



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



Volume XIII, Issue V

June 2019

## Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

**Legion, Auxiliary  
& SAL**

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Social Hr.** 6:00 p.m.  
**June 3, 2019**

**Legion Riders**  
**June 5, 2019**  
**6 pm**

**Cribbage:** 6:30 p.m.  
*Thursdays, partners*

**Big Cribbage (Singles)**  
**June 15th**

*Sign up - 8am-10am*  
*Game starts @ 10am*

**Bingo:** 2:00 Sundays  
*Doors open at 12 pm*

**HALL HOURS:**  
**Mon - Sat**  
**3 pm**

**The Post is  
NON-SMOKING**



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

Comrades,

As a reminder, the 120 Club enrollment is still open and we now more than 100 members signed up. The banquet is scheduled for October 5, 2019 and members will have a choice of two lobsters or prime rib or baked chicken with all the fixings. Please inform the on-duty bartender or any Post Officer with what your choice will be. Meal planning is underway. The band, "Dime Store Heros", has been booked for the dance afterwards and the Post will open for the dance at 8PM for post membership and guests with a \$5.00 per person cover charge. The cover charge, three drinks of choice and banquet are included in the 120 Club membership cost.

The General Membership meeting was held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM with an Executive Committee meeting afterwards where the Committee approved restricting all alcoholic drinks from the kitchen area at all times. During the

celebration. The "Davidson County Line Band" has been booked for the dance.

The Post's Funeral Services Team has provided services for six veterans with two more currently scheduled. The families of those veterans have expressed sincere gratitude to the Post for helping them through their grief.

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 marker flags were placed on Veterans' gravesites in the local cemeteries. The Sea Cadet unit,

General Membership meeting it was voted to donate a \$15 Bingo Package to benefit the Luck of the Draw fundraiser for the Maine Leatherneck Detachment Marine Corps League and \$300 to sponsor a male student from Madison Area Memorial High School for Dirigo Boy's State.

A Post Advisory Committee was formed and is comprised of the Post Commander and Finance Officer, the Legion Auxiliary President and Treasurer, The SAL Commander and Finance Officer and the Legion Riders Director and Treasurer. The Committee is charged with coordinating Post activities. The Committee met May 13<sup>th</sup> and coordinated events for the Memorial Day parade which is scheduled to start May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10AM and the Memorial Services in Anson, Madison, East Madison, Starks and at the Madison VFW Hall. Additionally, plans were put into motion for a dance on August 24<sup>th</sup> as part of the Madison/Anson Days

the Anson Boy Scouts and volunteers helped in this endeavor.

Please visit the Post's website and Facebook Page for current information of interest to the Post membership.

Respectfully,

*Bob Demchak*  
*Commander*

## SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

Gabrielle and Madolynn Hughes are winners of the Edward and Clyde Withee Memorial Scholarship. Both are graduating seniors at Carrabec High. Gabrielle is headed for nursing; Madolynn prefers radiology tech. Both have excellent GPAs and have family ties to Post 39 so they are deserving winners of the \$250 grants. Congratulations to both.

Be sure to get your tickets to win a \$200 Reny's gift certificate.

Remember now, if you win, don't just walk out of the store with 25 cases of Rolos -- think about all the wonderful merchandise right next door to us in Madison. Clothing, toys, gifts... Reny's has it all. Drawing ticket prices: \$5 each, three for \$10. The winning name will be drawn June 22nd at the Post. Let it be yours!

Have you been to Post 39's yummy Wednesday dinners yet? If not, you are missing out on amazing food and prices under \$10 every time.

Monday, Jun. 3 will be the last monthly Sons meeting... we break during the summer months. So c'mon down and take part and get to know your fellow members. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sam Whitmore,  
Adjutant  
Pete Graves,  
SAL Commander  
John Bryant,  
Chairman of SAL*

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TO OUR  
SPONSORS  
PLEASE  
SUPPORT  
THEM!!**

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & SERVICES MONDAY, MAY 27TH



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

**SERVICES:  
1 PM - EAST MADISON  
2 PM - STARKS  
3 PM - MADISON VFW**

### Dates to Remember!

- May 27<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Regular meeting @ 7pm
- June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – Department Convention
- June 17th - Executive Meetings @ 7pm
- July 15th - Executive Meetings @ 7pm
- June 22nd - SAL BBQ
- August 22nd - 24th - Madison Anson Days
- August 23rd - SAL Lobster Bake
- August 24th - Dance - Davidson County Line Band 8pm - 12am
- September 9th - Regular Meeting (starts back up)



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

# Auxiliary News...

Hello Ladies,

Warmer weather is coming—I'm sure of it! Just a reminder that there are no monthly meetings for July and August. Also, there will not be a newsletter produced again until the end of August.



