



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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February 2016

Happenings...

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
Monday, Feb 1, 2016

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,

The new year is here and let's go forward for 2016!

2015 was a good year for the Post. We made some changes to the hall and ended up in the black. Thanks for everyone's help in many different ways.

At our last meeting we voted to donate \$195 to VAVS at Togus and \$200 to a student from Madison Junior High School for her to participate in the American Heritage Tour.

The Post sponsors Boy Scout Troop 419. On January 9, 2016 one of the Boy Scouts became an Eagle Scout. The ceremony was well attended to include State Senators Rodney Whittemore and Scott Cyr-

way and State Representative Brad Farrin. The Scout is Ashton Heald whose parents are Andrew & Ann Heald. Ashton is also my and Charlotte's grandson. Congratulations, Ashton.

We have to put a new oil tank in. We have two old ones and will be replacing those with a 330 gallon tank. Bob's Cash Fuel will be doing the work.

Remember that our meeting on February 1st will be 1st nominations for Officers. Please plan on attending if you're interested in an Officer position.

Again, Post 39 is doing well!

H. Ralph Withee
Commander

NEED A RIDE TO TOGUS FOR AN APPOINTMENT ON A WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY???

Call Linda Neptune at DAV to make an appointment
DAV – 623-8411 ext 5790 or direct line is 623-5790
Linda will schedule the van (they pick up at your home) and Linda will call you back with the approximate time the van will pick you up. Best to make your appointments in the AM if possible. The pickup may be early as they service a large area.

Wednesday Driver is Dana Berry - Thursday Driver is Dan Hill
Do not call the drivers directly.

SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday's and time spent with their loved ones.

SAL Squadron 39 welcomes 3 new members; Jared Moody of Madison, Dylan Lancaster of Skowhegan and David Kenney of Athens.

If you have not paid your dues for 2016, please do so as you are now 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 1st at our monthly meeting.

I should be receiving Lobster Bake Raffle tickets from the Detachment of Maine real soon. All money raised will go to our Veterans that are served by our local VA hospital and the six Veteran's Nursing Homes of Maine. Last year four cash prizes were awarded. A 1st prize of \$500, 2nd prize of \$200, 3rd prize of \$125 and 4th prize of \$75. Should a winner wish to redeem any prize in lobster, arrangements will be discussed. Tickets will be 6 for \$5 or \$1.00 each. Contact Mark Brown at 634-5782, Mark Long at 858-3855 or stop in to the Legion.

The Yearly nominations and elections are at our doorsteps.

If you are interested in any Officer position, please be at our monthly meeting on February 1st at 7 pm or call one of the phone numbers listed in the above paragraph.

The Squadron donated \$100 to a local woman whose husband passed away after a long illness. Another local women's daughter died in a unusual accident. She also received a \$100 donation.

Happy New Year,
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 February 1st!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!!

Dates to Remember!

- February 1st - Next Regular Meeting
- February 15th - President's Day & Executive Meetings
- February 19th - **DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS!!!**
- February 22nd - Put together newsletter for mailing @ 12:30 pm



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 is due! If you have not paid your dues for 2016, please do so as you are now delinquent. As of the writing of this newsletter we have 116 paid out of 131 members. We need 15 more paid dues to reach 100%!!! Come on ladies get those dues in! We can do it!

Ladies, the February meeting will be our first

nomination for Officers. If interested please contact myself at 696-8289 or Harriet Bryant at 635-2051.

Maxine has mailed out over \$10,000 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 January meeting we voted to donate \$50 to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund, \$25 to

Northland Living Center in memory of Rachel Spaulding, \$15 Bingo package to the Kennebec Grange for their Luck of the Draw, \$25 worth of Kleenex to the Beals House, \$30 to a local Daisy Troop and \$50 to a local man who had a house fire.

Please join me in welcoming Robin Crocker, Sherry Medlin and Monica Nile to the Unit! Welcome Ladies!

Merrilyn Vieira, Harriet Bryant and I attended the Mid-Winter Conference held at Spectacular Events Center in Bangor on January 16th. I will be sharing what we learned at our next Regular meeting on February 1st!

It's time for our annual Calendar Raffle!! You'll find more information in a separate flyer in this newsletter.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of Elinor Dubois, Rachel Spaulding and Geraldine "Geri" Thibodeau whom we have lost in recent weeks.

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

Yours in Service,



Robin Turek
 Auxiliary President



From the Editor

A huge **THANK YOU** goes out to Vincent Santoni whom without his help this edition of the newsletter would not exist!! Thank you for all your help!



February 15, 2016

Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

Several people commented on how nice the ceremony was at the Starks Cemetery (for Veteran's Day). Several of us participated.

Last month we voted to donate \$100 to one of our members who was in the hospital. We voted to give \$100 to Caring Tree.

The Auxiliary had to cancel their bingo day for snow. They asked if we would be willing to give them our day for Janu-

ary. We figured that since they were nice enough to give us our bingo days, the least we could do would be to give this one back to them. That was voted and passed.

