





February 2019

LEGION UPDATES.....From your Commander

Comrades.

Here we are with a new year upon us. I hope everyone had great holidays. With the new vear comes the American Legion's 100th Birthday!

Things are going well at the Post.

The Nomination of Officers for 2019-2020 will take place at our February meeting. If you're interested in filling a position or have questions about a position, please contact me or any current officer!!

DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES! If they aren't paid by January 31st your

membership is considered delinquent.

We wish the best to everyone for 2019! God Bless us all.

> H. Ralph Withee Commander

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure. "

-Colin Powell



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Happenings...

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Meeting: 7:00 p.m. Social Hr. 6:00 p.m. February 4, 2019

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

Bingo: 2:00 Sundays Doors open at 12 pm

HALL HOURS:

Mon - Sat 3 pm

The Post is **NON -SMOKING**

SAL Squadron #39

Greetings,

The Sons continued their fundraising efforts during their December and January meetings. Post 39 did its part to support the Special Olympics, held at Sugarloaf on Jan. 27-29. Statewide, the SAL hopes to raise \$7,500 for the cause.

Members voted to contribute \$500 to the Waterville chapter Maine Home for Little Wanderers, \$500 to the Travis Mills Foundation (which provides an outdoor experience in Maine for dis-

for \$10. You know all about our Maine winters so pony up and win.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Whitmore, Adjutant Pete Graves, SAL Commander John Bryant, Chairman of SAL abled veterans) and \$150 to Wreaths Across America, which coordinates wreathlaying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

Madison Perkins, a junior member of Post 39's Ladies Auxiliary, sought funds to help defray the cost of her upcoming Heritage Tour trip. Her SAL colleagues helped out. We also allocated a \$250 scholarship to Nathan Dimock, a senior at Madison High.

Don't forget about the Post 39 Facebook Page... check it out for the latest details on what's happening. Just go to Facebook.com and type in "American Legion Post 39, Madison Maine" and you'll be whisked right to the page.

Finally, it's time for our annual raffle made possible by Bob's Cash Fuel. One lucky winner will win 100 gallons of #2 heating oil or the equivalent dollar value in kerosene or propane. \$5 per ticket or \$3



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

Dates to Remember!

- February 4th Next monthly meeting @ 7pm
- February 9th Valentine's Dance 8pm-12am
- February 18th Executive Meeting @ 7pm
- February 25th Put newsletter together @ 12:30 pm



Auxiliary News...

Hello Ladies,

Remember, dues are collected in advance and are payable annually for the succeeding calendar year. A member failing to pay their annual dues by January 31st shall be classed as delinquent and suspended from all membership privileges which include voting on Unit business, holding office, participation in Unit activities, receipt of member benefits and all other privileges of membership.

We are only 25 members being paid away from reaching

out of your busy schedule? 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

Since our December meeting we voted to donate \$25 to Cedar Ridge Resident's Council in memory of Auxiliary Member Jean Fortin, \$10 to Camp CaPella (camp for adults and children with disabilities) in Holden, ME, \$50 worth of items for Camp Tall Pines, \$100 to a legionnaire member and family who lost their house in a fire, bought Christmas gifts for 2 Veterans at MVHA and for 3 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

100% for the 2019 membership year!

There are three ways to renew...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! Remember our dues are now \$25 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors.

We've increased our membership from 138 in the 2017/2018 year to 141 members this year. Out of the 144 members, we have quite a few who are over 70 years old. It seems that a handful of the over 70 members

to the world's largest women's patriotic service organization! Let's Give Back! Maybe you have skills that would benefit one of our officer positions. The first nominations for officers will take place at our next meeting on February 4th. If you're interested in filling an officer position, please plan on attending this meeting!

Our "rescheduled" Annual Turkey Supper was a success. **THANK YOU to all who**

members of Post #39 who are in nursing homes for \$143.00, \$50 each month VAVS for comfort items at Togus for December & January, paid 2 of our 4 Scholarship recipients at \$200 each.

****PLEASE REMEBER****

We continue to collect aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital as well as Box Tops and Labels for Education! are the members who remain extremely active within the organization. They do what they can - and it's a lot in my So again, this year, book. 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

helped in one way or an-<u>other!!</u> When all was said and done, we raised \$700 which will be donated to our local food cupboards.

Maxine Dube has mailed out \$20,208.78 worth of coupons since our last newsletter. A great big <u>THANK</u> <u>YOU</u> to Maxine and Barbara Wyman for their hours of gathering and cutting coupons. A special <u>THANK</u> <u>YOU</u> to all those who donate coupons.

Our next meeting will be Monday, February 4th at 7 pm. ~ <u>ALL ALA MEM-BERS ARE ENCOUR-</u> <u>AGED TO ATTEND!</u>

Yours in Service, not self,





Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings.

We have been having low attendance to our meetings this winter and the members voted the following:

NO MEETINGS THE MONTH OF: November, December, January, February and March.

We will have meetings the remaining of the months and the plan is Meet and Ride! See you April 1st!

Reminder: Time to Vote for Officers! If anyone is interested in the following positions

The next ALR Beano Sunday will be February 24 - Doors Noon and Beano open at starts at 2 pm. Your help is really needed! Please call Sharon at 696-4938 if you are able to help.

Yours in Service. Sharon Mellows-Zíacoma Secretary/Treasurer Sharon.mellows@myfairpoint.net

position, please contact me at 696-4938 before February 1, 2019. I have listed the positions and current officers below.

Director: Bob Washburn Assistant Director: Gene Dube Secretary & Treasurer: Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma Sargent at Arms: Pete Petersen Road Captain/Safety Officer: Brad Farrin Chaplain: John Ziacoma Pre Historian: Not Filled

or no longer want your current DUES: Renewal of membership is \$20 (the funds all go toward helping our fellow Vets). Please forward vour dues with any changes to address. phone#, bike info or emergency info to Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma, 122 Main St, Anson, ME 04911. By paying your dues you are keep-Riders ing our group alive! If you are age 70 or older you no longer need to pay your dues but we would appreciated updated info.



Sick Call

Steve Vieira

President's Day February 18th





Greetings from NCB 39 Battalion

During our January drill, we held a class on the proper way to clean, press and care for the dress blue uniform. Another class was held on discussing winter survival and what to do if you were caught outdoors in the winter. Topics varied with the different scenarios from being stuck in a car off the road to falling through the ice. We discussed what to have with you before heading out in the winter, such as an expected time of arrival, a planned route, and what safety equipment to have on your person. We will be putting this class to practical use during our February drill.

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 actively 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: www.ncb39bn.org

The officers and staff wish to thank the local communities, the entire Legion membership, cadet's families and friends for their untiring support of this unit.

Respectfully,

The Officers and Staff NCB39 Battalion

Want to know what's going on at <u>YOUR</u> Legion? Come to the meeting on February 4th



If anyone wants to reserve the hall, you <u>MUST</u> 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! Happy Birthday to all members born in February!!



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39

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February 4, 2019 6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING 6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR 7:00 PM MEETING





The American Legion Family

Please Remember to Pay your 2019 Dues!

Our Email address and website are: post 39@beeline-online.net

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