

Volume XX, Issue XIII

December 2024

Meetings

Legion

*Somerset Abbey
December 2, 2024*

7 pm

Auxiliary

*Old Point Ave School
December 2, 2024*

6:30 pm

Sons of the American Legion

*No meeting scheduled
at this time*

BE THE ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

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!

In the past, we have had a children's Christmas party for our children, grandchildren, and greats (more likely the latter since there are not too many of us who have little children). This year we are doing things a little differently. We will be giving out goody bags at Somerset Abbey, after the parade on Dec 7.

We will be meeting at 7 pm on Friday night Dec. 6, at the Abbey to fill the bags. We would like individually wrapped cookies, brownies, fudge, or other goodies (two if they are small) that easily go into bags (PLEASE no store bought cookies!). Our auxiliary has voted to donate all the bags of chips that did not sell at their Annual Craft Fair. All of our AL family are welcome to attend to help fill bags and/or visit for a few minutes.

If you would like to help make the goodies but are not able to be with us to fill bags, please let someone know and we will make sure the goodies make it to the Abbey. I would like to make 100 bags. If we have leftovers after the kids come by after the parade, we can donate to Maplecrest or maybe a food cupboard in the area.

Every year our post donates coats,

hats, mittens, and boots to students at both Madison and Carrabec schools. This is a big undertaking that we have done for many years. We considered not doing it this year because this year has been pretty tough on our finances, but we decided that we need to keep it going. They have been purchased and delivered (thank you Eric and Irma!).

I hope you all have a wonderful time with family and friends this month and have a Happy New Year! Remember: We don't have a building, but we do still have a Post.

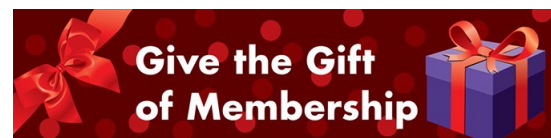
Respectfully,

*Bob Washburn
Commander*



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**Please Remember to
Pay Your Dues!**



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.

**AMERICAN
LEGION
AUXILIARY**



Greetings,
Members!

Our President, Jackie Pollis, is on a much needed vacation. In her absence I, as 1st Vice, have the pleasure of bringing the members all the latest and greatest Auxiliary news!

Let's start with membership. As of the writing of this article the Unit has 59 out of 135 members paid. This puts us at 43.70% of the membership paid. We're far behind the 75% paid this time last year. Remember that your 2024 membership expires on December 31, 2024! If you haven't renewed and received your 2025 membership card, you won't be able to vote at meetings and much more!

Despite the fact that we do not have a Post building, we were still able to hold our Annual Craft Fair! We held it at the Starks Community Center thanks to the Starks Board of Selectmen. Proceeds benefited local High School scholarships. Thanks goes out to all who helped make this a successful fair!

On December 7th, (9am-3pm) we will be participating in the Carrabec Community School Craft Fair selling crafts made by Auxiliary members and of course RADA cutlery.

Stop on by to say hi and support our veterans by purchasing one of the crafts made by our members. Later (after the Town Holiday Parade) we will be helping the Legionnaires hand out "goody bags" to the local youth. This will be at the Somerset Abbey.

Our current fundraiser is a Scratch Ticket Raffle with proceeds to benefit the Post 39 building fund. Flyer and tickets are available in this newsletter.

Several other fundraisers are in the

talking/organizing stage and I'm sure President Jackie will bring details forward as they become available.

Our next membership meeting is December 2nd at 6:30 pm at the Old Point Avenue School - parking lot on Locust St. We will be having a pot luck gathering at 5:30pm, prior to the meeting starting. Feel free to bring your favorite dish or dessert and hear the latest greatest Auxiliary news!! And in the words of our Commnder..."We don't have a building, but we still have a Post" And veterans to support!

Yours in service,
not self,

*Robin Turek
1st Vice President
Membership Chair*



There are 3 ways to renew your Auxiliary membership:

- by phone by calling 317-569- 4536
- by paying online at:
<https://www.alaforveterans.org>
Please note that we do not have a PayPal account.
- by mailing to the Unit's address (PO Box 325, Madison, ME 04950)



2024-2025

National Leadership

American Legion
National Commander
James LaCoursiere Jr. - Connecticut

American Legion Auxiliary
National President
Trish Ward - Kansas

Sons of the American Legion
National Commander
Joseph Navarrete - New Mexico



SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings!

At this time, we do not have a meeting scheduled.

Membership for 2025 (\$30) is now due. If you have not paid your 2024 membership, you will need to do so prior to paying for 2025. Contact Mark Long (858-3855) with any questions regarding membership.



Please keep an eye on the Post Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162377067246838>), the Post website (<http://www.mainelegionpost39.org>) and future newsletters for information on upcoming meetings and events.




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

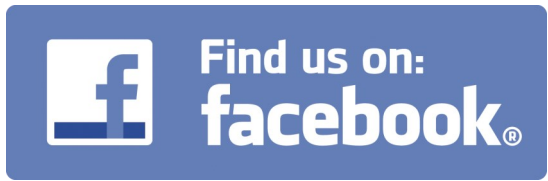
Respectfully submitted,

*Pete Graves,
SAL Commander
John Bryant,
Chairman of SAL*

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

Post Everlasting 
Vicki Knights (Aux) 10/22/24
Norman Cody 11/12/24



Legion:

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

Auxiliary:

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









Happy Birthday to all members born in December!





American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post 39 Events

December 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	2 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	3	4	5	6	7  Town of Madison Holiday Celebration
8 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	16 EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	17	18	19	20	21
22 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	23	24	25 	26	27	28
29 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	30	31 				



**Tardiff-Belanger Unit 39
Madison, ME**

SCRATCH TICKETS RAFFLE

**\$100 WORTH OF SCRATCH TICKETS
PLUS A \$50 BILL
AND OTHER SURPRIZES!!**

\$1 For 1 OR \$5 for 6 Tickets

DRAWING DATE: December 15, 2024

***PROCEEDS FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION
POST 39 BUILDING FUND***

**Tickets available at Bingo, See an Auxiliary
member OR Mail check payable to:
Madison ALA, Earmark Scratch Tickets Raffle
and mail to PO Box 325,
Madison, ME 04950**



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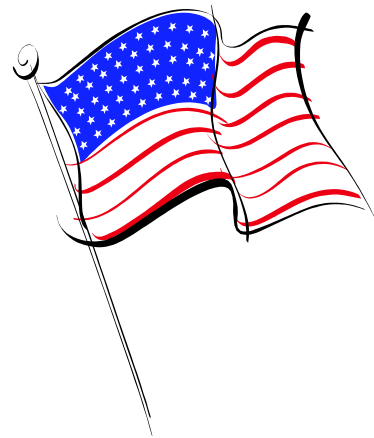
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