



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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June 2020

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Legion Meeting:
June 1st at 7 pm

Auxiliary Meeting:
June 2nd at 6 pm

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Cribbage: 6:30 p.m.
Cancelled until further notice
Thursdays, partners

Big Cribbage (Singles)
Cancelled until further notice
Sign up - 8am-10am
Game starts @ 10am

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Bingo: Cancelled
until further notice

CLOSED
HALL HOURS:



LEGION UPDATES.....From your Commander

Comrades,

Due to health concerns during this Corona Virus outbreak, the Post 39 Hall remains closed. It does look like we may be able to open on 01 July. Watch the Post Facebook Page for updates.

We have restarted the Wednesday SAL dinners as takeaways for the time being. Due to increased costs, the standard fare dinners are now \$10.00 a meal. Meals can be picked up at the rear area outside the Hall.

Our Memorial Day Parade has been cancelled. However, there will be limited Memorial Services at the memorials in Starks, Anson, the Madison/Anson bridge, Madison Library Memorial, Forest Hill Cemetery Memorial and the East Madison Memorial.

207-696-5848 or email the Post.

The Post's finances are in good shape and we should, in the short-term, be able to get through this Corona Virus outbreak. The Post has been approved for the Small Business Loan as a part of the Stimulus package signed by President Trump for \$5577. This loan has restrictions on uses of the funds.

Barring any unexpected changes, the General Membership meeting for 01 June will take place upstairs at the Hall.

During this shutdown, please continue to support our Post through selling and/or purchasing chances for our Calendar Raffle. Please note, we have had to adjust the Calendar Raffle from May until June. Please see the enclosed flyer. We have posted the change on our Facebook Page and Website.

Additionally, we still have openings for membership in the 120 Club. We have adjusted the 26-week schedule and have moved the Banquet to New Year's Eve. The membership fee can be mailed directly to the post. That address can be found on our website. These two items are currently our only source of income to support our Veteran Support activities. Questions? Call the post at

Please continue to support the Post functions and events and visit the Post's website and Facebook Page for current information of interest to the Post membership. Those addresses are elsewhere in this newsletter.

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!

We have started our Wednesday Dinners back up. The only difference is it is curbside take-out only. You can find out what is being served each week by visiting the SAL Facebook page. The cost is \$10 per meal.

It is possible that we will be having a June meeting. Keep an eye on the SAL Facebook page for further information.

The status of the Chicken BBQ and Lobster Bake is unknown at this time.

One last item: stay in touch with all Post 39 happenings — visit the Post web site at <https://www.mainelegionpost39.org/>. Also check out our Facebook page: SAL Squadron 39, Madison, Maine.

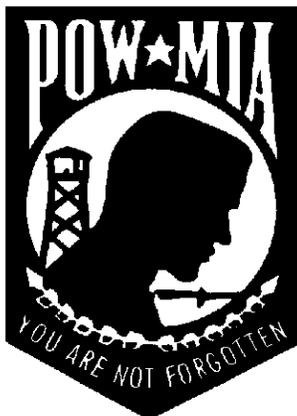
Respectfully submitted,

Paul Turek
Finance Officer
Pete Graves,
SAL Commander
John Bryant,
Chairman of SAL

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

**Not Available For Rent
Until Further Notice**

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!



Happy Birthday
to all members
born in June!!



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,

GOOD NEWS!! We can have a meeting!! WOOHOO!! I am scheduling our Regular Meeting on **Tuesday, June 2nd at 6 pm**. Please note the different day and time!!! The Legionnaires will be meeting on June 1st so I thought it would be better if we met on a different night in order to keep with "social distancing".

As most of you know, due to the COVID 19 outbreak, the Post and all activities thereof have been cancelled until further no-

tice. This includes the Italian Dinner, spearheaded by Sharon Ziacoma, has been cancelled as well. She is planning on holding it next year.

In addition, the State Convention scheduled in June is cancelled.

In the meantime, are you working the ALA Mission? Checking on a sister ALA member, Legionnaire, your neighbor, others in the community who might be in need? Even though we're not meeting, we can ALWAYS be supportive of others!

Don't forget about our Legion Family Calendar Raffle! There is still time to purchase tickets!!

May is "Poppy Month"! Merrilyn Vieira is working hard to get the annual letters out. Please remember that because of the restrictions due to Covid 19, Merrilyn is unable to sit outside Reny's and Campbell's to collect donations this year. At this time, the only means of donations will be through our mailing. ALL donations for poppies are used on veterans only!

