



# 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 5, 2018**

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

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

### HALL HOURS:

**Mon - Fri - 3 pm**  
**Saturday - 2:30 pm**

**The Post is  
NON -SMOKING**



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

Comrades,

Another month has come and gone. The daylight is longer. Spring is on it's way. I hope everyone is doing well.

We had the Nomination of Officers at the February meeting.

Commander - H. Ralph Withee  
1st Vice - Vinnie Santoni, Jr.  
2nd Vice - Robert Washburn  
Adjutant - Leroy Welch  
Finance Officer - Bob Demchak  
Chaplain - Wayne Parks  
Service Officer - Bob Washburn  
Historian - John Greenhallge  
Americanism - Brad Farrin  
Sgt at Arms - Phil Daigle

Executive Committee:

Gene Tweedie  
Gene Dube  
Curt Sanborn

At the March meeting we will have 2nd nominations followed by the election of officers. Remember it takes everyone to make the Post succeed.

On March 10th we will have another Cribbage. The cost is \$20 and it will be from 10 am on.

God Bless,

*H. Ralph Withee  
Commander*

Please join us for  
Social Hour prior to the  
meeting on March 5th  
for cake and coffee to  
celebrate the  
American  
Legion's  
Birthday.



"If our hopes of building a better and safer world are to become more than wishful thinking, we will need the engagement of volunteers more than ever."  
— Kofi Annan

# SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

Cold weather didn't stop the Sons, who turned out in force for our February meeting.

As usual we found a cause to donate to. This month it was a Madison 8th grade student, Xavier Moody, who needed financial support for a field trip to Washington, D.C. We came up with \$100 for him.

Bob Christen won the annual raffle made possible by Bob's Cash Fuel. Sons mem-

ber Bob Shibley donates 100 gallons of heating oil, or the equivalent value if you burn something else. Thank you as always, Bob!

Sons members are considering other kinds of raffles for the Spring. The trick is to make them profitable. Fishing? Firearms? Deliberations continue.

The Sons are gearing up to make scholarships available to graduating seniors from Carrabec and Madison High Schools. The Sons will be contacting the schools' guidance

counselors to work out the details.

We're closing in on 100 percent paid membership for the 2017-18 year. This time next month we hope to announce that "we did it again."

Respectfully submitted,

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

## Post Everlasting

*Peter Haloulos 11/15/17  
Eddie Pinkham 2/12/18*



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## Dates to Remember!

- March 5<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting
- March 10<sup>th</sup> - Cribbage 10 am
- March 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day Dance
- March 19<sup>th</sup> – Executive Meeting
- March 26<sup>th</sup> – Put Newsletter together @ 12:30 pm



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!

# 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,

We reached the Department set goal of 85% membership paid by February 10th!! Actually we surpassed it and have 86% of our membership paid! Great job ladies!! Keen them coming in!

**\*\*Remember\*\*** Your dues can now be paid 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! Please note that in or-

der to pay online you will have to create an account. If you see another member, ask her if she's paid her dues yet. We can **all** work together in achieving 100% membership! In addition, if any members have daughters, granddaughters or great granddaughters - sign them up! We are diligently trying to reactivate our Junior membership.

The **first nominations** of Officers were held at our February meeting and are the following:

- President - Robin Turek
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice - Tena Ireland

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Nancy Miasiaszek
- Secretary - Pat Santoni
- Treasurer - Harriet Bryant
- Chaplain - Sharon Ziaco
- Sgt At Arms - Merrilyn Vieira
- Historian - POSITION OPEN
- Executive Committee:
  - Betty Dow
  - Lauraine Mercier
  - Maxine Dube

As you can see, we still have vacancies AND any position can have more than one nominee running! There's still time if you're interested

in ANY Officer Positions! All you have to do is be at the March 5th meeting to be nominated. After I close nominations, we will then vote. Do not hesitate to talk to me or any Officer that is in place now if you have any interest or any questions.

Department Vice President/Membership Chairman Joan Caron and Department District Vice President Michelle

Colby attended our February meeting. They spoke on such things as membership and fundraising. It was a pleasure having them at our meeting.

Also at our February meeting we voted to give the Legion \$200 for their "Birthday" and \$50 worth of tickets toward Xavier Moody's American Heritage Tour Fundraiser.

Our annual Craft Fair took place on December 2nd. We

rented 21 tables. Overall it went well despite the date change. After expenses we cleared around \$600 for our High School Scholarships. Karen Bishop from Lexington and also an Auxiliary member won our Holiday Dinner Raffle.

Since last report, Maxine Dube and her helpers have mailed out \$34,007.38 worth of coupons. A great

big **THANK YOU** to Maxine, Marie Wing and Barbara Wyman for their hours of gathering and cutting coupons. A special **THANK YOU** to all those who donate coupons.

Prior to our March meeting we will be having a cake to celebrate the Legion's Birthday. Come early and enjoy!

**\*\*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, March 5th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS**

**ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service, not self,



*Robin Turek  
Auxiliary President*

# Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greeting Riders!

Winter Meeting is just around the corner - March 24<sup>th</sup> !!!! The Dixfield Chapter Post 100 is trying to determine how much food they need to prepare, so it would be great if you could give a heads up if you plan on attending.

The meal will be Pork Loin and/or Chicken plus the fixings.

They are selling long sleeve tee shirts - white or navy , crew or v neck. Please try to pre order if you can so they have them on hand by February 28th, especially for anything over an X-Large like 2x, 3x and above .

