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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Is everyone ready for mud season? As winter is coming to an end, we will still be plowing as needed and sanding! Please be careful out as we have a lot of melting and refreezing going on. We have had a good March. The Post has been getting more popular with our hall rentals. If you have a birthday, baby shower, office party or any gathering, stop by and check out our hall rentals. We can hold up to 180 people, and have a full commercial kitchen available that comes with FREE ICE. If you want to reserve the Hall, I suggest you call and reserve the date, the weekends fill up very quickly.

Vietnam Era Veterans- The Travis Mills foundation is put on a FREE breakfast for Vietnam Veterans at the Augusta Civic Center on March 26, 2025. We had three Vietnam Veterans that were able to attend, and said it was a great experience. We will be asking again next year from any Vietnam Vets to go as well. The Attendance was around 500 for this free event. If you see Everett, Bill, or Phil ask them about the experience they had.

Congratulations to Mike Carter on winning the Post Gun raffle! He won the Combo Cimarron 1887 "Terminator 12-gauge shot gun and a Tactical TAR 12P AR style 12-gauge shotgun. Stay tuned for the next raffle coming up. We are thinking of a summer raffle for yard equipment (more to come).

Our raffle money is what funds all our building projects, so THANK YOU to all the people that buy tickets and support the Post.

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.

Respectfully,

Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

We made it thru another March and Spring is just around the corner. Easter is a few weeks away and everyday we get closer to warmer weather. I don't know about you but I am ready for spring. Mud season is already here so hopefully it dries up quick.

Well April will be a busy month for me with the Auxiliary. COA Saturday April 5th, regular monthly meeting April 8th, then District meeting here at the Madison Post on April 13th. April meeting we will be voting for officers so hopefully you will all be able to make it. Please make sure your present if you want to continue as an officer or to be voted in for a position. If you cannot make it and want to continue in a position or be nominated to an open position, you must send an acceptance letter to me in writing before April 8th. You do need to be nominated. We do have a couple positions that will be open.

Current officers are:

- President, Michelle Steward
- Sr. Vice, Sue LeHay
- Jr. Vice, Lori Swift
- **Conductress**, Anne Drawdy (I will be appointing Anne as Secretary)
- Guard, Diane Pinkham
- Treasurer, Brenda Flanagan
- **Chaplain**, Linda Jo Andrews (Linda Jo will be stepping down as Chaplain)
- Patriotic Inst, Sue Lehay
- 1st Trustee, Yvonne Brooker (Lori will go to Trustee 1)
- 2nd Trustee, Lori Swift (Lisa will go to Trustee 2)
- **3rd Trustee**, Lisa Switzer (Trustee 3 will be open)
- Secretary, Eleanor LeBlanc (Eleanor will be stepping down as Secretary)

Auxiliary had to postpone our Tuesday March 25th paint night as our instructor could not make that date. We have reserved Tuesday April 22nd as our new date. See picture on Auxiliary other news page.

District 5 meeting will be held here at the Madison post on Sunday April 13th at 1pm. If you interested in a District position or just want to know more about what the District does, please join us. We will be having some sort of lunch to be decided at our April 8th regular meeting. April is also voting month for District positions.

Hope you have a great April, spring is a little closer everyday.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward

Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues.

April 8th, 7pm, at the Post! Pennies for cancer bucket is located in the Bar, please consider dropping in your extra change as you walk by. All proceeds go to the Jackson Lab here in Maine.

Other going's on at the Post in March:

Great District 5 Meeting in March, many awards given



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<https://www.vfw.org/join/member-benefits>



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VFW Auxiliary takes pride in offering a wide range of perks for our members to enjoy. Explore this site to take a look at deals and discounts available across the U.S. and beyond. Don't forget to check out the site-specific perks and "local deals!"

Note: Please direct all questions to BenefitHub. The VFW Auxiliary cannot assist with these.

<https://vfwauxiliary.benefithub.com/app/home>.



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- Auxiliary will be hosting a Paint Night Tuesday April 22nd 6:30. Gretchen will be joining us with the beautiful picture seen here. Join us for a fun night of painting and good company. \$ 25.00

Other up coming meetings

VFW

- District 5 meeting April 13 @ 1pm in Farmington

Auxiliary

- District 5 meeting April 13th @ 1pm Madison Post

VFW & Auxiliary

- April 5th, COA and Commanders & Presidents Testimonial
Merry Manor Inn South Portland



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~

Deceased Roll Call

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



None

Some new decor at the canteen!



VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

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



Post Commander: Mike Carter - Senior Vice: Lee Raymond
Junior Vice : Dave Foss - Adjutant: Rick Petersen - Quarter Master: Chad Steward
Judge Advocate: Bill Lytle - Surgeon: Everett Rodgers - Chaplain: Gary Kucipak
Service Officer: Dale Bickford - Trustees: Phil Daigle, John Greenhalge, 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: Anne Drawdy – Guard - Diane Pinkham
Chaplain: Linda Jo Andrews - Treasurer: Brenda Flanagan - Patriotic Instructor - Sue LeHay - Secretary
Eleanor LeBlanc- Trustee # 1 Yvonne Brooker - Trustee # 2 Lorie Swift - Trustee # 3 Lisa Switzer

April 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Notes:						
1. Troop 351 meets Every Monday 5:30-7		4. Post meeting 1st Thursday of the month				
2. Cribbage Tournament Wednesdays at 6pm		5. Aux Meeting 2nd Tuesday of the month				
3. Cornhole Tournament Thursdays 7-9pm No Tournaments on the 1st Thursday of the month		6. Marine Corp League 3rd Thursday at 2PM				
		7. Honor Guard Practice 3rd Tuesday at 7PM				
		8. UBM 2nd Monday of the month				
		1	2 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	3 Bar Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting	4	5 COA S. Portland Brooklyn Beauveor B-day
6	7 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 UBM meet at	8 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	9 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	10 6pm Corn hole Tournament	11	12 Dawn W. B-DAY
13 District 5 Post meeting at Farmington Aux. Meeting at Madison Post	14 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	15 6:00 Bar Committee Meeting 7 pm Honor Guard	16 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	17 Marine Corp Meeting 2 PM 6pm Corn hole Tournament	18 Good Friday	19 Lisa Murray B-Day
20 	21 Patriots Day Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	22 Auxiliary Paint Night	23 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	24 6pm Corn hole Tournament	25	26
27	28 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	29	30			

- ⇒ Don't forget to get your Dues in for 2025 or buy your life membership. Both the VFW and Auxiliary welcome new members—if you know someone who might be eligible to join, bring them in to meet our members and to find out what benefits they can enjoy along with helping other veterans at the same time. We would like to welcome you to our family.
- ⇒ Auxiliary continues to collect Care and comfort items in the Bar, please consider donating, this is such a worthy cause and the veterans at Togus really appreciate it.



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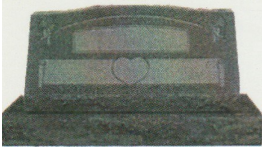
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