



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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February 2020

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Legion, Auxiliary & SAL

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
February 3, 2020

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

Big Cribbage (Singles) February 15, 2020

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,

Belated Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the entire Legion family!

The Post conducted its Annual Christmas activities with the adult party gift wrapping party on Dec 13th and the children's party on Dec 14th. Both events were well attended and Santa distributed gifts to the children. Kudos to all of the adults that helped make these events hugely successful. A special thanks to Hannaford's for their donation of 50 pints of chocolate milk.

The Post has purchased a used chairlift for the lower stairs and volunteers plan on installing it in the near future.

The Post was notified of a need for mittens at the Solon Elementary

coffee for VAVS at Togus. \$900 to 5 Food Cupboards, \$1,500 to High School Scholarships, \$100 sponsor Auxiliary member for Mrs. Maine America Pageant, \$100 towards 100 gallons of oil for a veteran in need, \$150 to legionnaire member for travel expenses to West Roxbury Hospital, \$22.50 (our portion) Yearbook Ad for Carrabec High School, \$37.50 (our portion) Year-

school and we provided them with 30 pairs. A special thank you to all of the folks that made this happen. I have asked the local school districts' Superintendents to let us know if mittens are needed in the other Elementary Schools.

The Post Legislative Committee is in the process of updating the Post By-Laws and will bring them to the Executive Committee for approval and then they will come before the General Membership.

As a reminder, 1st nominations for Post Officers will be accepted at the February 3rd General Membership meeting.

Post 39 finished the year in a very good financial position. Please continue to support the Post functions and events.

In December and January, the Legion voted to donate \$108 worth of

book Ad for Madison Area High School, \$15 Bingo pkg for LOD at a benefit for 2 Auxiliary member's brother, 30 pairs of mittens handed out at the Children's Christmas Party.

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!

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Past Detachment Commander, Bruce Pierce.

Unfortunately we didn't have a meeting in January as we didn't have a quorum. Please make it a point to attend monthly meetings as that's where we vote on important issues such as which Legion programs to donate to. We work hard at fundraising for these programs - don't you want to share in

the joy of making the decision to donate to them?

Speaking of fundraisers, our Wednesday night dinners are going well. If you haven't tried one you're missing out on some great food! Thank you to all who make these dinners happen!

Looking for something fun to do? Why not check out the Legion Luge sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion! (flyer in this newsletter) Looking for teams of 2 - 4 riders. Or just come out and cheer on your favorite team!

I had the pleasure of attending Mid-Winter Conference in Brewer last weekend. There was discussion on how our membership is aging. We need the younger members to step up or veteran programs are bound to fold!

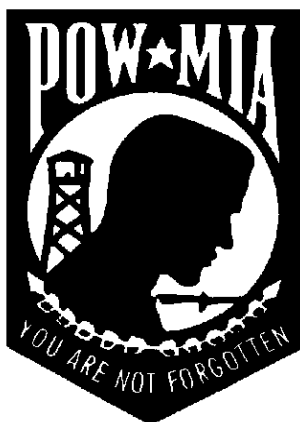
Have you looked at your membership ID card lately? If your card says 2019 on it then your membership ran out on December 31, 2019 and you are not eligible for any of the benefits of membership! That includes voting at meetings and purchasing alcohol at the bar!

We will be having a dinner for those who have paid their membership. Date and other details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul Turek
Finance Officer
Pete Graves,
SAL Commander
John Bryant,
Chairman of SAL*

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!



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



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

Auxiliary News...

Hello Ladies,

Let's talk membership, of course! We are currently at 125 paid members out of 152 total members. We are at 82.23% paid membership. Our next goal of 85% paid membership is due by February 10th! Remember our dues are now \$25 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors.

Remember, if your membership card says "2019" it means your membership ran out December 31, 2019!!!

The winner of our Membership drawing that was drawn at December's meeting was Kim Morse.

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you of the passing of Past Department President, Dora Michaud. She was a wonderful advocate for our veteran programs and a mentor to many. She will be sorely missed.

We have a new member, Connie Higgs of Madison. Please make sure to say hello when

you see her! Welcome Connie!

The winner of the Holiday Basket Raffle (Turkey and all the fixin's) at the Craft Fair was Ann Cody. The winner of our vendor's raffle at the craft fair was Pat Santoni.

After expenses the Craft Fair made \$719 and the Turkey Supper made \$866.

At our December and January meetings we voted to

donate \$825 to 5 Food Cupboards, \$300 to Maine Veterans Home of Augusta for their Gift Shop, \$60 for Christmas gifts for 2 legionnaire members in Nursing Homes, \$90 for 2 veterans at Maine Veterans Home of Augusta—their Wish List for Christmas, \$100 towards 100 gallons of oil for a veteran in need, \$22.50 (our portion) Yearbook Ad for Carabec High School, \$37.50 (our portion) Yearbook Ad for Madi-

son Area High School, \$85 VAVS (Veterans Administration Volunteer Services) at Tonus for comfort items, \$100 to the Legion's Caring Tree Fund, \$25 Maine Children's Home (Little Red Stocking Program), \$15 Bingo pkg for LOD at a benefit for 2 Auxiliary members' brother's funeral expenses, \$25 to St. Jude Children's Hospital, \$100 to legionnaire member for travel expenses to

West Roxbury Hospital. We also donated poppies to Tiara Nile's "Heros Honor Ball" so that she was able to present one to everyone in attendance.

Our next meeting is February 3rd at 7 pm. At this meeting we will be accepting 1st nominations for Auxiliary Officers. If you're interested in an officer position,

please contact any of the presiding officers or plan on attending this meeting! Remember these officers are representing YOUR AUXILIARY UNIT!

****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*



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Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings!

