



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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April 2015

## Happenings...

### Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Social Hr.** 6:00 p.m.  
**Monday, Apr 6, 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,

Your elected officers for 2015-2016 are:

Commander - H. Ralph Withee  
1st Vice - John Doucette  
2nd Vice - John Ziacoma  
Adjutant - Leroy Welch  
Finance Officer - John Bryant  
Chaplain - Richard Robinson  
Americanism Officer – OPEN  
Service Officer – Bob Washburn  
Historian – Image Moore  
Sgt at Arms - Phil Daigle

Executive Committee -  
Ron Page  
Gene Dube  
Bob Demchak

Installation of Officers is on April 17th. Social Hour is from 5 -

**Policies and procedures SHALL BE POSTED IN A PROMINENT PLACE AT THE Post for view by any member of the Post.**

The change to this by-law is and enforce is added.

Everything is going well at the Post. We've had a very good month. Spring is coming....somewhere. More

6:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm and Installation directly after dinner.

The 120 Club is coming along well. At this time we have 106 people signed up and there are still openings. April 3rd will be the 1st drawing.

**The following is a possible change in by-laws:**

**In Accordance With American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 By-laws the executive committee is requesting the following change to Article II – Organization.**

### Section #204

**The Executive Committee shall develop AND ENFORCE policies and procedures for the management of the Post. The**

people will be out and about. Please 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,

The Sons of the American Legion elected officers for 2015-2016 are as follows:

- Commander: Mark Long
- 1st Vice: Peter Graves
- 2nd Vice: Jim Pinkham
- Finance Officer: Charlie Price
- Adjutant: Joseph "Mark" Brown
- Sgt at Arms: Michael Adams
- Chaplain: Randy "Track" Wyman
- Historian: Jeff Ireland
- Membership Chairman: Peter Graves
- SAL Chairman: Ron Page

If you are one of these elected officers, please be present for installation on April 17th at the Legion Hall.

The Squadron is working on a fundraiser for this spring. We have a stretch from February until the end of June with no funds being raised for our charities.

The Squadron voted to start a \$250 scholarship in honor of two local brothers who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. We are proud to present the Edward and Clyde Withee Memorial Scholarship. Please

see explanation and application on included insert.

Have a good day,

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



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

**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.**

## Dates to Remember!

- April 3rd - First payment due for 120 Club
- April 6th @ 7pm - Next Regular Meeting
- April 17th- Officer Installation - 5-6:30 pm Social Hour  
6:30 pm - Dinner - 7:30 pm - Installation
- April 25th - Benefit Bingo for Special Olympics - doors open @ 4 pm, game starts at 6:30 pm.



# 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,

As of February 16th we have 122 paid members out of 132! **We only need 10 members to pay to be at 100%.** Also, please remember that if your membership is not current, you are in jeopardy of losing your "continuous years" membership! Come on ladies...get those dues in ... **RECRUIT, RENEW and REJOIN!**

Maxine has mailed out \$39,698.08 worth of coupons since our last newsletter. Thank you, Maxine and Bar-

bara Wyman! Keep the coupons coming in ladies!

Your elected officers for 2015-2016:

President - Robin Turek  
1st Vice - Sandy Ingalls  
2nd Vice - Tena Ireland  
Secretary - Sharon Mellows  
Treasurer - Harriet Bryant  
Sgt at Arms - Merrilyn Vieira  
Chaplain - Lauraine Mercier  
Historian - Lynn Boucher  
Executive Committee:

Betty Dow  
Kathleen Randall  
Marie Wing

The Auxiliary has donated \$1,000 to the Legion's Roof

Fund. We shipped out 10 care packages to the 10 Legion members who are currently serving on active duty in the military (stateside and abroad). We also purchased \$50 of the 4th District Raffle Tickets, paid \$130 (half with Legion) to Channel 11 and donated a \$15 Bingo package to the Skowhegan American Legion Auxiliary's fundraiser - Luck of the Draw

On May 8th, the Special Olympians will be having their banquet at the hall. If anyone would like to donate their time cooking/service

dinner or making a dessert, please contact Robin Turek at 696-8289.

