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Sept, 2024

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POST COMMANDERS REPORT

Greetings Comrades,

We hope everyone had a good summer, especially with fall right around the corner. August was a good month for us. Our Post Honor Guard was able to send off three Veterans this past month with the honor they deserve. They also were invited to Columbia Falls Maine, to participate in the Wraths Across America kick off with the Massing of the Colors. We represented the VFW for Maine.

Our 2024 Post summer projects are now complete, it was a busy summer for us and the improvements we made. Thank you to all the people that helped with this.

The Madison/Anson Day parade, where we did a Veterans float combined with the American Legion was a big hit. I think it was nice for the towns to see both organizations working together for both Veterans and Community support.

We have also been able to help out with some of the events that were held at American Legion Post 39, in their time of need. We now have a cribbage tournament every Wednesday, along with Girl Scout Troop 351 meeting in our hall every Monday night.

If you haven't already, stop by the Post if you can and see the new look and what's going on.

Respectfully,

Mike Carter

Post Commander Madison VFW 7865

Newsletter will now be available at the below website

Website: <u>www.vfwpost7865.com</u> Email: <u>vfwpost7865@outlook.com</u>

Facebook page: Madison VFW 7865





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58 Preble Avenue

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Aug 2024

Greetings Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers;

Well Summer is winding down and we had my first Auxiliary meeting as president on Aug 6th, it was so nice to see so many new faces. Meeting was a bit long and hopefully next meeting will be shorter. We had so many things to catch up after our summer break and we voted in 4 new members!

The VFW's joint BBQ with the American Legion on Saturday August 24th was well attended and Eddie Cowen's Chicken BBQ was fantastic! They had a great turnout for the parade by both the VFW and Legion and maybe next year the Auxiliary can get together with Legion Auxiliary and have a float as well. Great to see everyone working together for the same cause.

I attended the National Convention with my husband VFW Quartermaster Chad Steward and we had a great time. Learned a lot of things and meet some great people. I shared a few things I learned at the August meeting and I hope it was informative.

The Auxiliary is in full swing planning our Annual Car Show fundraiser. We want to thank our hosts Rob and Carol Shibley for allowing us to have it again at Bob's Cash fuel again this year. Show will be on Saturday September 21st open to the public at 10 am. Only \$5 entry for Adults, kids under 18 are free. This year you as the spectator will get to vote for your choice of classes, so come on down. Car Registration is only \$10 to show off your beautiful cars and possibly win a trophy. We have added Jeeps and Trucks to our Categories this year as well. Member Ralph Withee has done a wonderful job getting our Sponsors. We have booked J&S Catering "The Sizzle Shack" and "Of Maine Origin" as our Food vendors this year. The Pentecostal Church will be offering corndogs and Nacho's as well and the 1st Congressional church from Norridgewock will be providing their delicious Strawberry Cheese cakes again this year. A representative from VA Togus will also be joining us to share information with all. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sue LeHay, Yvonne Brooker or myself. This is a great event and one of our major fundraisers of the year. We could always use a few more bodies to help rotate around throughout the day.

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

Take care and be safe and hope to see you at our Car show, it is such a great time

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. **September 10th, 7pm**, at the Post!



Goings on at the VFW.....

- Ramp re-built for 81 year old local veteran
- Honor Guard attended Wreaths across America Kick off
- ♦ Madison Anson Day Parade Joint VFW & Legion
- ♦ Joint BBQ with Legion
- National Convention:
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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
- 3. Commander Mike Carter, Senior Vice Lee Raymond and Quartermaster Chad Steward attended Maine Officer Leadership development training in Hampden on Aug 18th.



New Categories & Voting by YOU! Thank you Sponsors

Contact Sue Lehay 207-634-2425,
Yvonne Brooker 207-399-6118 or Michelle Steward 207-431-1132



Car show Saturday Sept 21st

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Member Discount Center

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.

https://www.vfw.org/join/member-benefits



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Post Commander: Mike Carter - Senior Vice: Lee Raymond

Junior Vice: Dave Foss - Adjutant: Rick Petersen - Quarter Master: Chad Steward

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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

September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Texas Hold'em	2 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	3	4 Cribbage Tournament	5 Committee Meeting 6 pm Post Meeting 7 pm	6	7
8	9 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30 UBM meets at 6:30	10 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	11 Cribbage Tournament	12	13 Darla Ferrell Wedding 4:30	14 Benefit Dinner for Bella 4pm start
15 Texas Hold'em 1200	16 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	Committee Meeting 6 pm Honor Guard Training 7 pm	18 Cribbage Tournament	19 Marine Corps Meeting 6 pm	20	Car Show 10-3 Benefit for Joe Tuttle 4-9pm
22	23 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	24	25 Cribbage Tournament	26	27	28 Marine Corp Meeting 10AM
29	30 Girl Scout Troop meets at 5:30	Senior Meals Every Tuesday Games @9 am Lunch 11am				

- ⇒ 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.
- ⇒ Post is also looking for donations to bring to the veterans at the nursing home: blankets, walking canes, or whatever

Did you know the Post has a Web Page?

Check it out www.vfwpost7865.com

Camp Lejeune Justice Act Litigation

If you have questions about eligibility and how to pursue a federal lawsuit under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, the VFW encourages you to contact one of our entrusted law firms: B&M Bergmann & Moore, LLC (800-898-9450) or Baird Mandalas Brockstedt & Federico (410.421.7777)

Important Numbers

Readjustment Counseling Service Combat Call Center: 1-877-927-8387

Veterans Crisis Line:

Dial 988 then Press 1

Homeless Veterans:

1-877-424-3838

Maine Military Members and Families Assistance Hotline:

1-888-365-9287

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1-800-MyVA411 / 1-800-698-2411

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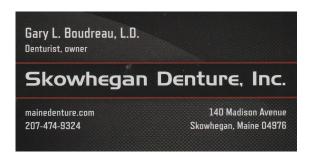
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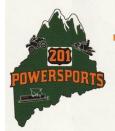




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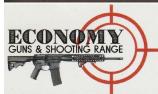


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Post Monthly Meetings: First Thursday @ 7pm Auxiliary Meetings: The Tuesday Following 1st Thursday @ 7pm Marine Corps League Monthly Meetings: Third Thursday @ 6pm Post Bar Opened @ 2pm Monday—Saturday And Sunday @ Noon Texas Holdem 1st & 3rd Sunday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













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