



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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## Happenings...

### Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Social Hr.** 6:00 p.m.  
**Monday, April 4th,  
2016**

**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 now  
NON -  
SMOKING**

## LEGION UPDATES.....

### From your Commander

Comrades,

Ron Page and Robert Demchak

Another winter is almost gone. We had a good winter as far as the Post goes. We have some new members join or transferred in from another Post.

District Committee:  
John Ziacoma and Brad Farrin  
Installation will be April 23,  
2016.

Your slate of Officers for 2016-2017 is as follows:

At our March meeting we voted to donate \$200 to our Channel 11 Sponsorship.

Commander: H. Ralph Withee  
1st Vice: Vinnie Santoni, Jr.  
2nd Vice: John Ziacoma  
Adjutant: Leroy Welch  
Finance Officer: John Bryant  
Chaplain: Rich Robinson  
Historian: Image Moore  
Sgt at Arms: Phil Daigle  
Americanism: Steve Ireland  
Service Officer: Bob Washburn  
Executive Committee Members:

Don't forget the 120 Club starts April 1st. You do not have to be a member to join.

I want to thank everyone that makes Post 39 a great Post. It takes everyone!

*H. Ralph Withee  
Commander*

**If anyone wants to book  
the hall,  
you MUST contact  
Sheila Moody  
at the Legion  
696-5848  
after 3:00 pm**

**Want to know what's  
going on at  
YOUR Legion?  
Come to the  
meeting on April 4th!**

## SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

Ron Marr, Detachment Vice Commander was at our last meeting. He commended us on our membership drive as we are over 100%.

The raffle tickets were sent in for the Lobster Raffle. Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets!

At our March meeting we voted to donate \$100 toward the benefit meal of a family who lost their mobile

home to fire. We donated \$200 toward the new oil tank.

The Sons of the American Legion Officers for 2016-2017 are as follows:

Commander: Mark Long  
 1st Vice: Peter Graves  
 2nd Vice: Jimmy Pinkham  
 Finance Officer: Paul Turek  
 Adjutant: OPEN  
 Sgt at Arms: Mike Adams  
 Chaplain: Randy Wyman  
 Historian: Jeff Ireland

As you can see we are in need of an Adjutant. Anyone

interested please contact Commander Mark Long.

Our next meeting is April 4th and is a big one as we start planning our summer schedule and fundraising. Hope to see many of you there!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paul Turek,  
 Finance Officer  
 Mark Long,  
 SAL Commander  
 Ron Page,  
 Chairman of SAL*

### \*\*\* 120 CLUB \*\*\*

We will be starting a 120 club again. The club will start the first week in April 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 1st we will have a dinner with the choice of prime rib, lobster or chicken with 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 have booked the Midnight Rose (Classic Rock) for the dance. There will be a strict limit of 120 club members.

### Dates to Remember!

- April 4th - Next Regular Meeting @ 7 pm
- April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – National President's Visit (Sharon Conatser)
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – Department Open House – 2pm – 4 pm
- April 9<sup>th</sup> – National Auxiliary President's Visit Banquet – Post 14 Fairfield
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – Legion and Auxiliary Executive Meeting @ 7 pm
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> – **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DUE**
- April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Post & Unit Installation  
 Social Hour: 5:00-6:00 pm, Dinner @ 6:00 pm and Installation to follow
- April 25<sup>th</sup> – Put newsletter together @ 12:30 pm



# 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,

**Your 2016 membership is due! If you have not paid your dues for 2016, please do so as you are now delinquent. As of the writing of this newsletter we have 129 paid out of 130 members. We need just 1 more paid dues to reach 100%!!! Come on ladies get those dues in! We can do it!**

**The Auxiliary is selling Calendar Raffles. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year! If you see**

**Harriet, Maxine or any of the other members of the Auxiliary please make sure you ask about the Raffle. Remember you get 31 chances to win!!**

Elections were held at our March meeting and your 2016-2017 Officers are the following:

- President: Robin Turek
- 1st Vice: Sandy Ingalls
- 2nd Vice: Tena Ireland
- Secretary: Sharon Mellows
- Treasurer: Harriet Bryant
- Sgt at Arms: Merrilyn Vieira
- Chaplain: Lauraine Mercier

Historian: Lynn Boucher

Executive Committee:

- Betty Dow
- Kathleen Randall
- Marie Wing

Maxine Dube has mailed out \$33,338.57 worth of coupons since our last newsletter. Thank you, Maxine, Barbara Wyman, Marie Wing and all those who continue to collect coupons! Great work! Keep the coupons coming in ladies!

