



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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March 2021



Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Legion

March 1, 2021

Auxiliary

March 2, 2021

Meetings: 7:00 p.m.

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Cribbage: 6:30 p.m.

Thursdays, partners

**Cancelled until
further notice**

Big Cribbage (Singles)

**Cancelled until
further notice**

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Bingo: 2:00 Sundays

Doors open at 12 pm

**Cancelled until
further notice**

HALL HOURS:

Wednesday thru
Saturday - 3 pm

**The Post is
NON-SMOKING**



LEGION UPDATES.....From your Commander

Comrades,

The Post 39 Hall is now open to all Post activities. We had an issue with our Liquor Liability Insurance and I have worked diligently to resolve this issue since 04 November 2020 and I am pleased to report that this issue has been resolved and the bar will reopen on 01 March 2021.

Mark has decided that Wednesday dinners will resume on 10 March 2021 with pot roast on the menu. Sunday Bingo, Darts and Cribbage are authorized to resume activities as soon as those involved are ready to restart and comply with all current COVID-19 masking and spacing requirements. We will continue to closely monitor events and State mandates & guidelines concerning

COVID-19 and make decisions regarding the Post as necessary.

On a positive note, we applied for and have received a second PPP loan under the Federal CARES Act in the amount of \$5505 with the same terms as our first one.

The Post Hall has been offered to the Maine Governor and the Maine CDC thru Senator Farrin and Representative Grignon for use as a regional COVID-19 Vaccination Center with not much interest on their part.

2021 Post Officer 1st nominations were made at the 01 February General Membership meeting as follows. 2nd nominations and voting will take place at the 01 March General Membership meeting.

Commander: Aaron Rollins
1st Vice: Will Price
2nd Vice: Vinny Santoni
Finance: Ray Cloutier
Adjutant: Bob Washburn
Executive: Ralph Withee
Executive: Ted Brown
Executive: Past Commander
Service: John Bryant
Chaplain: Rich Robinson
Historian: Bob Demchak

Americanism: Ted Brown
Sgt-at-Arms: Phil Daigle

The 2021 Legion Membership drive is underway. You can join or renew directly to the Post or online at: <https://www.legion.org/membershipmanagement> The annual cost is \$40 and the Post will pay membership in this Post for

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SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings!

Remember, if your 2021 dues are not paid, you are ineligible for SAL benefits. Please get those dues in!!

We're starting up the Wednesday dinners again on March 10th. The meal will be pot roast. The following week, March 17th, we are planning on corned beef for St. Patrick's Day

The oil raffle is being extended again. We will have

the drawing on April 7th after our Wednesday Dinner.

Scholarship recipient, Annika Carey, who attends Bowdoin College achieved a 4.0 average and was awarded her \$250 scholarship. Great work, Annika! Congratulations!

One last item: stay in touch with all Post 39 happenings—visit the Post web site at:

[https://
www.mainelegionpost39.org/](https://www.mainelegionpost39.org/)

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul Turek
Finance Officer
Mark Long, Adjutant
Pete Graves,
SAL Commander
John Bryant,
Chairman of SAL*

*★ Thank you ★
Veterans*

*(COMMANDER - Continued
from previous page)*

are elsewhere in this newsletter.

WWII & Korean War Veterans as well as current active duty individuals.

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

Respectfully,
*Bob Demchak
Commander*



**MUST ADHERE TO
CDC GUIDELINES**

**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!**

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,



To date, we have 133 memberships out of 150 for 2021 paid! That puts us at 88.6% of the membership paid! We only need 20 more memberships paid to reach our final goal of 100% + 1 (+1 will help stop the membership slide.) For now we are close to our March membership goal of 90% paid. Please remember that your 2020 membership expired on December 31, 2020! Please get your dues in! 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.

Donations since last newsletter: We donated \$137.37 to help a member get gas hooked up to stove; gave \$150 worth of gift cards for Maine foster kids; 4 dozen socks for homeless veterans, \$16 worth of Christmas cards to residents and staff at Maplecrest Living

& Rehabilitation Center; \$68 worth of snowflake cookies and a bushel of apples to the staff and residents at Maplecrest Living & Rehabilitation Center; \$200 scholarship to a Carrabec High School recipient; \$150 to VAVS and spent \$5.39 to buy and mail valentine cards for our 4 WW II veterans and 1 veteran at MVH of Bangor.