I am excited to tell you that we have succeeded in obtaining 100% membership again

this year! Great job in getting your dues in. We were able to obtain 100% by recruiting some new members. YAY!! We still have a few members who have not paid their 2019 renewals. Please get them in so you don't lose your continuous years! We will be collecting the 2020 membership dues soon. There are three ways to renew...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! Remember our dues are now \$25 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors.

We have 2 new members! Please welcome Lu-Wana Nile from Anson! Also, let's welcome Diane Pinkham who has transferred in from another Unit.

At our May meeting we voted to donate: \$15 Bingo Package to the Maine Leatherneck Detachment Marine Corps League for their Luck of the Draw

Fundraiser and a 4 foot table to Maplecrest Living Center & Rehabilitation.

Our May Basket Dinner was a great success! Thank you to Sharon Ziacoma, Charlotte Withee and all who helped make it the success it was. A great time was had by all!

May 27th is Memorial Day! If you'd like to participate

(march or ride) in the parade, please meet at **GARRET SCHENCK SCHOOL IN ANSON AT 9 AM!**

Once again, this year, we will have a booth at the Craft Fair during Madison-Anson Days. We are in need of volunteers to work the booth. If you wish to volunteer a couple of hours, please contact me at 696-8289.

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER\*\***

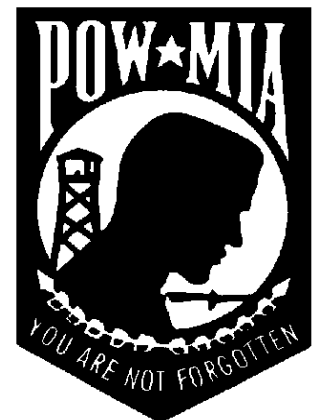
We continue to collect aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital as well as Box Tops and Labels for Education!

Yours in Service, not self,

*Robin Turek  
Auxiliary President*



**Happy Birthday  
to all members born in June,  
July  
& August!!**





## Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

Remember our meetings have changed to the **FIRST, WEDNESDAY** at 6 PM the months of February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September and October. There will be a brief meeting and after meeting any member wishing to take a ride together may do so. Please make note there will be **NO** meetings the months of November, December and January.

Till further notice the ALR will no longer have the Bingo every other month.

We have 11 members currently:

Pete Petersen – Director – 431-9678

Gene Dube – Assistant Director – 399-7630

Secretary and Finance Officer– Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma – 696-4938

Sgt-At-Arms – Bob Washburn – 485-1072

Road Captain & Safety Officer – Brad Farrin – 614-4123

Chaplain – John Ziacoma – 696-4938

**MEMBERS:**

Shirley Emery

Erwin Emery

Lynn Bouchard

Jeff Drew

Norman Alderman

**SUPPORTERS:** Shirley Carpentier and Vinnie Santoni

**DONATIONS:** \$100 for the POW/MIA Freedom Car, \$100 Caring Tree, \$150 to Angel Flight, \$100 to YMCS for Military Children and \$250 for Somerset Special Olympics

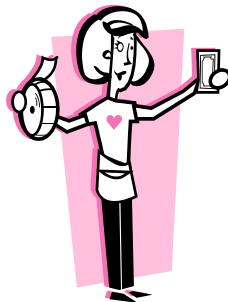
**ANY RIDER MEMBER WISHING TO RIDE IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE, PLEASE MEET AT THE GARRET**

**SCHENCK SCHOOL AT 9 AM ON MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>.**

Yours in Service, not self,

Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma  
Secretary/Treasurer

[Sharon.mellows@myfairpoint.net](mailto:Sharon.mellows@myfairpoint.net)



**120 CLUB WINNERS**  
(Since last Newsletter)

5/3 - Lisa Turner  
5/10 - Pete Graves  
5/17 - Ramona Frazier



**Legion:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162377067246838/>

**Auxiliary:**

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

**SAL:**

<https://www.facebook.com/SAL-Squadron-39-Madison-Maine-1050371371678606/>



# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings from  
NCB 39 Battalion

Our unit has been busy so far in May and will continue to be busy this summer. At the beginning of May our unit assisted the Marine Corps League with a Luck of the Draw on Saturday and then helped the Legion place flags at Veteran Graves in Starks and Madison.

