, having a few games and face painting for the kids. VA will be joining us again this year to share valuable information with our veterans and their families. We will be meeting September 3rd to get all our packets ready and squaring away all our inventory and assigning jobs for our volunteers. If you are interested in helping us out, give me a call 431-1132.

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.

If you know of anyone who is interested in joining, have them stop by at the car show and we can sign them up while having a good time as well. We hope all our Post and Auxiliary members will stop by the Car show, we have a great time. 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. If you are looking for more information about the programs the VFW Auxiliary offers and want to be more involved, consider signing up for MALTA, there is some great information out there, just need your membership number to sign up.

Hoping you all have a good start of the fall season as summer comes to an end. See you in at the Car show.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward Auxiliary President Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues.

Sept 9th, 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.



Other going's on at the Post:

- 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 <u>all</u> seniors, so stop by for some good food and company.

Madison Anson Days Parade/MOLD Training at the Post











Post Commander, Quartermaster and Auxiliary President at Nationals















































4th Annual VFW Post 7865 Auxiliary Car Show

- Madison Memorial High School 486 Main Street Madison Maine -



September 20, 2025 10:00 AM

CASH ONLY \$10 Car Entry Fee, Admission \$5.00 Adults—Kids under 18 Free

*** Trophies & Door Prizes ***

Car/Vendor Registration starts 8:00 a.m. Please be here by 9:45.

Everyone Welcome! Judging by Participants and Spectators

Food Vendors: Madison High School Sr. Class Food Booth, Mill Side Creations and Willows Mobile Coffee Café Food trucks

Trophy Categories:

Classic—Modern 1990 + — Muscle — Modified — Jeep — Truck — People's Overall Choice For more info, contact:

Sue Lehay (207.431.4044) or Michelle Steward (207.431.1132)

or visit our Facebook Page: (https://www.facebook.com/groups/495764428652439)





John Morin



None







PTSD Information Voice Mail: (802) 296-6300

Email: ncptsd@va.gov Also see: VA Mental Health

HOMELESS VETERANS MOBILE STAND DOWNS Connecting homeless & at-risk veterans to:

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

OCT. 8
TRI COUNTY CAREER CENTER
45 OAK STREET, BANGOR

OCT. 15 VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK 2-20 MAIN STREET, LEWISTON

OCT. 29
10 A.M. - 2 P.M. 295 FOREST AVENUE, PORTLAND

NOV. 5 MILL PARK 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. 2-32 ME-104, AUGUSTA

Thank you to our participating resources & sponsors:
Marie Buesou of Videranz Services, V.A. Maine Habitacoe System, V.A. Maine Homeless Viderans Program
Viderans Beniffs Annihistation, V.G. Verlein, Marie Viderans in Need, Veterans Torward / Fedoop Viderans
Viderans Deur V.Y. (28 Lodge, Main Du Clarache, index, Systol (18), Proble Street, Boothoy V.E.S. Torolder
Annieron Red Colors, Veterans (19) your Bound, Health Affelder of Maine, Massic Charlade Services, Veterans (19) and Health Affelder of Maine, Massic Charlade Services, Veterans (19) and Health Affelder of Maine, Massic Charlade Services, Veterans (19) and Health Affelder of Maine, Massic Charlade Services, Veterans (19) and Vet

Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services Homeless Veterans Coordination Team: 207-287-7019 HVC.MaineBVS@maine.go





