



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, Jan 4, 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,

A REMINDER THAT....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. The year is winding down. It's been another good year for the Post.

The new year is upon us. Charlotte and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

H. Ralph Withee
Commander

At our December meeting we voted to donate \$100 to the Skowhegan Giving Tree.

The Friday night gift wrapping for the children's Christmas party and trimming of the tree was fun. We had over 30 children at the party with Santa.

Following the party we went to Brake Hill Cemetery in Starks to lay wreaths in conjunction with Wreaths Across America. We had seven veterans involved with the ceremony and the Color Guard consisted of Sea Cadets and Legionnaires. Taps closed out the ceremony. Thankfully the weather held out. There are pictures posted on the Post's Facebook page and website.

Coffee and Dessert!

January 4th @ 6 pm

(Prior to the Regular Meeting)

Debbie Marr, Auxiliary Department President and Lillian Frace, Department District Vice President - District 4 will be visiting our Unit.

**ALL MEMBERS ARE
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

The Squadron voted on and approved the following donations: \$400 to the Home of the Little Wanderers Christmas Fund; \$200 to Special Olympics and \$100 to the family of Clint Briggs.

The winners of the Hannaford Gift Card Raffle are as follows: 1st place - \$200 - Lori Grimes; 2nd place - \$125 - Myra Roderick and 3rd place - \$75 - Randy "Track" Wyman. Thank you to everyone who bought or sold tickets.

The Bob's Cash Fuel Heating Oil Raffle has started. Look in this newsletter for tickets.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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



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

**Want to know what's
going on at YOUR Legion?
Come to the meeting on
January 4th!**

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

Dates to Remember!

- January 4th @ 7 pm - Regular Meeting**
- January 13th - Auxiliary 4th District Meeting @ 1 pm
Madison Post 39**
- January 16th - Mid Winter Conference - Spectacular
Events Center, Bangor**



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,

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. Your 2016 membership dues are now due! As of this newsletter we have 99 out of 131 members paid. We need just 33 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 \$26,735.47 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 December meeting we voted to donate \$50 to the Skowhegan Community Christmas Program to help needy families in the area, to purchase one bag with a value of \$20 for the

Christmas bags for Veterans at Togus, provide 25 back packs for the Foster Children Back Pack program.

Our Department President, Debbie Marr and our 4th District President, Lillian Frace will be joining us at our meeting on January 4th! Why not plan on joining us and hearing all the wonderful things that are happening at Department and in our District!

We served 47 people at The Soup & Chowder Sup-

per during Madison's 4th Annual Holiday Celebration. After expenses we made a profit of \$183.

The Christmas gifts were delivered to our 7 adopted Legionnaires and 3 Auxiliary members who are in nursing homes or housebound. One care package was mailed out to one of the legion members who is active duty whom we

overlooked back in March when we did these.

The Auxiliary has gained a new member. Please join me in welcoming Lisa Turner of Anson!

****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, January 4th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Yours in Service,

*Robin Turek
Auxiliary President*



Tardiff - Belanger Post #39 would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

Celebrations, parades, lights, trees, families etc. Not too many bikes around now (although it was warm enough. I saw 4 of them today!). We still meet all year. 6Pm on regular Legion night (first Monday) upstairs.

Someone commented to one of our riders that we looked "ragtag" since we did not have specific uniforms, when we did firing detail. In an effort to change our look, we voted to purchase gloves and ascots,

which we will begin using as soon as we get them.

I hope you all have a wonderful month and a Happy New Year. Don't forget to pay you dues if you haven't already. Remember the price will go up for our post if you wait till after January 1st.

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.

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 !

Sick Call



Dan Fortier

Tena Ireland (AUX)



Post Everlasting

Elinor Dubois (Aux)

12-18-15

Gerard "Chickie" Cousineau

12-18-15

Dances

Look for information regarding dances for February and March in the next newsletter!!





US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

After a very busy month of November, our December Drill of 6-8 was semi-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 classroom time covering numerous topics included in the term Communications. After lunch, another hour of Communications classroom time was completed followed by marching

run. All cadets met the standards.

