



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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April 2021

*Meetings,  
Bingo  
& Cribbage*

**Legion**  
**April 12, 2021**  
**@ 7:00 pm**

**Auxiliary**  
**April 5, 2021**  
**@ 5:00 p.m.**

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

**Bingo: 2:00 Sundays**  
Doors open at 12 pm  
**(Starts up April 11th)**

**HALL HOURS:**  
Monday,  
Wednesday thru  
Saturday - 3 pm

**The Post is  
NON-SMOKING**



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

Comrades,

The Post is now open Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, starting at 3pm. Mark and the SAL have resumed dine-in and carry-out dinners on Wednesday nights. A special thank you to our Wednesday night Dart League for their continued loyalty during these difficult closures. Ray's Famous Wings are available Thursday, starting 3 pm for dine-in or carry-out; thank you Ray. Saturday Card Nights start at 5pm. If we are not playing your game, bring some friends and grab a table! Bingo will resume Sunday, April 11th . Doors open at Noon and Bingo starts at 2pm.

I am happy to announce the generous donation of a fine Bruns-

wick pool table to the Post. Thanks to Susan Crowley, the LTC Robert Crowley Memorial Table will be in use as soon as mud season ends and allows us to move it to Our Home. This second table will allow us to have Pool Tournaments in the near future.

120 Club has started and the first drawing will be on Friday, April 30th and drawings will be every Friday for 26 weeks. The 120 Club Banquet is now immutably set for October 23rd. Please see one of our bartenders to reserve your number soon! Big Cribbage (Singles) will start Saturday, April 17th at 9am and is also set for Saturday May 15th and June 19th .

Our Post has a great team of Officers and 8 Post Committees are

now working to keep Our Legion healthy, active, and working to make our community thrive. Any Post member interested in being Appointed to a Committee is encouraged to contact the Commander. **Please join our Facebookpage to stay up to date on the many exciting events and programs that will be announced in the near future.**

April Monthly Meeting will be at 7pm, April 12th downstairs. May and June meetings will be the first Monday at 7pm. With the generous contributions and assistance from Family Dollar of Madison and its patrons, the Post was able to hand out over 100 Easter baskets to area children on Sunday, March 28th . Thank you Vice-Commander William Price for setting this up,

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**SAL Squadron #39**

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

Greetings!

Wednesday dinners are back on!! Remember it starts at 5 pm till it's gone! That could be quick so get there early! Or call for a take-out! Wednesday March 31st is Baked Chicken Breast.

The oil raffle is being drawn on April 7th after our Wednesday Dinner. Don't forget to get your tickets!

Remember, if your dues are not paid, you are ineligible for SAL benefits.

One last item: stay in touch with all Post 39 happenings — visit the Post web site at: <https://www.mainelegionpost39.org/>.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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as well as to the Sea Cadets and volunteers that helped make this possible!

Thanks to Irma and Eric Fluet for all the delicious food they have been selflessly providing on Friday nights. We are currently looking for volunteers for the kitchen so please contact the Commander if you would like to help the Post continue Friday night meals.

Please be aware that Maine

Army National Guards BRAVO CO 3/172nd INF (MTN) has begun the Mobilization process and is currently preparing for a Deployment to Africa upon completion of training at Fort Bliss, Texas. Please be ready to assist us in making Our Soldiers know that we care and they are in our hearts by helping us assemble care packages to Bravo Company in the coming year. A letter, card,

package or phone call can greatly shrink the distance while being deployed far from home and the ones that we love.

*Respectfully,  
Commander Rollins*

*★ Thank you ★  
Veterans*

**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!**

## Legion Officers for 2021-2022

**Commander** - Aaron Rollins      **Adjutant** - Bob Washburn      **1st Vice** - William Price  
**2nd Vice** - Vincent Santoni      **Finance** - Raymond Cloutier      **Service Officer** - John Bryant  
**Historian** - Bob Demchak      **Sergeant at Arms** - Phil Daigle  
**Chaplain** - Rich Robinson      **Americanism** - Gerald "Ted" Brown, Jr  
**Executive Committee:** Gerald "Ted" Brown, Jr., Eric Fluet and Bob Demchak

*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,



To date, we have 137 memberships out of 150 for 2021 paid! That puts us at 91.3% of the membership paid! We only need 6 more memberships paid to reach our next goal of 95% by April 10th and 13 for 100%. Remember that your 2020 membership expired on December 31, 2020! Please get your dues in! There are four ways to renew...

- 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)
- dropping it off at the Legion!

Remember our dues are now \$25 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors.

Myself and Diane Pinkham attended the 4th District Meeting last week. It was wonderful to see our fellow Auxiliary members and hear all the wonderful ways other Units are moving

forward with our Mission despite the current circumstances of the world.

