



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, Feb 5, 2018

Cribbage: 6:30 p.m.
Thursdays, partners

Bingo: 2:00 Sundays
Doors open at 12 pm

HALL HOURS:

Mon - Fri - 3 pm
Saturday - 2:30 pm

**The Post is
NON -SMOKING**



February 19th

LEGION UPDATES.....

From your Commander

Comrades,

2017 has come and gone. The Post had a good year. Unfortunately we lost some members, but we also gained some new members that joined. Everything goes about the same each month.

On February 10th (Sat) we are having a cribbage tournament. For more information please call me at 696-3375.

Our Valentine's Day Dance will be on February 17th from 8 pm - 12 am. The tickets are \$5 per person. The band "The Last Highway" includes two of our members, Vinnie Santoni and Mark Merrill. Since our last newsletter we voted to donate the following: —\$200 Madison Senior Citizens, from the Turkey Supper—\$500 People Who Care, \$200 Center Point Commu-

nity Church (Anson Food Cupboard), \$100 Solon Food Cupboard, \$100 Starks Food Cupboard, \$100 Norridgewock Food Cupboard, \$150 worth of coffee VAVS at Togus, 2-\$500 scholarships, \$2,900 worth of coats and boots for students in need from both Madison & Carrabec School Districts.

The Nomination of Officers will take place at our February meeting. Please attend!!

**DON'T FORGET TO PAY
YOUR DUES!**

We wish the best to everyone for 2018! God Bless us all.

*H. Ralph Withee
Commander*

**United States
Naval Sea Cadet Corps
NCB Battalion 39
Annual Inspection
3 February 2018 at 9:30 am.
American Legion Post 39
20 S. Maple Street - Madison**

**All are invited! Come down and
support our local youth!
Remember we sponsor this great
youth program!**

**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!**

SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

Your local Sons of the American Legion will look back proudly on 2017. Under popular Commander Mark Long, Post 39 gave thousands of dollars to worthy causes across the region, from veterans organizations to individuals recovering from family trauma. Yet the post ended the year with pretty much the same amount of money than it had one year ago.

How did that happen? It happened thanks to the energy and commitment shown by all Post 39 members,

through their attendance at monthly meetings, their recruitment of new members, and their willingness to sell raffle tickets and to help out at fundraising meals.

It happened through the generosity of local merchants who donated heating oil and wood. Special thanks go to resident pit-master Eddie Cowan, who sources the food for our barbecues and cooks it to perfection on his mobile propane grill.

At the Sons December meeting, members voted \$500 for The Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers. The YMCA

Camp of Maine received \$100 to help send a military family's boy or girl to summer camp. And the Skowhegan chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution received a \$50 contribution toward the repair of the sundial in Coburn Park.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sam Whitmore,
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 5th!**

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

Dates to Remember!

- February 3rd - USNSCC NCB39 Battalion Annual Inspection
- Legion 39 Post Hall - 9:30 am
- February 5th – Monthly meeting
- February 17th – Valentines Dance
- **February 19th - NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE**
- February 19th - Executive Meeting
- February 26th - Put newsletter together



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,

Let me touch on membership first. As of January 23rd, we have 111 members dues paid out of 138. We're at 80.43% of membership paid. The next goal is for February 10th to have 85% of membership paid. It's easier than ever to pay your membership dues now. Your dues can now be paid by phone by calling 317-569-4536, online at <https://www.alaforveterans.org>, by mailing to the Unit's address (PO Box 325, Madison, ME 04950) or dropping it off at the

Legion! Please note that in order to pay online you will have to create an account. If you see another member, ask her if she's paid her dues yet. We can **all** work together in achieving 100% membership! In addition, if any members have daughters, granddaughters or great granddaughters - sign them up! We are diligently trying to reactivate our Junior membership.

With that being said, I'm asking for your help!! Out of the 138 members, we have quite a few who are over 70 years old and it seems that a handful of

these members are the members who remain extremely active within the organization. I'm sending out a plea for the "younger generation" to step up to the plate and volunteer whatever time you have toward any of the events, functions, etc that the Auxiliary puts on to fundraise for our veterans and community programs. The few active members we have now cannot keep the pace they have been doing. Come to a meeting! What's an hour a month out of your busy

schedule? Volunteer to work the kitchen on one of the Bingo Sundays. Got time during the day? Once a month for an hour or so we need volunteers to collate and package the newsletter for mailing. There are so many things you can help with! Think about your "Why"? Why did you become a member of the American Legion Auxiliary? For the majority it's to help our veterans. Those men and women

who have fought to give us the right to belong to the world's largest women's patriotic service organization! Let's Give Back!

