



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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May 2015

## Happenings...

### Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Social Hr.** 6:00 p.m.  
**Monday, May 4, 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,

Thank you to the Auxiliary for their \$1,000 donation and to the SAL and Legion Riders for their \$500 donation each toward the roof fund. Under \$10,000 is owed on the loan and it should be paid off this year.

Regular Darts is over and went well. Thank you for your support to those who ran it and those who played.

The 120 is going well. There are still openings! Please see me or one of the bartenders if you'd like to join.

We have acquired 8 new business to support our newsletter. Please make sure to support them!

At Installation, the Auxiliary President, Robin Turek and I presented Paul L'Heureux with a check in the amount of \$1,000 to donate to Special Olympics.

**The Memorial Day Parade**  
**will be on**  
**Monday, May 25th.**

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

**The flags will be placed on**  
**grave sites by the Boy**  
**Scouts and Legionnaires on**  
**Monday, May 11th.**

*H. Ralph Withee*  
*Commander*

## NEWSLETTER DEDICATION

This newsletter is dedicated to Ray Soucy. Ray has been a member of the Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 for 70 years! He served as Commander in 1948. Thank you, Ray, for your service and your dedication!



# SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

The Squadron would like to thank the members of our Installment Team; Bruce Pierce, Installing Officer and Paul L'Heureux as acting Chaplain.

Here are the winners of the Detachment of Maine (statewide) Lobster-Cash Raffle: 1st Prize \$500 - Jared Hitchcock of Presque Isle, 2nd Prize \$200 - Brenton Soucy of Van Buren, 3rd Prize \$125 - Lucien Coverhill (town unavailable) and 4th Prize - \$75 was won by Lynn Edwards of Bridgton. Congratulations to all of the lucky winners. I would like to thank everyone

who purchased tickets in support of our Maine Veterans.

Randy Wyman has offered to donate three cord of firewood for a raffle. Tickets will be available in the near future. Our thoughts are with Roland Price's family. Our Sgt-At-Arms, Mike Adams, is still having his own health issues.

Have a good day,

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

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

**MONDAY, MAY 25TH**

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AT  
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SCHOOL IN ANSON**

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**Want to know what's going on at YOUR Legion? Come to the meeting on May 4th**

**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!

- May 4th @ 7pm - Next Regular Meeting
- May 8th – Special Olympics Dinner – 5 – 7 pm
- May 17th – Auxiliary District Meeting/Installation - 1:00 pm  
In the Auxiliary room upstairs



# 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 donated 410 Box Tops/Labels for Education to 2 Elementary Schools (Garret Schenck School--Anson and Madison Elementary School).

**WE ONLY NEED 5 MORE MEMBERS TO PAY THEIR 2015 DUES TO MAKE 100%!! I KNOW WE CAN DO IT--**

Make checks payable to Madison ALA and mail to Madison ALA, PO Box 325, Madison, ME 04950. Please pay by May 15th as that is the cut off date in order for us to get credit before the Annual Convention which is

in June. We can now start collecting 2016 dues if anyone wants to get an early start. The dues are still \$20.

Maxine has mailed out \$25,932.34 worth of coupons since our last newsletter. Thank you, Maxine and Barbara Wyman! Keep the coupons coming in ladies!

We would like to welcome new member, Christy Whitmore!! Please make sure to say hi to her!

On May 8th, the Special Olympians will be having their banquet at the hall. If anyone would like to donate their time

cooking/serving dinner or making a dessert, please contact Robin Turek at 696-8289.

On April 18th, I attended the banquet for the National President's (Janet Jefford) visit. Not only did I attend, but I had the distinct honor of being MC!! Janet Jefford shared how she became active in the Auxiliary. Her parents were active while she was in high school and when she went off to college. It wasn't until Janet returned to CT that she became an Auxiliary member in order to

share more time with her mother. It was a great honor to sit next to Janet and spend time after the banquet with her! She's an amazing woman!

