



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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June 2016

## Happenings...

### Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Social Hr.** 6:00 p.m.  
**Monday, June 6, 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,

Leading Candidate for American Legion National Commander, Charles Schmidt of Oregon visited our Post the morning of May 14th. He was very impressed with our Post with all that we do - Special Olympics, scholarships, sponsoring, how we work together to help veterans and the community. He was also impressed that we open the hall up for fundraisers, etc. Finally, the history that goes along with our Post was very impressive to him. So much so that he spent 1 - 1 1/2 hours visiting at our Post!

Please remember that May 30th is Memorial Day. The specifics are posted on page 3 of this newsletter. We are also seeking out any WWII and Korean veterans who would like to ride in a car for the parade.

BBQ on June 25th and the SAL's Lobster Bake on August 26th!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

*H. Ralph Withee*  
Commander

If interested, please be at Garret Schenck School by 9:30 a.m. on Memorial Day.

I'd like to remind you that the Madison Historical and Genealogical Society will be holding an Open House on Saturday, May 28th and Monday, May 30th from 9 am - 3 pm honoring all of our area veterans with a display of uniforms, photos, medals, certificates and other memorabilia.

At Installation, the Auxiliary President, Robin Turek and I presented Paul L'Heureux with a check in the amount of \$1,000 to donate to Special Olympics.

Don't forget there are functions happening throughout the Summer such as the SAL's Chicken

**If anyone wants to book  
the hall,  
you MUST contact  
**Sheila Moody**  
at the Legion  
696-5848  
after 3:00 pm**

## SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

The Fourth Annual Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, June 25th. We will start serving at Noon and end at 2:00 pm. The price will be \$8 per plate. Chicken, baked beans, assorted salads and desserts will be served. Get your tickets from this newsletter or call Mark Long at 858-3855.

Our Fifth Annual Lobster Bake will be held on Friday, August 26th from 4 - 7 pm. More details will be avail-

able in the next month or so. We'd love to see some new and old faces helping out at both of these functions!

We, in conjunction with the Auxiliary continue to serve our community and veterans by cooking for a couple of funeral services. We also helped a veteran in need with heating oil in conjunction with the Legionnaires.

We do have a new Adjutant that was installed, Sam Whitmore. We welcome him and know he'll do a fantastic job.

You'll hear from him starting in the September newsletter.

Hope to see many of you at the Memorial Day parade and services!

Have a safe and happy summer!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paul Turek,  
Finance Officer  
Mark Long,  
SAL Commander  
Ron Page,  
Chairman of SAL*

## Reminder

**June 14th is  
Flag Day!**

**Please display your flags  
proudly!**



## Dates to Remember!

- May 26th - 30th—The Moving Wall, Knox Museum, Thomaston
- May 30th - Memorial Day
- June 6th - Next Regular Meeting @ 7 pm
- June 17th & 18th - State Convention @ Cross Insurance Center
- June 20th – Legion Executive Meeting @ 7 pm **(NO AUXILIARY MEETING)**
- June 25th - SAL 4th Annual Chicken BBQ - Noon to 2 pm
- August 26th - SAL Lobster Bake - 4 –7 pm



# 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,

Ladies, I'm very excited and proud (of all of you) to report that we are OVER 100% membership! That means we've brought on a couple of new members! We still need to keep the renewals and new memberships coming in! Plus we can start taking payment on your 2017 memberships! I would love to represent our Unit in the "Membership March" at convention!

Ah yes, Convention! That will take place on June 17th &

18th at the Cross Insurance Center in Bangor. If you've never gone to Convention....you're missing out! Missing out on all the wonderful things that the American Legion Auxiliary is and does and all the fun! They're bringing back the Appreciation Banquet on Saturday night. It will be a murder mystery dinner and the theme is Orient Express with attendees can either dress casually or the theme of the Roaring 20's!

At our May meeting we voted to donate \$25 with the purchase of tickets for the Ways & Means

table at Convention and \$25 to the First Congregational Church in North Anson in the memory of Mirian Fenn,

Maxine Dube has mailed \$32,158.25 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!