Our National President, Janet Jefford, will be making her official visit to Maine from April 17-19, 2015.

On Saturday, April 18, 3<sup>rd</sup> District will host a **breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**, hosted at Bath Unit 21, and sponsored by the 3<sup>rd</sup> District. On Saturday evening **Belfast Unit 43 will host a banquet in her honor.** Menu will be

choice of ham or chicken cordon bleu dinner. Price will be \$15.00 with tickets to be held at the door. Those wishing for further information, please fee free to contact Robin Turek at 696-8289.

**\*\*PLEASE REMEBER\*\***

**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, April 6th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service, not self,

*Robin Turek*  
*Auxiliary President*



## **\*\*\* 120 CLUB \*\*\***

**We will be starting a 120 club again. The club will start the first week in April and will run for 26 weeks. The cost will be \$5 per week for a single and \$10 per week for a couple. There will be a \$50 drawing each Friday for the full 26 weeks. If you win the \$50 weekly drawing and you're not paid up, another name will be drawn. On October 3rd we will have a dinner with the choice of prime rib, lobster or chicken with all the fixings. Included with your dinner will be three drink coupons. There will be cash prize drawings of 1 for \$1000, 2 for \$500. 2 for \$250 and 5 for \$100. Following the drawings we have booked the Midnight Rose (Classic Rock) for the dance. There will be a strict limit of 120 club members. Please remember this is a fundraiser for the loan on the roof !!**

# Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

All of our officers were re-elected for another term:

Director: John Ziacoma  
Asst Director: Gene Dube  
Secretary: Bob Washburn  
Treasurer: John Doucette  
Sgt at Arms/safety: Pete Peterson

John Z had hip replacement surgery on March 3, and came home on the 5th. We could use help at bingo both Sundays and Tuesday evenings,

since John will be out for a while recovering.

ALR bingo is the 29th, so we would like your help there as well.

Don't forget dues are due next month. \$20

We still have sweat-shirts. Please see John Doucette or Sharon Mellows.

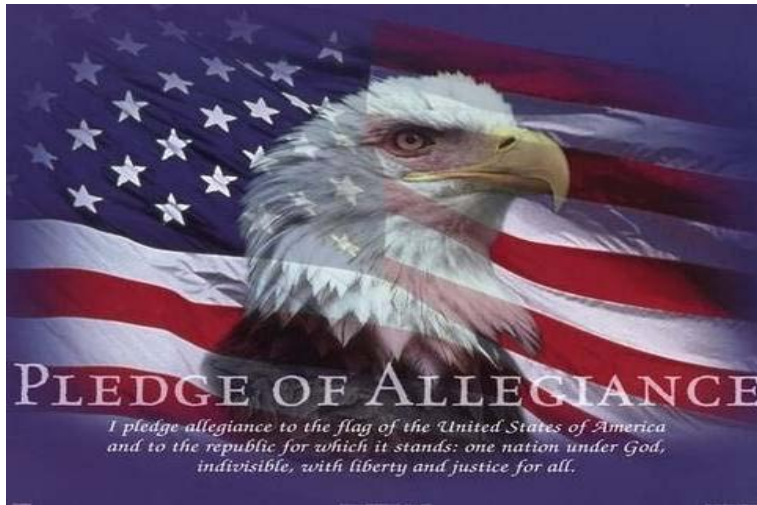
Respectfully submitted,



*Bob Washburn*  
Secretary



**Happy Birthday to all members Born in April!!**



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



## *Sick Call*

*Olive Roberge*                      *Vincent Lovell*  
*Rachel Spaulding*                *Leo Coro*  
*Roland Price*                        *John Ziacoma*



## *Post Everlasting*

*Haskell Graham*  
3-18-15



## US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

Mar 2015 drill started Friday evening, 06 Mar. It was a typical one; berthing being set-up and study time. Saturday started with an 0600 reveille, PT, morning colors and chow. Saturday's instruction covered preparations for Sunday's Annual Inspection; Quarter Deck procedures, Color Guard procedures, formation procedures, open ranks procedures, Inspector entry procedures and coordinating all of this into the script. After the evening chow, the cadets performed Evening Colors followed by structured time for

school homework and working on their appropriate correspondence manuals.