Donations for December & January: \$257 to the Sea Cadets; \$50 Daughters of American Revolution, Eunice Farnsworth Chapter for restoration of a Sun Dial which was placed in Coburn Park in Skowhegan as a memorial to Alan W. Buckman who was killed in WWII at

Belleu Wood, France in 1918; from our Turkey Supper—\$445 People Who Care, \$245 Anson Food Cupboard, \$245 Starks Food Cupboard, \$245 Solon Food Cupboard & \$120 Norridge-wock Food Cupboard; \$25 Skowhegan Giving Tree; \$50 Lobster Dip for Special Olympics; \$25 Paralyzed Veterans Association (sponsored an Auxiliary member who ran a mara-

thon for this cause); \$50 towards a Tandem Bike at Maine Veterans Home in Augusta; \$50 Veterans Creative Arts Festival; \$50 Colonel's surgery; \$40 Camp Tall Pines; paid 2 out of the 4 \$200 Scholarships; \$25 Madison Idol; \$100 to an Active Duty Legionnaire who lost his entire home to fire and bought Christmas Gifts for 4 veteran members &

2 Auxiliary members who are in nursing homes. WOW! Look at all our Auxiliary can do with a handful of active members. Can you imagine how **MUCH MORE** we can do for our veterans and community with more helping hands?

The first nominations for officers will take place at our next meeting on February 5th.

If you're interested in filling an officer position, please plan on attending this meeting!

We're considering putting on another Calendar Dinner like we did last year. If you have an interest in either taking a table or working the kitchen, please let us know!

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Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greeting Riders!

Winter will come to an end shortly and all will be out riding and enjoying the spring, summer, fall weather. Don't forget to register your motorcycles!

If you have not already paid your dues, please do so by February 5, 2018 to keep your membership. Remember the money for dues help support our Veterans.

We encourage you to attend meetings on the first Monday

of each month at 6 pm before the Legion and Auxiliary meetings. Hope to see you at the next meeting on February 5th at 6 pm. Stay warm and upright!

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Ziaco
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.

Deeds 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.

Really 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 !

AUXILIARY (Cont. from page 3)

****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 5th at 7

pm. Our Department Vice President and Department District Vice President will be joining us! **ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service,



Robin Turek
Auxiliary President

"At the end of the day it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished... it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back."

- Denzel Washington



The Last Highway

(Classic Rock)

February 17th

8 pm - 12 am

\$5 per person



US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

Greetings from NCB 39 Battalion. Our January drill was spent preparing for our Annual Inspection to be held on 3 February, 2018 at 930 am. The public is invited to join us for this event to be held at the American Legion.

We will be bidding farewell to our Training Officer, as she is reassigned to a new duty station as she is active duty Coast Guard. We wish her continued luck in her career.

Plans are underway to return to Maine Maritime Academy again this year for Leadership Weekend sponsored by the ROTC. We may also be hosting a week training during April vacation.

We welcome adult volunteers from the community who have life skills that can be shared with our cadets.

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 ac-

tively 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: <http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com>

The officers and staff wish to thank the local communities, the entire Legion membership, cadet's fami-

lies and friends for their untiring support of this unit.

Respectfully,

*The Officers and Staff
NCB39 Battalion*



Post Everlasting

Philip Frost - 12/14/17



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

Sick Call



*Stephen Vieira
Eddie Pinkham
Gene Dube*

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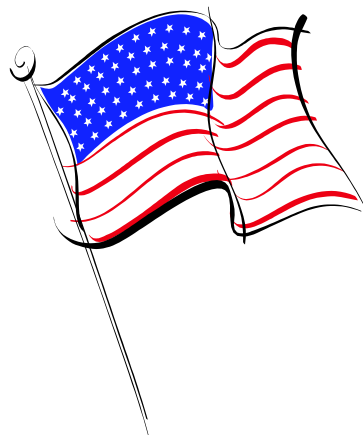
February 5, 2018

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



Our Email address and website are:

post 39@beeline-online.net

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