At our March meeting we voted to donate bottled water, halo oranges and grapes for the Zumbathon for Veteran's being held on April 8th. We voted to pay the Auxiliary portion of our Channel 11 Sponsorship, to purchase a Preamble Banner for the Auxiliary room, \$100 to The Moving Wall. At our Executive meeting we voted to reimburse the SAL for 1/2 the grocery ex-

penses for Elwyn Nichols funeral.

The National President, Sharon Conatser, will be visiting April 8th & 9th. During her visit, on April 9th, there will be an Open House at our new Department Headquarters at 5 Verti Drive, Winslow from 2 pm - 4 pm. All members are welcome! The banquet in honor of the National President's visit will be at Post 14 in Fairfield. If

you would like further information on either of these events, please contact me (696-8289) or Harriet Bryant (635-2051).

Unit installation will be on April 23rd at the Legion. Members are encouraged to come and meet the new/old slate of Officers!

Please join me in welcoming our new member, Cindy Labbe from Madison.

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER\*\***  
**We continue to collect aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital as well as Box Tops and Labels for Education!**

**ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service,  
*Robin Turek*  
 Auxiliary President

**Our next meeting will be Monday, April 4th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE**



## Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

Don't forget to register your bikes. If you have not registered your bike yet this year, then its past due. Our Road Captain will be checking registration, insurance, inspection during the next few meetings. Also don't forget to pay your dues if you have not already done so.

We have had some great days already. And there will be many more in the near future on the road. Watch out for sand and black ice if you do ride on some of those nice days. Remember though that people are still not

expecting to "see" motorcycles on the road yet. I had an instructor tell me once that you should drive like you are invisible, and everyone else is blind.

Two of us went to the ALR winter Rally in Dover Foxcroft.. It was not quite bike weather, but we had a good time anyway. State officers were elected and/or appointed. Summer Rally was planned for August 19<sup>th</sup> weekend.

We voted to help the Sea Cadets go to the rifle range, so they would not have to pay. We also voted to pay ALR dues for



### THE RIDERS CREED

**R**ider 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.

**D**eed 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**eally 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.

**S**uccess 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!**

members 70+ who have been active Legion Riders for 5 years.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bob Washburn  
Secretary*



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

### NEED A RIDE TO TOGUS FOR AN APPOINTMENT ON A WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY???

Call Linda Neptune at DAV to make an appointment  
DAV – 623-8411 ext 5790 or direct line is 623-5790

Linda will schedule the van (they pick up at your home) and Linda will call you back with the approximate time the van will pick you up. Best to make your appointments in the AM if possible. The pickup may be early as they service a large area.

Wednesday Driver is Dana Berry - Thursday Driver is Dan Hill  
Do not call the drivers directly.



# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

February was a busy month for the unit. 19-21 February found us joining the South Portland unit for a weekend of fun and adventure at the Maine Maritime Academy. The cadets spent time aboard the TS State of Maine learning how the ship operates while at sea. They toured the Marine Biology lab and got to handle various small sea creatures living in the lab's experiment pools. A tour of the Marine Propulsion lab exposed the cadets to the ins and outs of different marine engines. The fi-

nality was the hands-on training in the Ship Simulator where they worked as the bridge crew handling a 900 foot tanker in San Francisco Bay.

Our weekend drill of 04-06 March was based upon preparations for our annual Open Ranks Inspection. On Sunday, the Open Ranks personnel inspection was conducted at 1000 in the main hall of the Legion by LCDR Holley Forbes, NSCC, Regional Director New England Region 015. Among the honored guests were Senator Rod Whittemore,

Representative Brad Farrin and Post 39 Commander H. Ralph Withee. This was followed by the inspection of the record keeping and financial audit. The unit passed with an excellent overall score of 3.72 out of a possible 4.0.

