



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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May 2016

Happenings...

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 2, 2016

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

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 Post
is now
NON -
SMOKING

LEGION UPDATES.....

From your Commander

Comrades,

On May 14th, the candidate for National Commander, Charles Schmidt, will be visiting at Madison Post 39 from 10 a.m. - ??

The Madison Historical and Genealogical Society will be holding an Open House on Saturday, May 28th and Monday, May 30th from 9 am - 3 pm honoring all of our area veterans with a display of uniforms, photos, medals, certificates and other memorabilia.

The Historian for the coming year that was posted in last month's newsletter is incorrect. It is Eli Holmes, not Image Moore.

Our Post is doing very well. Both March and April have been good months and we have taken many reservations already for the summer!

H. Ralph Withee
Commander

The summer BBQ with the VFW will be at the VFW Post this year in July. It is still in the planning stages therefore there will be more information to follow.

At our last meeting we voted to donate a \$200 sponsorship to Hannah McGlashing; \$100 to VAVS Zumbathon; \$320 to Sea Cadets; \$1000 (split with Auxiliary) to Maine Special Olympics; and \$200 to the American Cancer Society.

There is still time to get in on the 120 Club.

Don't forget the Memorial Day Parade!! More information is posted in this newsletter.

**If anyone wants to book
the hall,
you MUST contact
Sheila Moody
at the Legion
696-5848
after 3:00 pm**

SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

We are in the planning stages of putting on a Chicken BBQ again this year in June. More details to follow in the next month or so.

At our April meeting we voted to donate \$50 to Team MAD; \$100 (which is the SAL portion) toward Channel 11 Sponsorship; \$100 to VAVS/Togus; \$100 to the fundraising of a wheelchair van for a local child; \$200 toward the re-

placement of the oil tank at the Legion; and \$50 (in conjunction with the Legion, Auxiliary and Legion Riders) toward the purchase of a table for the Department of Maine's History and Professional Development Building.

The Adjutant position has been filled by Sam Whitmore. Thank you Sam for your dedication to our veterans!

Our Summer looks to be busy and time is moving along. Our next meeting is May 2nd at 7 pm. We need more members to attend to

help plan our summer events!

Respectfully Submitted,

*Paul Turek,
Finance Officer
Mark Long,
SAL Commander
Ron Page,
Chairman of SAL*



*** 120 CLUB ***

The 120 Club started up on April 1st 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 1st 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.

Dates to Remember!

- May 2nd - Next Regular Meeting @ 7 pm
- May 14th - Department President & Commander Testimonial
- May 15th – Auxiliary 4th District Meeting @ Fairfield Unit 14 @ 1 pm
- Installation
- May 16th – Legion and Auxiliary Executive Meeting @ 7 pm
- May 20th – **NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DUE**
- May 23rd – Put newsletter together @ 12:30 pm
- May 26th - 30th—The Moving Wall, Knox Museum, Thomaston
- May 30th - Memorial Day



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,

Please join me in welcoming our new member, Cindy Badger from Madison and our newest **Junior** member, Hannah McGlashing!

Maxine Dube has mailed out \$10,353.10 worth of coupons since our last newsletter. Thank you, Maxine, Barbara Wyman, Marie Wing and all those who continue to collect coupons! Great work! Keep the coupons coming in ladies!

Our Unit sponsored a Zumba-thon that was organized by member Tiara Nile. There were in excess of 50 participants. The more than \$1200 in proceeds will go to Togus for use in the VA/VS program the "Comfort Closet". This program includes keeping the supply closets of comfort items for every veteran who is admitted, coffee/newspapers in the waiting rooms, gifts at Christmas, activities at each holiday, and items for the homeless veteran. Thank you, Tiara Nile, for or-

ganizing this successful event!

At our April meeting we voted to donate \$25 to the National President's project - Auxiliary Emergency Fund; \$50 to member Robin Turek's MS Walk; \$50 to member Heather & Matt Kennedy's Relay for Life Poker Run; \$150 to Angel Flight; \$500 to Special Olympics; \$50 to Hannah McGlashing's fundraiser to attend Skills USA Competition in Louis-

ville, KY; and \$50 (in conjunction with the Legion, SAL and Legion Riders) toward the purchase of a table for the Department of Maine's History and Professional Development Building.

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



Yours in Service,
Robin Turek
Auxiliary President

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



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 30TH

LINE UP AT 9 AM

AT

**GARRET SCHENCK SCHOOL
IN ANSON**

PARADE IS AT 10 AM

Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

The sun is shining as I write this note. The weather is starting to warm up, so you will start to see more and more motorcycles on the roadways. As you begin to ride again this year, take some time to make sure your bike is running the way it should. Usually nobody knows your bike as well as you do, so if it sounds or feels different, then have a pro check it out. Take it easy the first few rides. You are getting used to the bike all over again. It was a long winter. Until you have ridden a few times and your skills

come back, it's best not to overdo your ride. Nobody wants to be done the season before we even really get started.

Some of us will be riding down to the Moving Vietnam Wall before Memorial Day. The plan is to go down on Wednesday evening, stay night in hotel, and be part of the escort parade into Topsham. The we will come home Thursday. If you are interested, please let John know. The Wall will be there through Memorial Day, so if you can't go Wednesday night

then try to go on your own over the weekend. Check with other riders and see if you can work something to go together.

We helped the AL, and Auxiliary purchase a table for the State Headquarters in Winslow.

Don't forget to bring your insurance, registration, and in-

spection (copies of) to Brad so he has record.

Enjoy the Ride!

