



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



Volume X, Issue VII

September 2015

Happenings...

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
Monday, Sep 14, 2015

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,

Another summer has come and gone. I hope everyone had a good one.

The Chicken BBQ for the Legion and VFW went well. We served over 100 people. The cost was under \$200 for each Post.

The Post did good for July and August as far as income is concerned.

The hardwood floor was done twice and looks very good. The total cost for both times was \$198 vs. \$800 since we had donated help.

Our Scholarship Recipients are: Madison High School--Corporal Joseph Quirion Memorial Scholarship—\$500—Emily Knox; Captain Gene Matthews Memorial Scholarship—\$200—Tristan Emery and Delancy Davis; \$100—Brooklyn

Friend. Carrabec High School—Captain Gene Matthews Scholarship—\$500—Jerzee Rugh; \$250—Chelse Pray and Isaac Vaillancourt. Mt. Blue High School—Captain Gene Matthews Scholarship—\$500—Benjamin Nile

The following donations have been made since the last newsletter: \$1,500 Legion baseball; \$200 Sea Cadets; \$100 Sponsorship for Chili Cook Off; \$216 for chips the Special Olympics Summer Games

Don't forget the 120 Club Dinner/Dance is October 3rd. Please make sure you are up to date on your payments!

The next meeting is September 14th. Hope to see a lot of you there!

Have a safe Labor Day!!

H. Ralph Withee
Commander

Want to know what's
going on at YOUR Legion?
Come to the meeting on
September 14th

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,

The Squadron welcomes three new members, John Kerr of Anson, Scott Wilkinson, and Wayne Chadbourne - both from Madison.

The recipient of the 1st Annual Edward and Clyde Withee Memorial Scholarship is Benjamin Nile. Ben is a SAL member and grandson of John & Harriet Bryant and Ron Page. Congratulations Ben on your \$250 Scholarship. A presentation will be made at our October meeting. We have already received a Thank you card from Ben.

A vote was taken and approved for the Squadron to pay the dues of any SAL member 70 years old and over with at least two years paid membership effective with the 2016 membership.

Donations have been made by the SAL to the following: \$200 to the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB39BN, \$100 to the playground fund for Canaan Elementary School and \$100 for fire victim Chris Goodman of Solon. The families of the late Arthur Breault and Margaret Inman, both of Madison, will each receive a \$100 donation. Josh Tucci and Maria Gunther of Anson whose newborn son

passed away will also receive a \$100 donation.

We had a good turn out for the Chicken Barbecue. The Squadron made \$700 after expenses, plus \$75 from the 50/50 raffle. The \$75 winner of the 50/50 raffle was Butch St. Peter.

The Lobster Bake was also a success. After expenses we made \$1,045 plus \$155 from the 50/50 raffle. The other \$155 went to raffle winner Dennis Ogden.

Thank you to everyone who attended these functions. Your support is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank members of the Legion, Auxiliary, Legion

Riders, SAL, bartenders and anyone who helped or donated in any way.

We will hold a Pig Roast on October 10th from 1pm-3pm. Pork, beans, salads and desserts will be served. The price is \$10 per plate. Tickets are in this newsletter.

The Hannaford Gift Card raffle will start in the middle of September. See next

months newsletter for tickets and further information.

I do have the 2016 membership cards.

Have a good day,

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

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

Dates to Remember!

September 14th @ 7pm - Next Regular Meeting
September 18th - 20th - Fall Conference; Waterville Post #5
September 18th - 20th - ALR Beano @ New Portland Fair
September 19th - Dance; "Borderline Express"
SEPTEMBER 23rd - DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS!!!
October 3rd - 120 Club Dinner/Dance
October 31st - Dance; "3 Days Till Monday"



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,

Your 2016 membership dues are due! If you haven't paid your 2015 dues, there's still time! Please Make checks payable to Madison ALA and mail to Madison ALA, PO Box 325, Madison, ME 04950. The dues are still \$20.

This year's Membership Chairman, Veronica Gurney, has chosen is *"Getting on Track with Membership"*. The 4th District (our District) is the "Central Railroad" and our color is green. When attending Dis-

trict and Department meetings/trainings let's show our spirit by wearing our color! The next membership goal for 2015-2016 is obtaining **45% membership by September 20th**. Come on, Ladies, **WE CAN DO THIS!** Please pay your membership soon!

