



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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September 2019

## Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

### Legion, Auxiliary & SAL

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Social Hr.** 6:00 p.m.  
**September 9, 2019**

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

**Big Cribbage (Singles)**  
**September 14th**  
Sign up - 8am-10am  
Game starts @ 10am

**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,

As a reminder, the 120 Club banquet is scheduled for October 5, 2019 and you must be paid up in full to qualify for the cash drawings and attend the banquet. Please inform the on-duty bartender or any Post Officer or Email the Post with your menu choice.

In early July 2019, markers and flags were removed from Veterans' gravesites in the local cemeteries. A big thank you to those that helped in this endeavor.

Kudos to the Ladies Auxiliary for their continuing efforts towards the betterment of the local community and the Post and specifically for their efforts in support-

ing the annual Madison/Anson Days celebration.

Since the last newsletter we voted to donate \$50 MAD@ Cancer Ride for American Cancer Society, \$120 worth of coffee to Togus VAVS, \$125 Sea Cadets for their voyage on a Windjammer and \$15 Bingo Pkg for Cayford/Pollis Benefit.

The Post's Funeral Services Team has provided services for two veterans since the last Newsletter with three more currently scheduled. The families of those veterans have expressed sincere gratitude to the Post for helping them through their grief. All Post members are encouraged to attend services for fallen Post members with services for Joseph

Quirion, Sr. scheduled for the South Side Cemetery in Skowhegan at 10AM on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

The Post thanks all of the individuals who helped put together this year's entries into the annual Madison/Anson Days parade.

Please visit the Post's website

and Facebook Page for current information of interest to the Post membership.

Respectfully,  
**Bob Demchak**  
Commander



## SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

As the American Legion moves into its second century, it's time to think about what held it together for so long in the first place. Perhaps the biggest element is "service to country." In the case of the Sons, this meant growing up with at least one parent who laid it down for America and all its citizens. Accompanying "service to country" is "service to community." Post 39 just finished hosting another of its famous lobster boils — and they are always fun — but don't forget that the greater Madison community also gets the

benefit of weekly Wednesday dinners — always affordable and always delicious. We eat and socialize with our friends and neighbors, and fellow members.

The temperatures soon will drop and Post 39 will be there as it always it — a place that serves and a place to serve.

That brings us to the topic of membership. Do you know someone with a parent who served their country? Invite them to the Squadron's next meeting, to be held Monday

Sept. 9 at 7pm. Join the fun — see you there.

One last item: stay in touch with all Post 39 happenings — visit the Post web site at <https://www.mainelegionpost39.org/>.

Respectfully submitted,

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

**THANK YOU  
TO OUR  
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### Post Everlasting

*Coleen Sabourin - 6-3-19 (AUX)  
Lorraine Richards - 6-30-19 (AUX)  
Kathy Cousineau 8-1-19 (AUX)  
Joseph Quirion 8-11-19*



### Dates to Remember!

- September 9th - Regular Meeting (starts back up)
- September 16th - Executive meetings @ 7pm
- September 20-22 - Fall Conference - Gray Post 86
- September 28th - Dedication of POW/MIA Memorial @ Headquarters  
11 am - 12 pm with Ribbon cutting at 12:00 pm



## Auxiliary News...

Hello Ladies,

We are now collecting 2020 membership dues. All members who pay their dues before November 4th will be entered into a raffle to win \$25 PLUS your 2021 dues PAID! That's TWO YEARS FREE MEMBERSHIP! Hurry!! Get those dues in! 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.

We are now raffling off our "Red, White & Blue" tote full of goodies valuing over \$200! See Harriet Bryant or any Auxiliary member to purchase your tickets!

Please give a warm welcome to new members Lydia Blodgett of Athens, a Jr member, Jeannie Waugh of Anson, Mavis Gallagher of Madison, Grace Rollins of Madison and Bonnie Bearor

of Mercer. WELCOME LADIES!

Over the summer we voted to donate \$44 worth of comfort care items for VAVS, \$150 NCB#39 Sea Cadets, \$100 to an Auxiliary member who lost her home due to fire, \$50 Sponsorship of an Auxiliary member for American Cancer Society, \$25 to B Co JMCA (Joint Military Cadets of America) in memory of an Auxiliary member Coleen Sabourin, \$100 to legionnaire for traveling to

Boston for medical treatment, \$25 to Maine General Home Care & Hospice in memory of an Auxiliary member Lorraine Richards, \$25 gas card to legionnaire for traveling expenses to Boston for treatment in memory of an Auxiliary member Fran Bouchard, The Legion Family held a benefit and raised \$1400 for an auxiliary member and her husband who is a SAL member and family who lost their home

due to fire, \$100 to VAVS for comfort care items, \$15 Bingo Package for a LOD at a benefit for Jill Cayford & James Pollis.

Our next meeting is September 9th at 7 pm. Please consider attending to learn about all the awards our Unit received at Convention this year, when our Department President and Vice President will be visiting, this years membership theme and much more!

### **\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER\*\***

We continue to collect aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital as well as Box Tops and Labels for Education!

Yours in Service,  
not self,



Robin Turek  
Auxiliary President

### Sick Call

Yay!

Everyone is  
healthy!



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!





## Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings!

The members voted to change our meetings back to the first Monday at 6 pm prior to the Legions meeting. Our first meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup>, due to Labor Day, and our second will be October 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. November, December, January there will not be any meetings. February we will resume meetings and nominate officers for the 2020-2021 year.

Unfortunately, the Riders will not be running the Beano Tent at the New Portland Fair in September. Problems with obtaining permit. We will discuss

this at our next meeting. We will also be discussing how we can raise money for our donations to our veterans – please come up with some ideas and bring them to the meeting.

