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Meetings

Legion November 6, 2023 7 pm

Auxiliary November 6, 2023 6:30 pm (NEW TIME)

Sons of the American Legion November 6, 2023 5 pm

Hall Hours: Monday - Saturday 3 pm

Post Officers

Commander: Will Price 1st Vice: Bob Demchak 2nd Vice: Eric Fluet Finance: Ray Cloutier Adjutant: Bob Washburn Executive: Ted Brown Executive: Jimmy Pinkham Executive: Bill Lytle Service: Bob Demchak Chaplin: Rich Robinson Americanism: Ted Brown Sgt-at-Arms: Phil Daigle



The American Legion Family

Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter

LEGION UPDATES From your Commander

Comrades,

In addition to our weekly events, Karaoke by Bryant and Suzy-Q will be on November 10th 7pm-10pm.

The Executive Committee has decided to raise our dues to \$45. This is because National plans to raise dues for next year (2025). This will be for your 2025 dues. Please pass the word

On Veterans Day (11 November) we'll be doing a flag retirement ceremony at 2pm. This event will be followed by a Spaghetti dinner provided by our Girl Scout troop 351 from 4-6pm.

On October 7th we hosted a combined Chicken BBQ with the VFW. This was free to Community Veterans and one guest. This was an awesome event; we saw a lot of new faces and we got 5 new Legion members.

The 120 Club still has spots available with a weekly drawing being held every Friday leading up to our banquet on the 18th of November. The meal for this year's event will be Lobster and Steak sponsored and prepared by our own SAL Squadron. The band for the Banquet will be Holy Smoke. Come and get your spot, we still have some available.

The Post needs all of us to run successfully, remember this is your post! It takes many hands to continue to do what we do. If anyone has ideas of different events, please send them to our planning board.

The Post is currently looking for another bartender to help with events. If you know of anyone that may be interested, have them call the post.

Building Fund Report: The building fund is now at \$67,446.00. We were able to move \$50,000 of the building fund into an 11-month (%5 APR) CD. This will yield us an additional \$2,500 return. We are doing great, but we still need to keep pushing events and continue to raise funds. I spoke with the town manager on October 16th about the particulars of the requested property swap. We will be on the agenda for the October 30th town selectmen's meeting at 630pm if anyone would like to

come. Thank you to all who have participated in the ongoing fundraisers and hard work it takes to keep this Post operating on a day-to-day basis. We still have some work to do but are headed in the right direction.

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on November 6th at 7pm.

Our next Executive Committee meeting will be November 20th at 7pm. Our next Family Day meeting will be January 15th at 530pm. Please get some drawings together for this meeting. We need to get our blueprints done.

Additionally, we have coordinated with Casey's Redemption in Anson, Riverside Redemption in Norridgewock and the Solon Redemption Center and they are still taking bottle donations for our building fund.

We are still looking for Bingo volunteers on Sundays 2-5pm.

> Respectfully, Will Price Commander

Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary's mission is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.

PLEASE REMEBER

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

If anyone would like to reserve the hall, you <u>MUST</u> 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!

Auxiliary News...



Greetings, Members!

I am overwhelmed by the outpour of well wishes, cards and prayers while I was hospitalized with pneumonia. I am doing better and have a long road of recovery ahead of me, but I am always up for a good challenge! Thank you to everyone who reached out to myself and Paul.

Remember we are now accepting dues for 2024 membership. Our next goal to obtain is 65% paid by November 10th. We are currently at 59% and need 8 more paid to reach our goal!

Remember we've had an increase and our dues are now \$32 and \$8.25 for juniors.

There are four ways to renew...

• by phone by calling 317-569-4536

• By paying online at: https://www.alaforveter ans.org Please note that we do not have a Pay-Pal account.

- by mailing to the Unit's address (PO Box 325, Madison, ME 04950)
- dropping it off at the Legion with one of our friendly bartenders!!

Our 36th Annual Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th - 9am-2pm. Know any crafters who might want to rent a table for \$15? Or, can you volunteer some time to the kitchen or our Bake Sale? Let me know. As always we are looking for donations to our bake sale table.

Please keep the family of Auxiliary member Tenley Campbell in your thoughts and prayers. Tenley passed away on September 28th after she suffered a heart attack and subsequent stroke. Tenley could always be found working the Post's Bingo on a Sunday afternoon. She will be sorely missed.

Donations since the last newsletter are: \$30 each to the two Girl Scout Troops, \$15 Bingo Pkg. for Geneva Asselin's Benefit, \$25 in memory of auxiliary member to Double B Equine Rescue. \$20 worth of candy to each the Madison Trunk or Treat and to the Legion's participation in the Madison Trunk or Treat, and \$100 to Gerri Jenks towards her veteran son's funeral expenses and \$100 to VAVS, Also, \$32 worth of aluminum tabs were picked up for Shiners Children's Hospital.

We are doing a combined raffle with the SAL of a 22" Blackstone Grill, Comfy Corona Chair and a Heineken Cooler. Proceeds to benefit the Post Building



Fund, Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10 and are available at the hall by asking a member or the bartender.

We currently have the position of Secretary open on our E-Board. If you or you know of someone who may be interested in this position please contact myself or any Auxiliary Officer for further details.



We are in dire need of volunteers to work the kitchen on Sundays for Bingo. Please remember that the profits from the kitchen during Bingo are our only consistent income that gets our monthly bills paid! Please consider donating some time. FMI contact Tammy Giguere - 399-4948 OR Harriet Brvant - 635-2051. Also check the calendar in the kitchen and write vour name on the Sunday you can volunteer.

> Yours in service, not self, Robín Turek, Presídent

SAL Squadron #39

Greetings!

Just a reminder that the positions of Adjutant and Historian are open. Please Help!

Membership cards ARE IN!!! We're taking payment on your 2024 membership dues. Dues are \$30. Anyone with outstanding 2023 dues need to get them in! We cannot issue your 2024 cards until 2023 is paid!

We are doing a combined raffle with the Auxiliary of a 22"

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Our next Wednesday dinner will be on October 25th. We will be serving baked Chicken.

On November 15th we'll be serving our Annual Turkey Dinner with all the Fixings.

Our next member-

ship meeting will be November 6th at 5pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pete Graves, SAL Commander John Bryant, Chaírman of SAL





The Post is NON-SMOKING





THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS PLEASE SUPPORT THEM!!

Happy Birthday to all members born in November!





US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings from NCB 39 Battalion

In October, we went to Bangor to use a ropes course, climbing wall and much more. Afterwards, we enjoyed a Chinese buffet. One of the cadets had never been to a buffet before. This program does impact their lives in ways we can't think of.

In November, we will be helping with the flag retirement ceremony at the Legion. Please donate your old flags for proper disposal.

We are looking for more recruits, so send us your nieces, nephews or grandkids. Spread the word to others when you can.

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. Together, we are helping to shape the future.

> Respectfully, The Officers and Staff NCB39 Battalion

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