



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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May 2019

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

**Legion, Auxiliary
& SAL**

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
May 6, 2019

Legion Riders
May 1, 2019
6 pm

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

Big Cribbage (Singles)
May 18th

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,

Many things have taken place since the last newsletter. Newly elected officers were installed by Paul L'Heureux, Adjutant, American Legion Department of Maine on March 30, 2019.

Post Officers

Commander: Bob Demchak
1st Vice: Vinnie Santoni
2nd Vice: Aaron Rollins
Adjutant: Bob Washburn
Finance: John Bryant
Chaplain: Wayne Parks
Service: Bob Washburn

Americanism: Brad Farrin
Sgt-at-Arms: Phil Daigle

Executive Committee

Gene Tweedie
Ron Page
Ralph Withee

The 120 Club was opened for enrollment and we have more than 80

members signed up. As a reminder, enrollment is still open. The Banquet is scheduled for October 5, 2019. Members will have a choice of two lobsters or prime rib or baked chicken with all the fixings. The band, "Dime Store" has been booked for the dance afterwards.

In March, the Legion voted to donate \$500 to Special Olympics.

The Post is actively seeking sponsors from local businesses for our Newsletter.

The Executive Committee met on April 16th and discussed ways to raise funds and to recruit members to the Post, initiated plans for a parade and services for Memorial Day and put those plans into motion. The parade will form at the School in Anson at 9:30AM and depart at 10:00AM with stops at the Anson Memorial, on the Madison-Anson bridge for wreath laying and at the

Madison Library with services in E. Madison at 1:00PM, Starks at 2:00PM and the Madison VFW at 3:00PM.

The Post's Funeral Services Team was coordinated and they have five services to perform that have already been requested.

May 5, 2019 has been selected as the day to put out the marker flags on Veterans' gravesites in the local cemeteries. The Sea Cadet unit, An-

son Boy Scouts and some legion members have already volunteered to help. We are actively seeking volunteers to assist in this endeavor. We will meet at the Legion Hall at 9:00AM and disperse to the cemeteries from there.

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,

The latest SAL meeting took place on April Fool's Day, but somehow no one pulled any pranks. We were all business as usual, determining where our next donations should go. The membership allocated \$100 to help defray the cost of a memorial bench at SAL state HQ in Winslow. Remember the motto: "Honor the past and continue the legacy."

We also earmarked \$100 for Mac Residential Services in Embden, which provides home assistance for disabled residents, as well as \$50 to

help support the testimonial for Detachment commander Scott Morton.

Make sure you're in town on Sat., Jun. 22. That's when the SAL will stage its annual chicken barbecue. More details to come, but we guarantee hot delicious food at an amazingly low price — with the cooking overseen by the one and only Eddie Cowan.

Don't worry if you missed out on the April 24 drawing for a Hanaford's gift certificate... the next drawing, set for late May, will bring the winner a valuable gift certificate to Reny's. Tickets

will be \$5 apiece or three for \$10. Again, stay tuned...

One last thing: pay a visit sometime soon to the national SAL web site:

<http://www.legion.org/sons>.
Let's all stay in touch with our brothers around the country.

Respectfully submitted,

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



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & SERVICES MONDAY, MAY 27TH

PARADE:
LINE UP AT 9 AM AT
GARRET SCHENCK SCHOOL IN ANSON
PARADE IS AT 10 AM

SERVICES:
1 PM - EAST MADISON
2 PM - STARKS
3 PM - MADISON VFW

Dates to Remember!

- May 4th - May Basket Dinner -
- May 6th - Regular Meeting @ 7 pm
- May 20th – Executive meetings @ 7 pm
- May 20th - Put newsletter together @ 12:30 pm
- May 27th – Memorial Day (See above for info)
- June 3rd – Regular meeting @ 7pm
- June 7th – 9th – Department Convention



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,

Wow, I'm honored and humbled that you, the members, have entrusted me to be your President for the 5th year! Last year was awesome with all that we do to support our veterans. I am looking forward to the phenomenal year we have ahead of us! We're already starting off with the calendar filling



up! Don't forget that our 100th Birthday is November 19th and the Legions 100th Birthday was March 15th! Keep an eye out to see what we're doing to celebrate!

May is Poppy Month! You'll see Merrilyn Vieira at different locations in town with her poppies asking for donations. 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!

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

We've lost 2 more members this month. Our sincerest condolences to the families of Shirley Leahan and Karen Luce. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

At our April meeting we voted to donate: \$150 Angel Flight, \$500 Special Olympics of Maine, \$25 Friends of the Woodbury Public Library in memory of Shirley Leahan, \$25 St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, \$50 VAVS for comfort items at Togus.

Our May Basket Dinner is coming up on May 4th. If you don't have your tickets

yet, please contact Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma at 696-4938 to get one...or two...or more!

We brought back our own Calendar Raffle with the proceeds to benefit Children & Youth programs and local community charities. After all was said and done, we made a profit of \$535! Thank you to those who sold and purchased tickets!

Maxine Dube has mailed out \$20,398.16 worth of coupons since our last newsletter. A great big **THANK YOU** to Maxine and Barbara Wyman for their hours of gathering and cutting coupons. A special **THANK YOU** to all those who donate coupons.

