



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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May 2017

Happenings...

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 1, 2017

Cribbage: 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays, partners

Bingo: 2:00 Sundays
& 6:30 Tuesdays

HALL HOURS:

Tuesday - Beano
Doors open at 4 pm

Mon, Wed through
Fri - 3 pm
Saturday - 2:30 pm

Sunday - Beano
Doors open
at 12 pm

The Post is
NON -
SMOKING



LEGION UPDATES.....

From your Commander

Comrades,

Welcome to Post 39's Newsletter!

March was a very successful month. The number of players for Bingo and Cribbage are up! The Dart League is doing well too. I want to thank everyone that volunteered for these different events. You are all a very big part of the success.

On April 19, 2017 one of our members, William Price, made Senior Chief Petty Officer (E8) in the Navy. Congratulations William from Post 39.

We voted to donate \$200 to a Jr. Auxiliary member attend the National Skills Competition,

We need about 20 more members to pay their dues to make 100%. Please do!

See you at the May meeting!

H. Ralph Withee
Commander

\$100 Multiple Sclerosis Association, \$50 MAD@Cancer Team for American Cancer Society and \$211 Sea Cadets for their trip to Boston to tour the USS San Jacinto, a guided missile destroyer.

At our next meeting in May, we will discuss the upcoming Memorial Day events.

Remember to mark your calendar for the July 15th Chicken BBQ! This is for members and one guest of the American Legion Post and VFW Post together. It will be held at the Legion Post home and is free.

It is not too late for the 120 Club. We have about 92 members.

**If anyone wants to
reserve the hall,
you MUST contact any
bartender
at the Legion - 696-5848
after 3:00 pm
Mon & Wed - Sat**

SAL Squadron #39

Founded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires

In its April meeting, the Sons earmarked funds for many a worthy cause. Members voted \$500 for the Clyde and Edward Withee Scholarship Fund, with \$250 destined for a high-achieving student at the Madison Area High School and another \$250 for an academic star at Carrabec High School.

A donation was made to Maine Leatherneck Detachment 1361 of the Marine Corps League in Madison. The funds will be used to assist veterans in need.

Another donation went to the Skills USA group, affiliated with the Somerset Ca-

reer and Technical Center in Skowhegan. Skills USA improves the quality of America's skilled workforce, blending citizenship, leadership and technical skills training.

The Sons also donated to The American Cancer Society's "Team Mad at Cancer" group, who will ride their motorcycles 100 miles on Sat. May 13 as part of a 5th annual fundraiser in memory of Lori Frost, a popular local figure who tragically succumbed to breast cancer.

And that's not all. The Sons also supported the Apr. 22 multiple sclerosis walk in Portland. And they agreed to create donation jugs for the Travis Mills Foun-

ation, which supports combat-injured veterans and their families. The Sons donated to the foundation late in 2016, but the Maine Detachment challenged the Sons to raise more this year. So we will raise more, in nickels and dimes if that's what it takes. It's all about the community and those in need.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sam Whitmore,
Adjutant
Mark Long,
SAL Commander
Ron Page,
Chairman of SAL*

Dates to Remember!

- April 29th – Calendar Dinner
- April 29th - Department Testimonial
- May 1st - Regular Meeting @ 7 pm
- May 5th – Special Olympics Banquet – 5 -7pm
- May 19th - Newsletter Submission Due
- May 22nd - Put newsletter together @ 12:30 pm
- May 29th - Memorial Day



*** 120 CLUB ***

The 120 club has started and will run for 26 weeks. The cost will be \$5 per week for a single and \$10 per week for a couple. There will be a \$50 drawing each Friday for the full 26 weeks. If you win the \$50 weekly drawing and you're not paid up, another name will be drawn. On October 7th we will have a dinner with the choice of prime rib or lobster and all the fixings. Included with your dinner will be three drink coupons. There will be cash prize drawings of 1 for \$1000, 2 for \$500, 2 for \$250 and 5 for \$100. Following the drawings we will have open jukebox for your dancing pleasure. There will be a strict limit of 120 club members. If interested in joining, stop in at the Hall or contact Ralph Withee at 696-3375.

Auxiliary News...

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. Through its nearly 10,500 units located in every state and some foreign countries, the Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with The American Legion, it solidly stands behind America and her ideals

Hello Ladies,

I am elated to announce that we have exceeded 100% membership! Did you notice I said "exceeded"? That means we've also had new members join! This took a team effort and everyone stepped up to the plate! Great job, ladies! That doesn't mean we can stop focusing on membership though! We still have some members who have not paid their renewals and we always welcome new members!

May is Poppy Month! Our Poppy Chairperson, Merrilyn

Vieira, will be out and about around Madison asking for donations! If anyone has some spare time to help her out collecting donations, please contact her at 635-2508. Also, there is a Poppy Word Search included in this newsletter for your enjoyment.