Mark your calendars: Mid Winter conference will be March 5 in Dover Foxcroft. If you are interested in going, please let one of us know.

The moving Vietnam Wall will be coming to Maine at the end of May. Donations and/or volunteers

will be needed. More info to follow.

We have a new member (actually one of our charter members), Bill Mahoney.

Legion Riders' Dues are due in February. Please get your \$20 in to Sharon, or John Z.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Washburn
Secretary*



Sick Call



Kim Morse (Aux)
Shirley Emery (Aux)



Post Everlasting

Frank Allain - 1/16/16
Rachel Spaulding (Aux)
12/29/15
Geraldine Thibodeau (Aux)
1/18/16
Dan Fortier
1/2/16

Dances

Valentine's Day Dance
February 13th
Band: 3 Days Til Monday
Classic Rock
8 pm - 12 am
Tickets: \$7 per person





US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

Our Drill of 08-10 January 2016 was normal. Friday evening started our weekend with homework and/or Correspondence Manual study.

Saturday started with an 0600 reveille, PT and breakfast. After chow clean-up, the morning was filled with a recap of the EMT Advanced Training PO3 Fennell attended over Christmas break followed with classroom time covering the Eleven General Orders of a Sentry and Leadership topics. After lunch,

classroom time covered Rates & Ranks, Drill & Ceremony, Watch Standing and Core Values. The evening was filled with homework and/or Correspondence Manual study

Sunday started normally; reveille followed by PT, but no mile run was done. After morning chow, classroom time consisted of Communications and Navigation training recap. Battalion area clean-up followed in prep for the Legion Auxiliary's District Meeting and lunch. Following our noon chow, classroom time covered uniform care training. Final

formation, awards presentations and dismissal ended our weekend drill.

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 with a special thanks to the Legion Auxiliary.

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is open to 11-17 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*

**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.**



BirthdayMessages.com

**Happy Birthday
to all members
Born in
February!!**

Notes from the Service Officer

FWD from Department Service Officer:

Greetings!

Happy New Year to you and your family! I am pleased to announce that Pine Tree has officially launched a new project to address the social and legal factors that affect the health of veterans! The Maine Veteran Medical-Legal Clinic will allow Pine Tree to hold office hours at the Togus Medical Center. This new project is modeled on the Nationally recognized Medical-Legal collaboration model.

In October, Pine Tree hired attorney Krista Selnau to launch this project at the Maine VA Healthcare System. Read on to learn more.

What is a medical-legal collaboration?

"Tim," a Vietnam War veteran, was facing foreclosure on his home. He described an increase in anxiety and depression to his doctor at the VA, but didn't want medication. When Tim revealed the pending foreclosure and explained that he didn't know what to do. Tim's doctor, who had attended a medical-legal collaboration training just days earlier knew what to do - he sent Tim to the newly established medical-legal clinic for help.

Pine Tree Legal's new Medical-Legal clinic can help address the financial and housing stressors that impact Tim's health.

Pine Tree's new Medical-legal collaboration with the VA Maine Healthcare System provides a valuable one-stop shop for veterans facing a complex legal world. The project will also provide an opportunity for interdisciplinary collaboration to improve health outcomes.

Learn more about [medical-legal collaborations](#) nationally and how Inner City Law Center helps [homeless veterans](#) by partnering with the VA in West Los Angeles.

Know the Medical-Legal Clinic hours:

The Medical-Legal clinic at Togus Medical Center opened its doors in mid-November. Clinic hours are every Monday and Thursday from 8:30am - 1:00pm in Room 202, Building 206. Krista provides legal assistance to veterans during clinic hours, by appointment or walk-in. Krista also provides consults to healthcare staff during clinic hours.

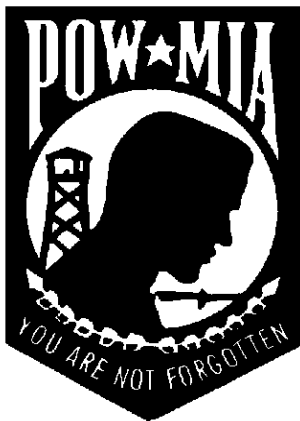
In addition to the twice weekly clinic, the medical-legal collaboration will include monthly trainings on social determinants of health and civil legal needs for VA healthcare staff.

Respectfully,

Bob Washburn,
Post Service officer

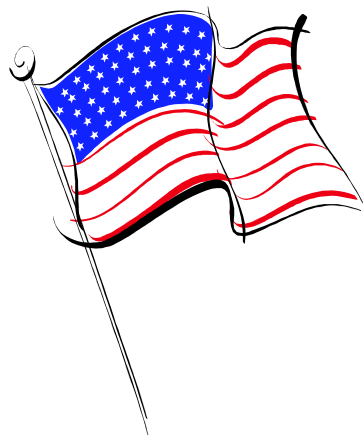
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February 1, 2016

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM MEETING



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