



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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September 2016

## Happenings...

### Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Social Hr.** 6:00 p.m.  
**Monday, Sept 12th,  
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,

Another summer has almost gone by. Hope everyone enjoyed it!

The summer was good for the Legion. We put in three heat pumps with the help of the members which saved on the cost. We have started to renovate the bus pick-up area out back for winter use. Our plans are to put in a new floor, windows, etc., to make it warmer. At this time we don't have any major projects to do with the Legion now.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Legion Hall was the venue for the formal Promotion to Major Ceremony for Captain Randall Turner Jr, USAF. Major Demchak, USAF (Ret) administered the Oath of Office to Captain Turner. The United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB39BN provided the Color Guard.

dren program and towards our donation to the Special Olympics program.

Our meeting in September will start off as a joint meeting with ALL members for a presentation of the Legion Eagle of the Year Award to Ashton Heald by the Department.

The October meeting will also start off with a joint meeting with ALL members for a presentation of a

Donations from Post 39 were: \$200 to a Madison Student for a SKILLS competition, \$125 to Anson-Madison Days, \$200 to the Wounded Warrior Shootout, \$400 to VA Volunteer Services.

John Bryant's (Finance Officer) Madison High School Class of 1961 classmate, Frank Gilbert, donated \$500 to our Captain Gene Matthews Scholarship fund at their recent 55th class reunion. That makes \$5,000 that Frank has donated to this scholarship in the last two years. It has allowed us to double the number of Madison and Carrabec scholarships that are awarded.

The family of Norris Padham gave the post a very generous donation of \$1,000 following our participation in Norris' funeral. That money has been placed in our Caring Tree account and will be used towards our winter coats and boots for needy chil-

ribbon that was given to Clyde Withee, who lost his life in Vietnam. This ribbon will be given to his sister, Martha Walker.

Remember school has started again. Drive Carefully!

*H. Ralph Withee  
Commander*

## SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

Please remember that your 2017 membership dues (\$25) are now due!

Summer is usually a quiet time with the SAL but not this year. In July the entire Post celebrated the promotion of Randall Turner Jr., son of Sons member, Randy Turner, to the rank of Major in the U.S. Air Force. In a late afternoon Saturday ceremony, Randall Jr. related many of his adventures being stationed in five different US cities, and about meeting the

love of his life along the way. (She and the couple's young son were of course in attendance.)

Randall recalled the exciting night when Air Force bombers delivered an airstrike on Libya - all the way from their base in South Dakota. Randall led the team that prepare the bombers for combat and make them air-worthy.

"Dad, turn on the TV," he told Randall Sr. that night, phoning him from an underground, high-security command center. A proud moment all around.

In August the Sons held their annual lobster bake as part of

the annual Madison/Anson Days. The big crowd thoroughly enjoyed their lobsters or steaks, pasta, corn on the cob and a wide variety of desserts. And we're happy to say that, from a fundraising point of view, the event was a big success. Special thanks go to members Eddie Cowan for contributing the use of his monster grill-on-wheels, and as always to Sons Commander Mark Long and so many others for their help in the kitchen.

Now, an important request...

In an effort to stay in better touch with all members, the

Sons need your phone number and email address. We will keep it confidential. This will allow us to communicate with you directly in case of emergency, or to convey an urgent message concerning official squadron business.

Please send your info along to Sam Whitmore, Adjutant. Reach me at 696-0857 or on email at [samwhitmore@gmail.com](mailto:samwhitmore@gmail.com).

Thanks for helping to make Post 39 stronger than ever!

Respectfully Submitted,

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

### *Sick Call*

*Cindy Savoy  
Jane Ouderkirik*



## Dates to Remember!

- September 12th @ 7 pm - Next Regular Meeting
- September 16th-18th – New Portland Fair
- Septemeber 17th – Fall Conference – Waterville Post #5
- September 18th - Maine's Homeless Veterans Benefit w/ Debbie Myers & Friends at Augusta Civic Center - 12 PM
- September 23rd - NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE!!!
- **September 26th – Put newsletter together for mailing @ 12:30 pm**
- October 29th - Halloween Dance w/Dirty McCurdy - Details to follow



# 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 for 2016 ended with a bang! We renewed/joined 134 members!! That puts us at 102.29% membership! **WAY TO GO LADIES!!** We are now accepting 2017 membership dues (\$20) and are already exceeding our goals! At this time we have 52 members paid...that's 38.81% of the members paid! We are well on our way to our next goal which is 45% of membership paid by October 20th. 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>, 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. Our Department Membership Chair, Ann Durost, has chosen superhero's as our theme this year. Our District, District 4, is Wonder Woman! We are all **WONDER WOMEN!!!** When attending District meetings, make sure to wear your Wonder Woman shirt, or a yellow shirt which is our District color.