We encourage all members to attend and also our supporters. Please, if you know of anyone who is eligible to be a Rider, please bring them to our meetings. We need members!

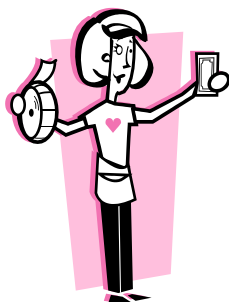
Yours in Service,

Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Remember -  
School is back  
in session.  
Please drive  
safely!



### 120 CLUB WINNERS

(Since last Newsletter)

5/24 Dawn Worthley  
6/14 Dennis Pinkham  
7/5 Dan Doyan  
7/26 Monica Nile  
8/16 Jimmy Pinkham

5/31 Wayne Price  
6/21 Stephen Friend  
7/12 Mona Hupper  
8/2 Carol Shibley  
8/23 Larry Bishop

6/7 Joyce Smith  
6/28 Jeff Ireland  
7/19 Aaron Rollins  
8/9 Dennis Pinkham



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#### Legion:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162377067246838/>

#### Auxiliary:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39/>

#### SAL:

<https://www.facebook.com/SAL-Squadron-39-Madison-Maine-1050371371678606/>



# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings from  
NCB 39 Battalion

This was a busy summer for our cadets. We had 3 cadets attend boot camps in Massachusetts and Connecticut. We had 2 of the cadets attend Coast Guard training a week after boot camp. All the cadets learned new skills and made new friends from other states. They are all looking forward to and excited by the number of trainings that will be available to them next year.

In August, our unit provided the Color Guard for the Madison-Anson Day parade. We look forward to doing this for the Christmas parade in December. We are looking for more youth to join our unit. If you know of any interested young people, please let us know. We will be happy to reach out to them and get them involved in our program. We also welcome adult help even if for a day to share your knowledge and talents.

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 communi-

ties, the entire Legion membership, cadet's families and friends for their continued support of this unit.

Respectfully,

The Officers and Staff  
NCB39 Battalion



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

## **FALL CONFERENCE** **Saturday, September 21st**

### **Legionnaires**

First Congregational Church of Gray  
11 Yarmouth Rd,  
Gray, ME

### **SAL**

Fireside Inn  
1777 Washington St,  
Auburn, ME

### **Auxiliary**

Gray Post 86  
15 Lewiston Rd  
Gray, ME



# Notes from the Department Service Officer

## \*\*\*Excerpts Taken From DSO Newsletter\*\*\*

As we enter August, the hottest part of the summer I ask all of you to continue doing Buddy Checks in your area. The heat really affects our older veterans. If you have not already done so, please start to work on your local assistance roster for your post. This is a listing of local agencies that will provide help to veterans in your area. Not all veteran issues can be solved by the VA.

The latest and greatest on the Blue Water Navy is that a stay was put into place by the VA Secretary. One of the main reasons for this is to gather a list of all Navy ships that entered the 12-mile zone from the main land and island of Vietnam. This list must come from the Navy because there are still several missions that remain classified. In the meantime, if a Blue Water Navy Veteran has previously filed a claim and it was denied, I would like them to drop a letter of intent. That is form VAF 21-0966. If they have never filed a claim I suggest that they file a letter of intent as well or file the claim. Please have them contact my office to assist them.

The Appeals Modernization Act went live on the 19<sup>th</sup> of February. This marks a considerable change to not only the way appeals are filed but also claims. There are more options for the veteran to choose from. I have listed the different options below with a brief explanation of each.

Supplemental Claim Lane- This lane is used if you have ever filed a claim for a condition and it was denied. No matter when it was filed, and you must have new and material evidence.

Higher Level Review lane- This lane is used when you find a clear and unmistakable error on the VA.

Appealing to the Board of veterans appeals has three lanes; they are:

Direct docket – appellant receives a direct review by BVA based on the evidence before VBA in the decision on appeal. No new evidence allowed. The record is closed.

Evidence Submission – appellant may submit evidence within the 90-day window following submission of the NOD. There is no duty to assist and the record is otherwise closed.

Hearing – appellant will be scheduled for a BVA hearing. Additionally, the appellant may submit evidence within the 90-day window following the scheduled hearing. BVA does not have a duty to assist and the record is otherwise closed.

## State of Maine Veterans

The total number of Veterans who receive Compensation or Pension in the State of Maine by County:

Androscoggin...2,334 Male and 195 Female	Aroostook...1,862 Male and 116 Female
Cumberland...3,972 Male and 382 Female	Franklin...615 male and 56 Female
Hancock...930 Male and 70 Female	Kennebec...3,337 Male and 342 Female
Knox...760 Male and 48 Female	Lincoln...826 Male and 63 Female
Oxford...1,061 Male and 67 Female	Penobscot...3,246 Male and 293 Female
Piscataquis...468 Male and 37 Female	Sagadahoc...1,006 Male and 87 Female
Somerset...1,287 Male and 101 Female	Waldo...897 Male and 60 Female
Washington...891 Male and 60 Female	York...3,495 Male and 297 Female

So, the total number of Veterans receiving Compensation or Pension in the State of Maine is...26,987 Male and 2,274 Female.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn,  
Post Service Officer

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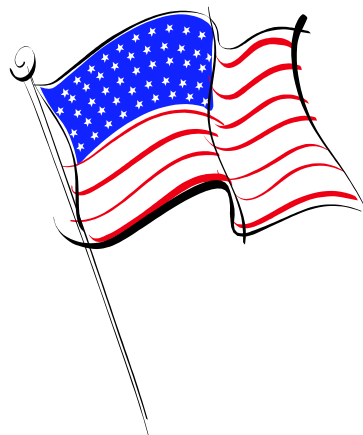


**September 9, 2019**

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING



Our Email address and website are:

**post 39@beeline-online.net**

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