



# 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, Apr 2, 2018**

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

**Bingo:** 2:00 Sundays  
Doors open at 12 pm

### HALL HOURS:

**Mon - Sat - 3 pm**

**The Post is  
NON -SMOKING**



## LEGION UPDATES.....

### From your Commander

Comrades,

The Post is doing very well.

We had the Election of Officers at the March meeting. Your slate of Officers are:

Commander - H. Ralph Withee  
1st Vice - Vinnie Santoni, Jr.  
2nd Vice - Robert Washburn  
Adjutant - Leroy Welch  
Finance Officer - Bob Demchak  
Chaplain - Wayne Parks  
Service Officer - Robert Washburn  
Historian - John Greenhallge  
Americanism - Brad Farrin  
Sgt at Arms - Phil Daigle

Executive Committee:  
Gene Tweedie  
Gene Dube  
Curt Sanborn

The Installation of Officers will be held on March 30th. Social hour will be 5-6 pm and dinner will be at 6 pm. Installation will immediately follow dinner.

The 120 Club drawing starts on April 6th.

On April 14th we will have another Cribbage. The cost is \$20 and it will be from 10 am on.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT NO ONE IS TO SERVE ALCOHOL EXCEPT THE BARTENDERS.**

God Bless,

*H. Ralph Withee  
Commander*

**Installation of Officers  
Friday, March 30th  
Social Hour ~ 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
Dinner ~ 6:00 pm  
Installation following dinner**

# SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

Pete Graves is the new commander of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 39. Pete succeeds Mark Long, who steps down as an SAL officer, though he will remain a mighty presence in our group throughout the year.

The Sons will carry on as before under their new leader. "We're here to help," Pete says. "We're always here to help — the kids, the members... we want to do as much good as we can."

Pete's son Bob is the new 1st vice-president and Jimmy Pinkham is now 2nd vice-president. All other officers remain in place.

We're very close to 100 percent paid membership... just a few folks to go. And just like 2017, our membership numbers went up year over year. We'll give you the final totals next month.

The Sons donated \$100 to defray medical costs for The Colonel, the beloved Yellow Labrador (service dog) owned by Sons treasurer Paul Turek and Ladies Auxiliary president Robin Turek. Get well soon, Colonel!

Have you heard about the Spring Fling? Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 12, 8p to 12 midnight. Do it now while you think of it. Live music, dancing... and all the proceeds go to support the Sons and all we do. So see you there. And remember... It's more than a dance... it's a fling!

Respectfully submitted,

*Sam Whitmore,  
Adjutant  
Pete Graves,  
SAL Commander  
Ron Page,  
Chairman of SAL*

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## Dates to Remember!

- March 30<sup>th</sup> – Installation – 5pm Social Hour  
6pm Dinner Installation to follow
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monthly Meeting
- April 14<sup>th</sup> – Big Cribbage
- April 16<sup>th</sup> - Executive Meetings
- April 20<sup>th</sup> - Newsletter Submissions due



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!

# 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,

Great job on getting your dues in ladies!! As of today, we only need 11 more dues paid to be at 100%!!

**\*\*Remember\*\*** Your dues can now be paid 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! Please note that in order to pay online you will have to create an account. If you see another member, ask her if

she's paid her dues yet. We can **all** work together in achieving 100% membership! In addition, if any members have daughters, granddaughters or great granddaughters - sign them up! We are diligently trying to reactivate our Junior membership.

Our dues will be increasing as of the 2019 membership year. Senior members will be \$25 and Juniors will be \$5.00. This is due to an increase the Unit has to pay to Department/National. We did vote to continue to paying the membership dues of members who are 70 and over

Please welcome new members KerryAnn Davis of Madison and Tammy Giguere of North Anson.

The election of Officers was held at our March meeting and are the following:

- President - Robin Turek
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice - Tena Ireland
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Nancy Misiaszek
- Secretary - Pat Santoni
- Treasurer - Harriet Bryant
- Chaplain - Sharon Ziacoma
- Sgt At Arms - Merrilyn Vieira

## Historian - POSITION OPEN

Executive Committee:  
Betty Dow  
Lauraine Mercier  
Maxine Dube

Prior to our March meeting, we celebrated the Legion's Birthday with cake and presented them with a \$200 check.

At our March meeting we voted to donate to a Veteran

Legionnaire who lost his house to a fire, \$100; 2-\$200 Scholarships for Madison & Carrabec High School Graduates.

We purchased and mailed Thank You Pouches (which included some comfort items to our 13 Active Duty members of American Legion Post 39.

We donated 2 jugs of the aluminum tabs (value of \$8 a piece) for the Shriners Children's Hos-

pital, also distributed Box Tops & Labels for Education to Garrett Schenck School in Anson & Madison Elementary School.