Harriet Bryant, Merrilyn Vieira and myself attended the State Convention in June. I have to admit that I was honored and humbled to accept all the awards you ladies worked so hard over the past year to achieve. There are just too many to list here, therefore I will share them all at our September meeting.

We definitely had a busy summer! We prepared meals for several Legionnaire's funerals and due to their generous donations we put these monies in our

Caring Tree and Community funds. We presented scholarships at Madison Area Memorial High School and Carrabec High School, attended the State Convention, Department Officer Training, covered the kitchen for beano and cribbage and last but definitely not least we had a booth at the Madison/Anson Day's Celebration. We handed out information about the American Legion Auxiliary, sold RADA

knives, took donations for poppies and also sold the military bracelets.

Over the summer we voted on the following donations: \$600 for comfort items at Togus, \$150 to Madison/Anson Days celebration, \$50 to the Wounded Warrior Shoot-out and 2 containers of aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital.

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

**Our next meeting will be Monday, September 12th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

**\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER\*\*  
We continue to collect**

## Also....

Please remember to check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and information! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39/>.



Yours in Service,  
*Robin Turek*  
Auxiliary President

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

**Want to know what's going on at YOUR Legion?  
Come to the meeting on September 12th!**

## Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

We tried to have two rides this summer to take the place of our normal meeting times since the AL, Sons, and Auxiliary did not meet in July and August. I am not sure what happened to one of the rides. The other ride was cancelled because our riders participated in two funerals for fallen brothers on the same day. We will keep trying to get together for a ride.

Well I hope you all had a great summer and had lots ride times. You can't really blame the weather if you didn't get

much riding in. It has been pretty dry since before Memorial Day, so the weather should be no excuse (for all you fair weather riders!).

It was good to see so many of you at the Memorial Day Parade. I would like to see you all more. Don't forget, our next meeting is September 12 (since the first Monday is Labor Day). 1800 hrs (6pm) at the post.

Also, we could use your help at the North New Portland Fair. September 16-18. We are running Bingo up there again, and this is a HUGE fund raiser for us for the year. Please let



### 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**eed is 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**eally 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!**

Sharon know if and when you plan to work. The work is easy and made much more enjoyable with many helpers.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn  
Secretary

**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.**

### Post Everlasting



*Theresa Page (AUX) - 8/1/15*  
*Frank Gleason - 5/26/16*  
*Morris "Moe" Murray - 5/30/16*  
*Roger Tardiff - 5/31/16*  
*John Furlong - 6/13/16*  
*Norris Padham - 6/30/16*  
*Judith Plourde (AUX) - 7/29/16*  
*Alston Rackliff - 8/10/16*

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# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

We have been busy since our last newsletter input. The unit provided the Color Guard for the Memorial Day parade and services in Anson, Madison, East Madison and Starks.

June saw us attending training in First-aid/CPR/AED at the Redington-Fairview hospital. Cadets received their two year certifications from the American Red Cross.

July was a busy month. We provided a Color Guard for the Solon 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and had two officers and three cadets staff the 7-day dual advanced trainings held at the Coast

Guard Station in South Portland.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, we provided a Color Guard for the formal Promotion to Major ceremony for Captain Randall Turner Jr, USAF. The event was held at the Madison Legion Hall with Major Demchak, USAF (Ret) administering the Oath of Office to Captain Turner.

August was also a busy month. We had two cadets staff the NLCC Boot Camp at Camp Niantic, CT. CPO Brown, NSCC, was selected as the Battalion Chief. She was responsible for over 100 recruits and staff cadets. PO2 Baldinelli,

NSCC, served as a Deputy Company Commander. Additionally, we provided 84 man-hours of volunteer time in support of the Combat Wounded Veterans Shoot VI at the Williams Machine Gun Range. On Aug 27<sup>th</sup>, we provided the Color Guard for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Madison-Anson Days parade.