The weekend of 18-20 March again found the unit at the Maine Maritime Academy. This time it was in competition with 120 cadets from New England JROTC units during the Leadership Challenge Weekend sponsored by the Navy ROTC

unit at MMA. It included physical training challenges, swimming pool challenges, military drill challenges and tug-of-war challenges. The cadets competed admirably and had a good time.

Preparations are now underway for the Small Arms/Squad Tactics National Advanced Training to be based out of the Legion Hall from 17-23 April.

We have cadets coming from Puerto Rico, Florida, Iowa, Louisiana and Massachusetts as well as from the South Portland unit and our unit.

I, on behalf of the entire battalion, wish to thank the local communities, the entire Legion membership, cadet's families and friends for their untiring support of this unit.

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is open to 11-17 year old males and females. Please visit our website: <http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com> for more information.

Respectfully,

*MAJ Robert E. Demchak,  
USAF (Ret)  
Commanding Officer  
NCB 39 Battalion*

## Post Everlasting



*William Lane  
3-10-16*

*Elwyn "Nick the Barber" Nichols  
3-14-16*

*Happy Birthday*



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

# Notes from the Service Officer

## Excerpts from the Department Service Officer News Letter:

### Agent Orange Update

The VA is once again adding ships to the Agent Orange Ship list. The update was made on November 2015.

#### **Exposure to Agent Orange by Location**

Part of the United States' strategy in Vietnam was to conduct an herbicide program to remove foliage providing cover for the enemy. Agent Orange was the most widely used of the herbicide combinations sprayed.

Agent Orange and other herbicides used in Vietnam were tested or stored elsewhere, including some military bases in the United States.

#### **• Exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam**

Exposure on land in Vietnam or on a ship operating on the inland waterways of Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975

#### **• C-123 Airplanes and Agent Orange Residue**

Possible exposure of crew members to herbicide residue in C-123 planes flown after the Vietnam War

#### **• Blue Water Veterans**

Possible exposure on open sea ships off the shore of Vietnam during the Vietnam War

#### **• U.S. Navy and Coast Guard Ships in Vietnam**

Ships and boats with operations in Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 – On the list.

#### **• Korean Demilitarized Zone**

Exposure along the demilitarized zone in Korea between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971

#### **• Thailand Military Bases**

Possible exposure on or near the perimeters of military bases between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975

#### **• Herbicide Tests and Storage Outside Vietnam**

Possible exposure due to herbicide tests and storage at military bases in the United States and locations in other countries

Vietnam Veterans and their survivors should check the list on a periodic basis and let the DSO know if your ship turns up on the list!

Better yet, sign up with the VA for direct email to you when the list is changed:

[www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/shiplist/list.asp)

## Non-VA Emergency Healthcare!

This is an ongoing issue for our veterans and results in BIG bills that the VA will not pay.

**YOU MUST CONTACT THE VA WITHIN 72 HOURS IF YOU HAVE EMERGENCY CARE!**

I have attached the Nov-VA Emergency Healthcare flyer from the VA. Please post in your Legion Hall! VHA eligible veterans *must* follow these procedures or they may be billed by non-VA providers and will be responsible for payment.

Always shop around when obtaining healthcare. NOTE: It might be cheaper to use Medicare/Mainecare/Tricare for Life or your personal health insurance! Be a wise consumer of healthcare; shop around for non-emergency care!

*Respectfully Submitted,*

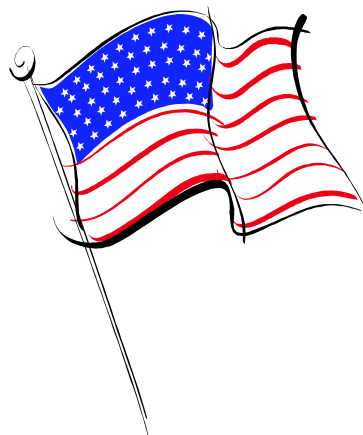
*Bob Washburn,  
Service Officer*

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**APRIL 4, 2016**  
**6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING**  
**6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR**  
**7:00 PM MEETING**



**Post & Unit**  
**Installation of Officers**  
**April 23rd**  
**Social Hour: 5 pm - 6:00 pm**  
**Dinner: 6:00 pm**  
**Installation to follow**



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