



# 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, Mar 2, 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,

Our slate of Officers for first  
nominations for 2015-2016 are:

Commander - H. Ralph Withee  
1st Vice - John Doucette  
2nd Vice - John Ziacoma  
Adjutant - Leroy Welch  
Finance Officer - John Bryant  
Chaplain - Bob Washburn  
Richard Robinson  
Americanism Officer - Ron Page  
Service Officer - Vaughn Mercier  
Historian - OPEN  
Sgt at Arms - Phil Daigle  
Executive Committee -  
Ron Page  
Gene Dube  
Bob Demchak

Elections will take place at our  
March 2nd meeting as well as any  
further nominations.

We voted to have a Dart Tour-  
nament the first Friday of March,  
April & May. For further informa-  
tion contact Bob Christen at 634-  
3694.

Membership is over 100%!!  
Great job!

*H. Ralph Withee*  
*Commander*



**Happy  
Birthday  
to all  
members  
Born in  
March!!**

**Want to know what's  
going on at YOUR  
Legion? Come to the  
meeting on March 2nd!**

## SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

The winner of the 4th Annual Bob's Cash Fuel Raffle is Dean Olmsted. Dean works at Reny's and supports all of the organizations and activities at the Legion Hall. Congratulations and thank you for your support. The Squadron raised \$630 for our local charities. A BIG Thank You to Bob's Cash Fuel for the 100% donation of the fuel for the 4th year in a row.

The Detachment of Maine Lobster Raffle has changed this year. It's actually a cash prize raffle with the option to take lobster. 1st prize is \$500,

2nd prize is \$200, 3rd prize is \$125 and a 4th place prize of \$75. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. All the money raised will go to our veterans that are served by our local VA Hospital the six veterans nursing homes of Maine. The drawing date is set for March 22, 2015. Check at the Legion Hall, see a SAL member or call Mark Long (858-3855) or Mark Brown (634-5782) for more information.

The Squadron voted to donate \$100 to the Anson Food Cupboard and \$100 to the Madison Food Cupboard. We also voted to donate \$200 to the Turek's to help with service dog, Colonel's medical bills. The

Squadron will also donate \$300 to help send a less fortunate cub/boy scout attend camp this year.

The Sons of the American Legion nominations for 2015-2016 are as follows:

Commander - Mark Long  
1st Vice - Peter Graves  
2nd Vice - Jimmy Pinkham  
Finance Officer - Charlie Price  
Adjutant - Joseph "Mark" Brown  
Sgt at Arms - Mike Adams  
Chaplain - Randy "Track" Wyman  
Historian - Jeff Ireland

Membership Chairman - Mark Long  
SAL Chairman - Ron Page

Have a good day,

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

**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!

March 2nd @ 7pm - Next Regular Meeting  
March 8th @ 10 am - NCB39BN's Annual Inspection  
March 8th @ 1pm - Auxiliary 4th District Meeting -  
Post 2 Augusta  
March 14th - St. Patrick's Day Dance - Borderline Express  
8 pm - 12 am - \$5/person



# 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,

As of February 16th we have 111 paid members out of 132! **We only need 21 members to pay to be at 100%.** Also, please remember that if your membership is not current, you are in jeopardy of losing your "continuous years" membership! Come on ladies...get those dues in ... **RECRUIT, RENEW and REJOIN!**

Maxine has mailed out \$12,000 worth of coupons since our last newsletter. Thank you, Maxine and Barbara Wyman!

Keep the coupons coming in ladies!

Due to illness and vacations we did not have a Regular meeting in February. Although we did have our Executive meeting on February 16th. At that meeting the Nominating Committee brought forth the following for nomination for 2015-2016:

President - Robin Turek  
1st Vice - Sandy Ingalls  
2nd Vice - OPEN  
Secretary - Sharon Mellows  
Treasurer - Harriet Bryant

Sgt at Arms - Merrilyn Vieira  
Chaplain - Lauraine Mercier  
Historian - Lynn Boucher  
Executive Committee:  
Betty Dow  
Kathleen Randall  
Marie Wing

If you're interested in running for **any** of these offices, please see Marie Wing, Kathleen Randall or myself to get your name put on the Nomination Slate.

