

Veterans of Foreign Wars of The United States

HARVELL–BISHOP ARNOLD TRAIL POST #7865



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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

Fall season is here! We have a lot of events coming up in the Post. On Monday November 11th we will be having our Veterans Day ceremony. This year is very special to us because we have the VFW State Commander Kimball that will be speaking along with our State Representative Jack Ducharme. We also have our local Girl Scout troop 351 that will be participating with our Honor Guard during the ceremony. This year we have invited WABI Channel 5 out of Bangor to cover our event. Veterans eat for free, as we have local business Smoking Good Times BBQ to cater this event. The Ceremony will start at 11:30am, and all Veterans and the community are invited to attend.

We are also doing our Thanksgiving again this year. We will be serving Baked and fried turkey along with sides. We will have a sign-up sheet for sides in the canteen, any donations will be greatly appreciated. We also will be delivering meals to the local area for Veterans or community members in need of food. Please contact the Post if you need us to deliver the meal. We had a great turnout last year, and we delivered over 20 meals in the local community. We plan on starting to serve at 12:30 on Thanksgiving.

POST HONOR GUARD NEWS!!!

Post 7865 Honor Guard has been selected to represent the Maine State Color Guard for 2024-2025. This is a huge recognition for our Honor Guard being able to represent the State of Maine!

The 2025 Post summer project season is starting back up our Gun raffles. This month we have a Savage Over/Under single shot 22 MAG/410 shotgun combo. We will only sell 100 tickets, when all the tickets are sold, we will draw the winner. Tickets are \$20 each. The money we raise from these raffles goes toward our building fund projects. Although we completed a lot of projects this year, we feel that we have a good start on updating and maintaining our Post for Veterans and members. Our mission with our Post is to update one or two things each year, then maintain with the best care we can.

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

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;

Hello, what a busy fall we have had so far, hope you all are ready for winter. Just got myself some new tires so I can stay on the road once the snow flies. Brrr, not looking forward to the winter weather, as I am sure you all are not ready either.

So this month a few of us helped at the post to clean both the Auxiliary room and the big closet to weed out anything that is no longer needed and taking up valuable space. Thank you Anne for all your help both the Sunday you and I cleaned up some stuff and for Sunday the 27th where you helped swamp the two rooms to move Auxiliary stuff into Auxiliary room and clean out the other room, I guess they filled the dumpster, Iol. Also thank you to Sandra and Ashley Bickford who came and helped sweep and mop the hall floor. Post would like to have two clean up days a year to help keep things organized in and around the post. So thank you all who participate.

We will need to choose a basket theme and supply a filled basket for the January COA Meeting. I put out in the Facebook messenger to members to give Ideas and I think we had a consensus of a Family Night theme. We will vote on this next meeting. Thank you all that attended the September meeting and Signed up for the Action Corp newsletter. We received a \$25.00 award from Department for the most members who signed up beating out all the other Auxiliaries.

Veteran's Day –November 11 - activities will include a ceremony where State Representative Jack Ducharme and State Commander Anthony Kimball will be speakers followed by a luncheon where all Veteran's will have a free meal. I have had 5 members say they would donate some deserts for this event, thank you Beckie, Elenor Jo, Cindy, Karen and Lori, the post does appreciate your help.

Thanksgiving Day dinner – November 28 – VFW would appreciate side dishes and desserts, if you are willing– members and a guest free – donations accepted and they will offer delivery to any Veteran or community member that would like a meal.

I have been trying to work out something with Pam Manter from the Jay Post to collect and distribute disposable diapers and wipes at the November meeting for Brenda Blair's project Bottom Covers to go to NC hurricane victims. Still working out the details and hope to have someplace to take them after our meeting.

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

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. 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.

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. November 12th, 7pm, at the Post!



Goings on at the VFW.....

Commander Mike, Vice Commander Lee and Quartermaster Chad attended COA in Augusta and Auxiliary President Lonwood Keller's Banquet on October 5th. On October 13 They also attended District meeting in Jackman and during the ceremony they awarded State Commander Kimball with a Shirt and Tie to commemorate all he has done, along with a little fun, from the National convention and COA, LOL.



Other VFW Post News:

- We would like to thank Lifetime Auxiliary Member Anne Drawdy for all that she does for the VFW post and the Auxiliary. She is always helping with Texas Holdum meals and she is present 99% of the time when we need Auxiliary member to help out. Both Commander and President appreciate all you do for us.
- We would also like to thank Commander Mike Carter for all the hard work he has been doing at the Post.
 From taking over at District to all the things he does at the Post itself. He has contacted the local towns to get our Christmas lists started for Children's Christmas, he also chairman of the Patriots Pen and Voice of democracy and Teacher to department programs for the Post
- 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.
- Legion Weekly Cribbage Tournament
- Post will be hosting Veteran's Day ceremonies on Veteran's day, Monday November 11th.
- We will also be providing meals for Thanksgiving again this year.