Maxine has mailed out over \$39,653.93 worth of coupons since our last newsletter in June. Thank you, Maxine and Barbara Wyman! Great work! Keep the coupons coming in ladies!

During our summer Executive Meetings we voted to donate \$75

to the Wounded Warrior Shoot Out.

The Annual State Convention was June 19th-21st. Myself, Merrilyn Vieira, Sharon Mellows, Sandy Ingalls and Nancy Misiaszek attended. Our new Department (State) Officers were elected and are:

President - Debbie Marr
Vice President - Veronica (Rokosny) Gurney
Secretary - Michelle McRae
Treasurer - Brenda King
Chaplain - Ann Durost
Historian - Joan Caron
Sgt at Arms - Betty Seeley

We have two new members! Please join me in welcoming Deborah Ashby from Anson and Darlene Mooers of Fairfield.

On August 8th, Sandy Ingalls and I attended Department Officer Training in Sabattus. We learned a lot about the positive path our Department Officers want to go this year. Sandy and I will be passing along this information in future Unit meetings.

The Unit had a table set up during the Madison-Anson Days

Celebration. We handed out applications and other information about the Auxiliary as well as had RADA knives for sale and poppies for donations. Thank you to all the Auxiliary members that worked! Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

****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, September 14th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

I hope all of you enjoyed your summer!

Yours in Service,



Robin Turek



Dances

September 19th
Borderline Express
8:30 pm to 12:30am
\$5 per person

Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

We met all summer even though the Legion did not. We decided in June that July and August, we would meet at the regular time and go ride for supper. The month of July, we had 20 motorcycles and had a great time. We rode to Kingfield, then back through Farmington for ice cream. Actually, we had 5 motorcycles, but we still did ride, and had a great time. Just wanted to get your attention. We could have 20 motorcycles and that would be a great time.

Due to a miscommunication in August, we didn't ride.

Anyway, we look forward to seeing you at the Norridgewock Labor Day Parade (Monday 9-7). If you would like to ride with us, be at the Norridgewock school by 0830. If you can't make it there, we would like to see you at our next meeting, September 14th at 1800 at the hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Washburn
Secretary



THE RIDERS CREED

Rider 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.

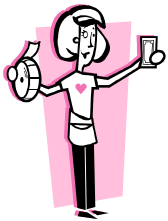
Deeds not words create change. I will persevere against any and all things that prevent my success. My resolve and strength will overcome all obstacles.

Each rider is first a member of the American Legion family. I will actively participate in and willingly support their endeavors.

Really 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.

Success 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 !



120 CLUB WINNERS

6/19 Sue Petersen

6/26 Blackie Merry

7/3 Ralph Weston

7/10 Val Roy

7/17 Barbara Jordan

7/24 Christy Whitmore

7/31 Barbara Poissonnier

8/7 Dave Jewel

8/14 Sharon mellows

8/21 Cecil Dow

8/28 Cecil Dow



Sick Call

Bill Lane

Ted Misiaszek



Post Everlasting

Arthur Breault 8/2/15



US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

Wow! Busy since our last newsletter. Our May drill was the last one before our very busy summer. It was held over the Memorial Day weekend and provided the Color Guard for the parade and services in Anson, Madison, East Madison and Starks.

June saw a one-day drill to insure last minute preparations were complete for cadets going to the NSCC Boot Camp at Ft Devens, MA, Advanced Training at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Buzzards Bay, MA, Advanced Trainings at the

tion as an Incident Commander at Level Five and Four and certification as a Division/Group Supervisor at Levels Five thru One.

In addition to the two trainings in South Portland, both groups supported the Tall Ships 2015 two-day activities at the Portland waterfront. They provided security and escorted guests aboard the tall ships, including the US Coast Guard

providing a Color Guard for the Oosoola Days parade in Norridgewock.

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

Coast Guard Station in South Portland, ME and the NLCC Boot Camp at Camp Niantic, CT.

One cadet attended and successfully completed the 14-day NSCC Boot Camp in June. He was promoted to E-2 upon graduation.

One cadet attended and successfully completed Fire Suppression training at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy In July.

July saw three cadets attending Advanced Coast Guard

Tall Ship Barque Eagle. Everyone received a special ribbon authorized by the NSCC.

