

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, June 1, 2015

Cribbage: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, partners **Cribbage**: 6:00 p.m. Fridays, singles

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 Hall is NON -**SMOKING** for all Suppers and **Post Meetings** until after they have ended.

LEGION UPDATES.... From your Commander

Comrades.

Everything is going well at the Post. Please note that the Post will be closed on Memorial Day, May 25th and 4th of July!!

There have been updates on the law regarding "liquids" being brought in from the outside and we as a Post will abide by them. Effective immediately there will be NO LIQUIDS allowed from the outside into the Post.

Due to a substantial donation, the roof loan has been paid in full. Monies from the 120 Club will go in to the Caring Tree fund.

We'd like to thank the Boy Scouts for putting the flags out at the cemeteries again this year.

We will have a joint members BBQ with the VFW on July 11th. The venue is yet to be determined.

Scholarships have been selected and will be presented in June.

Thank you to all those who participated in one way or another for the Memorial Day Parade!

Thank you to Reny's who have provided the flowers around the flag pole at the Post. They look awesome!

Enjoy your summer and drive carefully!

> H. Ralph Withee Commander

Want to know what's going on at YOUR Legion? Come to the meeting on June 1st



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SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

The Squadron donated \$500 towards the legion roof fund.

The 2015-2016 membership cards will be arriving anytime between now and the end of June. Just a reminder dues are now \$25 per year.

The Third Annual Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, June 27th. We will start serving at 11:30 am and end at 2:00 pm or when we run out of food. The price will be \$8

per plate. Chicken, baked beans, assorted salads and desserts will be served. Get your tickets from this newsletter, call the Legion at 696-5848, Mark Long at 858-3855, Mark Brown at 634-5782 or see any SAL member.

Our Fifth Annual Lobster Bake will be held on Friday, August 21st from 4 pm - 7 pm.

We received a thank you card from the family of Clyde and Edward Withee whom our \$250 High School Scholarship is named in honor of these brothers.

Have a good day,

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



Please remember that there will not be a newsletter during the months of June and July. The newsletter will resume in late August.
Enjoy your
Summer!

If anyone wants to book the hall, you MUST contact
Sheila Moody
at the Legion - 696-5848
after 3:00 pm
on Wed and Thurs.

Dates to Remember!

June 1st @ 7pm - Next Regular Meeting

(Last Regular meeting until Sept 7th)

June 19-21, Bangor - Department Convention June 27th - SAL 3rd Annual Chicken BBQ - 11:30 am - 2 pm July 11th - Joint Member BBQ with VFW - venue to be Determined

August 21st - SAL 5th Annual Lobster Bake - 4 pm - 7 pm



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Auxiliary News...

Hello Ladies,

WE ONLY NEED 2 MORE MEMBERS TO PAY THEIR 2015 DUES TO MAKE 100%!! I KNOW WE CAN DO IT—Make checks payable to Madison ALA, PO Box 325, Madison, ME 04950. We can now start collecting 2016 dues if anyone wants to get an early start. The dues are still \$20.

Thanks go out to those who sold and/or bought Calendar Raffle Tickets. We sold 584 out of the 650 making a profit of

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

\$1,695 for our community charities!!!

Merrilyn Vieira with the help of Gwen Day have collected over \$800 in distributing the poppies and we have received over \$400 through the mail from businesses, Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members. Great job Merrilyn and Gwen! Anyone wanting to help them out by distributing poppies, please call Merrilyn at 635-2508.

Maxine has mailed out over \$32,000 worth of coupons since our last newsletter. Thank you,

Maxine and Barbara Wyman! Keep the coupons coming in ladies!

On May 17th our Unit hosted the 4th District meeting/installation. I'd like to thank all those who made it a success! The District ladies have been commenting on how nice it was! Thank you ladies for stepping up to the plate!

At our May meeting we voted to donate \$25 for items for the 4th District Basket; \$25 worth of raffle tickets for

the Ways & Means, \$25 worth of tickets for the District Baskets Raffles.

