



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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May 2018

Happenings...

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 7, 2018

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

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,

Have faith; spring is coming!

We are in need of people to march in the 100th year anniversary of the American Legion parade. It will take place on June 16th (Convention weekend) in Bangor. If you can participate, please call me at 696-3375 as soon as possible as I have to have a "count" of people attending to Department.

The dart league will be over soon. The Post thanks all the players and hope you have a great summer. See you in the fall!

The next Saturday cribbage game is on May 19th. Starting time is 10 am.

Hope everyone is in good health.

Good Bless Us All.

H. Ralph Withee
Commander

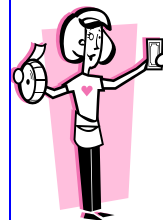
Memorial Day is May 28th. We need people to march in this parade as well. Please let me know if you're able to participate. Details on the parade can be found in this newsletter.

We are planning on putting the flags on the graves the week of the 14th. Please help if you can.

There is still time to get in on the 120 Club.

For people looking for something to do, the People Who Care Food Cupboard can use volunteers. They are open on Wednesdays from 9am - 12pm.

120 CLUB WINNERS



4/6 Karen Smith
4/13 Bob Demchak

SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

It's official: Squadron 39 has achieved its 100 percent membership goal for another year. And we attracted several new members in addition to retaining returning ones. The Sons' April meeting attendance was the highest it's been in recent memory — and of course there's plenty of room for you, too. We meet the first Monday of each month at 7pm, with a social hour beforehand. Prepare to pledge allegiance, too.

Members last month voted to donate \$100 to the Maine Leatherneck Detachment of the Marine Corps League. Another \$100 went to our cross-town friends at the VFW... they've got a Luck of the Draw raffle coming up May 19.

Have you heard about the Spring Fling? Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 12, 8p to 12 midnight. Do it now while you think of it. Live music from the amazing Dime Store Heroes... \$2 shooters and \$2 Bud light drafts... munchies... door prizes... and

all the proceeds go to support the Sons and all we do. See you there!

Next time you're online, be sure to check out the SAL Squadron 39 page on Facebook. It's the convenient place to find details on upcoming activities and the latest Wednesday night menus. Any Facebook user can post to the page, but all posts are subject to approval by Squadron moderators. To find the page, just type "SAL Squadron 39" into the Facebook search box. Or type this into your browser: <https://www.facebook.com/SAL>

[-Squadron-39-Madison-Maine-1050371371678606/](https://www.facebook.com/SAL)

One thing you'll find on the Facebook page: instructions on how to help Post 39's beloved lab and unofficial mascot, The Colonel. He put in an appearance at installation last month but his recent surgery still plagues him, and owners Robin and Paul Turek could use your

help with his bills. Alternatively, you can visit GoFundMe.com and type in "Colonel's ACL surgery."

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

Dates to Remember!

- May 7th - Regular Meeting @ 7pm
- May 12th - Spring Fling Dance
- May 16th - Newsletter Submissions Due
- May 19th - Saturday Cribbage @ 10 am
- May 21st - Put newsletters together @ 12:30 pm
- May 28th - Memorial Day Parade



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!

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,

Great job on getting your dues in ladies!! As of today, we only need 2 more dues paid to be at 100%!!

Just a quick reminder that our dues will be increasing as of the 2019 membership year. Senior members will be \$25 and Juniors will be \$5.00. This is due to an increase the Unit has to pay to Department/National. We did vote to continue paying the membership dues of members who are 70 and over.

And on that note, please welcome our newest member! Amy Washburn!

March 28th is Memorial Day! If you'd like to participate (march or ride) in the parade, please meet at **GARRET SCHENCK SCHOOL IN ANSON AT 9 AM!**

Installation of Officers has come and gone. Another year of helping our veterans—those who have fought for our freedom—is ahead of us. How do you plan on thanking a veteran? Is it to

shake his/her hand? Making a donation to one of our many programs that benefit veterans? How about volunteering at one of the many events the Auxiliary puts on?

Thank you to Department Secretary Michelle McRae and Past Department President Deb Marr for installing the Auxiliary!

Speaking of our program - May is Poppy Month! You'll see Merrilyn Vieira at different locations in town with her poppies asking for dona-

tions. Ladies, she does this mostly on her own...every year! If anyone would like to help her and would like to sit for a few hours collecting donations, please contact her at 635-2508 and she'll get you all set up!

Since last report, Maxine Dube and her helpers have mailed out \$20,232.19 worth of coupons. A great big **THANK YOU** to Maxine, Marie Wing

and Barbara Wyman for their hours of gathering and cutting coupons. A special **THANK YOU** to all those who donate coupons.

At our last meeting we voted to donate : \$15 Bingo Package for the Marine Corps League LOD, \$500 to Special Olympics of Maine, \$150 Angel Flight and \$100 to Somerset Special Olympics. We purchased 22 Backpacks with various items to put

in them such as PJ's, stuff animals, coloring books, crayons, hats, mittens, etc for Foster Children at DHHS - \$266

****PLEASE REMEMBER****

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, May 7th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Yours in Service, not self,

Robin Turek
Auxiliary President



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Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Spring Greetings!