S, M, L, XL are \$20.00 ANYTHING ABOVE THAT WILL BE A FEW \$ MORE

See poster at the hall and also info for tee shirts. Please try and attend.

You can contact Gloria Patne a u d e [gloriapatneade@gmail.com](mailto:gloriapatneade@gmail.com) at 364-2827 for tee shirt orders or information.

Reminder your \$20 dues are due and keep in mind this helps us support our Veterans.

Donations made this year are \$100 to the Coffee and Newspaper Fund and \$500 to the Legacy Fund.

The last two meetings were unattended and we need to vote on officers. Please try to attend the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at 6 pm.

Spring is approaching and we need to make sure our motorcycles are registered and serviced for the riding season. Check your tires!

See you at the next meeting!



Yours in Service,  
*Sharon A Mellows-Ziacoma*  
Secretary/Treasurer

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

## Dances



St Patrick's Day Dance  
March 17th  
Band: The Last Highway  
8 pm - 12 am  
Tickets: \$5

### \*\*\* 120 CLUB \*\*\*

We will be starting a 120 club again. The club will start the first week in April and will run for 26 weeks. The cost will be \$5 per week for a single and \$10 per week for a couple. There will be a \$50 drawing each Friday for the full 26 weeks. If you win the \$50 weekly drawing and you're not paid up, another name will be drawn. On October 6th we will have a dinner with the choice of prime rib, lobster or chicken with all the fixings. Included with your dinner will be three drink coupons. There will be cash prize drawings of 1 for \$1000, 2 for \$500. 2 for \$250 and 5 for \$100. Following the drawings we will have open jukebox for your dancing pleasure. There will be a strict limit of 120 club members. If interested in joining, stop in at the Hall or contact Ralph Withee at 696-3375.



# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

In February, NCB 39 Battalion held its formal Annual Inspection. This took place on Saturday morning. The cadets were well prepared and ensured that the uniforms were pressed and shoes polished. They looked sharp. This was also the last day that our Training Officer, active duty Coast Guard, was with the unit, and all of us wanted to make her day memorable.

When the Cadets marched in for inspection, they did so in single file. Each cadet saluted and presented a sunflower to LTjg Horvat, before forming up. Sun-

flowers are her favorite. After open ranks inspection LCDR Nash, Regional Director addressed the cadets, staff and guests, followed by comments from Representative Brad Farin and Ralph Withee.

Following the comments, a couple surprises were in store. LTjg Horvat was promoted to the rank of LT, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. She was also presented a dandelion, the flower of the Military Child, and a photo of her Coast Guard boat. LT Horvat addressed the staff, cadets and guests, and said that while she would not miss the cold weather of Maine, she

would miss the people she had been with. She encouraged the cadets to stay with the program and to get the most out of it that they can, and to give back to it as adults.

The next surprise was for our Chief Petty Officer Conner Fennell. It was announced that Chief Fennell had been chosen as the Regional Cadet of the Year for our Region. This puts him in the running for National Cadet of the year, from all 50 states. Results will be in sometime in March. Fingers crossed.

Inspection closed with the retiring of the Colors. Guests

were able to mingle with the cadets and enjoy a going away cake with the LT. A group photo was taken, and is available on our website. Thank you to everyone who attended and to those who support us in other ways.

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 untiring support of this unit.

Respectfully,

The Officers and Staff  
 NCB39 Battalion



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

## *Sick Call*



*Maxine Dube*

# Notes from the Department Service Officer

Thinking of filing another VA disability compensation claim? Make sure you file it through the new [Decision Ready Claim \(DRC\)](#) Program. With DRC, you can get a decision on your claim in 30 days or less.

Work with an accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO) to determine if the DRC Program is right for you and your claim. Your VSO can then help you gather and submit all relevant and required evidence so your claim is ready for VA to make a decision when you submit it. If you plan to file any of the following types of claims, work with your VSO to file them as a DRC:

- ***Direct Service Connection Claims:*** Claims for a disability that was caused by or during your service.
- ***Presumptive Service Connection Claims:*** Claims for a disability that VA automatically presumes to be service-connected based on unique conditions or situations you experienced during your service.
- ***Secondary Service Connection Claims:*** Claims for a disability that you have as a result of another service-connected disability.
- ***Increased Disability Claims:*** Claims for a disability you have a VA rating for that has gotten worse.

Not planning to file a claim soon? Spread the word to your fellow Veterans, Service members and their families about the DRC Program to help them get faster decisions on their claims too. The DRC Program also now accepts Pre-Discharge claims for Service members about to transition to civilian life, and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) claims for surviving spouses.

Learn more about the DRC Program, including eligibility requirements, what medical evidence you need to submit, and how to find an accredited VSO at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/drc.asp>.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bob Washburn,  
Post Service Officer*

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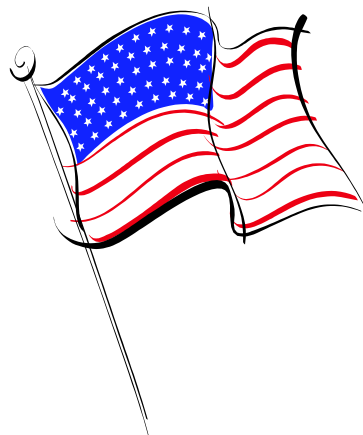


**March 5, 2018**

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING



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