

## Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States

HARVELL–BISHOP ARNOLD TRAIL POST #7865



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## POST COMMANDERS REPORT

#### **Greetings** Comrades,

We hope everyone continues to have a good summer, especially with this humidity. July was good month for us. Our meet and greet Pig Roast was a huge success feeding 45-50 people. The Post projects for 2024 are nearing their end. Completed this year:

-Roof -Siding -Kitchen Remodel -Parking lot fix -New pavilion -New Digital sign -Remodel of the men's restroom

Stop by and checkout the new fresh look at the Post!

Our Post Honor Guard is still continuing on with sending our Veterans off. We have had the privilege to Honor <u>eight</u> Veterans so far this year. The Post Honor Guard was invited to Columbia Falls, Maine for the Massing of the Colors that kicked off the Wreaths across America 11<sup>th</sup> annual Stem to Stone Weekend. It was a privilege and honor to be invited to represent Veterans and our Madison Post.

We would like to also" THANK" the following businesses for their donations for our new flag poles:

Town of Madison Town of Anson Casey's Market AAA Advanced Computers Elias Monument Pravda Tree Queen Property Solutions (for digging the holes)

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





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#### Aug 2024

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

I hope you have had a wonderful summer so far. Can't believe it is August already. August will be my first official meeting with the Auxiliary. Hope to see you all there on Aug 6th.

The Auxiliary is been busy planning our Annual Car Show fundraiser. We want to thank our hosts Rob and Carol Shibley for allowing us to have it again at Bob's Cash fuel again this year. Show will be on Saturday September 21st open to the public at 10 am. Only \$5 entry for Adults, kids under 18 are free. This year you as the spectator will get to vote for your choice of classes, so come on down. Car Registration is only \$10 to show off your beautiful cars and possibly win a trophy. We have added Jeeps and Trucks to our Categories this year as well. Member Ralph Withee is busy working on our Sponsors and we are also looking for Vendors that would like to participate again this year. We have booked J&S Catering "The Sizzle Shack" for one of our Food vendors this year and hope to have another. The Pentecostal Church will be offering corndogs and Nacho's as well and the 1st Congressional church from Norridgewock will be providing their delicious Strawberry Cheese cakes again this year. A representative from VA Togus will also be joining us to share information with all. We have reached out to Darlings Ice Cream truck and waiting to hear if we are going to be picked for them to come to show as well. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sue LeHay, Yvonne Brooker or myself. This is a great event and one of our major fundraisers of the year.

VFW's Meet and Greet BBQ on June 30<sup>th</sup> was well attended and Eddie Cowen's roasted pig was delicious. The VFW is hosting this years joint BBQ with the American Legion on Saturday August 24th, all members and a guest are welcome to attend.

Don't forget that the Auxiliary helps support the VFW's Texas Holdem on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month by providing a meal to participants. Post also provides a meal on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. You don't need to be a participant to come on down and have a meal. Come join us.



I am currently getting ready to attend the National convention in Kentucky starting on July 26th with Post Quartermaster and hope I have some great information to bring back and share with you at our August meeting. Hope to see you there.

As always, please let me know of anything you do as an auxiliary member to help veterans or your community so that you and the Auxiliary can get credit. Reporting hours spent and mileage to Department helps us keep our charter and shows how much our Auxiliary cares

Take care and be safe

Sincerely yours,

**Michelle Steward** 

Did you know as a VFW Auxiliary member you can take advantage of various discounts by signing into the Benefithub @ <u>https://vfwauxiliary.benefithub.com/app/home</u>. There are lots of discounts for travel, insurance, rental cars, Disney, concert tickets and even football tickets? Check out the web link above and see what you might be missing!

Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues. August 6th, 7pm, at the Post! Enjoy your summer



Goings on at the VFW.....

- Come on down and check out all the improvements the members have done to the VFW building.
- Check out our Joint VFW & Auxiliary Honor Guard Group Picture, Don't they Look great! What a great group of people providing an Honor to our passed Veteran's.