May 27th is Memorial Day! If you'd like to par-

ticipate (march or ride) in the parade, please meet at **GARRET SCHENCK SCHOOL IN ANSON AT 9 AM!**

****PLEASE REMEMBER****

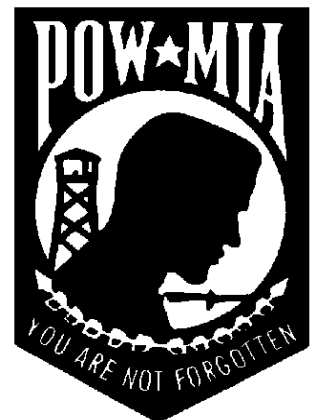
We continue to collect aluminum tabs for Shriners Children's Hospital as well as Box Tops and Labels for Education!

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 6th at 7 pm. ~ ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Yours in Service, not self,



Robin Turek
Auxiliary President





Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

GREETINGS!

Snow almost gone, bikes registered and we are ready to ride! Be careful on the roadway with all the loose gravel and those pot holes....isn't winter left over wonderful!

We have some changes to announce to our riders and they are as follows:

Meetings will be on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6 pm and after the meeting anyone wanted to take a ride will do so. Reminder Wednesday is the night the SAL has their dinner starting at 5 pm.

There will be no meetings the month of November, December and January.

Dues of \$20 are due in February of each year for those under age 70.

February of each year is nominations for officers and March is the Elections.

Reminder to give us copies of your registration and insurance card. These must be presented to the Safety Officer, Brad Farin, before anyone will be allowed to ride.

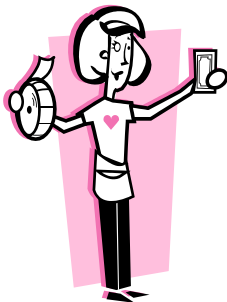
We have several Legion members with motorcycles and we are

asking you to consider becoming a member of the Riders. Applications are in the Riders box and you may drop it off to the bartenders with the \$20. We hope to see those applications rolling in.

Ride safely and enjoy your summer.

Yours in Service, not self,

Sharon Mellows-Ziacoma
Secretary/Treasurer
Sharon.mellows@myfairpoint.net



120 CLUB WINNERS

- 4/12 - John Kerr
- 4/19 - Wanda Demers
- 4/26 - Greg Couture

**THANK YOU
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 THEM!!**

Sick Call

Angela Oliver



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



US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings from
NCB 39 Battalion
During our April drill, cadets started preparing for parades and ceremonies that will be taking place in May. During that same drill, we also held classes in emergency preparedness and rescue.

We have begun planning for summer training for 5 cadets and staff. It will be a busy summer.

In May we will assist the Marine Corps League with a fundraiser on May 4th. We

will also be celeb rating with 3 of our cadets who will be graduating from high school in June.

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

Post Everlasting

Shirley Leahan - 3-17-19 (Aux)
Karen Luce 3-23-19 (Aux)
Richard Duly 4-14-19



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 May!!

Notes from the Department Service Officer

*****Excerpts Taken From DSO Newsletter *****

There is not much new going on with the Veteran's Benefits Administration. The new AMA has a much broader effect than just on appeals. It is a work in progress.

The Appeals Modernization Act went live on the 19th of February. I will not explain everything about the new program but here are some of the highlights. There is no more RAMP program. There will be no more opt in letters. They did keep the two lanes that made up the RAMP. There are now 3 lanes that the veteran can choice from. The choices are:

**Supplemental Claim Lane
Higher Level Review lane
Appeal to the Board Lane**

Please advise all veterans to contact this office if they disagree with a claim decision. This office can help the veteran through this process.

VA Comp and Pen examinations!

The Comp and Pen location is now on the third-floor next door to Carl's office. They also have a full time psychologist on staff now. This in the long run will be good for our veterans. If you have a complaint about a compensation and pension exam, let Carl know. It could affect the rating for the veteran. He has a fix for that but he needs to know what is going on.

State of Maine Veterans

The VA provided this following information.

Total number of veterans	116,782
Total number of veteran over 65	57,792

Based on these numbers 49.49% of all veterans in Maine are over 65 years old.

Total number receiving disability Compensation	26,862
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Based on these numbers less than 5% of all veterans in Maine are receiving disability compensation.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bob Washburn,
Post Service Officer*

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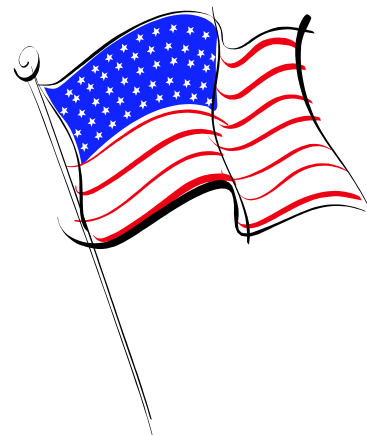
May 6, 2019

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING

Legion Riders

May 1, 2019 at 6 pm



Monday, May 27th



Our Email address and website are:

post 39@beeline-online.net

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