



# 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, Nov 7, 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  
NON -  
SMOKING**



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

Comrades,

The Post is doing well. We're just finishing up the outside room. Thank you to all those who helped build it.

The 120 Club Dinner was wonderful! The meal was good as well as enjoying the company of one another. After all was said and done, we made a profit of approximately \$2500!

At our October meeting we voted to donate \$100 to VAVS and \$200 to Bread of Life Ministries for their Homeless Vets Program.

Besides our website, the Post has a Facebook page where you can catch up on all the latest happenings at the Post. It can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162377067246838/>

Remember November 11th is Veterans Day. Thank you VFW Commander, David Trask for sharing the following:

### What Is A Veteran?

**A "Veteran" - whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve - is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America", for an amount of "up to, and including their life".**

*H. Ralph Withee  
Commander*



## Veterans Day Service November 11th

11:00 Wreath Laying @ Forest Hill Cemetery  
Service to follow @ American Legion Post 39  
Lunch served at 1 p.m.  
Followed by Flag Retirement Ceremony with  
Sea Cadets and Boy Scouts

# SAL Squadron #39

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

Hello Squadron 39 members!

The Sons are on the hunt for new members and good ideas. Six new folks have joined the rolls this year already — Marc and Matthew Cowan, Mark Mercier, Stephen Mercier, John E.L. Furlong and Josh Turner. Welcome, guys! But we want more! There’s so much the squadron would like to do, and many hands will bring us closer to that goal. Who do you know that would like to join us? Reach out to them and

make Post 39 even stronger. We’re also on the hunt for good ideas to help serve the community.

In our monthly meetings, members routinely approve expenditures for scholarships, travel expense for school youth seeking to learn about their country, and just in general, those who find themselves in need. Our squadron could do much more. All we need are more members with a good idea of their own. Are you on Facebook? Maybe you could join

the team who keeps our Sons page up to date. You can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/SAL-Squadron-39-Madison-Maine-1050371371678606/>

One last thing: with winter not far away, you’ll want to buy your raffle tickets to win 100 gallons of heating oil courtesy of Bob’s Cash Fuel in Madison. Only 200 tickets will be printed — that’s not very many — so you have a really good chance of winning. You burn propane instead, you say? No problem — Bob’s will provide you with

the equivalent amount of propane.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

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**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!

- October 29th - Halloween Dance w/Dirty McCurdy
- November 11th - Veterans Day (see pg 1 for details)
- November 12th - Auxiliary Craft Fair 9am-2pm
- November 16th - Legislative Breakfast
- November 18th - Annual Turkey Supper/Raffle 5:30-7 pm
- December 9th - Adult Christmas Party @ 5 pm
- December 10th - Children’s Christmas Party @ 10 a.m



# 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,

**YOU ROCK!!!** We blew away the October 20th goal of 45% by sending in 82 memberships/renewals! We have 134 members...82 paid equals 61.19% We've not only blown away the October goal, but have met and exceeded the November 20th goal of 55% That means we're well on to our goal of 65% by December 20th! All we need is 52 members to renew to reach 100%!! Like I said, **YOU LADIES ROCK!!!** Please keep the dues coming in!! Your dues can now be paid by phone by calling 317-569-4536, online at <https://>

[www.alaforveterans.org](http://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 order 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.

Did you pay your 2017 dues by October 15th? Then you've been entered into a drawing to

have your 2018 dues paid!! The winner will be pulled at our November 7th Regular meeting.

November 12th is our 31st Annual Craft Fair and we're back at the Legion again. We tried a bigger venue last year and although it was bigger, not as many people attended. So the old saying of "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" definitely applies here. The Auxiliary will have two tables with their bake sale and RADA knives as we have in the past. We hope to see many of you there!

At our October meeting we voted on the following donations: \$150 to Angel Flight, \$15 Bingo package to the Grange's Luck of the Draw, \$50 donation to Maplecrest for Children's Halloween Walk Through, \$200 to VAVS for comfort items, \$10 to Madison's Trunk or Treat and \$70.05 to the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB39 BN from bottle and can returns.

Since the last newsletter, Maxine Dube has mailed out

approximately \$73,924.35 worth of coupons. That's just in a little over one month!! That's a whole lot of work these ladies put in! A great big **THANK YOU** to Maxine and all who donate coupons. A special **THANK YOU** to all those who help to cut them for shipping.

We'd like to extend our deepest sympathies to Olive Roberge's family. Olive was an Auxiliary member for 19 years and will be greatly missed.

**Our next meeting will be Monday, November 7th at 7 pm. Our Department President, Veronica Gurney and District President, Sandy Jackson will be visiting! Our Department Secretary, Michelle McRae may even join us!! If you want to ask questions of our Department/District Officers, then coming to this meeting is your chance! ALL ALA MEM-**

**BERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

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

**We continue to collect aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital as well as Box Tops and Labels for Education!**

Remember to check out our Facebook page for upcoming

events and information! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39/>.

Yours in Service, not self,



*Robin Turek  
Auxiliary President*

## Sick Call



*Everyone is healthy - Yay!*

# Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

It is with great sadness that I mention the passing of a fellow legion rider from Fairfield. Stan Johnson loved riding his motorcycle, even though recent shoulder surgery kept him off it for a while. Although he was not a member of our post, he was still a legion rider, and many of you knew him. He was the assistant director and had been the director for a time. By the time you all read this, we will have already had his burial (in New Portland) and celebration of life at Post 39. I

would like to thank all of you who were there and helped at the post.

