



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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December 2015

Happenings...

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
Monday, Dec 7, 2015

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,

Prior to the November's meeting, Brad Farrin--State Representative for Madison, Norridgewock and Solon, who is also a member of Post #39 presented Raymond Soucy with a Legislative Sentiment recognizing his 70 years of belonging to the Madison American Legion Post #39.

I'd like to thank everyone that was a part of Veterans Day--The Boy Scouts, Sea Cadets, Legion, SAL and the Legion Auxiliary. The soup and sandwiches were good. We had a pick-up full of old flags to be retired. Thank you to the Boy Scouts and Sea Cadets who made the flag retirement go smoothly.

The 2015 American Legion National Convention voted to raise

the National Headquarters share of your dues five dollars effective January 20th, 2016. Our members, at our October meeting, voted not to increase your dues, but to leave them at \$35.00. Our post's share of your \$35 dues has been \$9.00. We will now keep only \$4.00, \$31.00 going to National Headquarters and the Department of Maine. It would save your local post \$5.00 if you pay your 2016 dues before January 20th. Dues can be sent to PO Box 144, Madison, ME 04950 or paid at the Post.

At our November meeting we voted to donate \$100 Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner at MAMHS, \$80 Senior Citizens and \$100 to a member in need.

Again, the holiday season is coming upon us. Please drive

with care and watch out for everyone.

The Post will be open New Year's Eve with refreshments and free juke box. There will be no band.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT
THE FORM FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

ARE DUE BY NOVEMBER 29TH!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

H. Ralph Withee
Commander

SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

The Squadron welcomes two new members—Les Rexford of Madison and Gregory Libby of Skowhegan. Les was present at the November meeting.

A vote was taken and passed to donate \$100 to a member in need, \$250 to the Veterans Golden Age Games at Togus, \$500 to the Travis Mills House and \$100 to the Maine Troop Greeters.

The winners of the Hannaford gift card raffle will be in the next newsletter. The Bob's Cash Fuel Heating Oil raffle will be starting soon.

The Sons of the American Legion from Post #39 would like to thank Bob for his continuous support. Besides the 100 gallons of heating fuel he also donates all of the propane that we use at our Lobster Bake and Chicken Barbecue.

Don't forget your dues! The delinquent deadline is getting closer!

Have a nice day,

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



**Want to know
what's going on at
YOUR Legion? Come
to the meeting on
December 7th**

Post Everlasting

*Bernard Landry
11-6-15*



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TO OUR
SPONSORS
PLEASE
SUPPORT
THEM!!**

Dates to Remember!

December 5th – Madison Holiday Celebration

December 7th @ 7pm - Next Regular Meeting

December 11th - Adult Christmas Party - Social hour - 5-6 pm
Dinner @ 6 pm

December 12th - Children's Christmas Party @ 10 am

December 17th - NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE

December 21st @ 7 pm – Auxiliary Executive Meeting

January 7th @ 7 pm - Regular Meeting



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 dues are due! If you haven't paid your 2015 dues, there's still time! Please Make checks payable to Madison ALA and mail to Madison ALA, PO Box 325, Madison, ME 04950. The dues are still \$20. As of this newsletter we have 88 out of 131 members paid. We need just 43 more dues paid to reach 100%!! If we reach 100% by December 31st, we'll be entered in to a drawing for \$100 to be used toward membership!!

Maxine has mailed out over \$ 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 November meeting we voted to donate \$50 to Maplecrest Living Center and Rehabilitation for the children's Halloween Walk Through, \$150 Angel Flight, \$300 Togus Gift Shop, \$200 Veterans Home Gift Shop, \$50 Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner at Madison High School, \$50 Somerset Residential Activity Fund, \$100 gas Gift Card to a veteran in

need, \$50 to Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers Christmas Fund and \$50 worth of items for Camp Tall Pines. We also turned in 3 containers of the aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital which is a value of about \$24.

We had our 30th Annual Craft fair on November 14th at our new venue at the Calvary Pentecostal Church. We had an overwhelming response for crafter/vendor spaces which included a "cancellation list". We brought in a total \$1,350.65 on the craft fair before ex-

penses. This profit goes toward the High School Scholarships we award every year! Kathy Gifford of Skowhegan won the Harvest Dinner Raffle and Shirley Foye of Madison won the vendors raffle. It was a lot of work being that it wasn't held at the Legion hall. I'd like to thank those who worked very hard to make this event a success.

With that being said, I'd like to approach a sensitive subject....Volunteers. The Auxil-

iary has a total of 131 members. Out of that we have approximately 12 people who volunteer at fundraising events and attend meetings on a regular basis. These ladies are "maturing" and it's becoming more difficult for them to donate their time as often as they have been. **I'd like to make a plea to the other members to volunteer their time. Remember why the Auxiliary is in place - for our veterans!! We try to help our veterans in so many ways. But in order to**

do that we need YOU, the Auxiliary member! In the coming New Year, please reflect upon the reason you became a member and consider donating your time to this worthy organization.

The Turkey Supper & Raffle was on the 20th and it was a success!! The profits from this event benefits our local food cupboards. After expenses, we brought in \$1,107 to donate to the food cupboards. WAY TO GO!!

Thank you all who helped in this event. You deserve a big pat on the back as you worked very hard to make this event a success.

On December 5th, Madison is having it's 4th Annual Christmas Celebration. From 4 pm - 5pm, the Auxiliary will be serving soup and chowder. Come warm up with a hot meal before the fireworks start at 5:15 pm!