VFW AUXILIARY UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR UNCOMMON HEROES[®]

 The Care and comfort box is located in the Bar if you would like to donate anything to Togus. Must be new items. They can always use nail clippers, combs, body wash (Travel size) and disposable razors. Other items needed currently: Sneakers Men 7-13m, women 5-10, Clothing all sizes (Sweatpants, t-shirts, sweatshirts, underwear, PJ's), backpacks and toiletry bags, reading books and new puzzle books.

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.

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

You can also take these actions:

Call <u>911</u>.

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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
- \$50 Buy In
- High Hand & Top Four Payouts
- Buy In and Kitchen Start/Open at 1200
- Tournament starts at 1:00
- Guests Welcome

Thank you for supporting your local Veterans Of Foreign Wars





None



None

Blast from the Past, Past Commander David Trask and Jr Vice Ed Rubleski



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

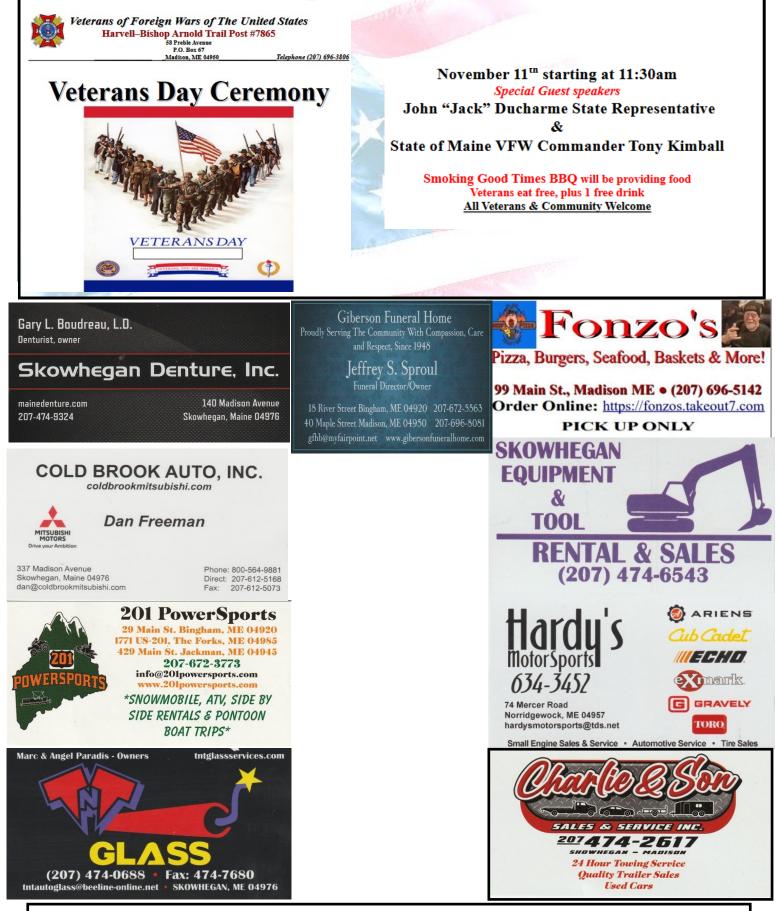
Chaplain: Linda Jo Andrews - Treasurer: Brenda Flanagan - Patriotic Instructor - Sue LeHay - Secretary Eleanor LeBlanc- Trustee # 1 Yvonne Brooker - Trustee # 2 Lorie Swift - Trustee # 3 Lisa Switzer November 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Senior Meals Every Tuesday Games @9 am Lunch 11am					1	2 Benefit for Ken—10:30
3 Texas Hold'em 1200	4 Blood Drive 12-5 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	5	6 Cribbage Tournament	7 Bar Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7pm	8	9
10 50th Birthday Party Shirley Emery	11 Veteran's Day Ceremony 11 am Lunch to follow	12 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	13 Cribbage Tournament	14	15	16 Friendsgiving Steuben
17 Texas Hold'em 1200	18 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	19 6:00 Bar Committee Meeting 7 pm Honor Guard	20 Cribbage Tournament	21 Marine Corps Meeting 6 pm	22	23 Charles Churchill COL 2-5
24	25 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	26	27 Cribbage Tournament	28 Post Thanksgiving 11 am	29	30 B-Day Party Sara Steuben 1 pm

⇒ 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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