Donations since last newsletter: \$40 worth of comfort items for VAVS Comfort Closet, \$100 to legionnaire for traveling expenses for his family while he is recovering in the hospital, \$100 to an Auxiliary member for traveling expenses following an injury that requires multiple trips to Portland, collected 1,289 pairs of socks from our Sock Hop along with cash donations to purchase sock that

will be distributed to homeless veterans, homeless shelters and those in need, \$47.50 to NCB 39 Sea Cadets, \$16 worth of aluminum tabs for Shriners Hospital for Children, \$50 to VAVS for the Comfort Closet; \$280 from our year long collection of Dimes & Times for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and \$50 to MVH-A to go toward the purchase of grills for the Units.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to Harriet Bryant and her team for an extremely successful Sock Hop! At our meeting she reported 1,289 pairs of socks had been collected which will be donated to our homeless vets and community.

At our March meeting we held Election of Officers which are as follows:

- President - Robin Turek
- 1st Vice - Diane Pinkham

- 2nd Vice - Nancy Misiaszek
  - Secretary - Holly Kinney
  - Treasurer - Harriet Bryant
  - Chaplain - Amy Washburn
  - Historian - Grace Rollins
  - Sgt at Arms - Merrilyn Vieira
- Executive Committee:

- Irma Fluet
- Gerri Jenks
- Sherry Medlin

We have a few new officers

who have fresh ideas!!! I'm very excited to be working with them in the year to come.

After much discussion at our last Executive Meeting, the members decided it would be in the best interest of everyone if we change the time of our regular Monthly Membership meetings for April, May and June to 5 pm instead of 7 pm. This way

we can utilize the hall for our meeting. We have many members who are unable to utilize the stair chairs. In addition, there is more space for us to social distance. Our meeting will be complete prior to the Legion's meeting.



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

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

Yours in Service, not self,



*Robin Turek  
President*

## Notes from the Post Service Officer

We are often asked at the Post how to find service discharge records needed to join the Legion Family or to apply for benefits.

The Post does have many DD214 copies in our files and that would be the first place to look.

If the veteran was a resident of Maine when entering the military, The Maine Bureau of Veterans Services will have a copy of the DD214.

If the veteran is deceased, you must be a next of kin to apply for the copy. The Phone number for the Augusta office is 207-626-4464. The web site is <http://www.maine.gov/dvem/bvs/>. You can also visit their

office at Togus, Building 248 Room 110, phone number 207-287-9933.

If the veteran was not originally from Maine, you can apply for records at:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>. It is important to supply as much identifying information as you can when applying.

If you need help in applying for VA benefits, The Department of Maine, American Legion has two Service Officers at Togus to help you with the process. They are located on the third floor of Building 205. You can make an appointment by calling 207-623-5726 and asking to speak to Maureen or Carl.

They give excellent service and are very knowledgeable of the claims process and will represent you in every step of the claims process.

If you need transportation call me at 635-2051 and I will help you arrange it.

*Yours in service,*

*John Bryant,*

*Post #39 Service Officer*



### *Sick Call*



*Jeff Drew  
Wanda Kranz  
Wanda Lessard  
Gerri Jenks  
Ralph Withee  
Holly Kinney  
Gene Tweedie  
Arlene Hoyt*

### *Post Everlasting*

*Leo Coro*

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**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

Greetings from NCB39 Battalion. We held our March drill at Corporal West's home. The cadets built shelters after digging out an opening in the snow. They then gathered firewood to heat the shelters during the night. Temperature was -3 when the cadets woke up Sunday morning. Both groups survived, but 1 group was definitely warmer and had a slightly better design.

The cadets also learned how to

make and use snow shoes from available items in the woods. Cadets learned the importance of proper lashing and knot tying. They were asked to rebuild the snow shoes and bring the completed pair to next drill. More life lessons for our future leaders.

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

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



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

## Dates to Remember!

- April 12th - Legion meeting @ 7 pm
- April 5th - Auxiliary meeting @ 5 pm
- April 19th - Legion Executive meeting @ 7 pm
- April 19th - Auxiliary Executive Meeting @ 5 pm
- April 26th - put newsletter together @ 12:30

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



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American Legion

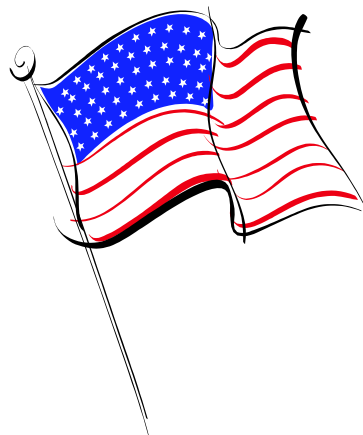
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