The winner of the Winter Basket Raffle at Bingo is Sheila Kilkenney. This raffle

brought in \$57 that will go to Special Olympics. A **BIG THANK YOU** to Harriet Bryant for donating the basket!

## **\*\*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, February 2nd at 7 pm. **ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service, not self,



*Robin Turek  
Auxiliary President*

## **Post 39 Website**

[http://  
www.mainelegionpost  
39.org/](http://www.mainelegionpost39.org/)

**CHECK IT OUT!!!**

## *Dances*

**St. Patrick's Day Dance  
March 14th  
Borderline Express  
8:00 pm - 12:00 am  
Tickets \$5/person**



## Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

The American Legion Riders nominations for 2015-2016 are as follows:

Director: John Ziacoma  
Asst Director: Gene Dube  
Secretary: Bob Washburn  
Treasurer: John Doucette

John Ziacoma will be having his right hip replaced March 3 at Togus. He does the calling for Beano on Tuesday nights - anyone who can help with the calling the month of March and maybe

April; please contact Maxine or Gene Dube at 696-3608.

The 2014 total donations from all chapters of the Legion Riders tallied up to \$5,000 for the Legacy Fund and \$14,054 for the homeless veterans.

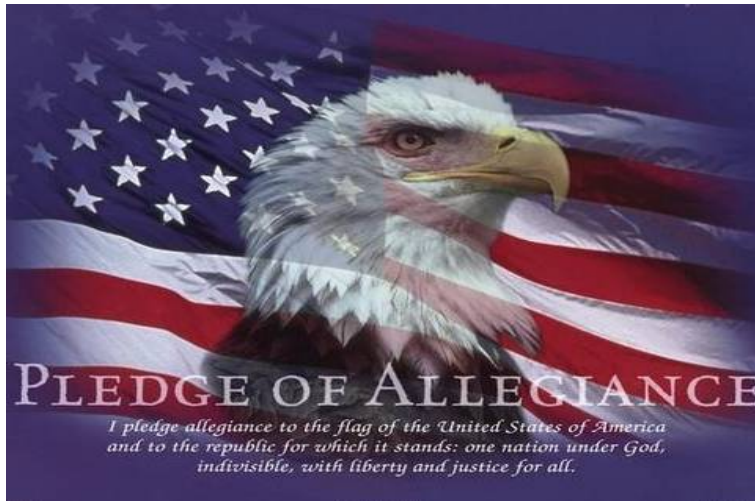
Just a reminder to all Rider's that the Winter Rally is Saturday, March 7th at the Rockland Post.

March 29th is the Rider's Bingo at the hall. Those that are able to work please

contact Gene Dube at 696-3608.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Washburn*  
Secretary



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

### *Sick Call*



*Olive Roberge*

*Leo Coro*

*Vincent Lovell*

*Betty Dow*



## US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

Feb 2015 drill actually started Friday evening, 30 Jan and ended on 01 Feb. It was a typical one with berthing being set-up and study time. Saturday started with an 0600 reveille followed by morning colors and chow. Saturday's classroom instruction covered preparations for our upcoming Annual Inspection scheduled for our Mar drill. Winter survival training was presented on Saturday afternoon. After the evening chow, the cadets performed Evening Colors fol-

lowed by structured time for school homework and working on their appropriate correspondence manuals.

Sunday started with an 0600 reveille, morning colors, chow and then classroom instruction on Emergency Combat Medical procedures presented by our guest instructor, HM2 Marc LeClaire, USN. After lunch and field day activities, there was more training presented covering Winter Survival shelter building techniques. Cadet Trevor Edes was presented with a ribbon for Academic Achievement at Car-

rabec High School. Cadets were dismissed at 1530.

