



# 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 2, 2017**

**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  
NON -  
SMOKING**



## LEGION UPDATES..... From your Commander

Comrades,

We had our Flag Retirement Ceremony on December 4th. Thanks to everyone who helped.

On Friday, December 9th we had our Annual Christmas party where the adults get together to wrap the children's Christmas gifts and decorate the tree and hall. On Saturday, December 10th, Santa, along with all his helpers, handed out 30 gifts to the children. A great time was had by all!

December is going well for the Post. The Post will be closed on December 25th and January 1st in observance of the holidays. It will be open New Year's Eve with open Jukebox and refreshments.

At our December meeting we voted to donate \$200 for Wreaths Across America and \$200 to a local veteran's family for travel expenses so his children can visit him at Boston General Hospital where he is under going treatment for cancer.

Charlotte and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

God Bless America!

*H. Ralph Withee  
Commander*



**If anyone wants to reserve the hall,  
you MUST contact any bartender  
at the Legion - 696-5848  
after 3:00 pm**

**Mon & Wed - 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

Hello Squadron 39 members!

The Internet can be a great resource for new ideas. Across the country, S.A.L. folks use Facebook to show their creativity and state their priorities. Take a look at nearly any Sons Facebook page and you'll see the battle cry: "Recruitment, Recruitment, Recruitment!"

Newly installed Sons National Commander Jeff

Frain has made recruitment priority 1. A Sons Facebook page from Post 22 in Whitman, Mass. says: "National Commander Jeff Frain has initiated the charge to "take that hill" and bring those qualified into joining the American Legion Family. The Objective is for each member of the Sons of the American Legion to recruit just three Vet-

erans to join the American Legion. The repercussions of a successful operation will not only grow the American Legion but also result in those veteran's family members also joining the rest of the American Legion Family. The tactics are simple to execute and only requires you asking, 1, 2, 3 - So, who did you ask today?"

In 2017, let's bring more folks into our Post 39 family.

*Sam Whitmore,  
Adjutant  
Mark Long,  
SAL Commander  
Ron Page,  
Chairman of SAL*



## Dates to Remember!

- January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Regular Meeting
- January 16<sup>th</sup> – Executive Meeting
- January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mid-Winter Conference
- January 25<sup>th</sup> - NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE!!
- January 30<sup>th</sup> – 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,

As of this article we have 106 members out of 134 paid. That puts us at 79.10% of our membership paid. It also means **we've surpassed January membership goal! We only need 28 renewals to be at 100%! Please keep the dues coming in!! 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 or-**

der 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.

At our Craft Fair in November, we raffled off a Harvest Dinner. The winner of that is Diane Bonito. Congratulations, Diane!

Unfortunately we were not able to have a regular meeting on December 5th due to inclement weather.

We did manage a vote to donate a \$100 gas card to a local veteran's family for travel expenses so his children can visit him at Boston General Hospital where he is under going treatment for cancer.

On December 9th we, along with the Legionnaires and SAL members, gathered for our Annual Christ-

mas Party. The ladies wrapped gifts for the children's party to be held on December 10th. The men decorated the tree and the hall. This was all followed by a great selection of sandwich wraps from Subway.

Since the last newsletter, Maxine Dube has mailed out 21,887.54 worth of coupons. A great big **THANK YOU** to Maxine and all who donate

coupons. A special **THANK YOU** to all those who help to cut them for shipping.

**Our next meeting will be Monday, January 2nd at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Remember to check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and information! [https://](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39/)

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Our programs are only successful because of all that the members do through volunteering. I'd love to be able to list each one of you individually, but there are so many of you! And that's a GOOD thing. I'd like to take the time now to thank each and every one of you who do vol-

unteer and work hard in order for us to fulfill our mission of helping veterans.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Yours in Service, not self,

*Robin Turek  
Auxiliary President*



# Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

The time has finally come to put it up for the season. I was able to ride into December. In fact, I rode to the Post on Dec. 3 for the flag retirement, and I also helped with bingo.

Most people said I was crazy to ride that long, but I had a great riding season and I hope you did too.

We did not have a meeting this month, as two of our members were under the weather ( and there is not a lot going on motorcycle-wise this time of

year). Now is the time to get some things on the bike worked on.

If there is a ride you would like to take in the spring, let one of us know and we will plan it.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn  
Secretary



## THE RIDERS CREED

**R**ider 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.

**D**eeds not words create change. I will persevere against any and all things that prevent my success. My resolve and strength will overcome all obstacles.

**E**ach rider is first a member of the American Legion family. I will actively participate in and willingly support their endeavors.