Sunday started with an 0600 reveille, morning colors and chow. Immediately after chow, two cadets changed into Dress Blues and opened and manned the Quarter Deck. The remaining cadets cleaned-up from chow and then changed into their Dress Blues and inspected each other in preparation for the 1000 Hours Open Ranks Inspection. LCDR Holly Forbes, NSCC, the New England Region 015 Director arrived and cleared the Quarter Deck at

0900 Hours. She then met with the unit's Officer Staff and discussed NSCC and unit topics.

At 0945 hours, the Quarter-deck was moved to the stage area of the Legion's main hall and the cadets set up in preparation for their entry into the inspection area. At 1000 hours, LCDR Forbes was announced and made her entry into the inspection area. The Color Guard was called to advance. They paraded the colors and then posted in front of the stage. The formation was then called to advance.

They marched in and set up in Rank Formation. The ranks were opened, and LCDR Forbes along with LtJG Valerie Coulombe, NSCC, inspected the unit's personnel.

LCDR Forbes called E-1 Dylan Massey, NSCC and LC-1 Kira Braley, NLCC to front and center and administered the Oath of Enlisted to them. E-2 Conner Fennell, NSCC, and E-2 Trevor Edes were individually called to

front and center and each was promoted to E-3. LCDR Forbes then promoted Ensign Margaret Demchak, NSCC, to LtJG, NSCC. Petty Officer First Class Riley K. Coleman, NSCC, was then called front and center and, with the help of her father, was promoted to Chief Petty Officer and her collars were pinned with her new rank. LCDR Forbes and H. Ralph Withee, Post 39 Commander, addressed the unit and the au-

dience. The open ranks portion of the inspection concluded with the parading of the colors and the formation was dismissed. Time was spent with cadets, staff, family and friends socializing. LCDR Forbes then accomplished the second phase of the inspection; paperwork and finances. Although the final score is not in yet, LCDR Forbes said we did very well.

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://](http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com)

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Respectfully,

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



# Notes from the Department Service Officer

## Temporary Increase in Compensation!

***It is important that you let the DSO know when you are hospitalized for treatment or surgery of service connected conditions if you will be out of commission for over 21 days. You may be eligible for a temporary increase to 100% for the time of your treatment and recovery. This applies to treatment at either a VA or Civilian hospital. Don't expect the VA hospital to notify the Veteran's Benefit Administration. Call or email the DSO so we can discuss your case.***



## Filing Claims!

***Always check with your Service Officer before filing any claims for increase or new claims as you could jeopardize your current rating. It is a good idea to make either an in-person or telephonic appointment to go over your proposed claim. This also applies to any Notice of Disagreements. We can save you a lot of time and effort.***

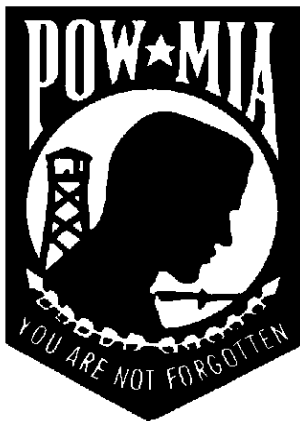
## Elimination of Informal Claims!

***The VA will be eliminating "informal" claims. Starting on March 24, 2015 all claims must be filed on the approved VA form. Make an appointment when you are thinking of filing a new claim or an increase to a current disability. The VA will no longer accept Notice of Disagreement by letter, it must be on the appropriate VA Form. We can help you through the process.***

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

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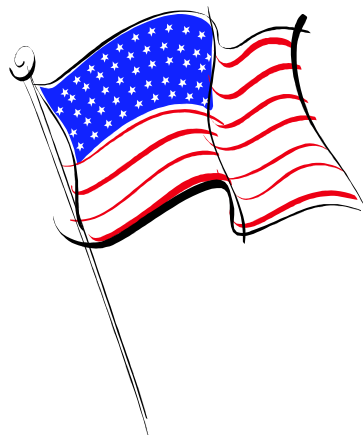


**April 6, 2015**

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>\*\*\*\*\*

**\*\*\*NEW\*\*\***