



May, 2024

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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Hope everyone is having a good spring. We will be holding our annual Memorial scholarship drive on May 25th on the memorial bridge in Madison. The roof project we have had going on is almost complete. Two of the three coats have been put on with the last coat hopefully being applied by the end of April. Our next projects we have coming up will be our New digital sign, new siding for the Post and new smoking area that will be built behind the Post.

We made another visit to Woodlawn's rehab center in Skowhegan and visited with 9 veterans who stay at the facility. The visit was a great success, we brought T-shirts, walking canes, and stress balls. On our next visit we are planning on bringing blankets and fleece vests for the Veterans.

Elections were held for Post officers, below are the officers for 2024:

Commander—Mike Carter
Sr Vice—Lee Raymond
Jr Vice—Dave Foss
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Adjunct—Rick Peterson
Judge Advocate—Bill Lytle
Chaplin—Gary K
Surgeon—Everett Rogers

The District 5 elections were held at the Fairfield Post in April. The Madison VFW members stepped up and volunteers for multiple positions, they are as follows:

District 5 Commander—Mike Carter
District 5 Sr Vice—Gordon Webber (Farmington Post)
District 5 Jr Vice—Lee Raymond
District 5 Quarter Master—Chad Steward
District 5 Adjunct—Joe Conlin
District 5 Judge—Advocate—Bill Lytle
District 5 Chaplin—Gary K
District 5 Surgeon—Jessica Carter
District 5 Trustee (1) - Lou Padula

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Respectfully,

Louis Padula, Commander

P.S. We are working on some kind of smoking room outside

News letter will now be available at the below website

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

Facebook page: [Madison VFW 7865](https://www.facebook.com/MadisonVFW7865)





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Hello Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

By the time you have read this we will have held our Auxiliary Meet & Greet. I am looking forward to enjoying a great brunch and the company of all who attend!

Elections were held at our April meeting; I am pleased to announce our 2024/2025 Officers elected:

President: Michelle Steward, Sr. Vice: Sue LeHay, Jr. Vice: Lorie Swift, Treasurer: Brenda Flanagin, Conductor: Anne Drawdy, Chaplain: Linda Jo Andrews, Guard: Diane Pinkham, Trustee 3: Lisa Switzer, Trustee 2: Lorie Swift, Trustee 1: Yvonne Brooker. The following members were appointed as follows: Secretary: Eleanor Jo Leblanc and Patriotic Instructor: Sue LeHay. Ladies, I acknowledge your service you, THANK YOU! You make me very proud to be part of this organization!

The Auxiliary is beginning to plan our Annual Car Show fundraiser. We will be securing a venue and setting a fall date for the event very soon. I am confident we will have another very successful event. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sue LeHay or Michelle Steward. Stay tuned more information will be shared as it becomes available.

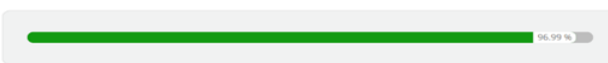
Paint Night was held on April 18. The turnout was light, but I hear there was lots of fun had by ALL. Here are the masterpieces produced:



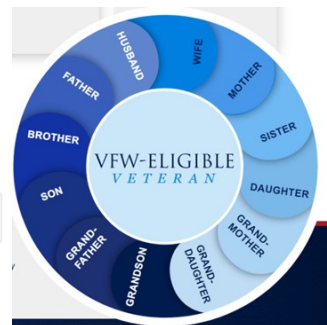
I invite you to help grow our Auxiliary by recruiting others. A potential Auxiliary member is an individual who is specifically related to a veteran of foreign war as indicated in the wheel of VFW-ELIGIBLE VETERANS →

Thanks to all Auxiliary Members who are in good standing; because of you our auxiliary membership is at 96.99%. If you haven't had an opportunity to pay your dues, be sure to pay before 6/30/24, or you will have to rejoin the auxiliary.

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96.99 % Membership Progress
129 Members Paid For 2024
133 Members Paid For 2023



According to the VFW.org...Memorial Day is a sacred day to all war veterans. America's collective consciousness demands that all citizens be reminded of the deaths of their fellow countrymen during wartime. By honoring the nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice. **All U.S. flags should be displayed at half-staff during the morning hours. At noon, they should be raised back to full-staff.**

Do you have one or more unserviceable American flags?

If so, please drop it off at the VFW Post. Unserviceable flags will be delivered to the American Legion – Tardiff Belanger Post for proper retiring.