On April 1st your new slate of Officers were installed. Thank you to Department Secretary, Michelle McRae and Audrey L'Heureux for performing the installation ceremony! Also thank you to Tim McDonald for the wonderful meal.

Our Treasurer, Harriet Bryant, has included a report of the monies the Auxiliary donates. If you ever wanted to know where the money we fundraise goes to....here's your answer! Her report shows proves that we are a very active Unit and how much we support our veterans and our community! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Harriet.

Since the last newsletter, Maxine Dube has mailed out \$25,492.71

worth of coupons. A great big **THANK YOU** to Maxine and all who donate coupons. A special **THANK YOU** to all those who help to cut them for shipping.

At our May meeting we voted to donate \$50 MAD@ Cancer Team for American Cancer Society, sponsored a member \$50 for Walk MS, \$50 to Hannah McGlashing (jr. member) for her National SKILLS Competition, \$25 for

District President's Gift, \$15 Bingo Package for Luck of the Draw to benefit Marine Leathernecks Detachment, 1 to benefit Zella & Zack Corson and 1 to benefit 4 students attending the National SKILLS Competition.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of 38 year Auxiliary member, Sharon Holt. Our sincerest condolences to her family.

Friday, April 22nd was the Annual Zumbathon to benefit our veterans. There were approximately 40 participants. The \$1100 in proceeds will go to Togus for use in the VA/VS program. These programs include keeping the supply closets of comfort items for every veteran who is admitted, coffee/newspapers in the waiting rooms, gifts at Christmas, activities at

each holiday, and items for the homeless veterans. **Thank you, Tiara Nile, for organizing this successful event!**

One last note is on April 3rd, we were honored with the presence of our 2 Girls State Delegates, Mariah Langton from Carrabec High School and Jasmine Moody from Madison High School.

They both shared their experience of attending Girls State with us prior to our meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 1st at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Remember to check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and information!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39/>.

Yours in Service, not self,



Robin Turek
Auxiliary President

Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Happy April!

Sun is shining and the temperature has been in the 70's – Let's Ride! Better check to make sure your bike is registered. A copy of the registration to our Road Captain Brad Farrin is needed. We should also watch the pot holes and all that sand on the road ways when we are riding. Ride with care!

Bob Washburn is asking all riders (motorcycle, trikes and cars) to meet the second Wednesday of each month at 5 pm at the Hall for a Ride and Dine! We will meet in good and bad weather! No specific plan or des-

tinuation – that will be decided with those who meet. We will ride from April to October if weather permits.

A reminder the last Sunday in May is the Riders Beano. Doors open at noon and Beano starts at 2 pm. If you can help out please email or call Sharon 696-4938 or Sharon.mellows@myfairpoint.net.

LET'S RIDE!



Respectfully Submitted,

*Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma
Secretary*



THE RIDERS CREED

Rider dedicate themselves to the success of the American Legion. I know that through my efforts I can make a difference.

I Alone am responsible for myself and to my fellow riders. I will conduct myself with the highest degree of integrity and honor.

Deeds not words create change. I will persevere against any and all things that prevent my success. My resolve and strength will overcome all obstacles.

Each rider is first a member of the American Legion family. I will actively participate in and willingly support their endeavors.

Really will join other riders in activities and events which support missions. I will do so gladly knowing I volunteered to be an American Legion Rider.

Success is the only acceptable conclusion. I will allow nothing to dissuade me or impede me from service to my family community country and especially to our Veterans.

Riders Lead The Way!



120 CLUB WINNERS

- 4-7 Dodie Dillon
- 4-14 - Lisa Wyman
- 4-21 - Crystal Manzer

Want to know what's going on at **YOUR** Legion?
Come to the meeting on **May 1st!!**



Sick Call

Kathy Cousineau (Aux)
Vinnie Gruntmeyer



Post Everlasting

Sharon Holt (Aux)
4-3-17

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US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings from
NCB 39 Battalion!

The month of April has been quiet for our Battalion. A welcome break as the unit was very busy with 3 full weekends in March and 2 full weekends in May.

We have 5 potential recruits planning to visit us for our first drill in May. We are excited about the increase of cadets. **With that growth comes the need of adult volunteers as well. Have you been thinking about volunteering with us? Military experience is**

NOT required. Helpful, but not required. Only have a couple of hours and not a whole weekend to volunteer? No problem! Do you have knowledge of a trade? Come teach our cadets what you know! The possibilities are endless!

Summer trainings are being posted with new opportunities each day. The Cadets and Staff will be busy this summer.

We look forward to honor-

ing our Veterans during Memorial Day weekend.

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is open to 11-17 year old males and females. Unit growth is now our priority and we are actively recruiting within the Central Maine area. If you know any young male or female students that might be interested, please have them look at our FB page and/or our website.

