

Volume XXII, Issue II
2026

Meetings

Legion
Northern Star
Masonic Lodge #28
January 5, 2026
7:00 pm

Auxiliary
Old Point Ave School
January 5, 2026
6:30 pm

Sons of the
American Legion
57 Maple St - Madison
January 5, 2026
5:00 pm

Post Officers 2025-2026

Commander: Karl Price
1st Vice: Linwood Cowan
2nd Vice: Dale Bickford
Adjutant: Chad Steward
Finance Officer: Will Price
Sgt-at-Arms: Phil Daigle
Chaplain: Keith Fancy
Service: Dale Bickford
Americanism: Vacant/Ted Brown

Executive Committee Members:
Gerald Brown
Jimmy Pinkham
Bob Washburn

Honor Guard Commander:
Linwood Cowan



Tardiff-Belanger Post 39 Newsletter

LEGION UPDATES....From your Post Commander

Comrades -

First things, first....

Our membership meeting will take place on February 2nd. First nominations for Officers positions will be taken at this meeting. The E-Board meeting will be on the 16th. Just a reminder that our E-board meeting will be a joint meeting with the Auxiliary E-board.



Bingo is still happening every Sunday and we could use the extra help. Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours to help on the floor.

We have our meat raffle going on at the moment. The current drawing will be on February 1st followed by a

drawing on March 1st. I'm not sure if its the cold or what but it doesn't seem to be going well lately. There is a informational flyer later in this newsletter.

We are presently awaiting a response from the well driller concerning the water well project for our veteran. .

We are awaiting a date and time for a meeting with a representative from Hammond Lumber regarding their building on Rt 148 in Madison.

Respectfully,

*Karl Price
Commander*



Founded in 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary's mission is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.



Greetings Members!

As of 1/25/26 there are 64 members who have renewed/paid their dues out of 111 members. That puts us at 57.65% of our membership paid. Remember if your membership card says "2025" at the top, your membership has expired and you are not afforded the benefits of being a member. That includes being a patron of ANY American Legion Post canteen and attending and voting at membership meetings. If you have any questions, please reach out to me!!

If you didn't know or see it on our Facebook group, 42 year American Legion Auxiliary member, Lauraine Mercier passed on January 7th. Please keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time.

On January 24th, (If you paid your dues by 12/31/25) we celebrated **YOU**, the American Legion Auxiliary member at a Pizza Party held in the meeting room at Old Point Avenue (where we hold our meetings) Pizza, desserts etc were enjoyed. Members reported "*It was nice to just sit and visit and break bread together.*" and "*was nice to sit and visit with everyone*". I saw photos of card games, including cribbage being played as well. It was suggested to maybe expound on this idea next year!

On March 21st, the Auxiliary is planning a Luck of the Draw. It will take place at the VFW in Madison. Ticket sales start at 10am and drawing starts at noon. Flyer and more information to come after the February 2nd General membership meeting.

Please remember the Unit has decided to not carry an inventory of RADA Cutlery any longer. INSTEAD we will have an online link where customers can shop 24/7 and have it delivered directly to their homes. Go to RADAFundraising.com and search by zip code 04950. Select "American Legion Auxiliary Unit 39" from the list. Once there you can browse the latest catalog and place your

order! We do have a small inventory we're trying to liquidate. If you're looking for something in particular please contact one of the Officers to see if the item you would like to purchase is in it.

The Bingo Kitchen is going well. We can always use more people to sign up to help out. If you like to cook, consider donating a meal for the Auxiliary to sell on a Sunday and/or work the kitchen during Bingo. If your interested please contact me at 696-8289. Please remember that the profits from the kitchen during Bingo are our only **consistent** income that gets our monthly bills paid!

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming events! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39>. If you're not a member of the group, feel free to request to be or reach out to me or Harriet Bryant to be added.

Our next General Membership meeting will be at 6:30 pm on **February 2nd** at the Old Point Avenue School, 108 Old Point Ave - Madison. **Please enter on left side of building.** The parking lot is accessible from Locust St. **Please plan on attending as we need to discuss future events and as always need volunteers to make them happen!**

Speaking of the February membership meeting.....it is also the meeting where we take 1st nominations for officers position. Those positions consist of President, 1st Vice, 2nd Vice, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgt at Arms, Chaplain, Historian and 3 members of the Executive Committee. If you think you might be interested in one of these positions, or would like more information about them, please feel free to contact myself or any current Unit Officer.

