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May 2025

Meetings

Legion
Somerset Abbey
May 5, 2025
7 pm

Auxiliary
Old Point Ave School
May 5, 2025
6:30 pm meeting

Sons of the
American Legion
May 5, 2025
57 Maple St - Madison
5 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: Will Price
Americanism: Vacant

Executive Committee Members:
Gerald Brown
Jimmy Pinkham
Bob Washburn

Honor Guard Commander:
Linwood Cowan



The American Legion Family

Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter

LEGION UPDATES.....*From your Post Commander*

Comrades -

My name is Karl Price. I'd like to thank you for entrusting me to be your Commander for 2025-2026. We have a lot of work ahead of us and many hands make light work. Please come out to our meetings on the 1st Monday of the month and find out the latest on a new building and other matters important to our Post.

In preparation for this upcoming Memorial Day we'll be placing flags in the cemeteries in honor of our Fallen Comrades on Saturday May 10th. We'll be meeting in the Post parking lot behind Renys at 0845 for a 0900 departure. If we are unable to finish or if we have weather on that day, May 17th will be our rain date same time and location.

Please spread the word. The more volunteers we have the smoother this will go. All members of the community are welcome. Hope to see everyone there.

The times and places for Memorial Day Ceremonies is posted further on in this newsletter.

Respectfully,

Karl Price
Commander

Post Everlasting



Betty Dow (Aux)
April 3, 2025



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39/>

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.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Greetings, Members!

Our past Unit President, Jackie Pollis' Celebration of Life will be held on May 3rd. Graveside service is at 10 am with the Celebration of Life afterward - approximately 11:30 - at the VFW 58 Preble Ave in Madison.

We are a bit behind with our membership renewals. At present we have 92 members paid out of 135 which puts us at 68.14%. Remember, if you have not paid your 2025 dues after January 31st you lost all your membership privileges until they are paid. After 2 years of not paying you lose your continuous membership years and will have to start all over.

Our current fundraiser, the calendar raffle, will be drawn every day during the month of May. Good luck to those who have purchased tickets!!

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming events! <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ALAUNIT39>.

Our next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on May 5th 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! Remember our "Purpose" ...

In fulfillment of our Mission, the American Legion Auxiliary adheres to the following purposes:

To support and advocate for veterans, active military and their families

- To support the initiatives and programs of The American Legion*
- To foster patriotism and responsible citizenship*
- To award scholarships and promote quality education and literacy*
- To provide educational and leadership opportunities that uphold the ideals of freedom and democracy and encourage good citizenship and patriotism in government*
- To increase our capacity to deliver our Mission by providing meaningful volunteer opportunities within our communities*
- To empower our membership to achieve personal fulfillment through Service Not Self*

Yours in service, not self,
Robin Turek,



The American Legion Family

Please Remember to Pay Your Dues!



Veterans Mental Health June-August	Maine Veterans Homes Hospice September-November	AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MISSION
Homeless Veterans December-February	Veterans Outreach Children & Youth March-May	

Sick Call



*John Bryant
Gene Dube*

SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings!

On May 17th we will be having a Pork BBQ with baked beans, corn on the cob, salads and dessert for \$10 per person. Location will be the VFW #7865, 58 Preble Ave in Madison - 4pm - 6pm.

We are trying to do at least one event each month at the VFW.

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

May 5, 2025 at 5 pm at 57 Maple Street - Madison.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pete Graves,
SAL Commander
John Bryant,
Chairman of SAL*



In Flanders fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.



We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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.

BE THE ONE

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







Happy Birthday to all members born in May!





American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post 39 Events

May 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	5 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS	6	7	8	9	10
11 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	19 EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	20	21	22	23 	24
25 Somerset Abbey 2-5pm 	26 	27	28	29	30	31

National Poppy Day®

May 23, 2025

Poppy Day is celebrated in countries around the world. The American Legion Family brought National Poppy Day® to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day, as National Poppy Day.

On the Friday before Memorial Day, wear a red poppy to honor the fallen and support the living who have worn our nation's uniform.

The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars. It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

Led by the American Legion Auxiliary, each year members of The American Legion Family distribute poppies with a request that the person receiving the flower make a donation to support the future of veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families with medical and financial needs.



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONIES

MONDAY - MAY 26, 2025



Please Join the American Legion Tardiff-Belanger Post 39
For
Memorial Day Observances Ceremonies
Guest Speaker:
Maine State Representative John “Jack” Ducharme

These are approximate times.

Starting at:

9:00 am at Starks Town Office

9:30 am at Anson Town Office

10:00 am at Madison Library

10:30 am at the US/Canadian Monument at Forest Hills Cemetery

11:00 am at East Madison, Joseph Quirion Monument

Please Join Us in Honoring Our Fallen Heroes

Tardiff-Belanger Post #39

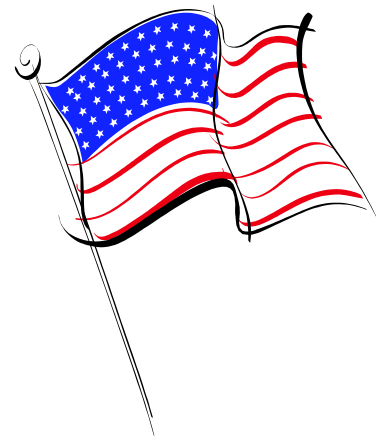
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