



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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## Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Social Hr.** 6:00 p.m.  
**Monday, May 6, 2013**  
**Monday, June 3, 2013**

**Cribbage:** 7:00 p.m.  
Thursdays, partners  
**Cribbage:** 6:00 p.m.  
Fridays, singles

**Bingo:** 2:00 Sundays  
& 6:30 Tuesdays

### HALL HOURS:

**Tuesday - Beano**  
**Doors open at 4 pm**  
**Mon, Wed through Fri -**  
**3 pm**

**Sunday - Beano**  
**Doors open at 12 pm**

The Hall is **NON - SMOKING** for all Suppers and Post Meetings until after they have ended.

## LEGION UPDATES.....

### From your Commander

Comrades,

Again we saw some new faces at the Monday night Regular Meeting.

The new officers were voted in:

Commander: H. Ralph Withee  
1st Vice: Jeff Drew  
2nd Vice: John Doucette  
Adjutant: Leroy Welch  
Finance Officer: John Bryant  
Americanism: Ron Page  
Service Officer: Vaughn Mercier  
Historian: Jeff Drew  
Sergeant at Arms:  
John Ziaccoma

Executive Committee:  
John Ziaccoma  
Bob Demchak

On Friday, April 12th, we were all installed by Lloyd Woods, Dept Adjutant was the Installing Officer; Ernie Paradis, Past National Vice Com-

mander and past Dept. Commander was the installing Sgt. at Arms and Tommy Adkins, Department Historian was the installing chaplain. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them. The accompanying supper was very good!

### THE LEGION BBQ WILL BE JULY 20th and NOT JULY 27th.

Again the post is doing very well. The \$50,000 loan for 15 years is now down under \$24,000 in 3 1/2 years! Hope to have it paid off in 5 years.

Donations for Mar/Apr were \$37.50 to Anson Fire Dept. Aux. \$510.56 to VA Volunteer Programs at Togus and \$500 scholarship to a Car-rabee High School graduate.

We still have a few small projects left to do. We need to build a recycling bin under the fire escape. In addition we would like to fix the out-

side of the building to accommodate the run off of water from the sides of the building as well as drains from the roof.

We need 6 more members to pay their dues to put us at 100%.

The smoke eaters have been fixed and there is a big difference in the hall.

Come on in and see!

*H. Ralph Withee*  
Commander

**Want to know what's going on at YOUR Legion? Come to the meetings on May 6th and June 3rd!**

## SAL Squadron #39

Founded in 1922, Sons of The American Legion exists to honor the service and sacrifice of Legionnaires

Greetings,

SAL squadron from Post#39 would like to thank Bob's Cash Fuel for donating the entire 100 gallons of heating oil for our raffle. This is the 2nd straight year Bob's Cash Fuel has donated the full 100 gallons. Thank you so much! We sold more tickets than I thought we were going to sell. We made \$920.00 for our charities. Rose Chase of Sidney is this year's lucky winner. She bought her tickets from me at the Pointe Afta in Winslow.

I talked to Joe Cooper who sent me the lobster bake raffle tickets for the Detachment of Maine. The lobster bake for 50 people 1st place prize went to

Angela Friek of Bath. The 2nd place prize for \$75.00 worth of lobster went to a gentleman from Buxton. Post#39 sold \$287.00 in tickets. Congratulations to all raffle winners. I would also like to thank everyone who bought and sold tickets for these fundraisers.

A donation of \$100.00 was made to the Beals House. A card and \$100.00 was given to Bill and Betty Perry. We also donated \$50.00 to a Christian motorcycle run the Legion Riders are supporting. Sympathy cards were sent to Lyle Frost who lost his brother and the family of Dick Merrill who passed away after a long illness. Elmer Jackson a former cribbage player and more

important a POW-MIA also passed away after a long illness. And to the Mericier family for the loss of Scottie. The squadron would like to welcome four new members; Craig Meunier of North Anson, Patrick Dube of Anson, Ronald Lavasseur of Embden and Michael Tufts of Madison.

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00P.M. You are all welcome to attend. Attendance has picked up over the last two meetings.