Since last report, Maxine Dube and her helpers have mailed out \$40,660.42 worth of coupons. A great big **THANK YOU** to Maxine, Marie Wing and Barbara Wyman for their hours of gathering and cut-

ting coupons. A special **THANK YOU** to all those who donate coupons.

### **\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER\*\***

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

**Our next meeting will be Monday, April 2nd at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service, not self,



*Robin Turek  
Auxiliary President*



# Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greeting Riders!

Currently we have 9 members and two supporters. I have mailed out membership letters to those who have not paid their dues. Please forward as soon as possible!

We have elected our officers for 2018-2018 and they are as follows:

- Bob Washburn – Director
- Gene Dube – Asst Direct
- Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma – Secretary/Treasurer
- Sgt At Arms – Pete Petersen
- Road Captain/Safety – Brad Farin

We have made the following donations:

- Coffee & Newspaper Fund at Togus: \$100
- Legacy Fund: \$500
- Homeless vets: \$500

Don't forget to get your motorcycles registered and ready for spring riding! Really it will be here soon.

Riders Lead The Way!

Yours in Service,  
*Sharon A Mellows-Ziacoma*  
 Secretary/Treasurer



## 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**eeds 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!**

Want to know  
 what's going on at  
YOUR Legion?  
 Come to the  
 meeting  
 on  
 April 2nd!

  
  
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 Squadron 39  
 Dime Store Heroes  
 8 pm - 12 am  
 \$10 per person  
 \$15 per couple

### \*\*\* 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 6th we will have a dinner with the choice of prime rib or lobster 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 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.



# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

In March, NCB 39 Battalion held its semi-annual physical fitness test. All cadets present passed. SN Cameron Smart earned the Presidential Fitness Ribbon. He completed the required push-ups and sit-ups and had an impressive mile in 6:08 minutes. Way to go!! The unit event was held at the track at Colby College.

After returning to Madison for lunch, the cadets went to the indoor range on Main

Street for a handgun safety class and qualifications. We followed this class up with securing and cleaning weapons.

On Sunday, we discussed summer training opportunities for our cadets and had a class in mil drill. We are looking forward to warmer weather and being able to get outside.

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 untiring support of this unit.

Respectfully,

The Officers and Staff  
NCB39 Battalion

*"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others."*

*— Audrey Hepburn*



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

## Sick Call



*Everyone is healthy!*

*Yay!!*



# Notes from the Department Service Officer

## Requests for Increased Compensation!

Please insure that you consider all possibilities if you want to submit for an increase in your compensation claim. My staff cannot refuse to submit a claim even if it causes undue hardship because instead of an increase you get a proposed reduction notification.

## VA Comp and Pen examinations!

The VA is now using contractors LHI and MSLA, those might be changing soon; but you must answer their phone calls as well.

If you have a question about an exam scheduled by the VA, call the Department Service Office. We can look into it for you.

PLEASE USE THE DSO TO TRANSMIT YOUR CLAIMS/EVIDENCE TO THE VA THIS ENSURES A PAPER TRAIL AND EVIDENCE IT WAS SUBMITTED! Let us know if you submit documents through E-Benefits as well so we can ensure they were received. You can either mail them or drop them by in the office!

## Upcoming PSO/DSO Presentations and other dates!

### MARCH 2018

Wednesday March 14<sup>th</sup> 2018- VA Town Hall at the American Legion Post 24 at 5pm. The address is 184 Congress Street, Rumford, ME.

Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> 2018- From opiates to opportunities: Coming together for Veterans, Service Members, and Providers.

Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> 2018- Native American Veterans storytelling for healing. Togus theater from noon to 1pm.

Tuesday – March 27<sup>th</sup> 2018 – PSO Seminar at Department Headquarters. 1000-1400. Dress is casual with Legion Cap. There is no cost to attend. A light breakfast and lunch are provided. Currently accepting reservations!

Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup> 2018- VA Maine commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War. This year, highlighting 1968. The ceremony will be held at the Togus Theater starting at 10am.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bob Washburn,  
Post Service Officer*

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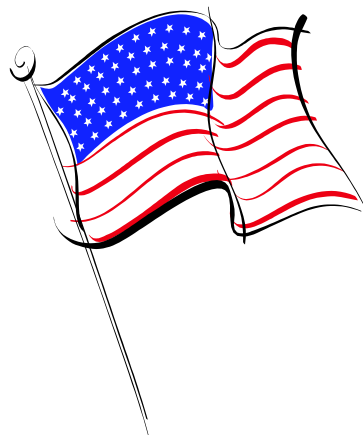


**April 2, 2018**

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING



*Happy*  
  
*Spring!*

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

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