

Volume XXI, Issue I
January 2025

Meetings

Legion
Somerset Abbey
January 6, 2025
7 pm

Auxiliary
Old Point Ave School
January 6, 2025
6:30 pm

Sons of the
American Legion
January 6, 2025
57 Maple St - Madison



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!

Well, a lot has happened with our post this year. I don't think anyone would have imagined a year ago that we would lose our building. However, we tried to keep as much normality as we could throughout the year. I would like to thank all the people in the American Legion Family who helped make that possible this year.

I would like to thank all the people that helped make, stuff, and pass out the goody bags at the Abbey. We made 120 bags to hand out to children after their visit to Santa after the parade. Robin Turek made up American

Legion Family stickers to close all the bags. It was pretty cold that night so we did not get the turnout that the Abbey had seen the year before. We gave out about 55 bags. The following day, I took the rest of the bags to Maplecrest. I asked one of the workers how many residents they had there, and she told me "about 40". So I said "I guess the staff get to share the rest." They were very appreciative.

I hope you all have a wonderful new year. Changes are still happening. Remember: We don't have a building at the moment, but we do still have a Post.

Respectfully,

Bob Washburn
Commander



The American Legion Family

Please Remember
to
Pay Your Dues!

Post Everlasting



Jackie Pollis (ALA)
11-29-24
Gloria Chartier (ALA)
12-14-24

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!

As most of you know by now, our President, Jackie Pollis, passed away suddenly on November 29th while vacationing in Florida. Jackie had a heart of gold and would lend a helping hand to anyone who needed it. She supported our veterans selflessly. She will be greatly missed. Please keep Legionnaire Dana Pollis, ALA member Susan Gordon and the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I will keep you apprised of sevice/burial details as information comes forward. Rest in peace, Jackie.

Besides Jackie, Member Vicki Knights passed on October 22nd and member Gloria Chartier passed on December 14th. Please keep these members' families in your thoughts and prayers as well.

It has been a whirlwind year for our Legion Family but we continue to work as a team and persevere. ***"Teamwork makes the dream work!"***

At our membership meeting on December 2nd, changes in our slate of officers needed to be made. The membership voted for me to move from 1st Vice President to President to finish out Jackie's term. The Unit's 2nd Vice, Nancy Misiaszek, automatically moves up to 1st Vice which leaves 2nd Vice open. As newly elected President, I appointed Tammy Giguere as 2nd Vice. These changes are in effect until this term ends and a new slate of officers can be voted upon in March. If any member is interested in running for any of the Officers positions for the March election, please ask any of the Officers in place now for more information or you can always contact me.

Our recent Scratch Ticket Raffle with proceeds to benefit the building fund was drawn on Sunday, December 15th during Bingo. Congratulations to Kathy Gossom from Industry!

We have two more fundraisers in the works. The first being a baked bean supper on February 22nd at Starks Community Center. Proceeds to benefit the Legion Building Fund. There will be three types of Baked Beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, biscuits and apple crisp. We can use more volunteers to donate/make beans, cole slaw and apple crisp. We need donations of cool whip, condiments and butter. Please contact Diane Pinkham (314-5135) if you can help out.

On March 15, 2025 a Luck of the Draw is being planned. More details to follow.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming events! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39>.

Plan on coming to our February 3rd Membership meeting as our guests will be our Department President - Stasi Brule and District Department President Rita Doughty!

Our next Monthly Membership meeting is January 6th at 6:30 pm - Old Point Avenue School.

Happy New Year!

Yours in service, not self,
Robin Turek
President



**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!

Our next membership meeting will be on January 6, 2025. It will be at 5 pm at 57 Maple Street - Madison.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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



US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



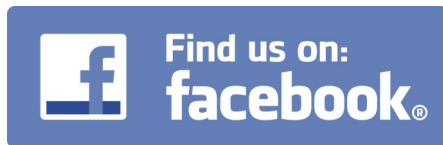
Greetings from NCB39 Battalion

Our unit has been in Madison since 2005. Sadly, the time has come for our unit to close down and merge with the South Portland unit. Our numbers have been dropping despite the cadets being very active with trainings. Times have changed and teenagers have too many options vying for their free time.

The closing of the American Legion Building was the final straw as we were unable to find a new location that would cover our needs. Our remaining cadets are being transferred to the South Portland unit. For now, the CO and XO, will be moved to regional staff.

We wish to thank each and every one of you for the support given to our unit. It has been appreciated more than we can express.

Respectfully,
The Officers and Staff
NCB39 Battalion



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Editor's Note

If you know of someone who should be placed on "Sick Call" or information that should be shared in the monthly newsletter, please contact me at robinturek@gmail.com.

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.



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





Happy Birthday to all members born in January!





American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post 39 Events

January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3	4
5 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	6 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	7	8	9	10	11
12 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	20 EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	21	22	23	24	25
26 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	27	28	29	30	31	

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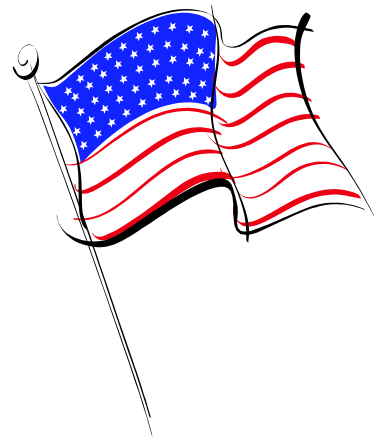
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