We'd like to thank the Installing Officers, Richard "Dickie" Huntley, Detachment Commander; Bruce Pierce, NECA SAL and

Past Detachment Commander as installing Sgt. At Arms and Steven Betzer, Detachment Sgt. At Arms and Commander of Squadron #5 as installing Chaplain. Our newly elected Officers are:

Commander: Mark Long  
1st Vice: Don Holt  
2nd Vice: Jim Pinkham

Finance Officer: Charlie Price  
Adjutant: Joseph "Mark" Brown  
Sgt-At-Arms: Michael Adams

Chaplain: Eddie Cowan  
Historian: Eddie Cowan  
Membership Chairman: Don Holt  
SAL Chairman: Ron Page

Enjoy your spring!

*Joseph "Mark" Brown,  
SAL Adjutant  
Mark Long,  
SAL Commander  
Ron Page,  
Chairman of SAL*

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

If anyone wants to book the hall,  
you **MUST** contact  
**Sheila Moody** at 696-8080  
or at the Legion - 696-5848  
after 3:00 pm  
on Wed and Thurs.

### Editors Note

Please be aware that this edition of the Legion Newsletter will be the last edition until September.

## Auxiliary News...

Hello Ladies,

We currently have **121 members** paid. We need just 19 to make our 100%. **Come on ladies we can do it!!**

We'd like to thank the following for installing the Auxiliary Officers for 2013-2014: Veronica Rokosny 4<sup>th</sup> Dist. Pres Installing Officer; Georgine Butman Dept. V. P. is Sergeant at Arms and Vicky Gould 4<sup>th</sup> Dist Sergeant at Arms (incoming 4<sup>th</sup> Dist. Pres.) Chaplain. We'd also like to extend our thanks to Scott Cipriano for yet another wonderful meal!!

The installed officers are as follows:

President: Marie Wing  
1st Vice: Shirley Emery

Life, \$50 MS Walk 2013, \$15 beans package for Relay For Life Lack of the Draw, \$25 toward Madison High School Prom Committee, \$25 to Department and District President's gifts, \$200 Maine Arts Festival, \$25 to a Christian Motorcycle Run, \$100 to Beals House for bathroom renovations in memory of Scottie Mercier and \$100 to a youth's motor-cross.

Unfortunately we have to go up on our membership dues for 2014 to \$20. We have to send \$19 to Dept of Maine and they in turn

2nd Vice: Sandy Ingalls  
Secretary: Robin Turek  
Treasurer: Harriet Bryant  
Chaplain: Kathleen Randall  
Sgt at Arms: Marilyn Viera  
Historian: Robin Turek

### Executive Committee:

Maxine Dube,  
Ellen Lavasseur  
Barbara Wyman.

We'd like to welcome new members Betty Power, Karen Prieo and Charlene Vanadestine.

We are saddened by the loss of member Scottie Mercier. She has been a member of the Auxiliary for many years, held the office of Historian and Executive Committee. She was very instrumental at

Togus as chairperson for the Christmas Gift shop for the veterans and their families.

We still need to ask members to continue clipping coupons and leave them at the legion for Maxine Dube. **Please, if you can, drop off coupons once a week instead of collecting a huge amount and then dropping them off. Maxine & Barbara would appreciate it.** Maxine reported that she mailed out \$13,092.11 worth of coupons on March 19th. Keep the coupons coming ladies!!

At our March and April meetings we voted to donate 50 gallons of oil to a member in need, \$50 donation to Relay For

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fits and discounts that your membership entitles you to.

Poppies will be distributed during the month of May at various businesses. If you are interested in helping, please contact Marilyn at 635-2508.

*Marie (Hilda) Wing  
Auxiliary President*

**HEAR YE!!  
HEAR YE!!  
HEAR YE!!**

### DD-214 Discharge Papers now online !!

There is now a web site for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 is:

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site.

Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC (National Personnel Records Center) to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.



## Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings,

Two members and four officers were present for the installation ceremony for the new officers. ALR State Director, Kaye Bouchard, came up for the installation. We had a good visit, good food and a good installation service.

We had 39 people for bingo in March, which is about what we had in February. We would love to fill the place. Our next bingo night is April 20. Bring your friends and come have some fun. Bingo is also set for May 18, so mark that on your calendars as well. Hope to see you there.