Yours in service, not self,
Robin Turek,
President

YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

**There are 3 ways to
renew your
Auxiliary membership:**

- by phone 317-569-4536
- by paying online at: <https://www.alaforveterans.org>
- ****Please note that we do not have PayPal or Venmo accounts.****
- by mailing to the Unit's address:

PO Box 325
Madison, ME 04950

SAL Squadron #39

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



Greetings!

Just a quick reminder that we are on hiatus for our monthly dinners until **March 17, 2026 at 4pm till gone**. We'll be looking forward to seeing you all for some corned beef!

Remember that we are collecting for 2026 dues!! After December 31st, if the year on top of your membership card says 2025, you will not be up to date and are in. They are \$30 and can be given to Paul Turek (696-8289) or mailed to the SAL at PO Box 144, Madison, ME 04950.

The raffle for 100 gallons of heating oil is ongoing. Tickets are available toward the end of this newsletter. Just fill them out and send back to SAL, Squadron 39, PO Box 144, Madison, ME 04950. The drawing is scheduled for February 22, 2026.

Please keep an eye on the Post Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/162377067246838>), the Post website (<http://www.mainelegionpost39.org>) and future newsletters for information on upcoming meetings and events.

Our next membership meeting will be on February 2, 2026 at 5 pm at 57 Maple Street - Madison.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pete Graves,
SAL Commander
Will Price,
Chairman of SAL*

“Alone, we can do so little. Together, we can do so much”

– Helen Keller

Sick Call



**Ruby Price (Aux)
Maxine Dube (Aux)**



Post Everlasting
Lauraine Mercier (Aux)

1-7-26

Editor's Note

If you know of someone who should be placed on “Sick Call” or information that should be shared in the monthly newsletter, please contact robinturek@gmail.com.



BE THE ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS IN YOUR LIFE HOW THEY ARE DOING.

TO **LISTEN** WHEN A VETERAN NEEDS TO TALK.

TO **REACH** OUT WHEN A VETERAN IS STRUGGLING.

<https://www.legion.org/betheone/resources>

Happy Birthday to all members born in February!



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

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American Legion

Tardiff-Belanger Post 39

Events

February 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|
| 1 Masonic Lodge 1-4pm | 2 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Masonic Lodge 1-4pm | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Masonic Lodge 1-4pm | 16 JOINT EXECUTIVE MEETINGS | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 Masonic Lodge 1-4pm | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |



Tardiff-Belanger Post 39



Northern Star Masonic Lodge #28

173 N Main St - North Anson

NEW TIME!

Doors Open at 11:30 am

Sales start at Noon

Bingo starts at 1:00 pm

Effective

December 7, 2025



American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post 39

\$100 Meat Package Raffle

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

5 lbs Hamburger, 2 Ribeye Steaks, 1 Stew Beef

1 Chuck Roast, 1 Package Shaved Beef,

1 Package Boneless Chops,

1 Package Chicken Thighs

1 Package Bratwurst Sausage Links



Drawing - March 1st

Tickets can be obtained:

in the Canteen at the VFW Harvell-Bishop Arnold Trail Post 7865 58 Preble Ave in Madison or at Sunday Bingo at Northern Star Masonic lodge#28 173 N Main Street in North Anson.



RAFFLE!!

**100 GALLONS OF HEATING OIL,
PROPANE OR KEROSENE
DONATED BY BOB'S CASH FUEL**

**(Not to exceed cash value
of 100 gal. Heating Oil)**

**25 mile one way limit for
delivery**



1 TICKET FOR \$5 OR 3 TICKETS FOR \$10

DRAWING DATE: February 22, 2026

**Tickets can be obtained from any SAL member or
at Bingo on Sundays (doors open at noon) at
Northern Star Masonic Lodge #28 in North Anson.**

**Tickets will also be available in the monthly newsletter
that can be found at <https://www.mainelegionpost39.org/>**

Proceeds to benefit SAL Programs

**SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION - MADISON
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Your RADA cutlery will be shipped directly to you!

SUPPORT AND SAVE COUPON

www.RadaFundraising.com

\$5 OFF SHIPPING
on orders over \$35

use code **SHIPDEAL** at checkout | expires 7/31/26

PLEASE SEARCH FOR OUR GROUP NAME:
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 39

  

Tardiff-Belanger Post #39

American Legion
P.O. Box 144
Madison, ME 04950-0144



LABEL

Legion - February 2, 2026 @ 7 pm

Masonic Lodge - N. Anson

Auxiliary - February 2, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Old Point Avenue School, Madison

SAL - February 2, 2026 @ 5pm

57 Maple St. - Madison



Our Email address and website are:
post 39@beeline-online.net

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