On a happier note: Get those last rides in before it gets too cold, and enjoy the changing of the leaves. Riding with friends is about the best therapy for anything. Remember that leaves on the ground can be slippery, so give yourself extra time to brake, and/or steer around them.

We had a good year at North New Portland Fair, and

cleared about \$1300. Better than last year. I would like to thank all who helped on behalf of the Legion Riders. It is a lot of work, but it is our biggest fund raiser.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn  
Secretary



Want to know what's going on at YOUR Legion?  
Come to the meeting on November 7th!



## Post Everlasting

*Olive Roberge (Aux) - 9-25-16*

*Linton Caswell - 10-12-16*

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# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

There have been some changes since our last newsletter input. Lt Coulombe, NSCC, has been promoted to the CO position. Major Demchak, USAF (Ret) has agreed to stay on as the interim XO. Lance Corporal Rick West, USMC, has joined the unit as an Auxiliary Instructor.

Our drill weekend of 30 Sep - 02 Oct was normal with classroom activities covering Military Drill, Rifle Drill, Rates/Ranks, 11 General Orders, Customs/Courtesies, knot-tying and the mandatory's: Sexual Harassment, Fraternalization, Hazing and Drug/Alcohol use pre-

vention.

Plans have been finalized for the unit to spend 12 Nov 16 at the Coast Guard Station, Jonesport where they will experience all of the activities of that station, including going aboard a Coast Guard Cutter underway for training.

Updates on our graduated cadets that joined the US Army; Seaman Edes is at Fort Jackson, SC attending Boot Camp and will graduate on 09 Nov 16 and PO2 Jackson is fast tracking through Boot Camp into Airborne Ranger School at Fort Benning, GA. PO2 Jackson will graduate 18 Nov 16 and has or-

ders for Ft. Campbell, KY with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne.

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 below for more information:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NCB39BN/>

We, 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.

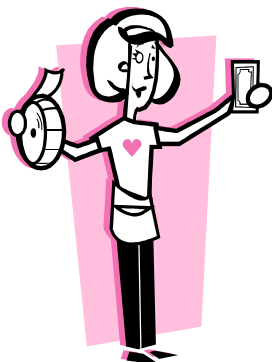
The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is open to 11-17 year old males and females. Please visit our website: <http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com> for more information.

Respectfully,

The Officers and Staff  
NCB39 Battalion



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



**120 CLUB WINNERS**

- \$1,000 - Bob Hagopian**
- \$500 - Dennis Ogden & Dick Packard**
- \$250 - Sharon Mellows & John Ziacoma**
- \$100 - Lisa Turner, Ralph Weston, Barbara Jordan, Nancy Misiaszek, and Georgette Gordon**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

# Notes from the Service Officer

\*\*\*Taken from the newsletter of the Department Service Officer.\*\*\*

## Free Flu Shots!

If you are enrolled in VA Healthcare, October is FREE flu shot month. See attached flyer. The shots are available at Togus, Community Based Outreach Centers and at All Walgreens locations (through March 31, 2016) with VA Health Identification card.

## Intent to File!

More and more veterans are electing to submit an “Intent to File” (ITF) for VA benefits. (VA Form 21-0966) This form establishes “date of claim” in most cases on the date filed as long as you have a diagnosis for a service connected condition. The ITF allows a veteran to file a fully developed claim (FDC), with all supporting evidence, that may result in faster processing (120 days average) This includes pension and survivor benefits claims as well.

If they do not provide the claim evidence **and** file a formal claim within one year (VA Form 21-526EZ/VA 21-534EZ/VA Form 21-527EZ) of the date the ITF, they return to the month the claim was filed. Also, the VA has been mandated under law to help you obtain your civilian medical records, if they cannot, then the burden returns to the veteran. Make sure your post members know how this works. Make sure YOU know how this works so your veterans do not lose compensation or pension benefits. Some are coming in after the expiration of the “ITF” on record. The benefit of a Fully Developed Claim (FDC) is a faster processing time, normally under 120 days here at Togus Veteran Regional Office.

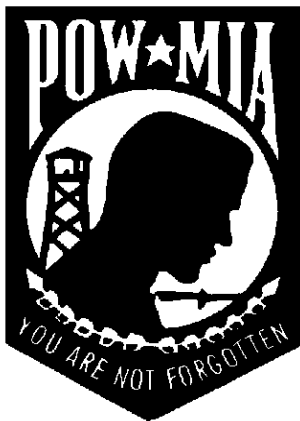
Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Washburn,  
Post Service Officer*

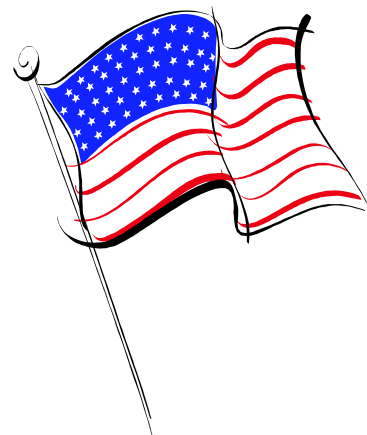


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**November 7, 2016**  
**6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING**  
**6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR**  
**7:00 PM LEGION & AUXILIARY MEETING**



*Happy Thanksgiving*



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