We are saddened by the passing of Roland Price. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

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

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

**Box Tops and Labels for Education!**

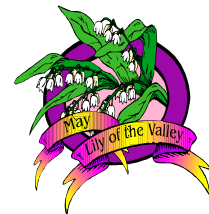
**Our next meeting will be Monday, April 6th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service, not self,

*Robin Turek  
Auxiliary President*



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



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

**The 120 Club has started!!! 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 3rd 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 have booked the Midnight Rose (Classic Rock) for the dance. There will be a strict limit of 120 club members. Please remember this is a fundraiser for the loan on the roof !!**

# Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

It was good to have John Z back with us, after his surgery. He feels better than he has in years. No cane or anything. We have another ALR member that will be (or maybe already has) undergoing surgery soon. Kenny Ingalls is having (or did have Sorry Kenny I didn't catch the date!)) a knee replacement sometime. We hope for a speedy recovery for him as well.

Well I am happy to say that I finally got my motorcycle on the road today. Between the ice and mud in my driveway, I was

not too anxious. But the last few days have been really good for us mc riders. As you knock the cobwebs out of your head regarding how to ride one, watch out for the sand on the road, and especially the other drivers. Vehicle drivers are still not used to looking for us yet.

Don't forget to pay your dues if you haven't already. They were due in April. Sweat-shirts are still for sale.

We had a good turnout for bingo on March 29. Six riders helped.

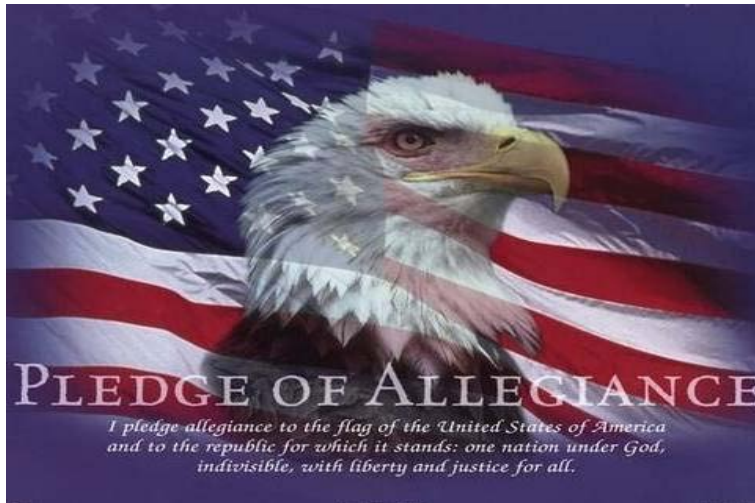
Our next bingo day will be May 31. But of course there is bingo every Sunday starting at 2:00, and every Tuesday night beginning at 6:30, and could always use extra help.

Mark your calendars for July 31 and August 1 for the summer Rally which will be in Millinocket this year.

Respectfully submitted,



*Bob Washburn  
Secretary*



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



## *Sick Call*

- Olive Roberge*                      *Vincent Lovell*
- Rachel Spaulding*                *Leo Coro*
- Elinor DuBois*



## *Post Everlasting*

*Roland Price*  
4-22-15



## US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

As normal, our monthly drill started Friday evening, 10 Apr 2015. It was a typical one; berthing being set-up and study time. Saturday started with an 0600 reveille, PT, morning colors and chow followed by a very busy day with Supply Room and Storage Locker sorting and clean-up in the morning with afternoon classroom time covering Hazing, Fraternization, Harassment, drug & alcohol abuse prevention and promotion requirements and testing. After

the evening chow, the cadets performed Evening Colors followed by structured time for school homework and working on their appropriate correspondence manuals.

Sunday started with an 0600 reveille, morning colors and chow. Classroom activities for the day covered the new Training and Operations Manual, Communications and Signal Flags. Additionally, the two berthing areas were cleaned and set-up for the 23 cadets we will be training starting 17 Apr 2015.

Cadets will start arriving the evening of 17 Apr from as far away as Puerto Rico for our Petty Officer Leadership Academy National Level Advanced Training. Classroom presentation will start on 18 Apr. This training is mandatory for any cadet that wants to advance to Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and beyond. Most of the attendees are from units throughout New England. Part of the leadership training will include a visit to the State Capitol and the House of Representatives set-up for us by Representatives

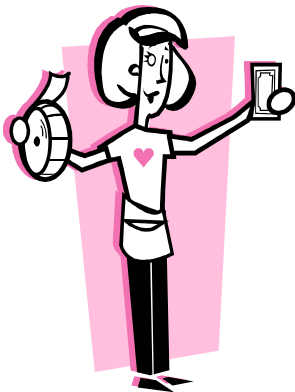
Brad Farrin and Larry Dunphy.

