



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



Volume IX, Issue VIII



October 2014

Happenings...

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct 6, 2014

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,

Fall is here! And with that Dart season has started and so far we have a great number of teams and it's going well!

Please remember the 120 Club Dinner is October 4th. Social Hour is from 5 pm - 6 pm and dinner is at 6 pm. After dinner will be the drawings and the dance. We've had a great response this time!

On October 11th John Clark is hosting a dance. The band will be Borderline Express. Everyone is welcome!

Don't forget our annual Halloween Dance on October 25th!

The Post will be open New Year's Eve at 3 pm. There will not be a

band this year but the juke box will be free!

Donations since June include \$295 for the One On One Program at Togus, \$191 Special Olympics, \$200 Run to Home Base (helps veterans and their families), \$100 for sponsorship of the Chili Cook Off during Madison Anson Days and \$120 to the Sea Cadets.

H. Ralph Withee
Commander



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SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

SAL Squadron #39 would like to welcome Clint Brown of Embden. Clint transferred from Post #0178 of Waterville.

Jeff Ireland who is our current Historian has stepped into the vacant 1st Vice position. Dan "Butter" Kirk, the former 1st Vice has moved to North Carolina.

The SAL donated \$100 to Legion member Roland Allain who is having a lung removed on September 29th in Boston. We wish you the best of luck. We have made a donation of \$100 to Jayden Talbot of Harmony. Jayden is eight or nine years old. He lost one of his legs in a lawn-

mower accident. This donation will help send him to Camp No-Limits in Rome.

The winner of the firewood raffle is John Henry of Madison. Congratulations, John! This raffle raised \$550 for our charities. A thank you to Wyman trucking for donating the firewood.

The Squadron has decided to put on a pig roast. The date is Saturday, October 18th from 3 p.m. - 5 pm. The price is \$10 per person. Pork, beans, salads, rolls and desserts will be served. Look for tickets in this newsletter. We hope you can join us and "pig out"! The pig will be cooked by SAL member Eddie Cowan.

This will be the 2nd year for our Hannaford Gift Card Raffle

which will have 3 winners. 1st prize - \$200; 2nd Prize - \$125 and the final prize is a \$75 gift card. Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10. The drawing date is Friday, November 21, 2014 at the Annual Turkey Dinner and Baskets Raffle. These tickets are also in this newsletter

Have a nice day,

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

Sick Call

Olive Roberge



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

**If anyone wants to book the
hall,
you MUST contact
Sheila Moody at 696-8080
or at the Legion - 696-5848
after 3:00 pm
on Wed and Thurs.**

**Want to know what's
going on at YOUR
Legion? Come to the
meeting on Oct 6th!**

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,

Membership is at the forefront of our goals! Senior dues are \$20 and Junior dues are \$3. We'd like to hit 50% membership by October 20th. To date we have 46 members out of 132 paid. We only need 20 more members paid to make the goal of 50% by October 20th!! Membership has been mailed and should be in your mailboxes soon. But you don't have to wait for the mail - you can send in your dues to us at PO Box 325, Madison, ME 04950 at any time! Come on ladies...get those dues in ... **RECRUIT, RENEW and REJOIN!**

I am saddened to relay that we just learned of the passing of Lillian Baker on October 28, 2013. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

In September we voted to donate \$50 donation to Stand-down, \$22.50 to Carrabec High School Yearbook Ad, \$31.25 to Madison Area High School Yearbook Ad and \$50 to sponsor a member who is attending the NAMI walk. We also donated 16 backpacks filled with school supplies for a total of \$255 and \$50 for the One on One Program at Togus.

On September 20th, Marie Wing, Merrilyn Vieira, Shirley Emery and I attended Fall Conference in Rockland. What a fantastic weekend of learning, camaraderie and team building!

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to Pete Petersen for the cabinet and countertop he installed in the kitchen. The next time you're at the Legion, check it out!

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

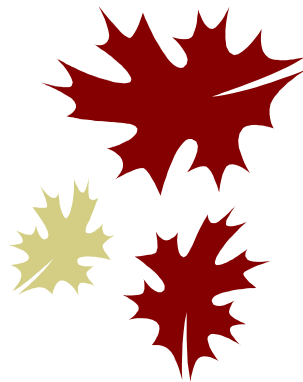
Box Tops and Labels for Education!

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

Yours in Service,



Robin Turek
Auxiliary President



Post Everlasting

Lillian Baker
October 28, 2013



Dances

October 11th
John Clark's Dance
Borderline Express
8:00 pm to 12:30 am
Everyone Welcome!



Halloween Dance
October 25th
Borderline Express
8:30 pm to 12:30 am
\$5 per person



Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

It was great to get back to our meetings. We had 7 members for the meeting and two more came late.

We had a great turn out for bingo. The weather cooperated, and it looks like we will make a good profit. won't know for sure until all the numbers are in, but as of a little after 1:00 on Sunday, we had already called more games than the whole last year. Much Thanks to all who helped (I won't try to name them all because I am sure I would miss someone. You know who you were)!!!

We will also be doing the bingo on the 28th at the Legion Hall. If

you would like to help for that one, that would be great. We won't turn down extra help. It is a lot less work for all when there are more helpers (but I guess that is true for about everything).

