



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 5, 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,

Memorial Day

No veteran needs to be reminded of the reason Memorial Day must be commemorated.

Why remember? Sacrifice is meaningless without remembrance. Far too often the nation as a whole takes for granted the freedoms all Americans enjoy. These freedoms were paid for with the lives of others few of us actually knew. That's why they are all collectively remembered on one special day. By honoring the Nation's war dead, we preserve their memory and thus their service and sacrifice.

The new American and Canadian flag poles at Forest Hill Cemetery (by their monument), will be done by Memorial Day.

We need WWII, Korean, and Vietnam veterans and all others for the parade. Let's have a good showing!

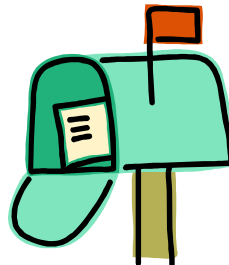
Have a happy and safe holiday.

Hope to see you then!

H. Ralph Withee
Commander



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!



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NEWEST
SPONSORS!**

SAL Squadron #39

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

The Sons are proud to announce that Post 39 attracted 11 new members in the 2016-2017 membership year. Our newest arrival is Kasey Ireland, son of Jeff Ireland (S.A.L.) Tena Ireland (Ladies Auxiliary). Kasey heads to Army boot camp in July and wanted to get his Sons membership card before he embarks on his great and patriotic adventure.

Don't miss the S.A.L.'s chicken barbecue on Sat. Jun. 24, starting at 12

noon. The menu: chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad and coleslaw and dessert — quite a feast for eight bucks.

At the May meeting the squadron voted to donate \$350 to the Special Olympics. A \$100 gift will go through the Madison-Anson ATV Club. The Sons granted an additional \$250 directly, for Special Olympians local to the Madison area.

The Sons also voted to sponsor two high school students to attend American Legion Boys State and American Le-

gion Auxiliary Girls State, the premier programs for teaching how government works.

Treasurer Paul Turek last month attended the American Legion State Officers testimonial dinner at Post 2 in Augusta. All enjoyed a hearty dinner and shared a few laughs. Thank you Paul for representing Squadron 39 at the testimonial.

Nicole Rich won our firewood raffle and walks away with two cords of cut and split wood, donated by Randy

Wyman. It's sure to be perfectly seasoned once the temps get cold again.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Reminder

**June 14th is
Flag Day!**

**Please display your
flags proudly!**



Dates to Remember!

- May 29th - Memorial Day
- June 5th - Regular Meeting @ 7 pm
- June 16th & 17th - State Convention @ Spectacular Events
- June 19th - Executive Meetings (**NO MEETING FOR ALA**)
- June 24th - SAL 5th Annual Chicken BBQ - Noon to 2 pm
- July 15th - Joint BBQ with the VFW hosted at Post 39
- July 29th - Auxiliary Vendor/Direct Sales Fair - 9am-2pm
- August 24-27th Madison-Anson Days
- August 25th - SAL Lobster Bake - 4-7pm



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,

I am elated to announce that the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Maine was the first to reach 100%! No other State has hit this goal as of yet! That is a true testament of working our Mission Statement and our passion for our veterans. That doesn't mean we can stop focusing on membership though! We still have some members who have not paid their renewals and we always welcome new members!

Since the last newsletter, Maxine Dube has mailed out \$21,514.84 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.

At our May meeting we voted to donate \$25 to Somerset Hospice in memory of Sharon Holt, \$100 to Operation Military Kids, \$600 to the VAVS for comfort items and \$100 to Somerset Special Olympics.

We have 5 girls and 2 boys from Carrabec High School and 2 girls and 1 boy from Madison Area Memorial High School attending Dirigo Girls and Boys State. **A big Thank You to the Legion Riders, SAL and VFW Men's Auxiliary for helping with the sponsorship, that we are able to send all of them.**

For the months of July and August, you'll notice a collection box in the Legion Hall for school supplies.

(Thank you, Charlotte Withee for decorating it!) We are asking any member of the Post to donate school supplies to fill the backpacks we hand out to the schools in the fall. These backpacks are for those students who may not be able to afford supplies otherwise.

On April 29th we hosted our first ever Calendar Dinner. It was a sold out affair and a good time was had by

aries, It Works Global, Thirty-One Gifts, LuLaRoe, and so on. Make sure you stop by to see all the wonderful products offered!

I don't think I say this often enough, but **THANK YOU** to all the members who volunteer so much of their time. Without you we wouldn't be able to do all the won-

derful things we do for our veterans, their families and our community. **LADIES, YOU ROCK!!**

As in the past few years, we hosted a banquet for the Somerset Special Olympians. They were all so excited to get dressed up and have dinner together. And to show off their medals too! It's wonderful to see the smiles on their faces.

Summer is upon us and June 5th will be our LAST meeting of the summer. La-

derful things we do for our veterans, their families and our community. **LADIES, YOU ROCK!!**

Our next meeting will be Monday, June 5th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Remember to check out our Facebook page for upcoming

dies, we're super busy during the summer months even though we do not have regular meetings. Events are posted under "Dates to Remember"! Such as July 29th we're having our very first "Vendor/Direct Sales Fair". This is where local Direct Sale Representatives can show you the wonderful products they sell. Such vendors would include Paparazzi Accesso-

events and information! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39/>.

Yours in Service, not self,



*Robin Turek
Auxiliary President*

Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

LET'S RIDE!