Other VFW Post News:

- 1. Committee Meetings will be held twice a month at 6 pm, first one prior to Post monthly meeting and second one prior to Honor guard meeting.
- 2. Next Red Cross Blood drive Aug 5th 11-4, And Aug 29th 11-4, please consider donating if you could.
- 3. Need a smoke detector, <u>visit redcross.org/EndHomeFiresNNE</u> or call 1-800-464-6692 (option 4) Red cross will install for Free and provide free home safety checks.
- 4. Senior Meals will be starting back up every Tuesday at 9 am for games and 11 for lunch
- 5. TBD—Members will vote this month to possibly allow Legion to do their Weekly Cribbage games here on Wed Nights and possibly letting the Sons of the American Legion do their meals as well.....More to come.



Car show Saturday Sept 21st New Categories & Voting by YOU! We are looking for Sponsors and Vendors

#### **Other Auxiliary news:**

Contact Sue Lehay 207-634-2425, Yvonne Brooker 207-399-6118 or Michelle Steward 207-431-1132



## TAKE ACTION

- Dial 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 to talk to someone
- Start a confidential online chat session at www. VeteransCrisisLine.net/chat
- Send a text message to 838255 to connect to a VA responder
- Take a self-check quiz at www. VeteransCrisisLine.net/quiz
- If you or a Veteran you know is in crisis, find a facility near you
- Visit www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net if you are Active
  Duty, Reserve, or Guard
- Connect through chat, text, or TTY if you are deaf or hard of hearing

Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 PRESS

#### Veteran suicide prevention

If you're a Veteran in a mental health crisis and you're thinking about hurting yourself—or you know a Veteran who's considering this—get help right away. You're not alone.

#### How do I talk to someone right now?

If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, connect with our caring, qualified Veterans Crisis Line responders for confidential help. Many of them are Veterans themselves. This service is private, free, and available 24/7.

#### Here's how you can connect with a Veterans Crisis Line responder, anytime day or night:

Call 988 and select 1.

Text: <u>838255</u>.

Start a confidential chat. www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/

If you have hearing loss, call TTY: 800-799-4889.

#### You can also take these actions:

Call <u>911</u>.

Go to the nearest emergency room.

Go directly to your nearest VA medical center. It doesn't matter what your discharge status is or if you're enrolled in VA health care.

Find your nearest VA medical center



### **Member Benefits**

The VFW appreciates your service, and so do patriotic businesses across the country. That's why we've teamed up to offer you - as a VFW member - and your family discounted pricing on valuable merchandise and services. It's just one more way we're able to say "thank you" for all you've done to protect our freedom!

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



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.



## **TEXAS HOLDEM**

- First & Third Sunday of each month
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## **VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS**

Harvell – Bishop - Arnold Trail Post 7865 Officers: Newly 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** Newly 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 August 2024

| Sun   | Mon                                   | Tue  | Wed                                    | Thu  | Fri | Sat   |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|-----|---|
| Senior Meals<br>Every<br>Tuesday<br>Games @9 am<br>Lunch 11am |                                       |  |  | 1<br>Committee<br>Meeting 6 pm<br>Post Meeting<br>7 pm | 2   | <b>3</b><br>Gun Safety for<br>Women<br>9-12 in Hall |
| 4<br>Texas Hold'em<br>1200                                    | 5<br>Red Cross<br>Blood Drive<br>11-4 | 6<br>Auxiliary<br>Meeting<br>7 pm                                  | 7<br>TBD<br>Legion<br>Cribbage         | 8  | 9   | 10<br>Gun Safety for<br>Women<br>9-12 in Hall       |
| 11  | 12                                    | 13   | 14<br>TBD<br>Legion<br>Cribbage        | 15<br>Marine Corps<br>Meeting 6 pm                     | 16  | 17  |
| 18<br>Texas Hold'em<br>1200                                   | 19                                    | 20<br>Committee Meeting<br>6 pm<br>Honor Guard<br>Training<br>7 pm | <b>21</b><br>TBD<br>Legion<br>Cribbage | 22   | 23  | 24<br>Joint VFW<br>Legion BBQ                       |
| 25<br>Hayden family<br>reunion<br>10-2                        | 26                                    | 27   | 28<br>TBD<br>Legion<br>Cribbage        | 29<br>Red Cross Blood<br>Drive<br>11-4                 | 30  | 31  |

- ⇒ 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.

