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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

The New England weather has arrived! We plow and rake the snow as much as we can around the Post. Please be careful out as we have a lot of melting and refreezing going on.

We have had an easy February so far. The Post gets slammed with tasks in the late part of the year, so when January and February come around, we try and keep it light. Our Hall rentals have picked up and almost doubled for bookings. If you want to reserve the Hall, I suggest you call and reserve the date, the weekends fill up very quickly.

Vietnam Era Veterans- All Vietnam Vets, The Travis Mills foundation is putting on a FREE breakfast for Vietnam Veterans. This will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on March 26, 2025. This breakfast event will start at 9AM. Our Post is putting together a ride to the event from the Madison Post. We need a head count, so if you would like to go, please let us know by calling or stopping by the Post. This is a Free breakfast and ride, all you must do is let us know, and show up.

The Post Gun raffles have started back up and are going very successful. We are raffling two Shotguns this time, A Cimarron 1887 "Terminator 12-gauge shot gun and a Tactical TAR 12P AR style 12-gauge shotgun. Our gun 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

Newsletter will now be available at the below website

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

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Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Well February is gone and we start into March. Spring is getting closer but we have a little ways to go yet. I hope everyone is staying warm.

I do have some sad news, as I have been working on this newsletter over the weekend I received news that one of our members, Linda Rogers, passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Department President Lonnie Keller and his lovely wife Mary came to visit us at our February meeting. Lonny thanked us for all we are doing for our veterans and also spoke about the importance of increasing membership, making sure we report all the things we are doing as that information is used in reports to the Federal Government, and reminded us that Malta has a lot of information available to members including events, programs and the VFW store. Our membership has grown to 138 members which puts us currently at 103.76% membership.

Auxiliary will be hosting a Paint Night coming up. We have set aside Tuesday March 25th as the date. Picture to be posted on our Facebook page and webpage soon. We are also running a Family night themed raffle in the Bar over the next month, 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Will Probably Draw the Winner at Paint Night. The proceeds from this basket will go to our relief fund.

Upcoming District meetings will be March 9th at 1pm at Dexter Post and April 13th at the Madison Post. COA and Commanders and Presidents Testimonial will be held at the Merry Manner Inn in Portland on April 5th.

As always our pennies for cancer bucket is located in the Bar on the shelf by the restroom doors, please consider dropping in your extra change as you walk by. All proceeds go to the Jackson Lab here in Maine. Donation box for items for Togus is located on top of the ATM. Please consider donating items listed.

We will be collecting can Tabs for the Shriners. Diane Pinkham will provide a small collection bin at the Post and will collect and give to our contact for this great cause. So please consider saving these for us. Any questions please Contact Diane.

Just a reminder that Cribbage Tournaments being held on Wednesdays are now being run by the post and the Bulldog Baggerz will be hosting Corn Hole tournaments on every Thursday except the 1st Thursday of each month, so if you are interested in participating, come on down to the post and sign up.

UBM will be having a Valentine/St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday March 8th from 8-Midnight. Post is doing gun raffle again this month, proceeds to go to building fund.

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

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward

**Our Next Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues.
March 11th, 7pm, at the Post!**

Other going's on at the Post for March:

FREE breakfast for Vietnam Veterans.

This will be held at the Augusta Civic Center on March 26, 2025. This breakfast event will start at 9AM. Our Post is putting together a ride to the event from the Madison Post. We need a head count, so if you would like to go, please let us know by calling or stopping by the Post, 696-3806 .



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- Auxiliary will be hosting a Paint Night Tuesday March 25th. Picture to be posted on our Facebook page and webpage soon.
- Family night themed raffle is in the Bar, Proceeds to benefit Auxiliary relief fund. 1 ticket for \$1 or 6 tickets for \$5. Please see Bar Tender. Raffle winner will be announced at Paint Night Tuesday March 25th.

Other up coming meetings

VFW

- **Post Meeting March 6th—Nominations for officers for 2025-2026 Year**
 - District 5 meeting March 9th @1pm Madison Post
 - District 5 meeting April 13 @ 1pm in Farmington

Auxiliary

- District 5 meeting March 9th @ 1pm Dexter Post
- 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?"

Linda Rogers



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
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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

March 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 4. Post meeting 1st Thursday of the month 5. Aux Meeting 2nd Tuesday 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
	3 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	4	5 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	6 Bar Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting	7	8 Birthday Party 12-4 UBM Dance 8-12
9 District 5 Meeting 1 PM Post Members Madison Aux in Dexter	10 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 UBM meet at 7pm	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM	12 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	13 6pm Corn hole Tournament	14 C.O.L Jay Dayton 2-?	15 Baby Shower
16 Baby Shower 12:00-?	17 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	18 6:00 Bar Committee Meeting 7 pm Honor Guard	19 Cribbage Tournament 6-8	20 Marine Corp Meeting 2 PM 6pm Corn hole Tournament	21	22 Baby Shower
23	24 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	25 Auxiliary Paint Night	26 Cribbage Tournament	27 6pm Corn hole	28	29
30	31 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30					

- ⇒ 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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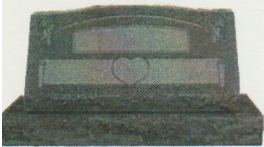
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