We did a supper for about 75 Special Olympians of Somerset County on May 8th following their day of track & field competition.

We have selected our 4 scholarship recipients.

The Annual State Convention is June 19th-21st. The Delegates will be myself, Mer-

rilyn Vieira, Sharon Mellows, Tena Ireland and Lauraine Mercier. The Alternates Sandy Ingalls and Nancy Misiaszek are attending.

PLEASE REMEBER
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, June 1st at 7 pm. <u>ALL ALA MEMBERS</u> <u>ARE ENCOURAGED TO</u> <u>ATTEND!</u>

Yours in Service,

Robin Turek Auxiliary President



Reminder

June 14th is Flag Day!

Please display your flags proudly!



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Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

Well we have finally got some decent weather for those of us who ride. John Z was able to ride to the meeting and I joked with him that it was good for me not to be the only rider who actually rides! Remember that car drivers are still not ready to see us on the road (mostly because they are not looking for us!). I had an instructor once who told me to ride my motorcycle like I was invisible. AND everyone else was blind. The only person looking out for you is you!

A few of us are planning to go to Millinocket for the summer rally July 31 to August 1. Should be a pretty good time. We would love to have a great turnout from our post. There was also talk about some people just going for Saturday, so if there is interest let one of us know so we can ride together.

We have bingo May 31. Anyone who would like to help would be great. Don't forget dues were due in April, if you haven't paid up yet.

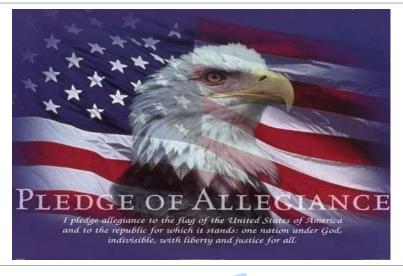
Enjoy the ride!

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn Secretary







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Olive Roberge
Rachel Spaulding
Elinor DuBois

Steve Vieira

Vincent Lovell

Leo Coro

Merton Parlín

Vaughn Mercier

Ernie Peary

Allen Lessard

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US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion (



Greetings,

April was a very busy month. We completed our normal weekend training 10-12 Apr which ended with the preparations for the National Level Petty Officer Leadership Academy training scheduled for 18-24 April.

Cadets started arriving the evening of 17 Apr from as far away as Puerto Rico. 18 Apr was the official report-in date with all cadets in-place by 1600. The day was filled with the check-in procedures and setting up each individual's berthing space. The day concluded with CO/XO time, evening chow and Team Building activities.

An 0500 reveille on Sunday morning officially started the formal training week. Cadets started each day with an hour of physical training, morning colors and chow. Formal classroom instruction, team building activities and two field trips filled the rest of the training week.

A field trip was made to the Boys & Girls Club in Waterville where the cadets received training in communications and teamwork skills through games and rock wall climbing.

Tuesday saw a field trip to the Maine State Capitol where they met with State Representatives Larry Dunphy and Brad Farrin. The two Representatives, both of whom are former military members, talked with the cadets about leadership within the military as well as life in general and from the legislative standpoint.

The Representatives then led the cadets on a tour of the Senate Chambers, The House Floor and visited the Republican Caucus that was in session. The cadets were then seated in the House Gallery where they viewed the legislative process taking place on the House Floor. The Speaker of the House formally recognized the cadets. The morning

finished with a meet with Senator Rodney Whittemore and a talk with State Representative Henry John Bear.

The training week ended with a formal graduation ceremony on Friday, 24 Apr. State Representatives Larry Dunphy and Tom Skolfield help present the graduation certificates and awards for the Honor Cadet and Honor Company.

Kudos for the help and support of State Representatives

Larry Dunphy, Brad Farrin and Tom Skolfield, Legion Post 39 Commander, Mr. H. Ralph Withee, Corporal Rick West, USMC, and the staff of the Curbside Café in making this National Advanced Training a huge success.

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. The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is open to 11-17 year old males and females. Please visit our webs it e: http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com for more information.

