



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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September 2020

## Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

### Legion, Auxiliary & SAL

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Social Hr.** 6:00 p.m.  
**September 14, 2020**

**Cribbage:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Cancelled until further notice**

Thursdays, partners

### Big Cribbage (Singles)

**Cancelled until further notice**

**Bingo:** 2:00 Sundays  
Doors open at 12 pm  
**Limited to 50 people**  
**Per CDC Guidelines**

### HALL HOURS:

Wednesday &  
Friday - 3 pm

**The Post is  
NON-SMOKING**



## LEGION UPDATES.....From your Commander

Comrades,

The Post 39 Hall has reopened under the terms of our kitchen license for food, both inside dining and take-out, with the bar open on Wednesday & Friday. The Hall is open for food and Bingo on Sunday. We are currently limited to 50 people at any one time in the Hall. Plans are in-place to open Thursday & Saturday starting in September. Watch the Post Facebook Page for updates.

Barring any unexpected changes, the General Membership meetings will resume starting on 14 Sep 2020 at 7:00PM upstairs at the Hall and the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month thereafter.

Please continue to support our Post through selling and/or purchasing chances for our 50/50 Raffle and

Corona Virus outbreak and stay financially sound.

Thank you to all those who purchased and/or sold Calendar Raffle tickets. The total profit was \$2,000 and was split 4 ways - Legion, SAL, ALR & ALA.

Please continue to support the Post functions and events and visit the Post's website and Facebook

there is a "Yard Sale" planned for 26 Sep 2020. (See enclosed flyers). Any changes will be posted to our Facebook Page.

Additionally, we still have openings for membership in the 120 Club. We have adjusted the 26-week schedule and have moved the Banquet to New Year's Eve. The membership fee of \$130 can be mailed directly to the post. That address can be found on our website. In addition to the chance of a weekly winning of \$50, there are cash prizes drawn at the banquet totaling \$3000. The fee covers the banquet and the dance afterwards. Net proceeds are used to support our Veteran Support activities. Questions? Call the post at 207-696-5848 or email the Post.

The Post's finances are in good shape and we should, in the short-term, be able to get through this

Page for current information of interest to the Post membership. Those addresses are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Respectfully,  
**Bob Demchak**  
Commander

## SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings!

Even though it seems like summer is over already, it's been a long year dealing with COVID-19. We hope all stayed healthy!

With some of the restrictions being lifted, we will have a meeting on Monday, September 14th at 7 pm.

The SAL began Wednesday night dinners in June and they have been going well. Take out meals are always

available if you don't feel comfortable dining inside.

As a reminder, we have started collecting dues for membership year 2021. In the meeting prior COVID-19, the body unanimously to increase membership dues by \$5 because of an increase from National. Your 2021 membership dues are now \$30.

As you probably have realized by now, all SAL summer events have been cancelled - again, due to COVID-19. We will be discussing new fundraising events at our Septem-

ber meeting. Please attend if you can. The more the merrier! Remember we are practicing safe distance and wearing mask while moving about the Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul Turek*  
Finance Officer  
*Mark Long, Adjutant*  
*Pete Graves,*  
SAL Commander  
*John Bryant,*  
Chairman of SAL

**MUST ADHERE TO  
CDC GUIDELINES**

**If anyone wants to reserve the hall,  
you MUST contact any bartender  
at the Legion - 696-5848 after 3:00  
pm Mon - Sat. An application must  
be completed in order to confirm  
your reservation!**



**Happy Birthday  
to all members  
born in September!!**



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

# Auxiliary News...

Hello Ladies,



I can't believe summer is almost over. I truly hope all of you were able to enjoy your summer despite the changes happening in our world. It's been a very strange year for all of us. But what do we do best? Adapt and over come! What is our "Why"? To help our veterans and communities! It feels like forever since we've all been able to gather as a group! I'm hoping to see many of you on September 14th at 7 pm which

is our next MONTHLY Meeting. Please remember we need to adhere to CDC guidelines - social distancing and masks please.

We are accepting renewals/dues for the 2021 membership year. This years Department Membership Theme is "True Colors". Think about the song sung by Cindy Lauper. Don't know it? Be sure to "Google" it! Most recently Justin Timberlake and Anna Kendrick performed a rendition of the song "True Colors" in the soundtrack of

the movie "Trolls".

Each District is a different color. We are in the 4th District and our color is green. I have a 2 page explanation of the membership theme from our Department Vice President/ Membership Chairman and how it pertains to what we, all of us, are experiencing with the uncertainty of our lives. If you'd like to read it, please let me know. I can



email, snail mail, fax, or fb messenger it to you! It's definitely worth the read! There are three ways to renew...by phone by calling 317-569-4536, online at <https://www.alaforveterans.org>, by mailing to the Unit's address (PO Box 325, Madison, ME 04950) or dropping it off at the Legion! Remember our dues are now \$25 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors.

Now a little bit about our fund-raising....

Our American Legion Family Calendar Raffle was a great success! There was 762 out of 1,000 tickets sold with the proceeds split between the "Family" gave the Auxiliary a profit of \$502.50! This will be split between our Community programs and Veterans. Thank you to everyone who sold and/ or purchased tickets!

Last, but definitely not least, is our "Bakeless Bake Sale" with the proceeds going toward paying the dues for our "70 and Over" members. \*\*\*Drum Roll Please\*\*\* Are you ready for it? The Grand Total amount of donations came to \$1,473!!! Thank you goes out to everyone who donated! Special thanks to Sharon Ziacoma

for her hard work on this project!