It was then back to the Legion for clean-up, final formation and dismissal.

On 12 Dec, the unit assisted the Legion Post in the wreath laying ceremony at the Brake Hill cemetery in Starks as a part of the National

practice for the evening parade. The cadets then provided set-up help to the Legion Auxiliary in prep for the Soup and Sandwich public meal. Uniform change, inspection and parade prep followed.

The early evening chow consisted of soup and sandwiches provided by the Legion Auxiliary. Following chow, the cadets proceeded to the Legion parking lot where they watched the Town's fireworks display and then proceeded to the parade staging area.

Wreaths Across American event.

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-

At 1800, the 4th Annual Christmas Lights parade commenced with the unit providing the Color Guard and leading the parade. After the parade, the cadets were given free time until the 2200 Taps & Lights Out.

Sunday started a bit abnormally, reveille followed by PT, but no mile run was done. Classroom time consisted of more Communications training. After lunch, we took the cadets to the MHS track where they were evaluated on the timed mile

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**

Notes from the Service Officer



The American Legion

The American Legion Launches *Take Down Hep C* Awareness Campaign

Dear American Legion Department Service Officers,

Hepatitis C (hep C) is one of the largest health concerns facing US military veterans today. It has been suggested by several studies that a higher prevalence of hep C is seen in veterans versus non-veterans.

- Over 5% of veterans enrolled in the care of the Veterans Health Administration have hep C, a blood borne virus, which causes inflammation of the liver that can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer.
- Up to 75 percent of people with chronic hep C in the United States do not know they have it.

Most people living with the virus have no symptoms following infection.

Hep C is a blood-borne virus spread by contact with the blood of an infected individual. When left untreated, the virus can lead to cirrhosis and liver cancer. The good news is, the disease is curable – which means the hep C virus is not detectable in the blood months after treatment ends – but the key is testing.

Together we must help the veterans we serve to take charge of their health. The American Legion is working together with AbbVie, a National Corporate Alliance of The American Legion to launch the *Take Down Hep C* Campaign. This is a national movement that encourages people who are at risk to get tested for hep C antibodies.

Why are veterans at greater risk?

- Exposure to contaminated blood on the battlefield.
- Blood transfusions, blood product, or organ transplant (before 1992).
- Accidental needle stick injuries in health-care settings.

Sharing of personal items such as razors or toothbrushes.

As a Department Service Officer you have an important role to play in making this campaign a success. AbbVie will be providing The American Legion with hep C education and training materials. In addition, AbbVie's community health educators and nurse connectors will be reaching out to serve as resources. They would also like to work with you to provide your expertise to veterans they are assisting.

In the meantime, I encourage you to do the following:

Visit the campaign website www.Legion.org/TakeDownHepC to learn more about the campaign.

- Find free or low-cost testing sites in your area and encourage veterans to get tested.

Finally, get tested yourself so that you can share your experience.

Let's join together to *Take Down Hep C*.

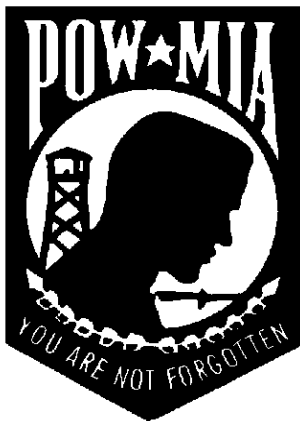
Sincerely,

Daniel S. Wheeler
National Adjutant
The American Legion

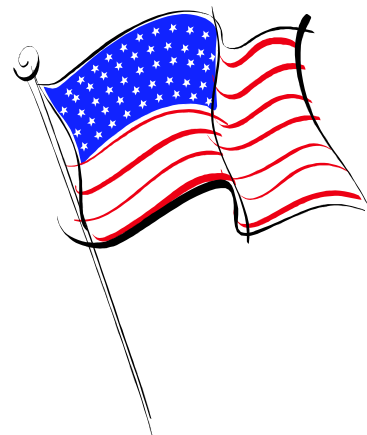


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January 4, 2016
6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM MEETING



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