Respectfully,

MAJ Robert E. Demchak, USAF (Ret) Commanding Officer NCB 39 Battalion





Happy
Birthday
to all
members
Born in
June!!

Notes from the Department Service Officer

WISH LIST – MAY 2015
Department of Veterans Affairs
Voluntary Service (135)

1 VA Center
Augusta, Maine 04330
(207) 621-4886

jonathan.barczyk@va.gov

VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENTS:

- Drivers for Volunteer Transportation Network (Bethel/ Sanford/Rumford/Aroostook)
- Parking Lot Shuttle Driver (Monday-Wednesday & On-Call)
- 3. Clinic Clerical Assistant Bangor & Lincoln CBOC
- 4. Community Living Center 73Feeding patients (must complete on-sight training)
- 5. Lifeguard (3:30 pm 5:30 pm Mon-Thurs)
- 6. Information Desk (Wednesday & Friday)
- 7. Fee Services Assistant Business Service Line – (Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday)
- 8. Reminder Calls Primary Care Teams 1 & 2 (Monday-Wednesday-Friday)
- 9. Greeter Team (Wednesday)
- 10. Equipment Inventory Scanner for Nursing Service (1-2 days/week flexible days)
- 11. Voluntary Service Office Assistant (Wednesday)
- 12. Patient Rep (Friday)

Special Event Volunteer: Togus needs volunteers to help bring patients to various events held throughout the Togus Medical Center. If you are interested, please contact Voluntary Service to be added to the

E-Mail List where you will re-

ceive notices for upcoming events.

ONGOING PROGRAM SUP-PORT:

- 1. Coffee funds (provides coffee in waiting areas/wards/clinics)
- 2. Comfort Items, i.e., nail clippers, denture creams/cleaner, small body wash, toothbrush covers, deodorant, disposable razors, powders etc. (*No alcohol based products*)
- 3. Funds to purchase Canteen/ Coupon Books
- 4. Funds to purchase diabetic snacks
- 5. Newspaper funds (provides newspapers in waiting areas/wards/clinics)
- 6. Recreation General Purpose Funds to support various activities
- 7. General Welfare Funds

SPECIAL REQUESTS/ PROJECTS:

- 1. Western Paperback Books
- 2. Parking Lot Shuttle Vehicle Project
- 3. Weekly 63 Mental Health Pizza Party (\$55/wk)
- 4. Organizations to sponsor entertainment on 73 Patriot Place
- 5. Gas Cards (\$25)
- 6. Trac Phone Cards for Homeless Veterans Program
- 7. WIFI Access for 4-S (Approx. \$40/month)

NOT NEEDED AT THIS TIME:

Afghans; Jigsaw Puzzles; Used Clothing; Used Stamps; Magazines over three months old; Dental Floss; After-Shave; Hand Lotion and Envelopes. **Due to Infection Control policies we are unable to accept used**

Members can check the Post Bulletin Board and Web site for more information

clothing/bedding walkers, canes, or crutches at this time. Currently we are unable to accept personal memorabilia and artwork.

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to the Department of Veterans Affairs' General Post Fund for exclusively public purposes are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. The announcement reflects the tax law provision, which makes those donations deductible as "donations to the United States". Donations to support any of the Department's programs are deductible, whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allows the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used. Donated funds made by check should be made out to "VAVS" and sent to the address above.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Almost every month the Dept Service Officer sends Earl employment opportunities, from all over the state for veterans.

The present one he has is for April, and is 20 pages long. Some of these opportunities may still be available. Some of the companies will even pay to relocate!

For those who would like to receive the listing please contact Earl at earl049@msn.com, 049 is (zero four nine), and he will forward a copy to them. Please put employment opportunities for the subject, otherwise their email will be discarded!

For those that are interested, but do not have email, a copy will be posted on the Post Bulletin Board for you to look over while having a drink at the bar. There may even be someone there that may have information about one or more of the companies.

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6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING 6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR 7:00 PM MEETING





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