At our February meeting we held 1st nomination of Officers which are as follows:

President - Robin Turek

1st Vice - Diane Pinkham
2nd Vice - Nancy Misiaszek
Secretary - Holly Kinney
Treasurer - Harriet Bryant
Chaplain - Amy Washburn
Historian - No nomination
Sgt at Arms - Merrilyn Vieira

Executive Committee:

Irma Fluet
Gerri Jenks
Ann Cody

If you're interested in any of the Officers positions, there's still time! At our meeting in March we will hold 2nd nominations prior to election.

Longtime member, Arlene Hoyt, turned 100 years old on February 10th. A group of us formed a "Birthday Parade" and rode by her house on Saturday, February 13th. Thank you to all who



made this possible and put a smile on Arlene's face!!

****PLEASE REMEMBER****

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

Yours in Service,
not self,
Robin Turek
President

Final 120 Club Winners



\$1000 - #51 Dean O.

\$750 - #31 Nancy M.

\$500 - #53 Mike K.

\$500 - #99 Rick W.

\$250 - #49 Carrol S.

\$250 - #42 Sally H.

\$100 - #1 Pete G.

\$100 - #57 Val C.

\$100 - #32 Al C.

\$100 - #46 Trudy H.

\$100 - #10 Deb C.



Notes from the Post Service Officer

As many of you are Vietnam era veterans, here is some information for you. VA has just added 3 more conditions to the presumptive list as related to agent orange exposure: Bladder Cancer, hypothyroidism, and Parkinsonism (and Parkinsons like symptoms). It is going to take a bit for VA how to figure out how these will be granted, but if you have one of these, and you were stationed in Vietnam, or the coastal waterways, then put in a claim. They will be processed by date received. If you already have diabetes, prostate cancer, or coronary artery disease, and you are service connected for any/all of these, then processing your claim should be a bit quicker, but the VA is not going to ask you. You need to be proactive to get the claim going first.

If you have any questions about this or anything else concerning your veteran's benefits, you can contact me or the department service officer (If I don't know the answer, then I will send you to the department service officer anyway: Carl Curtis 623-5726).

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Washburn,
Service Officer

Sick Call



*Jeff Drew
Wanda Kranz
Wanda Lessard
Gerrri Jenks
Ralph Withee*

Post Everlasting



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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

Greetings from NCB39 Battalion. Our unit did not meet in December due to Legion closure. We met in January for the day at Corporal West's home. Cadets started work on their Gilley suits. They got a good start on the bottom half. Future work on the top half will be finished this spring. Our February drill was canceled due to unforeseen circumstances. We will be meeting in March.

Congratulations to our new Chief Petty Officer Cameron Smart, on his promotion. Chief Smart was accepted to Maine Maritime Academy and will begin classes this fall.

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

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



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

Dates to Remember!

- March 1, 2021 - Legion meeting @ 7 pm
- March 2, 2021 - Auxiliary meeting @ 7 pm
- March 10th - SAL Wednesday Dinner start up again - 5pm
- March 15th - Executive meetings @ 7 pm
- March 29th - put newsletter together @ 12:30

SAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER ~ EVERY WEEK - 5 PM TILL GONE



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39

American Legion

P.O. Box 144

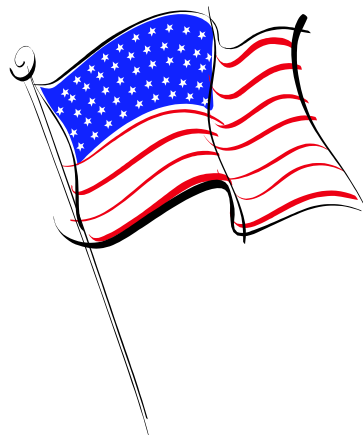
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Legion - March 1, 2021
Auxiliary - March 2, 2021

7:00 pm Meeting



Happy
102nd
Birthday
American
Legion!



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post 39@beeline-online.net

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