



# 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, Dec 1, 2014**

**Cribbage:** 6:30 p.m.  
Thursdays, partners  
**Cribbage:** 6:00 p.m.  
Fridays, singles

**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 Hall is NON -**  
**SMOKING**  
**for all Suppers and**  
**Post Meetings**  
**until after they**  
**have ended.**

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

Comrades,

Thank you to all who helped with the Veterans Ceremony, the Auxiliary who provided lunch and the Boy Scouts and Sea Cadets who helped with the Flag Retirement Ceremony.



We voted to buy 6 new bar stools which have been ordered. We have sponsors for all of them.

Everything seems to be going well. We've had some members transfer in. Please pay your dues if you haven't done so already.

The Turkey Dinner went well. Thanks to all who volunteered their help to make it successful. The Basket Raffle's brought in \$800 to go toward the food cupboards.

Since the last newsletter we voted to donate \$200 toward the Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Dinner.

Happy Holidays!

*H. Ralph Withee*  
*Commander*

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

## SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

The SAL Squadron #39 would like to welcome our newest member Sam Whitmore from Starks.

The Hannaford Gift Card Raffle Winners were drawn at the 35th Annual Turkey Supper and Raffles on November 21st and the winners are: 1st Place \$200 - Dick Vashon from Winslow, 2nd place \$125 - Jim Tucci from Anson and the 3rd place prize of \$75 went to Lucienne Laguerex from

Madison. Congratulations to all of the winners! Thank you to everyone who bought or sold tickets for this raffle. After paying for the gift cards, the Squadron made \$835 for our charities.

The Annual Bob's Cash Fuel Heating Oil, Propane or Kerosene Raffle is starting a month earlier than it has in the past. The drawing date will be on February 2, 2015 at our monthly meeting. Raffle tickets are available in this newsletter.

The SAL bought a second hand freezer for \$100. This will give our members who work in the kitchen a place to store our food.

Have a nice day,

*Joseph "Mark" Brown,  
SAL Adjutant  
Mark Long,  
SAL Commander  
Ron Page,  
Chairman of SAL*

### Dates to Remember!

- \*Next Regular Meeting – December 1st @ 7pm
- \*December 6<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Celebration Soup Supper – 4 pm – 5 pm
- \*December 19<sup>th</sup> - Adult Christmas Party - Social Hour 5-6pm, Supper - 6 pm
- \*December 20<sup>th</sup> - Children's Christmas Party - 10 am



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

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

**Want to know what's  
going on at YOUR  
Legion? Come to the  
meeting on Dec 1st!**

# 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,

As usual membership is at the forefront of our goals! We just missed hitting 60% by November 11th. Our next goal is 70% by December 20th! At this time we are at 85 out of 132 members paid which brings us to 64%. We only need 8 members to pay their dues to make the 70%. Come on ladies...get those dues in ... **RECRUIT, RENEW and REJOIN!**

The Auxiliary would like to welcome new member, Patricia Santoni! Please be sure to give

her a warm welcome and introduce yourselves to her! Maxine has mailed out \$50,184.31 worth of coupons for October and November. Thank you, Maxine! Keep them coming ladies!

In November we voted to donate \$50 to the Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner, \$25 to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and \$50 to NEADS.

The Annual Turkey Dinner was on November 21st and from what I hear it was a great success! I, unfortunately was unable to attend. We served approximately 185 people and af-

ter expenses we made roughly \$1,355 to go toward our local food cupboards. I do want to thank all those who were diligently working in the kitchen all day long to get the fabulous meal out!! It's a lot of work and very tiring. Your help with the dinner is greatly appreciated! A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who donated "the fixin's" for the dinner!!

I attended Mission Training in Springfield, MA a couple of weeks ago. I'll have lots of information to pass

along at our meeting on December 1st.

Our 29th Annual Craft Fair was a success as well. After all expenses were paid, we raised \$639.56 to go toward local High School Scholarships!! WAY TO GO LADIES!! Thank you to all of you that made this happen! Next year is our 30th Annual Craft Fair. Let's start planning now for it to be a super blow-out!

As the Holiday Season is upon us, please keep our Veterans and Active Duty in our thoughts and prayers.