We are looking forward to start riding again, and some of

us have taken our bikes out a few times. Please be careful as there is still a lot of sand on the roads, and drivers are not looking for us too much yet.

There was a proposed law that all motorcyclists in the state would have to wear helmets. I wear mine most of the time, but I (like many others) think it should be my decision to wear or not wear it. Well, that law was shot down. So you can still ride without a helmet if you are over 18.



*Respectfully,  
Bob Washburn  
Secretary*



## THE RIDERS CREED

**R**ider dedicates themselves to the success of the American Legion. I know that through my efforts I can make a difference.

**I** alone am responsible for myself and to my fellow riders. I will conduct myself with the highest degree of integrity and honor.

**D**edication and work create change. I will persevere against any and all things that prevent my success. My resolve and strength will overcome all obstacles.

**E**ach rider is first a member of the American Legion family. I will actively participate in and willingly support their endeavors.

**R**eady will give other riders a welcome and warmly assist support missions. I will do my duty knowing I represent to an American Legion Rider.

**S**uccess is the only acceptable conclusion. I will allow nothing to distract me or impede me from service to my family, community, country and especially to our Veterans.

**Riders Lead The Way!**



### Sick Call

*Charlie Spaulding*



### Post Everlasting

*Flavia Laslow 2-28-13*

*Elmer Jackson 3-5-13*

*Scottie Mercier 4-14-13*

*James Morse 4-17-13*



Memorial Day Parade  
May 27 at 10 am  
Line up at 9 am  
Garret Schenck School  
in Anson





# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

Our March drill weekend was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. The weekend was very busy. The cadets and staff diligently worked on the last minute checks Saturday morning just before Annual Inspection at 1000 hrs. The cadets planned and demonstrated color guard and formation maneuvers and then stood in formation. LCDR Hull then completed the Cadet portion of the inspection. LCDR Hull then presented Major Demchak with the Judge Robert T. S. Colby Award as the Sea Cadet Corps National Instructor of the Year.

Mr. Larry Dunphy, State Representative District 88 and Mr. H. Ralph Withee, Commander, American Legion Post 39 spoke to the cadets. A luncheon prepared by ENS Margaret Demchak was served to the cadets, staff and honored guests. LCDR then finished the paperwork side of the inspection. The remainder of the weekend drill consisted of trainings in Amateur Radio Theory, Signal Flags and Morse Code.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, five of our cadets were guest speakers at the Madison Junior High as a part of the Leadership Skills Day. They had 10 minutes to present how the Sea Cadet program has provided them with leadership skills and

how this has helped them. There were 250 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in attendance.

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, five cadets performed the setting of the POW/MIA table for the Legion Memberships.

Our April weekend drill of 6/7 found us with 5 potential recruits in attendance. Saturday morning was spent at the pool in Skowhegan for our Annual Swim Qualifications. All cadets qualified with two attaining 1<sup>st</sup> Class Swimmer status. The afternoon was full of trainings in customs/courtesies, rates/ranks and

safety in addition to required correspondence courses.

Sunday was full of surprises. Instead of the normal morning PT activities, the cadets were shown and then participated in some of the same events that were a part of the Maine Maritime Academy PT Challenge. It was challenging and difficult, but fun.

After lunch, Representative Dun-

phy requested permission to "come aboard", was introduced to the cadets, and spoke directly to them. He then turned to Major Demchak and asked him to step forward. Mr. Dunphy then presented him with a certificate of recognition and appreciation from the State of Maine members of the Senate and House of Representatives in recognition of his selection as the NSCC Instructor of the Year.

We had one staff officer and

cadet promoted at this drill:

ENS Robin Turek was promoted to LTJG

CR (E-1) Hezekiah Faucett was promoted to CA/T (E-2 Temporary)

Major Robert E. Demchak,  
USAF (Ret)



Commanding Officer  
NCB 39 Battalion



NCB 39 BN Annual Inspection  
2013



PO3 Coleman doing the crawl  
with the "dead man" on her  
back



CA/T Jackson lighting the  
Candle of Vigil

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**Next Meetings: May 6, 2013**

**June 3, 2013**

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING

***No Meetings in July & August***



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