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 Conlin

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

September

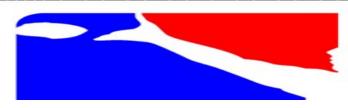
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 Cribbage Tournament 6-8 | 4 Executive Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7pm | 5 | 6 Benefit 3-9 |
| 7 Tim Boudeau 12:30-3 | 8 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 | 9 Senior Meals 9:30-12 Auxiliary Meeting 7PM | 10 Cribbage Tournament 6-8 | "Never Forget" Patriot Day | Pampered Chef Party | Pampered Chef Party VFW Nursing Home visit 1pm |
| 14 Nail Doctor Brunch 11-2 | 15 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 | 16 Senior Meals 9:30-12 *Bar Committee Meeting at 6PM *Honor Guard | 17 Cribbage Tournament 6-8 | 18 Corn Hole 7 Pm Air Force Birthday | 19 POW/MIA Recognition Day | Car Show Madison High School 10 AM American Legion Meal 4-6 |
| 21 Baby shower 2-5 | Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 | 23 Senior Meals 9:30-12 | 24 Cribbage Tournament 6-8 | 25 Corn Hole 7 Pm | 26 | Therese Merrill 12:30-6 |
| 28 Birthday Party 1-7 | 29 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day | 30 Senior Meals 9:30-12 Marine Corp League Meeting 6PM | | | | |
| 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 7. Honor Guard Practice 3rd Tuesday at 7PM 8. UBM 2nd Monday of the month 8. UBM 2nd Monday of the month | | | | | | |



Cribbage Tournament

Every Wednesday Sign in at 5:30

Tournament starts at 6PM



Corn Hole Townament

Every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of the month

Tournament starts at 7PM

~~Draft Beer Specials~~

Days to Remember in September and other Services and **Events**

Sept. 11, 2025 - Patriot Day - Patriot Day is a solemn observance in the United States, held annually on September 11th to honor the memory of the nearly 3,000 victims who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

Sept. 18, 2025 - Air Force Birthday

Sept. 19, 2025 - POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sept. 29, 2025 - Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day - A day to honor the families of fallen Service

members.



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.





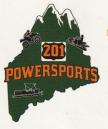




Dan Freeman

337 Madison Avenue Skowhegan, Maine 04976 dan@coldbrookmitsubishi.com

Phone: 800-564-9881 Direct: 207-612-5168 207-612-5073



201 PowerSports

29 Main St. Bingham, ME 04920 1771 US-201, The Forks, ME 04985 429 Main St. Jackman, ME 04945 207-672-3773 info@201powersports.com

www.201powersports.com

*SNOWMOBILE, ATV, SIDE BY SIDE RENTALS & PONTOON **BOAT TRIPS***







hardysmotorsports@tds.net



UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP







Proudly Supports Veterans





CLICK. PAY.

Easily order and pay for heating fuel online.

Place An Order >



MADISON AUTOMOTIVE

COMPLETE AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR

MOTORCYCLE, SNOWMOBILE, ATV & TRAILER REPAIR

Marine Service

STATE INSPECTIONS

VISIT US

173 White School House, Madison ME
 04950





MADISON AUTO SALES

Prompt Professional Propane Provider

We put the **pro** in **pro**pane.

We're Hiring

Check out all of our job openings and apply today

This Newsletter Is Made Possible By Our Generous Newsletter Sponsors. Thank You For Your Support.

To Place Your Add In Post 7865 Newsletters, Please Call 696-3806 Or email: vfwpost7865@outlook.com



629 Main Street, Madison, Maine 04950 • Fax 696-8810 Driveways, Parking Lots, Tennis Courts, Crack Sealing Sealing, Fine Grading, Landscaping, Municipal Paving

Free Estimates • Jim Peters Cell 431-1217

CASEY'S MARKET

(207) 696-8829

3 Main Street, Anson, Maine

Cold Beverages - Snacks - Tobacco - Groceries

Agency Liquor Store





Elias Monuments



Office: (207) 696-5813 160 Father Rasle Road Madison, Maine 04950

Email: EliasMonuments@aol.com Jim & Kelley



BUYER OF PULPWOOD, LOGS, STUMPAGE & WOODLOTS SCOTT DILLON, BUYER

T.R. DILLON LOGGING INC. LOGGING & TRUCKING

OFFICE: (207) 696-8137 CELL: (207) 431-0782

P.O. BOX 296 ANSON, MAINE 04911

ML Lloyd & Sons P.O. Box 421 • 45 Main Street • Anson, ME 04911-0421



Tel: 207.696.3084 Fax: 207.696.5976 Cell: 207.474.4762 Email: lloydsons@gmail.com