**\*\*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, December 1st at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service, not self,

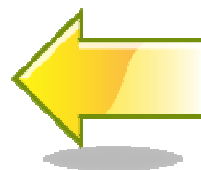
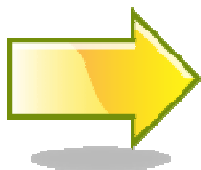


*Robin Turek  
Auxiliary President*

## AUXILIARY LADIES

### YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!

**By donating a couple of hours in our kitchen on a Bingo night!  
Please contact Robin Turek @ 696-8289  
for more information**



## Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

We are selling Post 39 sweatshirts that are black with the POW logo on the back and Tardiff-Belanger Post 39 on the left side of the front. The price ranges from \$32 to \$39 depending upon size. All proceeds from the sale of these will go to the Legacy Run and homeless Veterans.

There is one hanging at the Post as a sample. For more information please stop by the

Post or contact John Doucette at 461-2050.

Respectfully submitted,



*Bob Washburn*  
*Secretary*



### 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 !

### Reaching Younger Veterans By Craig Roberts

During his year-long tenure, National Commander Clarence E. Hill has repeatedly emphasized his view that social networking is essential to today's work of The American Legion - especially when reaching out to young veterans. That theme was echoed loudly by David Dubois, director of the Department of Defense Transition Assistance Program

(TAP) Operations, as he spoke at The American Legion National Convention this week. In his address to members of the Economic Commission, Dubois outlined his program's extensive and ever-expanding catalog of services to military personnel preparing for re-entry into civilian life, then defined the role of Legion posts in aiding today's

returning servicemembers. "The veterans service organizations, particularly at the post level, are the hub of activity within the community. They know the employers, they know the people at the chamber of commerce, they know the community, they know academia," said Dubois, a Legion College graduate. " They could really play a powerful role in being the connection conduit within the community to transitioning servicemembers or those

who are returning from deployment (to) the service providers and the leaders within the community. "The hardest part sometimes is creating a network and getting to work within this network to learn who's out there to mentor you, what opportunities are available, (and) how to translate the skills and knowledge (obtained) from military service to meet the needs of the local

community." To communicate effectively with the "millennium generation" - of which most of today's servicemembers are a part - one must utilize Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook and other internet-based interactive media. "Social networking has become the new (communications) tool in this generation of transitioning servicemembers," Dubois said. "When you think

about it, today's young war fighter has never known life without a cell phone. Everything is through text, everything is instantaneous, (and) that is the generation serving the country today. So, it would make sense that as we communicate our messages and our services and the assistances available, we need to be in the marketplace where they shop: the social network."



## US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

The first two weeks of November were busy. Our drill weekend included fund raising activities as well as the normal routine. Friday evening was typical with berthing being set-up and study time. Saturday morning started with an 0600 reveille followed by morning colors and chow. Then it was set up time for the Indoor Yard Sale in the Legion Hall. The sale included raffle tickets for the trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. It was very successful.

After lunch, the cadets prac-

ticed their sewing abilities by making bracelets from the tanned pelts from the rabbits processed during our September 2014 SERE school training. We had a Maine fur trapper as a guest instructor for this activity. Saturday evening was filled with study time for any homework and/or correspondence coursework.

Sunday started with an 0600 reveille, morning colors, chow and then class time until lunch. After lunch, there was some class time, taking down berthing, cleaning the facilities and final formation. Cadets were

dismissed at 1530.

We had two cadets demonstrate the proper procedure for folding the American Flag at the Veterans event at the Athens Community School on 07 Nov.

On the morning of 11 Nov, the cadets participated in the American Legion's Veterans Day service at the Forrest Hills Cemetery and at the American Legion Hall. At 1400, two of the cadets participated in the formal Legion Flag Retirement Ceremony while others started the fire in

the burn pit for disposal of over 500 American Flags.

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://](http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com)

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Respectfully,

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

### NEW Post 39 Website

[http://  
www.mainelegionpost39.org/](http://www.mainelegionpost39.org/)

**CHECK IT OUT!!!**

### Sick Call



*Olive Roberge*

*Tim Howell*

*Leo Coro*

*Vincent Lovell*

*Roland Allain, Jr.*

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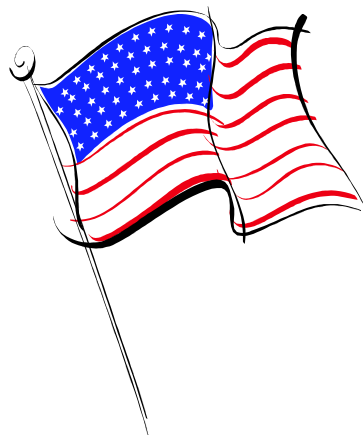


**December 1, 2014**

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING



Our Email address and website are:

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

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

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\***