We have 10 members and 2 supporters to date; if you have not forwarded your \$20 for this year please do so, you do not want your membership to lapse! Director, Bob Washburn, said the Winter Rally was a great success with approximately 110 people present and 15 out of 20 chapters represented! At the Convention on June 16th is the start of the 100 year celebration and Department is planning to kick this off the celebration with a quarter mile parade down town Bangor and guess who will be leading - THE RIDERS! They are in hopes to have at least 100 motor-

cycles if not more. If you have not attended the Convention in the past let us all consider attending this year! The Chapter donated \$200 to the YMCA of Maine to help send children of military family to camp for a week.

Brad Farrin is putting together rides for July and August for anyone interested. He will let us know when and where! There are some rides already scheduled by other Chapters and they are as follows:

June 23 Bob Washburn and planning a picnic ride (more to come), July 14 – Start in Fairfield Chapter for all fallen riders,

May 12 is the Travis Mills Ride ending in Augusta. Bob Washburn will be riding the second Monday of the each month for the Dinner Rides starting May 14th; meet at Legion Hall at 5 pm all welcome, bikes, and cars.

RIDERS LEAD THE WAY!

Yours in Service,
Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma
Secretary/Treasurer



Want to know
what's going on at
YOUR Legion?
Come to the
meeting
on
May 7th!





SPRING
Fling
Dance
May 12th

Sponsored by
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 Squadron 39

 Dime Store Heroes
 8 pm - 12 am
 \$10 per person
 \$15 per couple

*** 120 CLUB ***

We have started the 120 club again. The cost is \$5 per week for a single and \$10 per week for a couple for 26 weeks. 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 6th we will have a dinner with the choice of prime rib or lobster 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 will have open jukebox for your dancing pleasure. There will be a strict limit of 120 club members. If interested in joining, stop in at the Hall or contact Ralph Withee at 696-3375.



US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings from
NCB 39 Battalion

April drill was very quiet yet busy. We spent our day on Saturday teaching the cadets how to design, map out and create birdhouses. This is a project that they had expressed an interest in a few months ago. Once the designs were decided on, each cadet was taught how to properly use a table saw and which side of the pencil mark to cut on. After a few re-cuts, they finally got the hang of it. The cadets learned the proper way to make angled cuts with saw

in order to cut the roofs for the houses. All involved had a good time and the cadets learned a new skill. Thank you to CPL West for bringing the saw and for teaching this skill.

We also discussed summer training opportunities for the cadets. Headquarters received a large grant and is applying that to the cost of training. In this effort, the price of training has been reduced to a very affordable \$50 for one week and only \$100 for a two week training. It is our hope that

each cadet will take full advantage of this and attend more than one training.

We welcome adults with skills they are willing to share, to step up and teach these cadets. You may help them choose a career path they may not have thought possible.

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.

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

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

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

Website: www.ncb39bn.org

Respectfully,

The Officers and Staff
NCB39 Battalion



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

MONDAY, MAY 28TH

**LINE UP AT 9 AM
AT
GARRET SCHENCK
SCHOOL IN ANSON**

PARADE IS AT 10 AM



Sick Call

*Everyone is
healthy!*

YAY!



Notes from the Department Service Officer

from the department service officer's page:

-RAMP

Rapid Appeals Modernization Program has sent out more opt-in letters to veterans in our area. I have attached some information for you to review and inform your posts. Bottom line is if a veteran receives an opt-in letter they should call the DSO to go over the different options.

Requests for Increased Compensation!

Please insure that you consider all possibilities if you want to submit for an increase in your compensation claim. My staff cannot refuse to submit a claim even it is causes undue hardship because instead of an increase you get a proposed reduction notification.

VA Comp and Pen examinations!

The VA is now using contractors LHI and MSLA, those might be changing soon; but you must answer their phone calls as well.

If you have a question about an exam scheduled by the VA, call the Department Service Office. We can look into it for you.

Carl Curtis, or Maureen Malley

VAMC Togus

Building 205, Room 318

Phone: (207) 623-5726

FAX: (207) 621-4821

Office Hours for Veterans

Monday – Friday

0730-1500 hours

Closed on Federal Holidays
and Patriot's Day (April)

DSO Mailing Address

American Legion

PO Box 3411

Augusta, ME 04330



Remember -
our fallen heros.
They are the reason
that we are free.

Respectfully submitted,

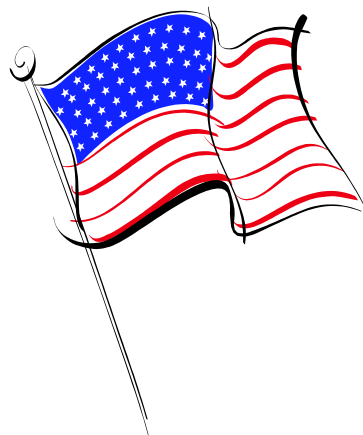
*Bob Washburn,
Post Service Officer*

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May 7, 2018
6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM MEETING



Monday, May 28th



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