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NCB39BN/>

Website: <http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com>

The officers and staff wish to thank the local communities, the entire Legion membership, cadet's families and friends for their untiring support of this unit.

Respectfully,
The Officers and Staff
NCB39 Battalion



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 29TH

LINE UP AT 9 AM
AT
GARRET SCHENCK SCHOOL
IN ANSON

PARADE IS AT 10 AM

**THANK YOU
TO OUR SPONSORS AND
CHECK OUT OUR
NEWEST SPONSORS!
PLEASE SUPPORT
THEM!**

Happy Birthday
to all
members
born in
May!



Notes from the Department Service Officer

*****Excerpts Taken From “The Maine Legionnaire” February 2017 Edition.*****

NEW WAYS TO APPLY FOR VA HEALTH-CARE

Sign up for VA Healthcare. Sign-up for VA Healthcare can now be done three ways! The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today it has eliminated paper signature requirements for Veterans wishing to enroll in VA health care. Effective immediately, VA has amended its enrollment regulations to allow Veterans to complete enrollment applications for enrollment in VA health care by telephone without the need for a paper signature.

By adding this telephone application option to VA's regulations with this amendment, VA will now offer three ways to en-roll. This option provides Veterans a convenient third enrollment option.

Paper - VA Form 10-10 EZ.

Call 1-877-222-VETS (8387), Mon-Fri between 8 am and 8 pm, EST. On-Line at www.vets.gov!

SEPARATION DOCUMENTS. I just remind you that most of your benefits start with a Separation Document (DD Form 214 or NGB Form 22). Always good to safe-guard those documents and make sure your spouse and family know where they are; stored at your bank, credit union or lockbox at home. If you have lost yours, please con-tact us and we can tell you how to obtain a replacement. It is a VERY important document for obtaining VA benefits.

DONATIONS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION. Due to the level of service provided by the Department Service Office, and the quality of our Legion program, our members and the veterans we serve are constantly asked about giving back financially to the American Legion Department of Maine. The services provided by the DSO are done so WITHOUT charge by law!

Your membership dues and various fundraisers pay for the cost of maintaining the service office at Togus. Please remember that your membership dollars keep the DSO open and available to our membership and veterans. Please encourage your eligible friends and family to use the DSO and to become members of the American Legion. There is power in numbers! Join us!

On the other hand, if you wish to donate to the programs of the American Legion Department of Maine or remember the Department in your estate and financial planning, please contact the Department Adjutant at 5 Verti Drive, Winslow, ME 04901, (207) 873-3229. We are currently in the process of developing a program for charitable donations to fund the programs of our department and information should be coming out soon.

CHANGE OF VA CONTACT INFORMATION. It is extremely important to keep the VA up-to-date with your contact information, i.e. current address and telephone number. You must provide this to the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) (Claims/Pensions etc.) and to the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) if you are enrolled at the VA hospital. This information is NOT shared! Also, if you are a snow bird, let the VA know when you are out of town and furnish the new address as failure to do so many affect your claim, compensation/pension exams and medication delivery.

DSO CONTACT INFORMATION. We are located at Togus VA Medical Center, Building 205, Room 318. You can contact us by telephone at 207-623-5726, Fax at 207-621-4821, or by email at amedeo.lauria@va.gov, maureen.malley@va.gov, or ei-leen.krawczyk@va.gov. We are here to assist you Monday through Friday, 0730 – 1500 hours, closed on Federal Holidays and Patriot's Day. Just a reminder, it is always a good idea to make an appointment rather than drop in as we may be seeing other veterans and would hate to miss you. That said, you are always welcome to stop in the DSO Office, say hello, and have a cup of coffee and talk about the status of your claim or seek other assistance

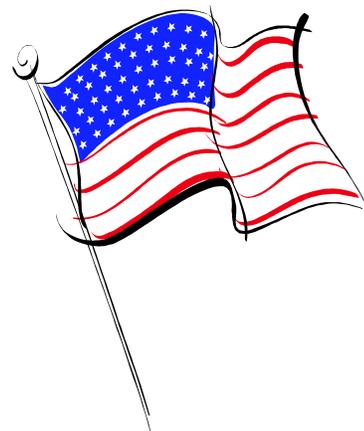
DSO APPOINTMENTS. If you are thinking of filing a claim, plan ahead! Appointments are always welcome! We don't turn walk-in veterans away, but you may have to wait until those with appointments are taken care of by the service officers; the best course of action is an appointment. We will be glad to make an appointment for you; just ask! (207-623-5726)

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May 1, 2017
6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM LEGION, AUXILIARY
& SAL MEETING



MAY 29, 2017



MEMORIAL DAY

Our Email address and website are:
post 39@beeline-online.net

<http://www.mainelegionpost39.org>