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## POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

We hope everyone is having a good fall season start. Our Post Honor Guard was able to send off two Veterans this past month with the honor they deserve. They are doing an amazing job! We are also looking for more members to join our Post Honor Guard, full time and fill in spots.

With the 2024 Post summer project season now complete, we are starting back up our Gun raffles. This month we have a Mossberg over/under 12-gauge shotgun. 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.

Our Texas Hold'em tournaments are becoming very popular. They are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. On these days we open at 12:00 and start the tournament at 1:00, with food also available from our kitchen. Our Sunday meals are usually between \$10 and \$12 depending on what we are cooking. Again, the money we make goes straight into our building fund. The Wednesday weekly Cribbage tournaments are gaining in popularity. The sign in for this is 5:30. All welcome for the either tournament

Our Post construction team was able to help a Veteran in need this month. A family reached out to us about a wheelchair ramp that was in terrible condition. The team was able to replace the floor and rails on the wheelchair ramp with brand new material, while the veteran was at the hospital.

If you haven't already, stop by the Post and check out what we do. 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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Congratulate our Car Show 1st place winners

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

What a busy September for our Auxiliary family. September was busy preparing for and eventually hosting the Car show we have been talking about all summer. What a great day. Everything went smoothly this year and even though we didn't have as many cars as last year the show was a great success. Thank you to all our volunteers this year, everyone did a great job keeping everything going all day long. I want to thank our members who volunteered and made this show go with out a hitch, thank you Eula, Sue, Yvonne, Brenda, Laurie, Anne, Linda Jo, Eleanor Jo , Karen and Ralph. Thank you to our VFW members who packed up and brought all our equipment and helped us set up and tear down, directing cars and parking cars and all the other things you did to help the with the show, Thank you Chad, Gary, Will, Amy, Joe, Bill and Dave. And special thanks to Rob and his wife for Hosting us and all they did to prepare the grounds so we could make it happen and to Taylor, I am so thankful to her for all she does for us. We appreciate it very much. If I forgot anyone, my apologies, please know I appreciate everyone for everything they did. I would also like to thank all our Sponsors and Venders again as well. We couldn't do this without your support.

With the car show behind us (mostly, still have some follow up to do to close it out) we can look on to the next few months before the holidays begin and it gets a bit busy again.

I hope all of you are doing well and that you are enjoying the start of the Fall season. I see the UBM is having a Halloween Party at the Post on Saturday October 26th. Would be a good night for you all to get together with your VFW family and have a good time.

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.

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.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle Steward



Did you know as a VFW Auxiliary member you can take advantage of various discounts by signing into the Benefithub @ <https://vfwauxiliary.benefithub.com/app/home>. 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.  
October 8th, 7pm, at the Post!**

Goings on at the VFW.....

- We would like to thank Lifetime Auxiliary Member Eddie Cowen for all that he does for the VFW post. We appreciate all you do for us.
- Thank you VFW Members involved in our Membership drive at the Car Show this Month. Working together with the American Legion to offer membership to both Potential VFW and American Legion qualified candidates also working besides Auxiliary doing their membership drive as well as representative from VA Togus to offer information to those candidates and other benefits they could qualify for.
- We would also Like to welcome our New supporting business, Post Member Carrie Erskine, Veteran owner of North River Pack Dog Training & Grooming in Solon Maine. Carrie is also helping to support our drive for Membership by Offering to pay 1 year of a 2 year membership to any new members who want to Join. Please stop by and support her as she supports us.



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. Legion Weekly Cribbage Tournament



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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

# October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Senior Meals Every Tuesday Games @9 am Lunch 11am</b>		1	2 Cribbage Tournament	3 Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7 pm	4	5 COA Dept. Aux President Banquet
6 Texas Hold'em 1200	7 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 D	8 <b>Auxiliary Meeting</b> 7 pm	9 Cribbage Tournament	10	11	12 Reserved
13 District 5 Meeting Jackman Gretchen Gordon Anniversary	14 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 <b>UBM meets at 6:30</b>	15 5:30 Maine Snowmobile Club Meeting	16 Cribbage Tournament	17 Marine Corps Meeting 6 pm	18	19 <b>3:00 Nicole Horton Retirement Party</b>
20 Texas Hold'em 1200	21 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	22 6:00 Bar Committee Meeting 7 pm Honor Guard	23 Cribbage Tournament	24	25	26 UBM 
27	28 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	29	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.

### VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest

More than 73,000 students in grades 6-8 enter the VFW's Patriot's Pen youth essay contest each year. The first-place winner from each state competes for national awards totaling \$55,000, with each first-place state winner receiving a minimum of \$500 at the national level. The national first-place winner wins \$5,000. This year's theme is "My Voice in America's Democracy?." Entries must be submitted to Harvell Bishop Arnold Trail Post #7865, PO Box 67, Madison ME 04950 no later than midnight on October 31, 2024.

### VFW Voice of Democracy audio-essay scholarship competition

Do you know a local student in grades 9-12 who could use up to \$35,000 for college? Encourage them to enter the VFW Voice of Democracy audio-essay scholarship competition. Each year, nearly 27,000 high school students from across the country enter to win a share of the \$2 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through this program. This year's theme is "Is America: Today Our Forefathers' Vision?" Entries must be submitted to Harvell Bishop Arnold Trail Post #7865, PO Box 67, Madison ME 04950 no later than midnight on October 31, 2024.

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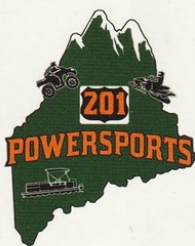
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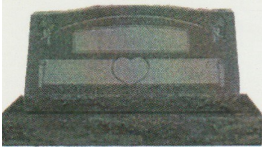


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**Post Monthly Meetings: First Thursday @ 7pm**  
**Auxiliary Meetings: The Tuesday Following 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 7pm**  
**Marine Corps League Monthly Meetings: Third Thursday @ 6pm**  
**Post Bar Opened @ 2pm Monday–Saturday And Sunday @ Noon**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

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