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Meetings

Legion Last meeting at Post August 5, 2024 7 pm

Auxiliary Old Point Ave School August 5, 2024 6:30 pm

Sons of the American Legion Location to be determined September 29, 2024 5 pm

Post Officers

Commander: Bob Washburn 1st Vice: Bob Demchak 2nd Vice: Eric Fluet Adjutant: Chad Steward Finance: Bob Demchak Sgt-at-Arms: Phil Daigle Chaplain: Rich Robinson Service: Bob Demchak Americanism: Vacant

Executive: Ted Brown Executive: Jimmy Pinkham Executive: Will Price



The American Legion Family

Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter

LEGION UPDATES From your Commander

Hello American Legion Family!

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I am pretty sure that most of you have heard the news. But if not, here it is. We are losing the insurance on our building effective Monday, August 5 at midnight. That means there will be no more functions in the building. The bar will no longer be open in the evenings. That also means that the last bingo in our building will be August 4.

We have contracted with Somerset Abbey to have bingo there for a year or more, beginning on August 11. When bingo is done 4^{th} the on (approximately 4:30 pm), we will be taking apart the machine. moving it to the Abbey, and setting up for the next week. Anvone who would like to help on that day, your

The bar is not usually open on meeting nights. However, since that will be the last day the bar could be open, the bar will be open from 3-6. The last function in the building will be our August monthly meeting on August 5 at 7pm. When our meeting is over, the building will be effectivelv closed.

Bingo, girl scouts, and our monthly meetings will be held at the Abbey. Cornhole can be played there as well, when they start up again. The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post in Madison has offered their place for our weekly cribbage tournaments, and the Sons of American Legion (SAL) dinners, if our Sons would like to keep those going. Somerset County United Bikers of Maine (UBM) will also be meeting at the VFW hall and

een dance there.

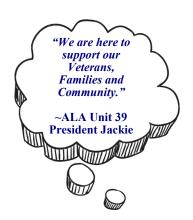
We have already been fundraising for a new building, which we thought was a five-year plan. By necessity, that was accelerated plan when we got word from the insurance company. Our new building will be on the opposite side of the parking lot (where the Pike trailer (office) is now).

Our building is closing, but we are trying to keep all our post functions going to the best of our ability. Our goal is that we continue to be one of the most active posts in the state. The people make the post, not the building.

Respectfully,

Bob Washburn Commander

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary's mission is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.



"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Mahatma Gandhi



Greetings, Members!

We are having a lot of changes happening currently. With special Emergency meetings, packing and sorting dates. We have set up more times to make sure all of our items needed will be packed for storage, dates are July 21st, July 28th, and August 4th at 9 am.

We will be meeting at the Old Point Ave School Building starting August 5th for our General Membership meeting. A big thank you to the town for letting us use the school. There is a handicap ramp located at the entrance on the left side of the building.

We have had a storage unit generously donated for one year by FINE LINE SELF STORAGE on Weston Ave. A Big <u>Thank You</u> to them. If you're in need of storage, please consider renting from them! Keep it local!! Despite this new "glitch", we are moving forward - "Business as usual". Currently we are collecting for school supplies that we donate to the local schools for those students who don't have what is needed. We also have a raffle that includes ALL OF THE FOLLOWING: Madison Historic Throw (50"x60"); Black metal Eagle cutout decoration; an Americana Quilt (F/Q - 86"x86") and a Red, White and Blue Wreath. This raffle will be drawn at our booth at the Madison Anson Days Craft Fair on August 24th. You can find tickets in this newsletter or contact any Auxiliary Officer! We will also be taking orders for our famous turkey pies at our booth!

Speaking of our booth at the Madison Anson Days Craft Fair on August 24th We still need help manning the booth! In addition we will also have a float for the parade. This year the theme for Madison Anson Days is "The 70's". If anyone can help out at the booth or on the float, please call me at. 207-431-1844.

Remember - We all need

to rally to pull everything together - to help us and our post. Most of all don't lose sight of our mission - in service, not self - for veterans, their families and our community.

We are here to support our Veterans, Families and Community.

Yours in service, not self,

Jackie Pollis President





SAL Squadron #39

Greetings!

As stated in the July newsletter, we



have to vacate the building as of Midnight on August 5th.

