



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



Volume XVI, Issue 3

March 2020

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Legion, Auxiliary & SAL

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
March 2, 2020

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

Big Cribbage (Singles) **March 21, 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,

As a reminder, final nominations for and election of the Post Officers and Executive Committee members are set for the March 2, 2020 General Membership meeting at 7PM. Please come out and support the Post and its leadership.

The Post Legislative Committee has updated the Post 39 Constitution. It was approved by the Executive Committee and will be up for vote at the March 02, 2020 General Membership meeting. Copies will be available at the Post prior to the meeting.

The Legislative Committee is now in the process of updating the Post By-Laws and its Standard Operating Procedures.

The Post's finances are in good shape. We had some large expenses

the banquet scheduled for October 3rd.

The Wednesday night Darts League, the Thursday night Cribbage Night and Sunday afternoon Bingo are in full swing. Come out and join the fun.

Please continue to support the Post functions and events and visit

es during January. We paid out \$1500 in Scholarships and the normal heating oil costs associated with winter.

There were some electrical upgrades done to the kitchen as well as the installation of a commercial grade deep fryer. Both at no cost to the membership. The SAL paid for the upgrades and a special thanks to Bruce Manzer for the donation of the deep fryer.

At the February meeting we voted to donate \$500 for a High School Scholarship and \$200 to a SAL member to help with sister's funeral expenses.

Finishing plans for the 120 Club for 2020 are being coordinated. The Club will start taking sign-ups on March 1st with the first drawing for a \$50.00 winner on April 10th with

the Post's website and Facebook Page for current information of interest to the Post membership. Those addresses are elsewhere in this newsletter.

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!

We're doing great with membership. We're only a few renewals away from 100% ! Let's get those last few dues in! Don't forget dues will be increasing in 2021 to \$30! And remember, parents and grandparents qualify you for membership. Let's sign those sons up!

Unfortunately we didn't have a quorum for our February meeting. Therefore, there were no nominations for Officers. Please make sure to come to our March

meeting where we will take nominations AND vote for our Officers Slate for 2020-2021

Thanks goes out to Bob's Cash Fuel for their continuing support. Also condolences to the Shibley family.

I attended the first ever "Legion Luge" sponsored by the SAL at Camden Snowbowl on February 15th. It was sunny and cold - a great day for this event. The Gray Auxiliary Unit "Minions" screamed away with 1st place with a unofficial time of 9.3 seconds! That's 40 mph on a toboggan! It was so

successful that next years event is already booked! Why don't we get a team together for next year!

Hope to see more of you at the meeting on March 2nd!

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 March!!**



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 133 paid members out of 152 total members. We are at 87.5% paid membership. Our next goal of 90% paid membership is due by March 10th! Remember our dues are now \$25 for Seniors and \$5 for Juniors.

Our next meeting is **March 2nd** at 7 pm. **LAST nominations and voting for the 2020-2021 slate of Officers is on the agenda.** 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!**

Your nominations thus far are:

- President - Robin Turek
- 1st Vice - Diane Pinkham
- 2nd Vice - Nancy Misiaszek
- Secretary - Pat Santoni
- Treasurer - Harriet Bryant
- Chaplain - Amy Washburn
- Historian - Pauline Bell
- Sgt at Arms - Merrilyn Vieira

Executive Committee:
Irma Fluet and Ann Cody

Please welcome our new member, Pauline Bell who transferred in from Bingham.

At our February meeting we voted to donate \$32.50 for Valentine Cards (for 52 residents at a local nursing home, 8 WWII veteran members of Post #39 and 2 legionnaire members in nursing homes, \$25 to Madison Idol, 2 - \$200 Scholarships,

\$148 towards the chair lift that was installed at Post #39, \$100 to VAVS and \$50 to the Creative Arts Festival.

Don't forget our "100 Challenge" of collecting 100 each of toothpaste and toothbrushes for the foster children of Maine. The collection box can be found in the hall at the Legion.

****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

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





Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

Spring is approaching quickly, and we will soon be able to get out and ride! March is registration for your motorcycles, so get out there and get those bikes ready for the road! We will need copies of your registration and insurance for our files if you are a member. Please drop off copies to Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma, Secretary or you may place in our ALR box for me to pick up. Our dues of \$20 are also needed this month and they may be dropped off in the ALR box or mailed to me directly at 122 Main St Anson, ME 04911. If you want to

become a member, please contact me – my cellphone is 612-8037 or text me with your address and I will send you out the necessary paperwork.