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. 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](http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com) for more information.

Respectfully,

*MAJ Robert E. Demchak,  
USAF (Ret)  
Commanding Officer  
NCB 39 Battalion*



### 120 CLUB WINNERS

4/3 - Mel Price

4/10 - Ron Page

4/17 - Charlie Price

4/24 - Harriet Bryant

# Notes from the Department Service Officer

## **VA Eliminates Net Worth as Health Care Eligibility Factor**

*Elimination of Net Worth Makes More Veterans Eligible for Health Care*

Washington – The Department of Veterans Affairs is updating the way it determines eligibility for VA health care, a change that will result in more Veterans having access to the health care benefits they've earned and deserve.

Effective 2015, VA eliminated the use of net worth as a determining factor for both health care programs and copayment responsibilities. This change makes VA health care benefits more accessible to lower-income Veterans and brings VA policies in line with Secretary Robert A.

McDonald's MyVA initiative which reorients VA around Veterans' needs.

"Everything that we do and every decision we make has to be focused on the Veterans we serve," said VA Secretary Robert A. McDonald. "We are working every day to earn their trust. Changing the way we determine eligibility to make the process easier for Veterans is part of our promise to our Veterans."

Instead of combining the sum of Veterans' income with their assets to determine eligibility for medical care and copayment obligations, VA will now only consider a Veteran's gross household income and deductible expenses from the previous year. Elimination of the consideration of net worth for VA health care enrollment means that certain lower-income, non-service-connected Veterans will have less out-of-pocket costs. Over a 5-year period, it is estimated that 190,000 Veterans will become eligible for reduced costs of their health care services.

In March 2014, VA eliminated the annual requirement for updated financial information.

**Members can check the Post Bulletin Board and Web site for more information**

VA now uses information from the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration to automatically match individual Veterans' income information which reduces the burden on Veterans to keep their healthcare eligibility up to date. That change better aligned VA's health care financial assessment program with other federal health care organizations.

Veterans may submit updated income information at [www.1010ez.med.va.gov/](http://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/), or by visiting their nearby VA health care facility.

For more information, visit [www.va.gov/healthbenefits](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits) or call VA toll-free at 1-877-222-

## **CAMP LEJEUNE: PAST WATER CONTAMINATION & HEALTH BENEFITS**

From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals. This chemical exposure may have led to health conditions.

### **IF YOU HAVE BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH ONE OF THESE 15 QUALIFYING HEALTH CONDITIONS:**

- Esophageal cancer • Female infertility • Leukemia • Breast cancer • Scleroderma • Myelodysplastic syndromes • Kidney cancer • Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma • Hepatic steatosis • Multiple myeloma • Lung cancer • Miscarriage • Renal toxicity • Bladder cancer • Neurobehavioral effects

### **YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR VA HEALTH BENEFITS IF YOU:**

Served on active duty (Veterans) or resided (Family Members) at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987.

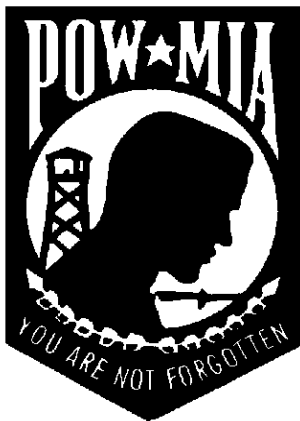
#### **IF ELIGIBLE:**

Veterans receive VA health care; care for qualifying health conditions is at no cost (including copayments)

Family members receive reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical expenses incurred from treatment of qualifying health conditions

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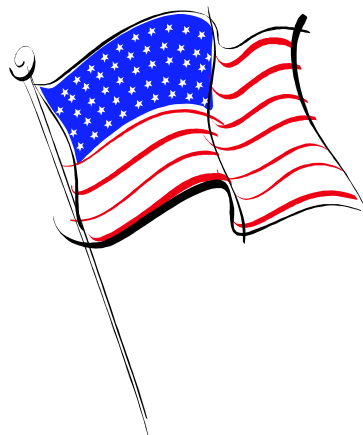


**May 4, 2015**

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING



Our Email address and website are:

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