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn
Secretary



THE RIDERS CREED

- R**ider 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.
- D**eeds not words create change. I will persevere against any and all things that prevent my success. My resolve and strength will overcome all obstacles.
- E**ach rider is first a member of the American Legion family. I will actively participate in and willingly support their endeavors.
- R**eally 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.
- S**uccess 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 !



Funeral for

Gerard "Chickie" Cousineau

Saturday, May 21st

2:00 pm

American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post 39
20 S. Maple St., Madison

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TO OUR
SPONSORS
PLEASE SUPPORT
THEM!!**



US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

NCB 39 Battalion held its regular drill on 1-3 April. We held our annual swim qualifications on Saturday, with all cadets present passing as first and second class swimmers.

17-23 April, we held a National Level Small Arms and Squad Tactics Advanced Training. We hosted cadets from Puerto Rico, Alabama, New York, New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. A total of 21 cadets and 6 staff members were on site. Part of our training was spent at the Army National Guard facilities in Bangor

and Augusta. Instruction was presented on the use of various weapons platforms including pistols, both single action and double action semi-autos and revolvers and long guns. Qualification shooting was conducted using the Army standards for Marksman, Sharpshooter and Expert for qualifications on the long guns and the USMC for qualification with pistols. This was a very busy but educational week with a great group of cadets and staff.

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> for more information

Respectfully,

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






Sick Call

Cecil Dow

Post Everlasting

Edgar Cloutier
3-29-16





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

Notes from the Service Officer

Taken from the newsletter of the Department Service Officer. Hopefully some useful information.

Non-VA Emergency Healthcare!

As stated above, this is an ongoing issue for our veterans and results in BIG bills that the VA will not pay.

YOU MUST CONTACT THE VA WITHIN 72 HOURS IF YOU HAVE EMERGENCY CARE!

I have attached the Nov-VA Emergency Healthcare flyer from the VA. Please post in your Legion Hall! VHA eligible veterans must follow these procedures or they may be billed by non-VA providers and will be responsible for payment.

Always shop around when obtaining healthcare. NOTE: It might be cheaper to use Medicare/Mainecare/Tricare for Life or your personal health insurance! Be a wise consumer of healthcare; shop around for non-emergency care!

Post Service Officer Helpful Hints!

• ***Veterans or Widow on a PENSION, not compensation or DIC. MUST notify the VA, in writing, through the VSO if possible, about ANY income from other sources, to include Social Security, or they risk incurring a debt to the Government. We are seeing more and more of this and the debt can be SUBSTANTIAL!! Call if you have any questions! Ensure veterans understand the rules of compensation and pension; and for what they are being compensated for; disability, spouse, children. Failure to understand the "why" may result in overpayments and financial hardship for the veteran and his/her family.***

• **It is important to note that the VA has pretty much gone paperless, so the Department Service Office no longer gets copies of all correspondence going to veterans in regards to claims. You MUST call when receive any paperwork from the VA to ensure the best service.**

• **Stay up to date, by checking VA.gov on a regular basis.**

• **Encourage the use of "E-Benefits" and "MyHealtheVet" see hyperlinks on the left! These systems allow you to check on your claim status, and healthcare from the privacy of your own home 24/7! If you run into problems call the DSO we can walk you through sign-up or answer questions.**

• **Please toss out any old VA forms hanging around the post, direct veterans to us, or to the VA website to download the latest forms. They do change and the VA may not accept old forms. Go to www.va.gov to get the latest forms.**

• **If a member of your post filed a claim, and has not received any correspondence from the VA about their claim within 30 days, call us immediately to check on the status of their claim! Also, they should contact the DSO 10 days after they file to ensure the VA is working that claim.**

• **Please remind your post members that if they filed a claim in the DSO office within the last 120 days, and have heard nothing, check with the DSO on the status. Follow up on appeals with a quarterly phone call.**

• **PSOs, remember that you are not accredited by the American Legion or VA to counsel veterans on the validity and substance of their claims, please have them contact the DSO for assistance. Whenever possible, please make an appointment for better service.**

• **Help get the word out to your fellow Post Service Officers to sign-up for this newsletter and PSO training.**

• **Remind veterans to file for travel, if eligible, within 30 days of their visit to the VA or they may lose out! They should file, if eligible before they leave Togus or the VA Community Clinic. Don't forget to file for eligible trips to VA referred health care providers.**

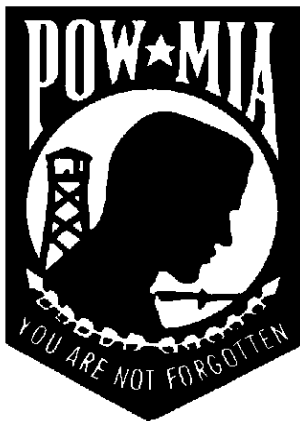
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Bob Washburn,

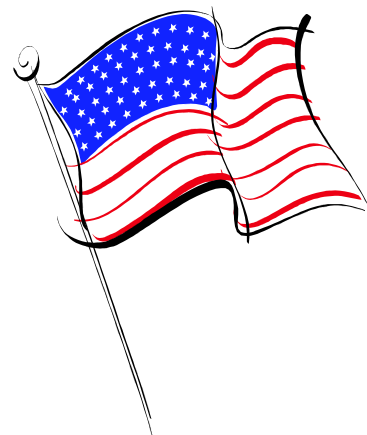
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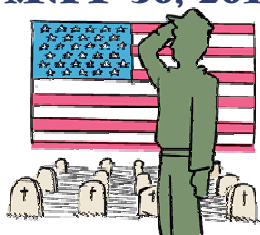
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May 2, 2016
6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM MEETING



MAY 30, 2016



MEMORIAL DAY

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<http://www.mainelegionpost39.org>