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-

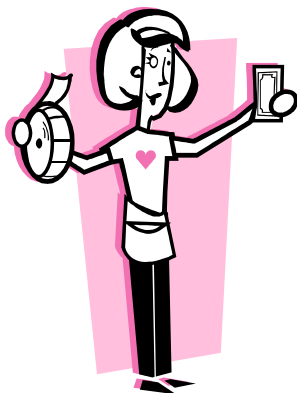
17 year old males and females. Please visit our website: <http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com> for more information.

Respectfully,

*MAJ Robert E. Demchak,  
USAF (Ret)  
Commanding Officer  
NCB 39 Battalion*



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



## 120 CLUB WINNERS

(Since last newsletter)

6/3 - Ted Misiaszek  
6/10 - Paul Turek  
6/17 - Tena Ireland  
6/24 - Carol Shibley  
7/1 - Jeff Ireland  
7/8 - Barbara Poissonnier

7/15 - Vinnie Santoni  
7/22 - Ted Misiaszek  
7/29 - Trudy Hagopian  
8/5 - Barbara Poissonnier  
8/12 - Vinnie Gruntmeyer  
8/19 - Pete Graves

8/26 - Ralph Withee

# Notes from the Service Officer

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

## **Changes to Your VA Compensation and Pension**

We are seeing are several veterans who are getting in debt to the government regarding overpayments by the VA. Here are the two most common ways this happens. The most common cause is the starting of your Social Security Benefits and changes to dependent status.

1. Veterans on Non Service Connected Pension When a veteran is in receipt of a NSC connected

pension almost any other income, to include Social Security, must be deducted from the pension. This includes ALL family income to include the earnings of your spouse and children! Failure to notify the VA will result in an overpayment. This also occurs when a veteran has a change in dependency status, i.e. divorce or aging out of children. If you do not notify the VA and put the overpayment aside you will be incur a debt that in most cases, must be repaid.

Veterans who are receiving Service Connected Compensation. If you are receiving service connected compensation and your dependency changes, i.e. divorce, your benefits decrease. You must notify the VA of ANY changes to dependency to avoid debt. The process involves a VA notification letter to you about the overpayment. You have sixty days to respond if the letter is in error. Your debt will then go to

collection. Collection is done by the Veterans Regional Office in St. Paul, MN. They will send you a debt letter, with payment instructions. Do not ignore it!

You have appeal rights and you will lose those rights if you do not appeal in a timely manner; as indicated in the letter. They will collect from your compensation if any, pension if any, and then go on to collect from any other government payments; i.e. Social Security, Tax refunds etc. Contact the American Legion Service Office if you need help putting together your letter requesting waiver, compromise or payment plan. You must come into the office to do this, it also involves filling out a VA form 5655, (Financial Status Report) you should bring this form, filled out, with you when you come to your assistance appointment to avoid multiple office visits.

## **Sign Up for VA Healthcare Online VA Health Care Application**

(In lieu of VA Form 10-10ez)

Beginning June 30, 2016, Veterans applying for VA health care will be directed to the health care application on [www.vets.gov](http://www.vets.gov).

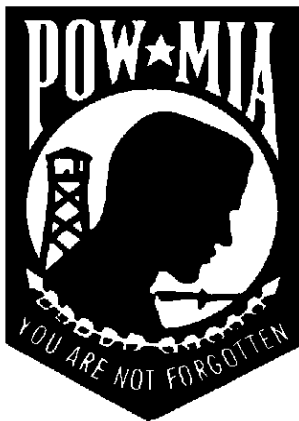
Veterans will still have access to VA Form 10-10EZ, which was originally available through the Veterans On-line Application.

Those applying for health care eligibility can use the online application or call 877-222-VETS (8387) and sign up telephonically

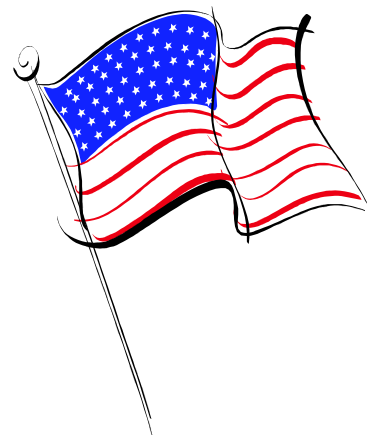
Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Washburn,  
Post Service Officer

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**September 12, 2016**  
**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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