



# 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 5, 2018**

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

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

### HALL HOURS:

**Mon - Sat**  
**3 pm**

**The Post is**  
**NON -SMOKING**



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

Comrades,

The Auxiliary does the newsletter for us and they do a great job. We thank them for their hard work. Unfortunately, sickness and travel prevented a newsletter going out for October.

The Dart League Teams are down this year from last year. Overall, things are going good.

Please see the insert in this newsletter about Veteran's Day. We voted to change things some. Remember Veterans Day is for the living. Come and see the change.

We've done approximately 12 funerals so far. May they rest in peace.

*H. Ralph Withee*  
*Commander*



*Happy Thanksgiving!*  
*To You And Your Family*



### Veterans Day Service

November 12th  
American Legion Post 39  
11:00 am @ the Legion Hall

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

# SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

September's S.A.L. meeting kicked off upstairs, where Post 39 commander Ralph Withee introduced students recently returned from Boys State and Girls State. Carrabec High School's Lillian Johnson told the group that she got to meet gubernatorial candidate Janet Mills and Emily's List executive director Emily Cain. "There's a lot of politics out there, but not a lot of government," Lillian said. "Girls State was really inspiring and gives me hope for the future."

Carrabec High's Brody Miller also had a great time at Boys State and thanked Post 39 for sponsoring him. "I could have done something completely different each day... there were so many paths I could have taken," Brody said. "I got so close to important people, such as governor Paul LePage, as well as Janet Mills and fellow gubernatorial candidate Shawn Moody. It was an awesome program and I thank you all."

S.A.L. members headed back downstairs to finish out the meeting with discussion of how best to plan our remaining 2018 events, and whom to do-

nate to. We'll have more details on both of these topics next month.

In closing, a sad note: all of us will miss The Colonel, the friendly and courageous yellow Labrador who passed away last month. It was amazing that The Colonel lived to be 11-and-a-half, considering his many injuries and surgeries over the years. We all enjoyed seeing The Colonel walk through the door of Post 39, always friendly no matter how much pain he might be in, and always sporting that red service-dog vest. We join co-owners Robin and

Paul Turek in mourning our beloved Colonel.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sam Whitmore,  
Adjutant  
Pete Graves,  
SAL Commander  
John Bryant,  
Chairman of SAL*

## Post Everlasting

*Andrew Denalsky 9-6-18  
Leonard "Jake" Jacobs 9-18-18  
Jean Fortin (Aux) 9-24-18*



## Dates to Remember!

November 5<sup>th</sup> – Regular Monthly Meeting @ 7 pm  
November 10<sup>th</sup> – Craft Fair 9am-2pm  
November 12<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day Service  
November 16<sup>th</sup> – Annual Turkey Supper  
November 19<sup>th</sup> - Executive Meeting  
November 26<sup>th</sup> - Put newsletter together  
December 14<sup>th</sup> – Adult Christmas Party  
December 15<sup>th</sup> – Children's Christmas Party



## Auxiliary News...

Hello Ladies,

We still have some members who have not paid their 2018 renewals. Please get them in so you don't lose your continuous years! We are off and running on 2019 membership drive. Currently we have 78 members paid. 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.

Maxine Dube has mailed out \$30,198.85 worth of coupons over the summer. A great big **THANK YOU** to Maxine for her hours of gathering and cutting coupons. A special **THANK YOU** to all those who donate coupons.

Prior to the start of our October meeting, we were honored to hear from Lillian Johnson who attends Carabec High School. We sponsored her for Girls

State and she shared her experience with us. The 3 young ladies from Madison Area Memorial High School were not able to attend - Abbie Burrows, Jennifer Dean and Ashley Carrier.

As you know we've been running a raffle for a Red, White and Blue Thirty-One Gifts bag filled with goodies throughout the summer. The winner of the raffle is Pauline Holt from Norridge-wock. Congratulations Pauline!

Please welcome new members Wanda Kranz and Jessica Messer both of Madison.

We are saddened by the loss of Jean Fortin who was an Auxiliary member for 33 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Our 33rd Annual Craft Fair is coming up on November 10th - 9am to 2 pm. And as usual, we are sold out!

Our Annual Turkey Supper and Raffle will be on November 16th. We can use all the help we can get to prepare the meal. Come on down to the hall on Thursday if you can help with prep work and/or Friday to cook and set up the hall.

Since our September and October meetings we voted to donate 242 comfort items for VAVS closet valued \$121, \$55 worth of household items for

Betsy Ann Ross House of Hope, 20 Backpacks filled with school supplies distributed to 4 schools \$223, \$100 Sea Cadets NCB39, 3-\$15 Bingo Packages for Luck of the Draw Auctions for 2 families in need and 1 for Somerset Special Olympics, \$25 Madison Information Booth for Treat or Treat, \$50 Children's Halloween Walk Through at Maple-

crest Rehabilitation and Living Center, \$25 Madison Trunk or Treat, \$50 Madison/Anson Days Committee, \$150 Angel Flight and \$25 Madison Business Alliance.