REMEMBER! ELECTIONS AT OUR NEXT MEETING, MARCH 2 AT 6 PM. We are still in need of some positions... so if you are interested please contact Sharon and let her know and/or come to the meeting.

Let us keep Gene Dube in our prayers. He has gone through surgery and is home recovering!

March 8th is Daylight Savings -

let's Spring Ahead! The following week, March 19th, Spring Begins. Let's be ready for some safe riding!

Yours in Service,

Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma
Secretary/Treasurer

Sharon.mellows@myfairpoint.net

Sick Call

Fred Taylor



Post Everlasting

Robert (Bob) Shibley

1/30/2020

Robert (Bob) Woodbury

2/9/2020



Find us on:
facebook®

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

Our former Midshipman Larlee graduated from US Navy Boot Camp and A School. He is currently stationed in Virginia.

Former Chief Fennel is now attending US Navy Boot Camp at Great Lakes.

Our Unit is preparing for Annual Inspection coming up in March. We will be joining the South Portland Unit in a combined Inspection.

Plans are underway for a very busy Spring and Summer. We will be joining forces with both Portland and Kittery Units at various sailing events in Portland Harbor. As in past years, we will also be fundraising at the Blue Angels Air Show in August.

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

March 14th
Holy Smoke

8 pm - 12 am
\$5 per person

50/50 Raffle ~ Door Prizes

Dates to Remember!

- March 2nd - Monthly Meeting @ 7pm
- March 9th - Legion Family Committee Meeting @ 7pm
- March 14th - St Patrick's Dance
- March 16th - Executive Meetings @ 7pm
- March 30th - Put newsletter together



Notes from the Post Service Officer

Are you a veteran who got hurt while you were in the Army? Did you develop a disease while serving aboard ship in the Navy? Were you injured when the pilot of your plane banked hard and you were hit with a flying object that was supposed to be tied down while you were in the Air Force? Did you get an infection while serving in the Marines? Do you still have these disabilities? Are you getting paid for them?

I am talking about compensation and pension with the VA. The 3 things VA needs to grant service connection are 1) an event in service. 2) a current diagnosis. And 3) a nexus, or link between 1 and 2. You know if you got hurt. You know if it still bothers you. If you think that your current symptoms are related to your injury/disease in service, then you should file a claim for that. If you are awarded compensation, then the money you receive is tax free for the rest of your life. You can go to the regional office in Augusta. You can speak with a service officer (Carl Curtis 623-5726; you can call me after 2:30 pm as I am still working. 485-1072 (and if I don't know the answer I will refer you to Carl anyway.)) You can file on-line (www.va.gov). You can call 1 800-827-1000 but you may be on hold for a while.

If you are already service connected, and you think your condition has gotten worse, then file a claim. There is a possibility that you could get an increase, which could mean more money for you. Just remember that there is also a possibility that exam shows improvement, which could result in less money for you. If you have questions, then talk to a service officer.

Pension is payable to qualified individuals if your income is very low. Pension questions should go to Carl as I don't know all the requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn, Service Officer

Legion Nominations for Office 2020-2021

Commander - Bob Demchak

1st Vice - Aaron Rollins

Vincent Santoni

2nd Vice - Ray Cloutier

Adjutant - Bob Washburn

Finance - None

Chaplain - Rich Robinson

Ralph Withee

Historian - Dale Bickford

Service Officer - Bob Washburn

Executive Committee

Gene Tweedie

Earl Beaulieu

Ralph Withee

Tardiff-Belanger Post #39

American Legion

P.O. Box 144

Madison, ME 04950-0144

Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
Madison, Maine
Permit No 6

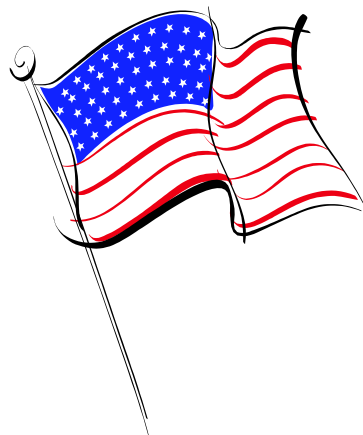


March 2, 2020

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

7:00 PM MEETING



Please join us for Social Hour
(6 pm - 7 pm) prior to the
meeting on March 2nd for
cake and coffee to celebrate
the American Legion's
Birthday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AMERICAN LEGION!
March 15th

Our Email address and website are:

post 39@beeline-online.net

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