Please continue your selfless good works, our veterans and community are better that you exist!

Be well!, Eula

Our May Regular Monthly Auxiliary Meeting is Tues. May 7, 7pm, at the Post!

What is Memorial Day and how is it different than Veterans Day

Memorial Day, which is observed on the last Monday in May, was originally set aside as a day for remembering and honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war.

Veterans Day, is intended to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military—living and dead—whether in wartime or peace. In fact, Veterans Day is largely intended to thank living Veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that all those who served—not only those who died—have sacrificed and done their duty.

VFW Post 7865 will be hosting a Memorial Day ceremony around 1 PM on Memorial Day. Please join us to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and for all of us.

Other VFW news:

1. Saturday May 25th, is our Memorial Day Scholarship Toll Bridge on the Madison/Anson Bridge.
2. Celebration of Life for Member Ken Franzose to be held at post Friday May 10th Honor Guard will be at 11 am and the COL will be around Noon following Funeral services for those who would like to attend.
3. All kinds of changes going on at the post, come check them out. Roof work is almost complete. We will be working soon on New vinyl siding, new digital sign out front and an outdoor smoking room. More to come.....

Other Auxiliary news:

1. Auxiliary will be gearing up to start planning our Annual Car Show. This will take place sometime in September. Once we have verified the venue and the dates we will post here and to our Facebook page all the updated information. Looking forward to seeing Past and New participants. More to come.....
2. Don't forget to come to the Post on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's of the Month for Texas Holdem. Don't Play, well come down anyway and have a nice meal. 1st meal of the month is put on by the POST and the Second Meal of the month is put on by the Auxiliary. Great meals at a great price, Serving starts at Noon.

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- Dial 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1 to talk to someone
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- 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



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](tel:988) and select 1.

Text: [838255](tel:838255).

Start a confidential chat.

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If you have hearing loss, call TTY: [800-799-4889](tel:800-799-4889).

You can also take these actions:

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That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Col. John McCrae

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The Poppy has become recognized as the memorial flower in countries throughout the world. It is distributed by veterans organizations in Europe, North America, and in most of the countries of the British Commonwealth.

Since 1922, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has conducted an annual distribution of "Buddy" Poppies to raise funds for its charitable programs on behalf of the needy and disabled veterans, and the surviving family members of deceased veterans.



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Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary

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Jr. Vice President: Lorie Swift – Conductress: Anne Drawdy – Guard - Yvonne Brooker

Chaplain: Linda Jo Andrews - Treasurer: Brenda Flanagan - Patriotic Instructor - Sue LeHay - Secretary
Michelle Steward - Trustee # 1 Linda Jo Andrews - Trustee # 2 Yvonne Brooker - Trustee # 3 Lorie Swift



May 2024



Sun

Mon



Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

			1	2 Post Meeting 7 pm	3	4 Post Workday Cleanup Auxiliary Training Bangor
5 Texas Hold'em 1200	6	7 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	8	9 Kennebec Valley Quilters 5:30 Pm	10 Honor Guard 11 AM Ken Franzose COL Around Noon at Post	11 COL Theresa Kirk
12 	13	14 Committee Meeting 6pm Honor Guard Training 7 pm	15	16 Marine Corps Meeting 6 pm	17	18
19 Texas Hold'em 1200	20	21	22	23	24 National Poppy Day 	25 Memorial Day Scholarship Toll Bridge
26	27 Memorial Day Ceremony at Noon Lunch provided	28	29	30	31	

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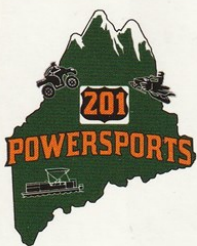
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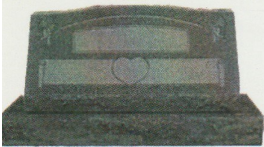


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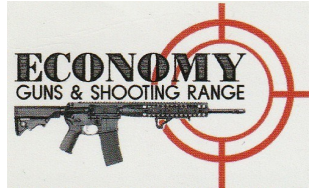
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Auxiliary Meetings: The Tuesday Following 1st Thursday @ 7pm
Marine Corps League Monthly Meetings: Third Thursday @ 6pm
Post Bar Opened @ 2pm Monday-Saturday And Sunday @ Noon
Texas Holdem 1st & 3rd Sunday – Lunch & Buy In Start @ Noon

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