

Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter





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February 2015

Happenings...

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Social Hr. 6:00 p.m. Monday, Feb 2, 2015

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,

The Post is doing well. All activities are going forward as usual. Attendance for cribbage is steady. Darts are doing well and Beano is still doing well.

There will be a new bulletin board in the entrance way (on the right as you enter). This bulletin board is for Department news ONLY! Earl Beaulieu will be in charge of keeping it updated with Department information. This same information will also be posted on our website:

www.mainelegionpost39.org

At this time, we have less than 10 members unpaid! Please get them in!!

Thank you to Edward Cowan, Betty Price, Roland Price, Randy Bubar, James Pinkham and Jeff Ireland (K-Tronics) for sponsoring the new bar stools!

We have received a very generous donation to our Captain Gene Matthews scholarship from Frank Gilbert. This will allow us to increase our yearly scholarships for the next few years. Frank was originally from Madison and Gene was a close friend. The attached is a letter from Frank.

Captain Gene Matthews scholarships were paid to Carrabec High School students Mercedes Welch and Paul Dawe.

Cpl. Joseph Quirion scholarships were paid to Madison High school students Kristen Bishop and Alexandria Jarvais.

Remember winter is here...please drive carefully!

H. Ralph Withee Commander



Happy
Birthday
to all
members
Born in
February!!

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PLEASE

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SAL Squadron #39

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

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone enjoyed time with loved ones during the holidays. I spent time with my son and his new bride.

My son, Justin Rowell, is the newest member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 39. He resides in Haverhill, Massachusetts. Welcome to the squadron, Justin!

If you have not paid your dues for 2015, consider yourself delinquent.

The Bob's Cash Fuel Heating Fuel Raffle drawing is rapidly approaching us. You can still purchase tickets for this raffle. The drawing date is February 2nd at the monthly meeting.

In February the State Detachment of Maine will be sending us Lobster Bake raffle tickets to sell for the veterans. First place is a lobster bake for 50 people (\$800 value). The second place prize will be \$75 worth of lobster. If you choose to you may take the cash value of these prizes instead of the

lobster. Tickets will be 6 for \$5 or \$1 each.

Have a good day,

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



Dates to Remember!

February 2nd @ 7pm - Next Regular Meeting
February 14th - Valentine's Dance - Band "4Play"
(Classic Rock) 8 pm - 12 am - Tickets \$5
March 8th @ 1pm - Auxiliary 4th District Meeting Post 2 Augusta



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 Feb 2nd!

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Auxiliary News...

Hello Ladies,

As of January 20th we have 103 paid members out of 132! We only need 29 members to pay to be at 100%. Also, please remember that if your membership is not current, you are in jeopardy of losing your "continuous years" membership! Come on ladies...get those dues in ... RECRUIT, **RENEW and REJOIN!**

Maxine has mailed out \$12,000 worth of coupons since our last newsletter.

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

Thank you, Maxine! them coming ladies!

At the District level, our very own Shirley Emery has resigned as Department District Vice President. Our Alternate DDVP, Lillian Frace (Unit 14) has assumed the responsibilities of DDVP and I have assumed the responsibilities of Alternate DDVP. addition. Cindy Coombs (Unit 14) has resigned her position of District Sergeant at Arms and Cindy Sabattis (Unit 14) has assumed the responsibili-

Keep ties of District Sergeant at Arms. Lots of changes at the District level!

> At our January meeting selected w e t h e "Nominating Committee" which consists of Marie Wing, Kathleen Randall and myself. If any members would like to run for an Auxiliary Office, please feel free to contact any member of the Nominating Committee.

> We'd like to welcome new member Nancy Misiaszek.

Please make a point of saying hello to her when you see her! Welcome Nancy!

Mid-Winter Conference was a success! Lots of information and team building!! Come to our February meeting for an update!

We have paid two of the four scholarships at this time.

We would like to thank everyone who helped or donated to the Nile Benefit. It was a great success!!

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, **February** 2nd at 7 pm. ALL ALA **MEMBERS** ARE EN-COURAGED TO AT-TEND!

Yours in Service, not self,

Robin Turek Auxiliary President

Dances Valentine's Day Dance Band: 4PLAY Classic Rock 8 pm - 12 am Tickets: \$5 per person





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Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

We still have sweatshirts for sale if you have not gotten one yet. Please see John Doucette or Sharon Mellows to pay. There is one on display at the bar.