Thank you to Tenley Campbell for her hard work in the kitchen on Beano Sundays!!

### **\*\*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, November 5th at 7 pm. We have a lot of events coming up ~ ALL ALA MEM-**

### **BERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service, not self,

*Robin Turek  
Auxiliary President*





## Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greeting to all our Riders!

Well the first snow on the ground was October 18<sup>th</sup>; so most will be putting up the bikes for the winter but we do have some die hard that will continue riding for a while longer.

Our large fund raiser, the New Portland Fair Beano, went well and we made approximately \$1200 this year. We would like to thank everyone who helped and especially Erwin and Shirley Emery for providing the workers with some fantastic food those three days.

We will need help with ALR Beano on Sunday, October

28<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me at 696-4938 or Bob Washburn our Director if you are able to help out. I will send a email reminder as well.

We hope to see more at our meeting on November 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm. If you are a Legion Member and own a motorcycle, consider becoming a member of the American Legion Riders Chapter 39. Thanks again to everyone who helped out with the New Portland Fair Beano.

Yours in Service,  
Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma  
Secretary/Treasurer

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### 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**eady 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 !**

### Sick Call



John Ziacoma

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

AND THE  
WINNER IS!....

**120 CLUB  
WINNERS**  
(Since Last Newsletter )

**Congratulations  
to all!**

\$1,000 - Fran Bouchard  
\$500 - Bob Hagopian  
\$500 - Nancy Misiaszek  
\$250 - Lauraine Mercier

\$100 - Georgette Gorton

\$250 - Amy Washburn  
\$100 - Betty Price  
\$100 - Maxine Dube  
\$100 - Alex Casey

8/31 - Ann Heald  
9/7 - Dean Olmstead  
9/14 - Eddie Cowan  
9/21 - Mark Long  
9/28 - Lauraine Mercier



# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings from  
NCB 39 Battalion

During our October drill, the unit assisted the Legion with a proper flag retirement ceremony. The cadets had a variety of classes and learned the Latin mottos as well as the symbols for each branch of the military. We had communications classes using signal flags and radios.

On Sunday, we had a compass class. Following this class, the cadets went outside and put the classroom activities to the test during a land navigation

exercise. Cadets were dropped off at one location and needed to find their way through the woods and fields to the target. Cadets were in radio contact and also monitored in the field by Cpl West. All reached the target without incident.

During the first weekend of the month the commanding officer attended a weekend training in Washington DC as part of an inaugural International Exchange Program for adult officers. This training was to prepare adult staff interested in escorting cadets from around this country on

an exchange to host countries around the world. Sea cadet exchanges include the UK, Korea, Belgium, Japan, Sweden, Canada, Australia and more. This was a very intense training and covered all aspects of international travel with children and the responsibility involved

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



**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!**

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



# Notes from the Department Service Officer

*from the department service officer's page:*

The latest update for the Blue Water Navy is the bill to return rights to them for agent orange exposure. The appeals section at Togus has received many cases from 2015 and 2016. These must be completed before our cases from this year can be touched. So if a veteran asks you why it is taking so long for the appeal to be worked, please let him know this information.

H.R 299 is a bill that passed through Congress in June of this year, giving the Blue Water Navy back their rights to claim agent orange exposure has stalled in the Senate. It has not made it out of committee. The reason is that the VA is strongly against the bill.

## RAMP

Rapid Appeals Modernization Program continues to be fine-tuned. As an update there are only a few Regional Offices that conduct the RAMP reviews. Togus is not one of them. So, all RAMP reviews leave the state. The denial rate for this program is still very high, around 75% for both lanes now.

## VA Comp and Pen examinations!

The Comp and Pen location is now on the third floor next door to my office. They also have a full time psychologist on staff now. This in the long run will be good for our veterans. If a veteran complains to you about a compensation and pension exam, let me know. It could affect the rating for the veteran. I have a fix for that but I need to know what is going on.

## State of Maine Veterans

The VA provided this following information.

Total number of veterans	116,782
Total number of veteran over 65	57,792

Based on these numbers 49.49% of all veterans in Maine are over 65 years old.

Total number receiving disability Compensation	26,862
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Based on these numbers less than 5% of all veterans in Maine are receiving disability compensation.



Remember -  
our fallen heroes.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bob Washburn,  
Post Service Officer*

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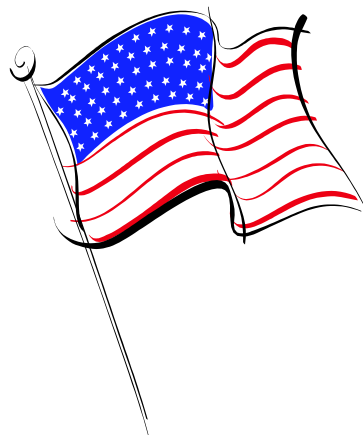


**November 5, 2018**

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING



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