On 7/8 Feb, we took the unit to Maine Maritime Academy where they received training on the ship simulators, toured the Training Ship, State of Maine, and received training in the use of the cold water survival suit. Our cadets' professionalism was noted by the Academy's staff and they were invited to participate in the Academy's Laser Tag games on Sunday afternoon.

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. Additionally, we invite everyone to attend our open ranks inspection scheduled for 1000 hrs, 08 Mar in the Legion's main hall.

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*



Paul and I would like to thank everyone who has so generously made donations toward Colonel's stomach surgery. Colonel is recovering well. Now we just have to put some weight back on him! He misses everyone and is excited to see all of you soon! Thanks again!

Paul, Robin & Colonel Turek



# Notes from the Department Service Officer

## How to file a “good” claim!

We are always asked about whether or not a veteran or surviving spouse should file a claim for compensation or pension. Here are some simple guidelines when talking to veterans or survivors about this issue.

First, veterans...

It is all about service connection. Did the disability result from something that happened on active duty or in the case of Reserve or National Guard veterans while on IADT (Weekend Drill) or ADUTRA (Active Duty for Training; Basic/AIT or 2 week Annual Training (AT). Is the disability documented in your service treatment record, i. e. did you seek medical treatment while on duty? (STR)...or is there a line of duty (LOD) of record. Do you have a current diagnosis of the disability and is it chronic in nature (recurring treatment since service) If you can answer yes to these three statements, you will have a pretty good chance at getting the VA to grant compensation.

Second, Surviving Spouses...There is no time limit to file, but after a year, the benefits are paid from the date of the claim. Two types of Survivor's Benefits. DIC and Widow's Pension (WP). DIC – Requires that the veteran passed of a service connected disability or that the veteran was 100% service connected for 10 or more years before death. WP – Requires that the veteran met the eligibility requirements for length of service and wartime service (at least one day). The veteran does not have to have been in a war zone. **The widow(er)'s pension is offset dollar for dollar for any income.** The best advice is to make an appointment with the DSO to discuss survivor benefits. Survivor benefits accrue, in most cases, to spouses WHO HAVE NOT remarried.

Third, Non Service Connected (NSC) Pensions. It is a supplemental Income for Wartime Veterans VA helps Veterans and their families cope with financial challenges by providing supplemental income through the Veterans Pension benefit. Veterans Pension is a tax-free monetary benefit payable to low-income wartime Veterans.

Eligibility:

Generally, a Veteran must have at least 90 days of active duty service, with at least one day during a wartime period to qualify for a VA Pension. If you entered active duty after September 7, 1980, generally you must have served at least 24 months or the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty (with some exceptions), with at least one day during a wartime period.

In addition to meeting minimum service requirements, the Veteran must be:

- Age 65 or older, OR
- Totally and permanently disabled, OR
- A patient in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care, OR
- Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance, OR
- Receiving Supplemental Security Income

Your yearly family income must be less than the amount set by Congress to qualify for the Veterans Pension benefit. Additional Pension Allowances: Veterans or surviving spouses who are eligible for VA pension and are housebound or require the aid and attendance of another person may be eligible for an additional monetary payment. A non-service connected pension is offset dollar for dollar for any family income.

How To Apply for All. This information here is NOT comprehensive; every claim is different so please contact the DSO for assistance!

Amedeo "Deo" Lauria

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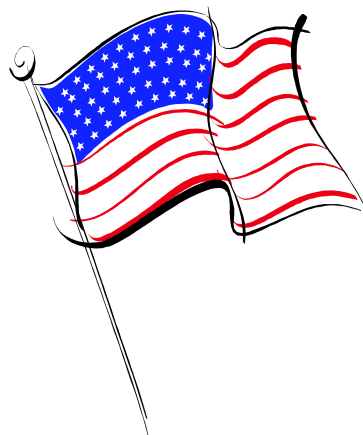
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**March 2, 2015**  
6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING  
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR  
7:00 PM MEETING



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

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