**R**eally 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.

**S**uccess 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 !

**Want to know what's going on at  
YOUR Legion?  
 Come to the meeting on  
 January 2nd!!**

*Sick Call*



**EVERYONE  
 IS HEALTHY!!  
 YAY!!!**

*Post Everlasting*



*Walter Ward*  
 12-4-16

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# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

December drill was a busy one. Friday evening, 02 Dec, was the usual first evening of drill - berthing set-up and study time for homework and manuals. It also included last minute uniform prep for Saturday's planned activities. Our new Region Director, LCDR Andrew Nash and his wife visited the unit, met the cadets and then discussed the direction he would like to see the unit move towards.

Saturday morning started with Morning Colors and chow. Once chow clean-up was com-

pleted, plans were implemented for the Soup & Sandwich fundraising meal that the cadets had set for 1600-1700. With help and guidance from the staff, the cadets made three different soups and four types of sandwiches. They set up the dining area, the serving area and then worked the serving line. It was a great experience for them. Experience was gained in culinary skills and public interface.

At 1715, they watched the fireworks display and then reported to the Maple St church to provide the Color Guard for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Madison Christmas

Lights parade.

Sunday morning was not a typical one. Once the Morning Colors and chow was completed, the cadets completed taking down berthing and cleaning up the Battalion area.

At 1200, the cadets reported to the fire pit and assisted the American Legion post in its Formal Flag Retirement ceremony. They were dismissed at 1530.

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:

<http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com>

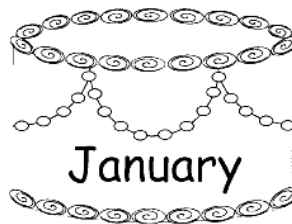
The officers and staff wish to thank the local communities, the entire Legion membership, cadet's families and friends for their untiring support of this unit.

Respectfully,

The Officers and Staff  
NCB39 Battalion



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



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

# Notes from the Service Officer

\*\*\*Taken from the newsletter of the Department Service Officer.\*\*\*

## New ADSO – Maureen Malley!



Meet our new Assistant Department Service Officer, Maureen Malley, USAF, Retired. Maureen retired from the United States Air Force at Hill AFB, Utah, prior to that she served as a Law Enforcement Specialist, stationed at Lackland AFB, Texas.

She has an Associate's Degree in Science of the Family and Human Studies, and Certificates in Business Administration, and Accounting Clerk. She arrived in Maine in November of 2015. She is a member of American Legion Post 6 in Hallowell, Maine.

She looks forward to getting trained up and starting to assist our membership and veterans in Maine and across the US.

## Veterans who are Incarcerated!

It is always important to notify the VA of any changes to your status, i.e. dependency changes. This includes incarceration. There are rules regarding receipt of payment of compensation and pension while a veteran is incarcerated. Your best course of action is to notify the VA directly (1-800-827-1000) and through your Department Service Officer. If you are married or have children, you may be able to apportion (divide) your benefits among your spouse and/or children (Under 18 or Under 23) attending college. Failure to pay attention to this and notify the VA can result in a large debt to the government!

## Dealing with Other Federal Agencies!

The Department Service Officers are accredited by the American Legion and the VA to represent you with the Veterans Benefits Administration Only!

We can and do try to assist you with other agencies (Social Security, Defense Finance and Accounting Center etc.) however, you MUST BE PRESENT in the Department Service Office. We have no standing with those organizations.

I know it can be frustrating to the veteran or spouse, but it is for your privacy and it is the law. We can help you explain your situation and try to seek resolution.

This situation also applies to the Veterans Health Administration; we can assist you in explaining your concern and help you seek assistance regarding your VA Healthcare.

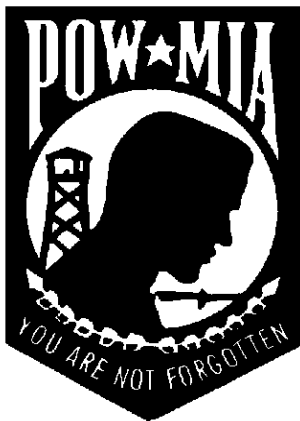


Respectfully submitted,

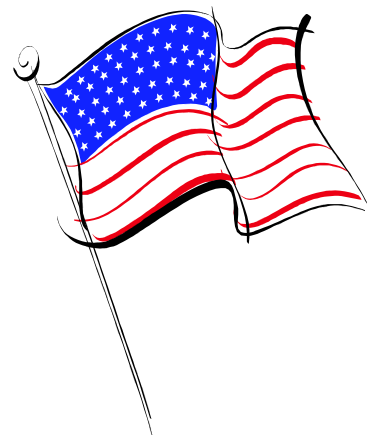
*Bob Washburn,  
Post Service Officer*

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**January 2, 2017**  
6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING  
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR  
7:00 PM LEGION, AUXILIARY  
& SAL MEETING



Our Email address and website are:  
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