⇒ Post is also looking for donations to bring to the veterans at the nursing home: blankets, walking canes, or whatever

## Did you know the Post has a Web Page?

## Check it out <u>www.vfwpost7865.com</u>

#### **Camp Lejeune Justice Act Litigation**

If you have questions about eligibility and how to pursue a federal lawsuit under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, the VFW encourages you to contact one of our entrusted law firms: B&M Bergmann & Moore, LLC (800-898-9450) or Baird Mandalas Brockstedt & Federico (410.421.7777)

#### Important Numbers

Readjustment Counseling Service Combat Call Center: 1-877-927-8387 <u>Veterans Crisis Line</u>: Dial 988 then Press 1

 Homeless Veterans:

 1-877-424-3838

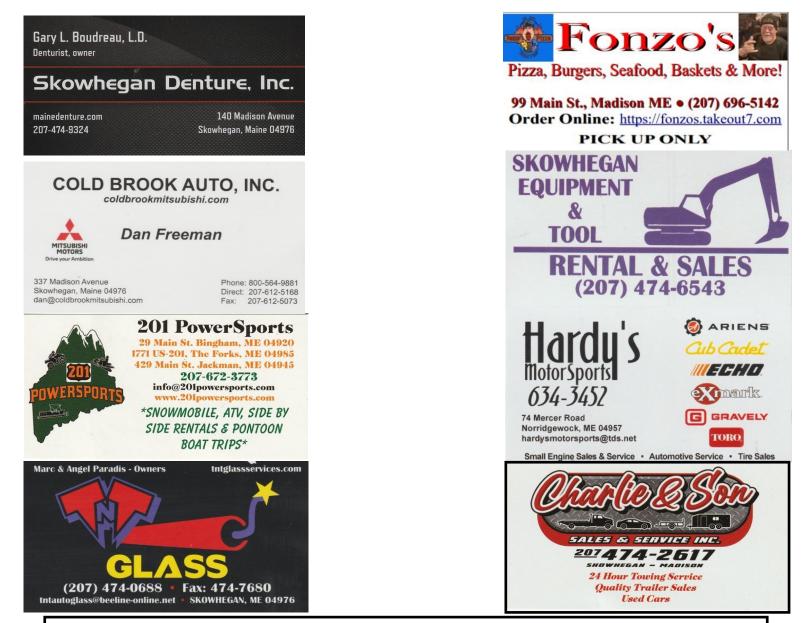
 Maine Military Members and Families Assistance Hotline:

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 MvVA411:

 1-800-MyVA411 / 1-800-698-2411

White House Veteran Complaint Line: 1-855-MyVA311 / 1-855-948-2311 Women Veterans Call Center: 1-855-829-6636 Non-VA Emergency Care Information 1-207-623-5390 1-207-623-8411 ext. 5523 (after-hours)



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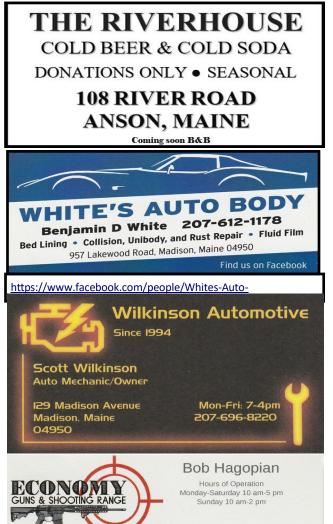
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