ALR will be running bingo on Jan 25. We would appreciate the help if you want to.

Officer elections will be coming up soon. If you would like to hold a position, please let us know.

Also Membership dues of \$20 are due in April, but we would appreciate any early submissions. This money goes to our general fund, and we give as much as we can to Legacy fund and Maine Homeless Veterans. So some portion of your dues goes to these worthy causes.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Washburn Secretary Post Everlasting



Charlotte Hamilton (Aux) 12-31-14



2015 Tricare and Social Security changes for veterans will soon be posted on our website under "service officer notes" and on the Department bulletin board at the Post

Sick Call



Olive Roberge

Leo Coro

Vincent Lovell

Vaughn Mercier

Ellen Lavasseur

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US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

Our first drill for 2015 started Friday evening, Jan 2. It was a typical one with berthing being set-up and study time. Saturday started with an 0600 reveille followed by morning colors and chow. Afterwards, classroom instruction started with discussing preparations for our upcoming Annual Inspection scheduled for our March drill followed by discussions in the Eleven General Orders of a Sentry and Customs & Courtesies. A uniform and ribbon check followed.

After lunch, classroom instruction again covered Rates & Ranks, Drill & Ceremony and Watch-Standing as well as Core Values. After the evening chow, the cadets preformed Evening Colors followed by structured time for study working on their appropriate correspondence manuals.

Sunday started with an 0600 reveille, morning colors, chow and then classroom time covering US Naval History, Job Shadowing and Signaling. After lunch and field day ac-

tivities, there was CO/XO time with the cadets and covered numerous topics of interest to the cadets. During the final formation, Baldinelli was promoted to E -2 and PO3 Brown received her 3rd Year Longevity Ribbon and her Color Guard Ribbon, PO3 Brown received a gift card from the NSCC for her sales during the Mexico Trip Raffle and SN Jackson received an NSCC Key Chain for his sales. Plans were announced concerning the Petty Officer Leadership Academy advanced training

to be held here at the Legion in mid-April. Cadets were dismissed at 1530.

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 1117 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 Don't Forget...

February 16th is....



Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

In your travels and at your posts, please let our veterans know there are certain health issues associated with exposure to "Burn Pits". Veterans may be able to claim for compensation and healthcare through the VA. Also, there is a registry at the VA for veterans. Usually, you get a physical and are placed on an email/mailing list.

Here is the link for more information:

http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/16192/ten-things-veterans-should-know-about-burn-pits/

(Submitted by Earl Beaulieu)

Notes from the Department Service Officer

Our First Saturday Post Service Officer Training Seminar – Feb 28th!

The next Post Service Officer Training will take place at the Department Headquarters in Winslow on Saturday, February 28th, 2015, from 1000 to 1400 hours.

The class is filling very quickly. I will be sending more information to those who receive notice of registration the week prior to the date of training. Look forward to meeting with more of our Post Service Officers.

If you would like to attend, please email me at amedeo.lauria@va.gov.



Contacting the Department Service Office

Due to the efforts of the Post Service Officers like you, and our membership, the DSO is doing a booming business for our membership and veterans.

We receive an average, over 300 calls into the office a month!

Since the beginning of this FY, we have handled over 5000 actions on behalf of our membership and other veterans.

If you cannot reach us by phone, please email me at amedeo.lauria@va.gov for faster service.

Do not email VA Claim numbers or Social Security Numbers; we will contact you or the veteran as soon as possible.

We do not turn any veterans away, regardless of Legion affiliation, but remember, your membership dues keep the DSO open and running. Please encourage your eligible veteran friends and family to join and sustain our mission to assist veterans, their dependents and survivors!



Veteran's Choice Card?

You will soon be receiving your Veteran's Choice Card for Medical Services from the VA.

Please be careful when using it, you must still coordinate your healthcare through the VA or you may be liable for any charges.

The card comes into play when you live a certain distance from a VA facility, to include Community Based Outreach Centers (CBOCs) or the VA cannot schedule certain appointments for you within a 30 day period.

One issue that we are aware of to date is, under this program, you are responsible for purchasing your own medications and then applying to the VA for reimbursement. Carefully weigh the pros and cons before using the card.

There are toll free numbers on the cards to get more information.



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