On Wednesday 7/24 we will be having Turkey with all the fixings. And our last Wednesday night dinner at the Post will be on July 31st and it will be "Italian Night".

After the 31st, we will be taking the summer off to regroup.

Don't forget about our Lobster Bake scheduled for July 27th. More information can be found on the flyer included in this newsletter!

Please continue to read the Legion's newsletter and keep an eye on the Legions FaceBook Group (listed below) for information on how you can help with the transition. Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

Just as a reminder: the positions of Adjutant and Historian are still vacant. Anyone interested in stepping up should contact any SAL member or attend the next meeting.

Hopefully you have paid your 2024 dues by now as we have started collecting for 2025 membership year. Membership is still \$30 and can be mailed to the SAL at PO Box 144, Madison, 04950. You can reach out to Mark Long 858-3855 or Paul Turek 696-8289 with any questions about

membership.

Our next membership meeting is September 9th at 5pm (Location to yet be determined.) Looking for new members and looking for existing members to volunteer!! Hope to see some new faces at our September meeting!

Respectfully

submitted,

Pete Graves, SAL Commander John Bryant, Chairman of SAL



Legion: https://www.facebook.com/groups/162377067246838/ <u>Auxiliary:</u> https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39/



https://www.legion.org/ betheone/resources

Happy Birthday to all members born in August!







Greetings from NCB39 Battalion,

Our cadets and staff have been busy with summer training. We have 2 former cadets leaving for boot camp with the US NAVY and the COAST GUARD. We wish them well in their journey.

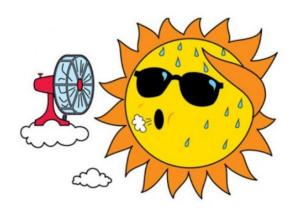
With the changes at the American Legion, we are trying to explore what our options are. Discussions will happen with the Regional Director once the training she is leading is over. The first step will be to empty the Legion of all our equipment.

Thank you for the years of support for the youth in our area. We will keep you posted.

Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/NCB39BN/ Website: www.ncb39bn.org The officers and staff wish to thank the local communities, the entire Legion membership, cadet's families and friends for their continued support of this unit. Together, we are helping to shape the future.

> Respectfully, The Officers and Staff NCB39 Battalion





The American Legion Family

Please Remember to Pay Your 2024 Dues!





American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post 39 Events

August 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 2pm - 5pm Last Bingo at the Post | 5 general membeship meetings | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm | 19 executive meetings | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 M/A Days Craft Fair 9-4pm Parade 10 am Joint BBQ with VFW directly after parade. |
| 25 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

Madison Anson Days - August 24th

The Post and the Auxiliary will have tents/booths set up at the craft fair with promotional items, etc. Many hands make light work!! If you can help out with the Auxiliary Booth, please contact President Jackie Pollis. If you can help with the Post booth, please contact Commander Bob Washburn!!



Effective August 11, 2024

American Legion Post 39 Bingo is temporarily relocating to:

> Somerset Abbey 98 Main St ~ Madison Doors Open at Noon Bingo starts at 2pm

Please enter through the black door on the left looking from Main Street.

NO FOOD OR DRINK ALLOWED FROM OUTSIDE



SONS OF THE SQ AMERICAN 20 S. LEGION

Squadron 39 20 S. Maple Street Madison

LOBSTER BAKE

JULY 27th 4 - 6 PM

TICKETS \$20 - 1 Lobster OR 1 Steak \$30 for Twin Lobsters

Meal includes:

corn on the cob, assorted salads

and dessert



Tickets are encouraged to be purchased at

the Legion Post prior to the event.



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TARDIFF-BELANGER UNIT #39 RAFFLE

WIN ALL THESE ITEMS: Madison Historical Throw (60"x50") Black Metal Eagle Cutout Decoration Americana Quilt (F/Q 86" x 86") Red, White & Blue Wreath

1 TICKET FOR \$1 OR 6 TICKETS FOR \$5

DRAWING DATE: 8/24/2024

PROCEEDS FOR CONFERENCES & CONVENTION









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Legion - August 5, 2024 @ 7 pm -Somerset Abbey, Madison Auxiliary - August 5, 2024 @ 6:30 pm Old Point Avenue School, Madison SAL - September 9, 2024 @ 5 pm Location to be determined





Our Email address and website are: post 39@beeline-online.net *****<u>http://www.mainelegionpost39.org</u>*****