One of our major fundraisers is our Annual Craft Fair. Unfortunately, due to COVID -19 and the Governor's restrictions, we feel it is in the best interest of EVERYONE if we cancel it this year. This decision did not come easy as it would have been our 35th consecutive year for our craft

fair. But the safety of our members and the community are our main concern.

At this time, there has been no decision made as to whether or not the Annual Turkey dinner will take place. Keep your eyes posted to our Facebook page and the next newsletter for further information.

**\*\*PLEASE REMEBER\*\***

We continue to collect aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital!

Yours in Service,  
not self,

*Robin Turek*  
Auxiliary President



# Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings!

There is nothing to report at this time.

Yours in Service,

*Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma*  
Secretary/Treasurer

[Sharon.mellows@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Sharon.mellows@myfairpoint.net)



## THE RIDERS CREED

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

**I** Riders are responsible for myself and to my fellow riders. I will conduct myself with the highest degree of integrity and honor.

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

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

**R**iders will join other riders in activities and events which support the Legion. I will do so gladly knowing I am honored to be an American Legion Rider.

**S**uccess is the only acceptable conclusion. I will allow nothing to diminish me or impede my best service to my family, community, country and especially to our Veterans.

**Riders Lead The Way !**

## Sick Call

*Nunzio Biondello*  
*Norman Cody*  
*Erwin Emery*

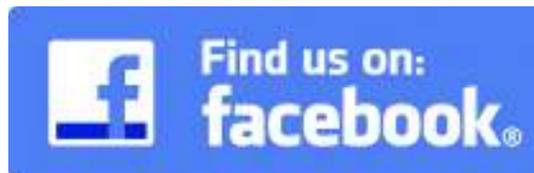


## Post Everlasting

*Ivan Hoyt - 6-15-2020*

*Bill Power - 6-21-20*

*Alvin McNeal - 6-28-20*



**Legion:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162377067246838/>

**Auxiliary:**

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

**SAL:**

<https://www.facebook.com/SAL-Squadron-39-Madison-Maine-1050371371678606/>



# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings from  
NCB 39 Battalion

Our little unit has been busy this summer despite National shut downs. Maine is the only state in the northeast to be allowed overnight training throughout the Sea Cadet Corps. In the first week of July we had 3 cadets attend online boot camp with another cadet staffing. This was a new concept for us, but it went fairly well. Cadets had online training for 2 weeks every evening. Then they had to attend either a 2day

or 5 day in person, overnight training to receive full credit. The first week of August, an in person training was held in South Portland. We had 15 cadets total attend. All completed the training.

The third week of July a scuba training was held as an overnight training. We had 16 cadets attend. Five of these cadets were from our unit. PO 2 Smart was part of the advanced scuba training as well. We will be looking into taking our unit on more diving adventures in the fu-

ture. As a result of this training, Petty Officer Smart was promoted to PO1.

We look forward to being back to regular drills in September.

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: [www.ncb39bn.org](http://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.

Respectfully,

The Officers and Staff  
NCB39 Battalion

**THANK YOU  
TO OUR  
SPONSORS  
PLEASE  
SUPPORT  
THEM!!**

## Dates to Remember!

September 14th - Regular Meeting @ 7pm

September 26th - Legion Rummage Sale - 9am - 2 pm

**SAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER ~ EVERY WEEK - 5 PM TILL GONE**



# Notes from the Department Service Officer

**\*\*\*Excerpts Taken From The Department Service Office Newsletter \*\*\***

## **The Office is open!**

***We are here to assist you. I know that most of you are conducting buddy checks at the post level. If you come across a veteran that needs help, call us. The worst part of this is the isolation. That is why buddy checks are so important. Reach out to your post members to see how they are doing.***

***The Board of Veterans Appeals is going to virtual hearing since video hearing stopped when the regional offices closed. The problem is that the board is calling veteran. I have had to cancel a few virtual hearing because the veterans do not understand that they do not have to have a virtual hearing. If a veteran gets contacted about a virtual hearing, they need to call this office. We care keep out of the loop.***

***Supplemental Claim Lane- This lane is used if you have ever filed a claim for a condition and it was denied. No matter when it was filed, and you must have new and material evidence.***

***Higher Level Review lane- This lane is used when you find a clear and unmistakable error on the VA.***

***Appealing to the Board of veterans appeals has three lanes; they are:***

***Direct docket – appellant receives a direct review by BVA based on the evidence before VBA in the decision on appeal. No new evidence allowed. The record is closed.***

***Evidence Submission – appellant may submit evidence within the 90-day window following submission of the NOD. There is no duty to assist and the record is otherwise closed.***

***Hearing – appellant will be scheduled for a BVA hearing. Additionally, the appellant may submit evidence within the 90-day window following the scheduled hearing. BVA does not have a duty to assist and the record is otherwise closed.***

## **VA Comp and Pen examinations!**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Washburn,  
Post Service Officer*

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**September 14, 2020**

6:00 pm Social Hour

7:00 pm Meeting



**HAPPY**  
**LABOR**  
**DAY**

Our Email address and website are:

**post 39@beeline-online.net**

\*\*\*\*\*<http://www.mainelegionpost39.org>\*\*\*\*\*