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## Meetings

Legion January 8, 2024 7 pm

Auxiliary January 8, 2024 6:30 pm (NEW TIME)

Sons of the American Legion January 8, 2024 5 pm

Hall Hours: Monday - Saturday 3 pm

## **Post Officers**

Commander: Will Price
1st Vice: Bob Demchak
2nd Vice: Eric Fluet
Finance:
Adjutant: Bob Washburn
Executive: Ted Brown
Executive: Jimmy
Pinkham
Executive:
Service: Bob Demchak
Chaplin: Rich Robinson

Americanism: Ted Brown

Sgt-at-Arms: Phil Daigle









The American Legion Family

# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter

# LEGION UPDATES.....From your Commander

Comrades,

Come out and support your Post. We have things going on every day. Mondays are for Veteran's fellowship. Tuesdays. we have Cornhole Tournaments. Registration starts at 6:30pm and the tournament starts at 7pm. Wednesdays, The Sons have been putting on their world-famous dinners. Thursdays we have Cribbage from 6:30pm-9pm. Grab your partner and come on out. Fridays will be for fellowship. There will be no karaoke this month due to scheduling conflicts. Saturdays will be an open night for fellowship with our veterans, and on Sundays we have Bingo from 2-5pm.

Nominations will begin next month, start thinking of who you would like to have as your Post Officers.

\*\*\*The Executive Committee has decided to raise our dues to \$45. This is because National plans to raise dues for next year (2025). This will be for your 2025 dues. Please pass the word\*\*\*

The Post is still looking for another bartender to help with events. If you know of anyone that may be interested, have them call the post.

**Building Fund Report:** The building fund is at \$72,564.09. \$50,000 of this is in a CD yielding %5 APR for 11 months. We are doing great, but we still need to keep pushing events and continue to raise funds. We have submitted another grant for \$15,000. We are looking to use these funds to get blueprints done. We should hear something about the grant soon. Thank you to all who have participated in the ongoing and fundraisers work it takes to keep this Post operating on a day-to-day basis. We still have some work to do but we are headed in the right direction.

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on January 8th at 7pm.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be December 18th at 7pm.

Our next Family meeting will be January 15th at 5:30pm. Please get some drawings together for this meeting.

Additionally, we have coordinated with Casey's Redemption in Anson, Triple D Redemption in Norridgewock and the Solon Redemption Center and they are still taking bottle donations for our building fund.

We are still looking for Bingo volunteers on Sundays 2-5pm.

Hope you all have/had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

> Respectfully, Will Price Commander

Most people know that I have created Post 39's newsletter for the last 14 years. What you don't know is my last newsletter was the October 2023 edition. It's time for me to step down and let some new creativity come forward! I want to thank you all for allowing me to be creative with your news. Thank you for your submissions and your support over the years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my small contribution to the Legion Family. Respectfully, Robin Turek

#### PLEASE REMEBER

We continue to collect aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital!

If anyone would like 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!

# **Auxiliary News...**



Greetings, Members!

At our December 6th meeting, Membership Chair, Tammy Giguere reported that we have 95 memberships paid which puts the Unit at 67.85% paid. Unfortunately, we did not make the December goal of 75% paid. January's goal is 80% paid by January 10th. That means we need 112 members paid by then. We can do it!! Let's get those dues in! Please remember, if you have not renewed your dues your membership expires on December 31, 2023.

Our 36th Annual Craft Fair on November 11th was a success as usual! As in past years it was well attended. Thank you to all who volunteered by baking for our bake sale and/or who helped the day of the event. Harriet and I were unable to be present on the day of the event and member Sherry Medlin stepped in our places. I have been told that her feet hit the ground and never stopped running the whole day! A HUGE Thank you, Sherry! You truly exemplify the meaning of teamwork!!! I will have the breakdown as far as profit in our next newsletter.



I am saddened to report that long time member, Arlene Hoyt - 102 years young – peacefully passed away on December 14th. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. I will keep you posted on services when that information becomes available.

At our December meeting we voted to donate \$100 to United Bikers of Maine. They were asked by Governor Paul LePage to help him fundraise for the victims and their families of the Lewiston shootings. At least 3 of the victims were veterans. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers, especially during this holiday season.

Once again, our Unit was asked to participate in the "Adopt-A-Vet" program at Maine Veterans Home – Augusta. As in years past, we took the names and wishes of 10 veterans who requested 5 items each. Thank you to those members who took those names and fulfilled their wishes! The gifts were delivered last week to the Veterans Home.

Mid-Winter Conference is January 13th at Jeff's Catering, and I will be attending. I'm looking forward to bringing back all kinds of great information. In addition, the 4th District meeting is slated for January 21st at 1 p.m. and our Unit is hosting! Always wonderful information and camaraderie!!! And don't forget our next Unit Membership Meeting is January 8th at 6:30 p.m. At the time of this newsletter the meeting is slated to be in the Old Point Ave School meeting room. If that changes, I'll make sure it gets posted on our Unit FB group. Please make sure to attend as we need to make some very important decisions.

Yours in service, not self,

Robín Turek, President



Got a couple of hours to spare? We are in dire need of volunteers for the kitchen on Sunday's

## SAL Squadron #39

Greetings!

Just a reminder that the positions of Adjutant and Historian are open. Please Help!

Membership cards ARE IN!!! We're taking payment on your 2024 membership dues. Dues are \$30. Anyone with outstanding 2023 dues need to get them in! We cannot issue your 2024 cards until 2023 is paid!

The winner of the \$300 gas card raffle is Lenny Sikora. CongratFounded in 1932, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires.

ulations Lenny!

We donated \$100 to Double B Equine Rescue in Embden. They rehab neglected horses, place some in forever homes and others are used as therapy to treat PTSD.

We are doubling our donation for Wreaths Across American from 10 to 20 wreaths for placement at Coombs Mills Cemetery, Augus-

Our next membership meeting will be January

8th at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Graves, SAL Commander John Bryant, Chairman of SAL

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https://www.facebook.com/groups/ ALAUNIT39/

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Happy Birthday to all members born in January!





# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings from NCB 39 Battalion

During our December drill, we had the honor of providing a color guard to lead the town holiday parade. We had 3 recruits join us for the weekend. We had 1 high school student visit and ask questions about joining us. We had another prospect visit on Sunday. These are all positive things and give us hope for growth. During the day on Saturday, our current cadets taught some of the basic lessons to the new recruits. It was challenging for the new recruits to take in all of the information thrown at them over the two days. They all took enrollment packets, so we will hopefully see them next month.

Thank you to the American Legion family and the community for the continued support. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The staff and members.

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is open to 11-17-year-old males and females. <u>Unit growth is now our priority and we are actively recruiting within the Central Maine area.</u> 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 continued support of this unit. Together, we are helping to shape the future.

Happy Holidays!

Respectfully, The Officers and Staff NCB39 Battalion







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