Bed Lining • Collision, Unibody, and Rust Repair • Fluid Film 957 Lakewood Road, Madison, Maine 04950

Find us on Facebook

https://www.facebook.com/people/Whites-Auto-







Bob Hagopian

Hours of Operation Monday-Saturday 10 am-5 pm Sunday 10 am-2 pm

Facebook: Economy Guns and Indoor Shooting Range

81 Main Street Madison, Maine 04950

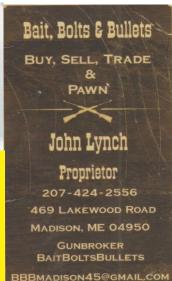
207-696-5548 hago@beeline-online.net



Jim LeClair ASSOCIATE BROKER Cell (207) 649 - 7763 jimleclair77@gmail.com









207-424-0765

Local Veteran Owned Serving the community with: Quality Flower, Extracts and Edibles at the best prices. Fresh Baked goods and Daily Med Card Renewals \$49

> 7 Days Mon-Sat 9a-7p Sun 11a-5p

30 Main St. Ste B Madison Maine 04950





Skowhegan • Farmington

Hight Family of Dealerships

Skowhegan • Farmington Madison

Hight Chevrolet Buick GMC, Skowhegan **Hight Chevrolet Buick GMC, Farmington** Hight Chrysler Dodge Jeep, Madison Hight Ford, Skowhegan

CASEY'S REDEMPTION DIVIDER

Maín Street, Anson, Maíne



CIVIL ARMS INC. 80 Southgate Parkway, Skowhegan, ME 04976, United-States

Int: +1 (207) 424-0027 | Fax: 207-560-9402 | Email: csr@civilarms.com

SOMERSET HOME IMPROVEMENTS Blin N. Rollins, JR. - General Contractor CALL: (207) 643-2505

- SEPTIC SYSTEMS
- QUALITY STEEL ROOFING
- INSULATION VINYL SIDING

P.O. BOX 264 SOLON, MAINE 04979



Giberson Funeral Home

Proudly Serving The Community With Compassion, Care and Respect, Since 1948

Jeffrey S. Sproul Funeral Director/Owner

18 River Street Bingham, ME 04920 207-672-5563 40 Maple Street Madison, ME 04950 207-696-8081 gfhb@myfairpoint.net www.gibersonfuneralhome.com



217 North Ave., Skowhegan, ME, United States, Maine (207) 474-3000 - ginnysnaturalcorner@yahoo.com







Kineo's Garden Center

Walk away with a bag of soil and a smile!

18 Main St. Madison, Maine

(207) 612-6118

Follow us on Instagram! @kineosgardencenter

Open Monday - Friday: 10am - 6pm Saturday: 10am - 4pm

kineosgardencenter.com



88 Main Street, Madison, ME 04950 207.696.3200

JEFF IRELAND ★ SERVICE MANAGER

Jeff@ktronicsmaine.com / ktronicsmaine.com

Home Theater



on Both Sides of Route



randbshomesource.com

Jordan Collision Repair, Inc.

(same name, different services)

*Exterior and Interior Vehicle Detailing *General Auto Repair *Accessory Installation *Satisfaction Guaranteed

P.O. Box 308 18 Finch Street

Mark Jordan Phone....(207) 696-8411 Anson, ME. 04911 Fax....(207) 696-8433







Heating Oil, Kerosene & Propane Delivery

With 24 Hour Repair Service

Heat Pump & Geothermal Heating and Cooling Installation Available www.bobscashfuel.com

VETERANS of FOREIGN WARS

Harvell-Bishop-Arnold Trail Post #7865 58 Preble Avenue

PO Box 67 Madison, Maine 04950 Telephone (207) 696-3806



Volume 24

Sept 2025

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













Telephone (207) 696-3806

Forever Grateful

Website: www.vfwpost7865.com - Email: vfwpost7865@outlook.com



Thank You <u>For</u> Your Support



Volume 24 Sept 2025