Memorial Day our unit is planning to lead the parade in Anson and Madison. We will then be joining in multiple ceremonies in surrounding communities. At the end of Memorial

Day, we will bid farewell to 3 of our cadets who will be graduating from high school. Our Chief Petty Officer Conner Fennell is planning to join the Navy, Petty Officer Third Class Zeb Gagne is looking to enlist in the Army and Petty Officer Third Class Isaac Larlee is exploring his options, but wants to continue with the unit as a Midshipman.

We have 2 cadets attending Recruit training at Fort Devens this summer, 1 cadet attending League Orientation in Rhode Island and 2 adult staff attending training in South Portland.

We wish everyone a safe summer and look forward to seeing you in August.

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/>

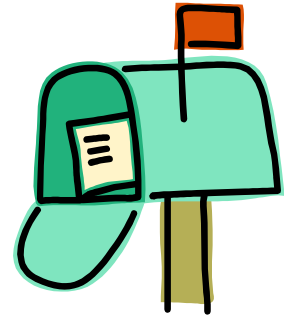
Website: [www.ncb39bn.org](http://www.ncb39bn.org)

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.

Respectfully,

The Officers and Staff  
NCB39 Battalion

**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 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!**

## *Post Everlasting*

*Victor Carrigan 5-17-19*





# Notes from the Department Service Officer

## \*\*\*Excerpts Taken From DSO Newsletter\*\*\*

The year is winding down, elections are happening across the state and new leadership teams are being installed. This event hopefully comes with fresh new ideas on how to help the post, district, and department. I truly am excited to see where we as a legion go. One thing that will not change is the need for service officers in the legion family. I hope you noticed that I typed legion family. I believe that we are all in this together. The legion, auxiliary, sons, and riders. I should expect more of the legion family to come to my service officer's seminar. I know we all want to help when we see a veteran struggling. The seminar only helps you do that.

From the day I started here I wanted to conduct more outreach. To move in that direction, we have gone paperless in filing claims. We fill out the paperwork, sign the forms electronically, then directly upload it into the VBA system. Once we moved past that hurdle the next step was to be able to remotely access the VBA system from a laptop. I am proud to say that all the efforts proved very positive. I can now go to Madawaska, Maine access the VBA system and submit files there. This marks a whole new level of outreach. Who knows what the next step is going to be. I may just show up at a post for some coffee and file claims. This is all very exciting, I cannot wait to see where these take us.

The Appeals Modernization Act went live on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. This marks a considerable change to not only the way appeals are filed but also claims. There are more options for the veteran to choose from. I have listed the different options below with a brief explanation of each.

Supplemental Claim Lane- This lane is used if you have ever filed a claim for a condition and it was denied. No matter when it was filed, and you must have new and material evidence.

Higher Level Review lane- This lane is used when you find a clear and unmistakable error on the VA.

Appealing to the Board of veterans appeals has three lanes; they are:

Direct docket – appellant receives a direct review by BVA based on the evidence before VBA in the decision on appeal. No new evidence allowed. The record is closed.

Evidence Submission – appellant may submit evidence within the 90-day window following submission of the NOD. There is no duty to assist and the record is otherwise closed.

Hearing – appellant will be scheduled for a BVA hearing. Additionally, the appellant may submit evidence within the 90-day window following the scheduled hearing. BVA does not have a duty to assist and the record is otherwise closed.

Please advise all veterans to contact this office if they disagree with a claim decision. This office can help the veteran through this process.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn,  
Post Service Officer

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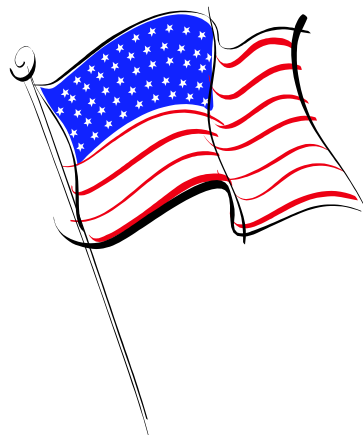
**June 3, 2019**

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING

**Legion Riders**

**June 5, 2019 at 6 pm**



**14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Flag Day**

Our Email address and website are:

**post 39@beeline-online.net**

\*\*\*\*\*<http://www.mainelegionpost39.org>\*\*\*\*\*