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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Winter is here!

We had a busy November at the Post. Our Veterans Day ceremony went very well. We served around 50 meals and even had the local WABI out of Bangor to cover the event. A huge THANK YOU to the volunteers who help set up and tear down. Thanksgiving was another great time. We served approximately 60 meals to Veterans and community members. We even delivered 14 meals to local Vet's and Community who couldn't make it in. Another huge THANK YOU to everyone that helped. Whether serving food, delivering food, or dropping off a dish to help, it is very appreciated.

December is here, we have a few things coming up. Our hall rentals are booking up fast, but we will still be having a little Christmas party at the Post on the ~~25th~~ **Correction 14th**. It will be just like last year, and if you want to play Yankee swap bring a gift! This will be a potluck, so bring your best dish! The Post will be doing some Hors d'oeuvres as well.

PRE-GAME NEW YEARS EVE party at the Post!! We will be doing the 2nd annual Pre-Game New Years Eve party again this year at the Post. It was a great success last year. The doors will open at 2PM, and we will count down with Champaign at 5:59:50 with 6PM being our Pre-game New Years Eve party!

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.

If you haven't already, stop by the Post and check out what we are doing. We have several opportunities to help support Veterans and the great community of Madison each month.

Respectfully,

Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

November was a busy month at the post for both VFW & Auxiliary Members. Starting with Veteran's day Service at the Post. Thank you to all the members who participated and attended this service. It was well attended and was attended by WABI TV giving our Post some great recognition. Post was also able to award Patriot's Pen participants from 6th, 7th and 8th grade in the Athens Community School and 1 Voice of Democracy Participant from Athens that attends Madison High school. The 6th grader and the High School student was sent to District. District chose the 6th grade participant from Athens and a High School Participant from Jackman to be forwarded to Department. They will be recognized at the COA in January.

The Auxiliary has been busy as well, 34 hours was spent by members for Veterans and Family support. 73+ hours was spent by members helping out at the polls for elections. Last meeting Auxiliary donated \$200 to purchase hats, gloves, socks and other items to send to Togus. Thank you Brenda. This time of year is a great time to donate for this cause, we have a box in the bar to collect items needed and appreciate your donations. Members donated Diaper's and wipes for National President Brenda Blair's project Operation Bottom Cover. We will be working with Pam Manter from Jay to get these distributed.

Auxiliary donated to post money we had left over from Flags to go towards the new floor in the Ladies Bathroom, Looks great and they made a change to 2 stalls, allowing for a larger handicapped stall. We also donate \$1000 to help toward the floor in the kitchen, it looks great.

Membership due's collected for 24-25 year is at 88.72% paid as of our Last meeting. We would love to have 100% by December 31st, so if you have not paid yet, please consider paying before then, you may also consider going Lifetime as well. At our meeting we all dug into our pockets and donated our loose penny's for Penny's for Cancer. Please think of us when going thru your loose change and consider donating to this worthy cause. All monies collected go directly to Jackson Laboratory here in Maine for Cancer research. Every little bit helps.

Members of post, Auxiliary, Girl Scout troop 351 and non member volunteers all came together and served over 60 meals on Thanksgiving day. Was a great turnout and was very much appreciated. Thank you all that volunteered, cooked and attended. Holiday's can be a trying time of year for some folks and this was a great way to show people we care.

The Post gave a \$200 check to Girl Scout troop 351 to help them provide sashes for all their girls. Auxiliary members Anne and Karen will be working with the girls to help them earn badges to add to their new sashes. What a great way to work together, these girls work very hard and want to help out.

Some members will also be doing some VFWA Outreach Programs this month, including several members will be helping out the Kennebec Valley quilters to hand out Hats, gloves and hand warmer rice bags at the December 7th parade. 1 Member will be helping the Athens Victory Club in Athens make up Christmas stockings to go to elderly residents and nursing home. If you know of something you will be doing to help out another community group on a future date, please let us know at our monthly meeting so we can get into our meeting minutes and vote to be part of our Outreach Program.

Shopping for Kids Christmas has started, this is a joint effort by both Post and Auxiliary. We hope to have around 30 kids this year. Auxiliary has also designated \$100 per child to help 1 family with several children this year. That will also be underway this month. As always we will be looking for volunteers to wrap once completed. Girl scouts will also help out.

I hope all our members have a wonderful Christmas and that the next year will be a happy one.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward

**Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues.
December 10th, 7pm, at the Post!**

Goings on at the VFW..... New Monument Installed



Donation to Girl Scouts to Buy new sashes

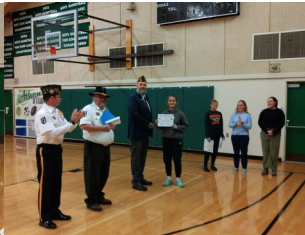


6th Grade



Patriot's Pen Winners by Grade

7th Grade



8th Grade



Veteran's Day Ceremonies



Thanksgiving meals





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Outreach Programs Approved for December:

- Members will participate and Help the Kennebec County Quilters to pass out Gloves, Hats and Rice bag hand warmers during the Madison/Anson Christmas parade
- Members will participate and Help Stuff stockings with goodies for Athens Victory Club that will be delivered to older folks in town who do get out as much, also to 20 residents of Tissue's Boarding home

Other Things Happening in December at the Post:

- Children's Christmas gifts will be purchased, wrapped and delivered to local families. Date of wrapping will be announced on the Facebook page
- Christmas party at the Post members and Auxiliary members are welcome to attend. We will be having a Yankee swap, if you want to participate, bring a gift to swap. Please bring your favorite Pot Luck meal to share, the Post will be providing Hors d'oeuvres again as well.
- 2nd annual Pre-game New Years Eve party. Doors will open at 2 pm. We will count down to 5:59:50 pm, with 6 pm being our Pre-Game New Years Eve Party. We had a ball last year, so please come and join us.



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Jackie Pollis - Auxiliary Lifetime member - She will be sadly missed



None

New Monument



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
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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



December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Pre-Game New Years Eve Party			
1 Texas Hold'em 1200	2 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	3	4	5 Bar Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7pm	6	7
8	9 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	10 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	11 Cribbage Tournament	12 7pm Corn hole Tournament	13	14 Christmas Party Yankee Swap 3-6
15 Texas Hold'em 1200 Children's Christmas Gift Wrapping 4pm	16 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	17 6:00 Bar Committee Meeting 7 pm Honor Guard	18 Cribbage Tournament	19 Marine Corps Meeting 6 pm 7pm Corn hole Tournament	20	21
22	23 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	24	25 	26 7pm Corn hole Tournament	27	28
29	30 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	31 New Years Eve Party 6pm Count down starts at 2pm	1 Cribbage Tournament New Years Day	2 Bar Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7pm	3	4

- ⇒ 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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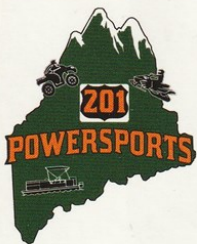
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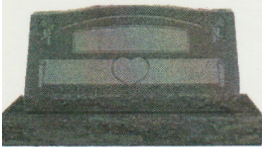


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Auxiliary Meetings: The Tuesday Following 1st Thursday @ 7pm
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