And of course it's time to talk membership! We are currently at 142 paid members out of 152 total members. This puts us at 93.4%. We missed out on the April and May goals. We're sooo close to 100%! Let's get on the phones, email, message or text those non-renewed members! We can do this!! Harriet Bryant, our Membership Chair, has a current membership list.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of

member Shari Freese. Please keep her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

Last, but definitely not least, I'd like to talk a bit about our "100 Challenge". Our goal was to collect 100 toothbrushes and 100 toothpastes to be donated to Children and Youth for the Foster program. You not only met that goal but exceeded it! We have collected 178 toothbrushes and 200 toothpastes! WELL

DONE!!! THANK YOU to all who donated!

****PLEASE REMEMBER****

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

Yours in Service,
not self,



Robin Turek
Auxiliary President

Thank You

Thank you to all those who volunteered your time on Saturday, May 16th, to place flags at the various area cemeteries in honor of Memorial Day!



Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings!

There is nothing to report at this time.

Yours in Service,

Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma
Secretary/Treasurer

Sharon.mellows@myfairpoint.net



THE RIDERS CREED

Rider 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.

Deeds not words create change. I will persevere against any and all things that prevent my success. My resolve and strength will overcome all obstacles.

Each rider is first a member of the American Legion family. I will actively participate in and willingly support their endeavors.

Really 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.

Success 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 !

Sick Call

Yay!!

*Everyone is
healthy!*



Post Everlasting

Matthew Pratt - 11/20/2019
Raymond Soucy - 4/27/2020
(Aux) Shari Freese - 5/2/2020



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 was last together the beginning of March. In this time of craziness, we are still planning trainings for the summer. We are not allowed overnight training until the end of August at the earliest. Some of our training will be held online, and some will be day training in some form. We will be attempting some virtual meetings as allowed. We will get through this and be better prepared.

Thank you for continued support.

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

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

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & SERVICES MONDAY, MAY 25TH

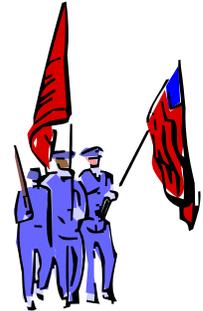
**PARADE
CANCELLED**

SERVICES:

- 9 AM at the Starks town office.
- Approximately 9:30 at the Anson Town Office.
- Stop on the bridge to put flowers in the river.
- Service at the Madison library approximately 10AM.
- Service at the US Canadian monument at Forest Hills Cemetery approximately 10:30 AM.
- Last service in East Madison about 11 AM

PARTICIPANTS ONLY!

If you want to attend please park and stay in your vehicle.



Dates to Remember!

- May 25th - Memorial Day
- June 1st - Legionnaires Regular Meeting @ 7 p,m
- June 2nd - Auxiliary Regular Meeting @ 6 pm



Notes from the Department Service Officer

We are here to assist you. I know that most of you are conducting buddy checks at the post level. If you come across a veteran that needs help, call us. The worst part of this is the isolation. That is why buddy checks are so important. Reach out to your post members to see how they are doing.

The VA is still closed to visitors for now. I have a meeting with the senior staff tomorrow to talk about the way ahead. Hopefully they will start to relax some of the restrictions that are in place. It would be nice to see clients face to face again.

The VBA has adjusted how they do business, which will affect how all agent orange claims are processed. The veteran will not notice the difference because it is internal to the VA. The way forward is that all claim for agent orange has to go to a location to get verified for exposure. Once that is complete it gets processed as normal. This action has not delayed claims currently.

The Appeals Modernization Act went live on the 19th of February 2019. 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.

State of Maine Veterans

The total number of Veterans who receive Compensation or Pension in the State of Maine by County:

Androscoggin...2,334 Male and 195 Female
Cumberland...3,972 Male and 382 Female
Hancock...930 Male and 70 Female
Knox...760 Male and 48 Female
Oxford...1,061 Male and 67 Female
Piscataquis...468 Male and 37 Female
Somerset...1,287 Male and 101 Female
Washington...891 Male and 60 Female

Aroostook...1,862 Male and 116 Female
Franklin...615 male and 56 Female
Kennebec...3,337 Male and 342 Female
Lincoln...826 Male and 63 Female
Penobscot...3,246 Male and 293 Female
Sagadahoc...1,006 Male and 87 Female
Waldo...897 Male and 60 Female
York...3,495 Male and 297 Female

So, the total number of Veterans receiving Compensation or Pension in the State of Maine is...26,987 Male and 2,274 Female. This needs to improve greatly. The veterans are out there. I need you to find them and get them in touch with this office. So, we can take care of them.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Washburn,
Post Service Officer*

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LEGIONAIRES - JUNE 1ST AT 7 PM
AUXILIARY - JUNE 2ND AT 6PM
SAL - TO BE DETERMINED
LEGION RIDERS - NO MEETING



14th June
Flag Day

Our Email address and website are:
post 39@beeline-online.net

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