Reminder to everyone the second, Wednesday of every month from April to October anyone with a motorcycle or vehicle will meet at the Madison Legion Hall @ 5 pm for a RIDE & DINE! This is a rain or shine event and ALL are welcome. Also, SAL'S have a dinner that night at 5 pm for those who would like to eat at the Hall. COME RIDE WITH US!

We donated \$250 to Somerset Special Olympics and presented the check at the Special Olympics dinner on Friday,

May 5th to Maxine Bussell, MS 2017 Walk \$100 donated and the Chapter sponsored two girls to attend Dirigo Girl's State.

The 2017 Summer Rally will be sponsored by the Madawaska Chapter and will be held July 28th, 29th and 30th. If any member would like to attend, please book your rooms NOW as they are filling up fast. Contact Bob Washburn or Kaye Bouchard for more info.

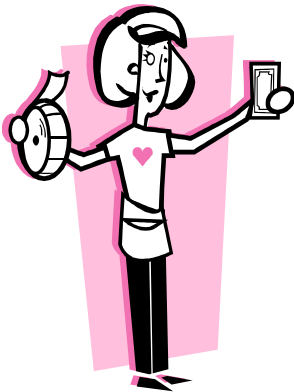
Sunday, May 28th is the ALR Beano and doors open @ noon

and Beano starts @ 2 pm. ALR workers are needed. Please call Bob W or Sharon M if you are able to help out.

Monday, May 29th is MEMORIAL DAY and those who would like to participate, please meet at the Garret Schenck school in Anson @ 9:30 am for line up. Let's Honor Our Falling!

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma
Secretary



120 CLUB WINNERS

- 4/28 Randy Turner;
- 5/5 Jeffrey Sproul
- 5/12 Ann Heald
- 5/19 Tom Dillon

**Want to know what's
going on at
YOUR Legion?
Come to the meeting on
June 5th!!**



Sick Call

Nunzio Biondello
Norman Alderman



Post Everlasting

Gregg "Condo" Wilkinson
(SAL)
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US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



After a quiet month in April, our cadets will be busy with two drills in May. May 5-7 was our first drill. Friday night, we had two new cadets enroll in the program. Slowly, but surely, we are growing.

We helped support the Marine Corps League with their Luck of the Draw auction on Saturday. The Cadets helped with running the goods to the winner and with clean up.

Also on Saturday, Cpl West worked with the cadets in getting them ready for the parade on Memorial Day. Uniforms

were issued to the new cadets and all Dress White uniforms were inspected for size and condition before the parade and services on Memorial Day.

We currently have six cadets attending boot camp in July at Fort Devens, Mass. This will be an intense two weeks for these cadets, but it is all part of the program.

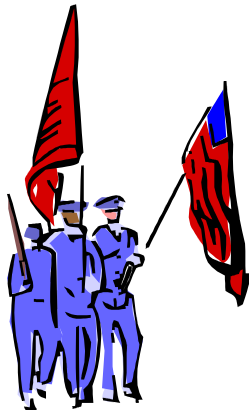
We are always looking for adults who may want to share their knowledge or skills with our cadets. Please contact us if interested.

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



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 29TH

LINE UP AT 9 AM AT GARRET SCHENCK SCHOOL IN ANSON. PARADE IS AT 10 AM

Other Ceremonies:
1:00 pm - East Madison
2:00 pm - Starks
3:00 pm - Madison VFW

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

Happy Birthday to all members born in June!



Notes from the Department Service Officer

Excerpts Taken From “The Maine Legionnaire” February 2017 Edition.

Camp Lejeune Claims!

The VA is accepting claims for compensation from those veterans who served at Camp Lejeune for a period of 30 days during certain years. This information has already been provided under separate cover.

If you have submitted for the Camp Lejeune conditions and were denied, you must resubmit your claim!

Contract Comp and Pen Exams!

Let your folks know that comp and pen exams (rating exams) are now being done by contractors. The companies being used are QTC and VES. If they get calls from these organizations trying to schedule an exam. They should be legitimate.

Upcoming PSO/DSO Presentations and other dates!

MAY 2017

Tuesday, May 13th, 2017, Installation at Post 202, 2pm.

Friday, May 19th, 2017, Limited staffing at the DSO. The DSO will out of Office.

Saturday, May 20th, 2017, Indoor Flea Market at Sabattus Post 135.

Monday, May 29th, 2017, Memorial Day Parade, Sabattus, Post 135.

Tuesday, May 30th, 2017, PSO Seminar

JUNE 2017

Friday and Saturday, 16-17 June 2017 – State Convention Bangor, ME
Sunday 18 June, 2017 – DEC Meeting, Bangor, ME

If you would like the Department Service Office to present at your Area or District meeting please contact us at amedeo.lauria@va.gov or call 207-623-5726, to make arrangements; please have the date, time and location available when calling or emailing.

We *do not* normally present at the post level, due to limited resources; exceptions can be made if your post is hosting a large regional veteran’s event.

One hour minimum is required for a DSO presentation. Also, the PSO training, at this time, is only conducted at the Department Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn,
Post Service Officer



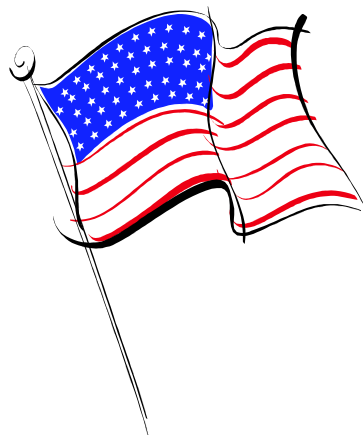
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June 5, 2017
6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM LEGION, AUXILIARY
& SAL MEETING



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