Spring has finally sprung and summer is around the corner! This

will be the last newsletter until the end of August! Please remember to check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and information! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39/>

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER\*\***  
We continue to collect aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital as well as Box Tops and Labels

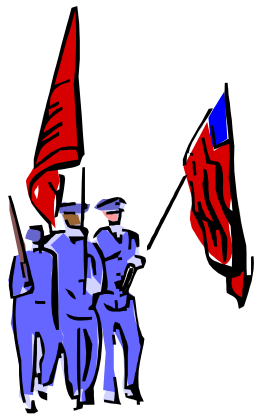
## for Education!

**Our next meeting will be Monday, June 6th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service,  
*Robin Turek*  
Auxiliary President



**Want to know what's going on at YOUR Legion? Come to the meeting on June 6th!**



## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 30TH

LINE UP AT 9 AM

AT

GARRET SCHENCK SCHOOL  
IN ANSON

PARADE IS AT 10 AM

## Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

Riding Season is here (although the weather hasn't been all that cooperative!). Its time to dig your motorcycles out of the garage and go for a ride (remember how much fun it is!). This is National Motorcycle Awareness Month, but that doesn't mean car and truck drivers are looking for us yet.

Three of us will be going down to Bath to help escort the Moving Vietnam Wall. Try to make it there even if you can-

not go with us. It (the Wall) will be in Thomaston for 5 days, and it is something every veteran should see.

We donated \$150 to Riley Coleman to help with the cost of her trip to national skills competition.

We usually do not have regular meetings in June and July. We have tried to go for rides on those regular nights, and we would love to have you join us. It was also mentioned that maybe we could ride on Saturday or

Sunday, because some people couldn't make it during the week. If you are interested in a ride on Saturday or Sunday, please let John or Brad know.

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.

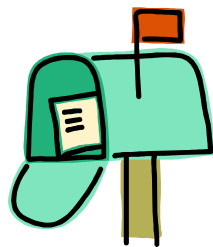
**R**eally will join other riders in activities and events which support missions. I will do so gladly knowing I volunteered to be an American Legion Rider.

**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!**

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

**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!**



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



# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

NCB39 Battalion did not hold its normal first weekend of the month drill for May 2016. Instead, it will be a 3.5 day drill over Memorial Day weekend. In addition to normal drill activities, the unit will be providing the Color Guard for the parade and the associated memorial services in Anson and Madison. The unit will support services in East Madison and Starks as well.

On 07 May, Midshipman Roger D. Coulombe, the unit's first Chief Petty Officer, graduated from Maine Maritime Academy.

The guest speaker for the commencement ceremony was General Joseph Dunford, USMC, who is the current Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. After the ceremony, Midshipman Coulombe spoke at length with the General.

Effective 01 May, I have assumed the additional duties of the NSCC Regional Director for Region 015. With it comes the NSCC rank of Lieutenant Commander. I have exercised the option to continue to use my retired military rank.

I, on behalf of the entire battalion, wish to thank the local com-

munities, 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 website: <http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com> for more information.

Respectfully,

*MAJ Robert E. Demchak,  
USAF (Ret)*



*Commanding Officer  
NCB 39 Battalion*



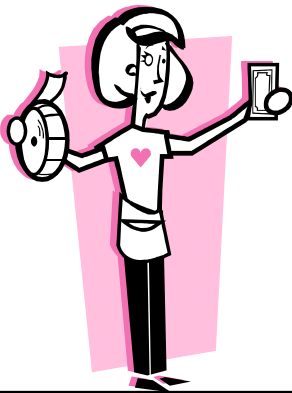
## Sick Call

*Vaughn Mercier*

## Post Everlasting

*Miriam Fenn (AUX)  
4-27-16*

*Jimmy Daigle  
5-4-16*



## 120 CLUB WINNERS

4/1 - Harriet Bryant  
4/15 - Tena Ireland  
4/29 - Maxine Dube  
5/13 - Clara Washburn