We donated \$1000 (\$500 each to Legacy foundation and Homeless Veterans of Maine) (from money raised last year at the fair). We did not have anyone attend the summer rally, but several of us were planning on attending. Something always comes up.

Don't be a stranger. If you are a member, come join us for bingo, or come to the meetings (next meeting at the Hall at

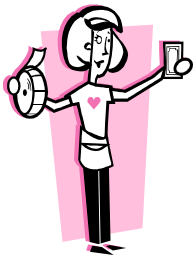
1800 (6pm) hrs on October 6. Hope to see you there

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn
Secretary



120 CLUB WINNERS (since last newsletter)



8/29 - Barb Poissonnier
9/5 - Mark Long
9/12 - Deborah Packard
9/19 - Dennis Ogden

NEW Post 39 Website

[http://
www.mainelegionpost39.
org/](http://www.mainelegionpost39.org/)

CHECK IT OUT!!!

Dates to Remember!

October 4th - 120 Club Dinner & Dance.

October 18th - SAL Pig Roast

November 8th - Auxiliary Craft Fair

November 21st - Annual Turkey/Ham Baskets Raffle with Turkey Dinner



US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

The unit's drill weekend for September was unique. We spent the weekend at the US Navy SERE facility near Rangeley.

Upon arrival, the cadets met with the Navy SERE instructors; were given a short orientation, a safety briefing and issued some necessary items. They were then escorted to the camping area where they were shown where to set up for the night. It was a cold night with a temperature of 30degrees at the 0600 reveille. The campfire was already ablaze and water on to boil.

No time was wasted as instruction began in earnest. Fire-building skills were demonstrated by the instructors, hot oatmeal was

served and cadets were instructed on wood gathering and then had to build their own fires using only flint and steel. Success was attained by all of them and this would be demonstrated numerous times on Saturday & Sunday.

The next event was how to build shelter. Class time was held in the forest discussing and demonstrating the use of the military issued rain poncho to build a waterproof shelter as well as other techniques. The cadets then had to construct their own individual shelter using any of the items they had in their possession and found in the forest environment. The first test came when the instructors had to look for two of the well camouflaged shelters. The second test came with

the heavy rain on Saturday night. Everyone stayed warm and dry!

The day's next event was how to build snares and traps using wire and "550" cord and how to process and use captured game. In this case, it was rabbits. Four were processed and preparations for cooking were discussed including digging a pit-oven for baking the rabbits. The pit was dug and two rabbits were put into it for baking for the evening meal per the instructor's directions and two left for later to make a stew. Lunch consisted of lessons on how to properly prepare and eat MREs

Once lunch was completed, they moved onto land navigation

skills and topographical map usage. After classroom instruction, the cadets were challenged to take a given heading and distance and get from point A to point B through the dense forest. Once they reached point B, they had to find where they were located on the map using bi-angulations and tri-angulations. During the return trip, they were challenged to build a fire in a still damp environment from the previous evening's rain. Then back to base camp and the evening meal.

The cadets built a campfire and

the remaining two rabbits and some vegetables were prepared to make a stew. Once the stew was set upon the campfire, the rabbits buried earlier were dug up and shared amongst the entire group. The stew was done in about an hour and that finished the evening meal. After cleanup, more classroom time filled most of the evening. The campfire was relit, cadets were instructed to procure long thin green sticks and marshmallows were roasted until taps at 2200.

Sunday started with a 0600 reveille. The cadets built the base camp fire in preparation for a breakfast of hot dogs roasted over the campfire. Once breakfast was completed, the cadets were informed that the last event was to be cold-water immersion training to demonstrate the immediate effects on the human body. But first, clean-up. Once all of the areas used were left spotless with no trace of humans, we boarded the bus and headed to the jump-off point for the last

event

From the jump-off point, the cadets hiked uphill through dense forest for just over 500 meters. At that point we came upon a stream with natural water slides into pools of water about 3 feet deep. Cadets were allowed to change out of uniforms into spare clothing and then took turns down one of the slides into 45 degree water. The lesson of immediate cold and limited physical abilities became obvious. They

then had to build a fire for warmth and then were allowed to change into warm, dry uniforms. The final event was the 500-meter hike back to the bus. The SERE Instructors were thanked for their efforts and were given a farewell wave for providing the great experience and education.

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.

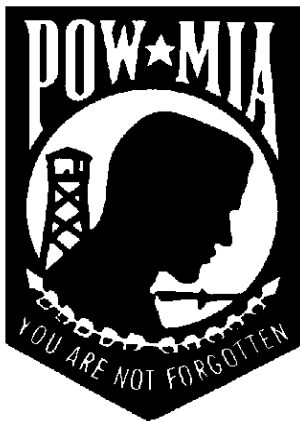
The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is open to 11-17 year old males and females. Please visit our website: <http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com>

Respectfully,

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

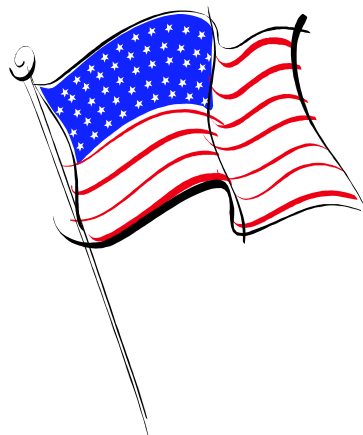
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6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM MEETING



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