August found five NSCC cadets headed to NLCC Boot Camp as staff and one NLCC cadet attending as a recruit. The recruit successfully completed Boot Camp. Each Staff Cadet received the Staff Cadet Ribbon for their efforts. One Staff Cadet was singled out for his extraordinary efforts and

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)*

training at the US Coast Guard Station. They received training in the 11 missions of the Coast Guard and earned their US Coast Guard Certification in Hazardous Waste and Emergency Response as a First Responder at the Operations Level.

July also saw one cadet and two Staff Officers attending an intense four days of classroom FEMA Emergency Management training at the US Coast Guard Station, followed by a one-day practical training exercise. They received their FEMA Certifica-

received the NSCC Commendation Ribbon.

During August, we held our first unit full weekend drill of the summer and supported the Madison/Anson Days celebration by providing a Color Guard for the parade.

We will be going to Brunswick 4-6 September to support the Blue Angels Air Show and on 07 September, we will be



Notes from the Department Service Officer

VA Launches New No-Cost Training Programs

*Programs Designed to Help Transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans
Develop New Skills and Credentials*

WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today launched two new no-cost training programs, Accelerated Learning Programs (ALPs) and VA Learning Hubs, to help transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans from all eras learn skills, earn credentials, and advance in civilian careers following separation from service.

ALPs and Learning Hubs are part of VA's [Veterans Economic Communities Initiative \(VECI\)](#), promoting education and employment opportunities for Veterans through integrated networks of support in 50 cities. VA launched the VECI program in response to President Obama's August 2014 challenge to help Veterans and families integrate with their communities and find meaningful jobs that can lead to economic success. Under VA Secretary Robert McDonald's [MyVA](#) transformation, VECI is now in place in cities across the United States.

"My message to transitioning Servicemembers is simple: Plan early and stay engaged, because transition is the mission," said McDonald. "These two new resources provide no-cost opportunities for our transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans to learn new skills and earn credentials, which can increase their competitiveness during their transition."

ALPs offer transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans the opportunity to build on their world-class training and technical skills gained through their military service, and earn certifications in high-demand fields.

VA is piloting ALPs this summer with seven courses focusing on building skills and certifications needed to advance in high-demand careers in information technology (IT), as part of the [President's TechHire](#) initiative. Each ALP course is offered at no cost and includes free referral and support services.

The first ALP cohort includes seven courses covering a range of IT-related topics, including:

- Coding/Programming Boot Camps;
- 80+ IT Certifications in Hardware, Software, Networking, Web Services, and more;
- Network Support Engineer Job Training and Certification;
- Cybersecurity Training and Certification;
- IT Help Desk Job Training; and
- IT Boot Camps for Desktop Support and Windows Expertise.

Transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans from any era are invited to apply to their choice of courses. Applications will be accepted starting August 17, 2015 – seats in the pilot cohort are limited; applicants are encouraged to apply early. ALPs do not involve use of the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Students are able to participate in these programs while also pursuing other programs of study using Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits. [Visit the ALP website](#) to learn more about each program and apply.

VA is also launching Learning Hubs in 27 cities across the country this year in partnership with the American Red Cross, The Mission Continues and Coursera, an online education platform.

Transitioning Servicemembers and Veterans can take advantage of both online and in-person study. Each week, online course modules will be completed outside the classroom while class sessions, led by Learning Hub facilitators, provide opportunities to discuss course materials with peers, hear from subject matter experts, and network. Upon completion of the program, Servicemembers and Veterans may elect to receive one free verified certificate issued by Coursera.

For more information about the VECI or to learn more about VA ALPs and Learning Hubs, contact VeteranEmployment.vbaco@va.gov.

**Members can check the Post Bulletin
Board and Web site for more
information**

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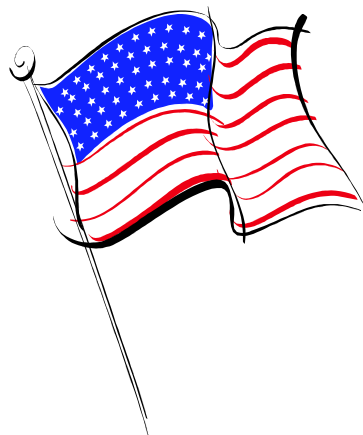


September 14, 2015

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING



**School is back in session.
Please drive carefully!**



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