Hope everyone is having a good winter and a wonderful start to 2020! Spring will soon be upon us and a reminder that those motorcycles need to be registered in March! Don't forget about the insurance! Copies of Registration and insurance need to be submitted to the Road Captain, Brad Farrin.

Our meetings start back up February 3rd at 6 pm and we nominate officers at that meeting. Please attend as we

need to get officers in place and work on our yearly calendar etc. Hope to see everyone.

We have the following who have said they will stay on as officers if elected:

- Director: Pete Petersen
- Ass't Director: Gene Dube
- Chaplin: John Ziacoma

We are still in need of the following or if you would like to remain in the position please text me at 612-8037:

Secretary; Sgt-At-Arms; Road Captain; Finance Officer; Safety Officer; PR/Historian and Web Master.

Hope to see everyone in February!

Yours in Service,

Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma
Secretary/Treasurer

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Sick Call

Bob Woodbury
Gene Dube



Post Everlasting

Floyd "Brother" Hagopian - 1-1-20
Hadley Kittredge - 1-2-20



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

January drill was our first time to focus on summer training and upcoming inspection. We also ran the physical readiness test, which was passed by all cadets.

Two promotions took place in January. Cadet Hood was promoted to Seaman. The Commanding Officer was promoted to Lieutenant Commander.

We are actively seeking young men and women to join our ranks. Please spread the word

about this program and the opportunities available. Thank you to everyone for the continued support.

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.

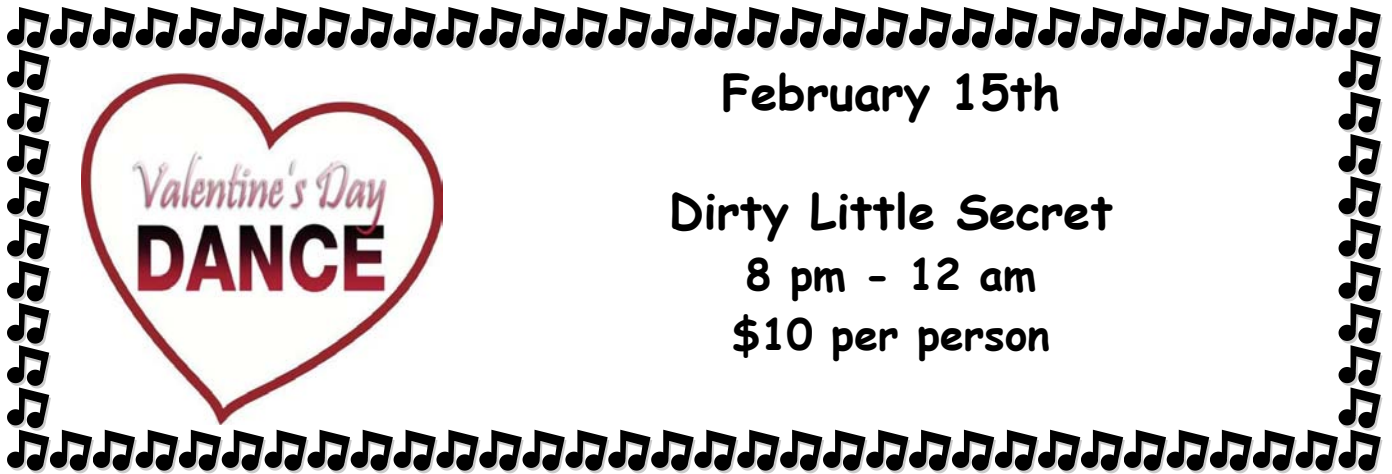
Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/NCB39BN/>

Website: www.ncb39bn.org

The officers and staff wish to thank the local communities, the entire Legion membership, cadet's families and friends for their continued support of this unit.

Respectfully,

The Officers and Staff
NCB39 Battalion




February 15th

Dirty Little Secret

8 pm - 12 am

\$10 per person



Dates to Remember!

- February 3rd – Next monthly meeting @ 7pm
- February 15th - Valentine's Dance 8pm-12am
- February 17th - Executive Meeting @ 7pm
- February 25th - Put newsletter together @ 12:30 pm



Notes from the Post Service Officer

The *Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veteran Act of 2019* goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2020. On this date, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) will begin deciding claims for disability compensation for Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975, if they meet the eligibility criteria as provided in the law, i.e., verified service in the offshore waters and have a current diagnosis of a disease(s) as specified in section 3.309(e) of title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam can apply for disability compensation. Survivors can also apply for the benefits for those deceased Veterans who served in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam. In addition, Veterans who served in or near the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) from Sep. 1, 1967 to Aug. 31, 1971 can apply for disability compensation.

For new compensation claims, claimants can file using VA Form 21-526EZ and for new Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Claims, claimants should file on the VA Form 21P-534EZ. All previously denied claims should be filed as supplemental claims using VA Form 20-0995. Contact the department service officer if you need assistance.

To determine eligibility, Veterans are encouraged to work with an accredited claims representative or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regional office to understand eligibility requirements before filing a claim.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn, Service Officer



*President's Day
February 17th*



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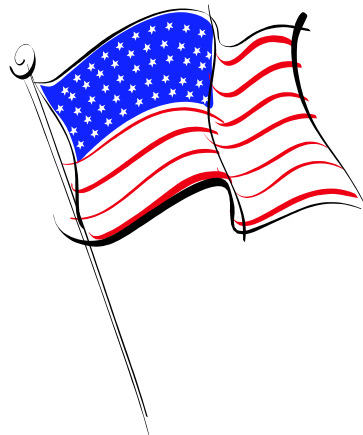
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February 3, 2020

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING



The American Legion Family

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Your 2020 Dues!**

Our Email address and website are:

post 39@beeline-online.net

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