4/8 - Dean Olmstead  
4/22 - Carol Shibley  
5/6 - Barbara Poissonnier  
5/20 - Delores Weston

# Notes from the Service Officer

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

<http://www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary/disability/crsc.html>

## Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC)

**Attention Military Retirees with 20 or more years of Service who are receiving between 10-40% VA disability and meet the other criteria outlined below.**

Combat Related Special Compensation (CRSC) is a program that was created for disability and non-disability military **retirees** with combat-related disabilities. It is a tax free entitlement that you will be paid each month **along with** any retired pay you may already be receiving.

### **Eligibility**

To qualify for CRSC you must:

- be entitled to and/or receiving military retired pay
- be rated at least 10 percent by the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA)
- waive your VA pay from your retired pay
- file a CRSC application with your Branch of Service

Disabilities that may be considered combat related include injuries incurred as a direct result of:

- Armed Conflict**
- Hazardous Duty**
- An Instrumentality of War**
- Simulated War**

### Retroactive Payment

In addition to monthly CRSC payments, you may be eligible for a retroactive payment. DFAS will audit your account to determine whether or not you are due retroactive payment. An audit of your account requires researching pay information from both DFAS and VA.

This is handled outside the VA. Here is the link to the DFAS website for more information and to apply.

**Saturday, May 21, 2016** - DSO Visit to the Island of Vinalhaven, ME for a presentation to veterans.

**May 26-30, 2016** – The Moving Vietnam Wall will be in Thomaston, ME. Contact the Knox Museum for more information. (207-354-8062). Address: 30 High Street, Thomaston, ME 04861. They are looking for volunteers to assist with the event. Contact Tobin Malone or Matthew Hansbury.

- Veterans or Widow on a **PENSION**, not compensation or DIC. MUST notify the VA, in writing, through the VSO if possible, about ANY income from other sources, to include Social Security, or they risk incurring a debt to the Government. We are seeing more and more of this and the debt can be SUBSTANTIAL!! Call if you have any questions! Ensure veterans understand the rules of compensation and pension; and for what they are being compensated for; disability, spouse, children. Failure to understand the “why” may result in overpayments and financial hardship for the veteran and his/her family.
- Always dial 911 first in a medical emergency. Except in a medical emergency, eligible veterans must go through the VHA when obtaining healthcare. Do not get stuck with medical bills by not getting pre-authorization for all but true emergency healthcare. You also MUST meet VHA eligibility. (You must notify the VHA within 72 hours of release of medical emergency treatment)
- It is important to note that the VA has pretty much gone paperless, so the Department Service Office no longer gets copies of all correspondence going to veterans in regards to claims. You MUST call when receive any paperwork from the VA to ensure the best service.

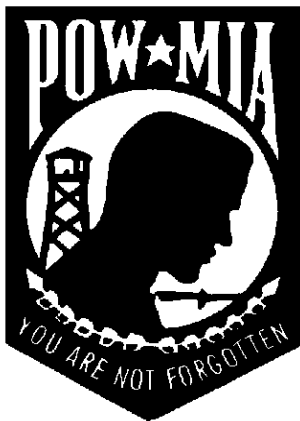
Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn,

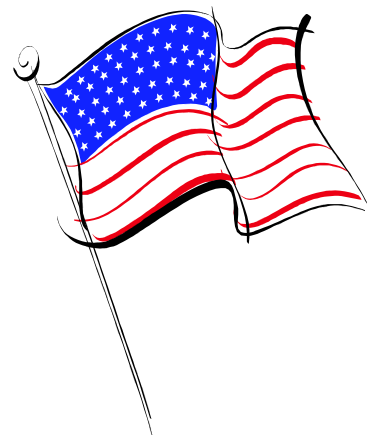
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**June 6, 2016**  
**6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING**  
**6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR**  
**7:00 PM MEETING**



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<http://www.mainelegionpost39.org>