We have a new member! Please welcome Denise Rexford of Madison!

****PLEASE REMEBER****

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, November 2nd at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Yours in Service,



*Robin Turek
Auxiliary President*

Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

Legion Riders are going strong despite the cooler temps and hence less riding time. It won't be too long before we have to park our bikes for the year and dust off the snowmobiles (unless of course you are a snowbird and head south for the winter; in which case you don't have to put away the motorcycle). We will miss Pete and John D. (John may be permanent).

There may be some nice enough days this month that you can still get out and ride short distances. If you are still riding, please look out for leaves. Wet

leaves can be as "helpful" to a motorcycle as ice or sand, with about the same result. Leaves also may cover up road conditions like cracked pavement.

Anyway, we still meet all year so come join us for our meetings so you know what is going on

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn
Secretary



THE RIDERS CREED

Rider 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.

Deed not words create change. I will persevere against any and all things that prevent my success. My resolve and strength will overcome all obstacles.

Each rider is first a member of the American Legion family. I will actively participate in and willingly support their endeavors.

Readily 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.

Success 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 !



Happy Holidays
From
The American Legion
Tardiff-Belanger Post #39



US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

The normal activities of Friday evening started our 06-08 November Drill Weekend; Homework and/or Correspondence Manual study. We also welcome our newest NLCC recruit, LC1 Joseph Bowman, to the unit.

Saturday started with an 0600 reveille, PT and breakfast. After chow clean-up, we completed a work detail for the Legion Post; All of the Special Olympics plaques were hung on the wall in the upstairs conference room. Classroom

Hill Cemetery. After lunch, we participated in the Legion Post's Formal Flag Retirement Ceremony and assisted in the burning of numerous out-of-service American flags. In the evening, we completed a solemn Flag Folding Demonstration for the local Minerva Chapter.

On Saturday, 14 November, we assisted at the Legion Aux-

iliary's Craft Fair and we had a fund raising popcorn sales table. 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.

Sunday started with the same activities as Saturday. Classroom time covered Sexual Harassment, Hazing, Fraterniza-

tion and Drug/Alcohol Use/Abuse. SN Baldinelli was promoted to PO3.

On Monday, 09 Nov, the unit provided a Color Guard for the Athens Community School's Veterans Event and did a solemn Flag Folding demonstration for the students, faculty and veterans in attendance.

Veterans Day, 11 Nov, was a busy day for the unit. We provided a Color Guard, a formation and two cadets for the Firing Detail at the Veterans Monument at Forest

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*

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is open to 11-

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

Notes from the Service Officer

Social Security Administration's 100% Permanent & Total Veterans Initiative



The Social Security Administration is launching a new initiative in mid-March to provide expedited processing of disability claims filed by veterans who have a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Compensation rating of 100% Permanent & Total (P&T).

What do I need to know about the Veterans Affairs and Social Security programs?

Both Social Security and Veterans Affairs pay disability benefits to qualifying individuals but, their programs, processes, and criteria for receiving benefits are different. A Veterans Affairs compensation rating of 100% P&T does not guarantee that you will receive Social Security disability benefits. In order to receive disability benefits from Social Security, a person must have a severe impairment that is expected to last at least one year or to result in death. The impairment must be so severe that the person would be unable to perform any substantial work.

Note: If you receive Veterans Affairs compensation, this will not affect your Social Security benefits.

As a veteran rated 100% P&T, how do I receive expedited processing from Social Security?

You must apply for Social Security benefits. There are three ways in which you can apply:

- Apply online at www.socialsecurity.gov;
- Call our toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our toll-free TTY number, 1-800-325-0778; or
- Call or visit your local Social Security office.

What should I do to receive expedited processing of my Social Security disability application?

If you are disabled veteran rated 100% P&T, you must:

- Identify yourself as a "Veteran rated 100% P&T" when you apply for benefits. If you apply in person or over the phone, tell the Social Security representative that you are a veteran rated 100% P&T. If you apply online, enter "Veteran 100% P&T" in the "Remarks" section of the application; and
- Provide Social Security with your Veterans Affairs notification letter which verifies your rating.

How will Social Security expedite my disability claim?

Once Social Security identifies you as a veteran rated 100% P&T, we will treat your claim as a high priority workload and rush it through the application process in our field offices, our state Disability Determination Services, and the various levels of appeals.

How long does the process take?

The length of time it takes Social Security to make a disability decision depends on several factors, but primarily on:

- The nature of your disability;
- How quickly we obtain medical evidence from your doctor or other medical sources; and
- Whether it is necessary to send you for a medical examination in order to obtain evidence to support your claim.

You can assist in the process by having the required information on hand when you apply.

What about veterans that live abroad?

We recognize that many of our veterans live abroad; we have similar processes in place to expedite their claims.

For more information

You can find more information at:
www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/disability-pt.htm.

www.socialsecurity.gov

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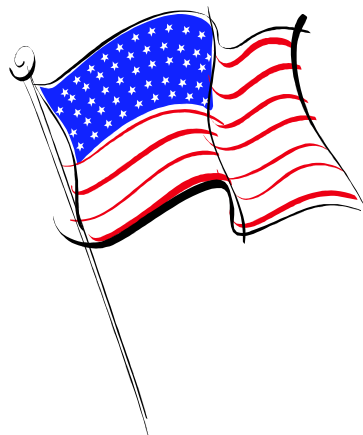


December 7, 2015

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING



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