



Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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November 2015

Happenings...

Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Social Hr. 6:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov 2, 2015

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

Bingo: 2:00 Sundays
& 6:30 Tuesdays

HALL HOURS:

Tuesday - Beano
Doors open at 4 pm

Mon, Wed through
Fri - 3 pm
Saturday - 2:30 pm

Sunday - Beano
Doors open
at 12 pm

The Post
is now
NON -
SMOKING

LEGION UPDATES.....

From your Commander

Comrades,

The 2015 American Legion National Convention voted to raise the National Headquarters share of your dues five dollars effective January 20th, 2016. Our members, at our October meeting, voted not to increase your dues, but to leave them at \$35.00. Our post's share of your \$35 dues has been \$9.00. We will now keep only \$4.00, \$31.00 going to National Headquarters and the Department of Maine. It would save your local post \$5.00 if you pay your 2016 dues before January 20th. Dues can be sent to PO Box 144, Madison, ME 04950 or paid at the Post.

The vote tallied on October 5th for the Post to be non-smoking versus smoking was 40 for non-smoking and 26 for smoking. **Tar-**

diff-Belanger Post 39 is now a Non-Smoking Post!

of it. Next year it will be held on October 1st. We will have the same chef and band.

The holiday season will be upon us soon - Have a safe and happy one.

H. Ralph Withee
Commander

diff-Belanger Post 39 is now a Non-Smoking Post!

We also voted to put new ceiling tiles in the dance and bar areas. Thanks to Legion members, Legion Auxiliary members and Sons of the American Legion members this was done in one day! Also the walls and everything was washed down. What a big difference. The dance floor was done again for the third time. It looks very good.

We voted to donate \$100 for the Blue Star Highway Marker, \$100 to the Togus Maniacs Golden Age Games Team and \$22.50 (which is our portion) toward the Carrabec High School Year Book Ad.

It was voted in the executive meeting not to allow firearms in the legion also.

The 120 Club was a success! Thanks to everyone who was part



SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

Let's start by talking about dues. Our calendar year starts July 1st and ends June 30th. It was explained to me that six months is needed to collect and process information to make membership cards. Don't forget this is a nationwide organization. Just imagine how many members in total when added all together. This process won't work unless you pay your dues by the delinquent deadline of January 1st. Consider January through June the processing months. If you are delinquent your continuous years will not appear on the

next card. After two years of non-payment they stop making your membership card.

Our squadron sends \$8 per membership card to the Detachment of Maine. As of January 1, 2016 this will increase to \$10 per membership card. Pay your dues by 1-1-16 to avoid being delinquent and save the squadron \$2 per card. The Detachment of Main (SAL) does not have a permanent headquarters. The sum of \$1.50 per member goes towards the purchase and upkeep of a building that will house and provide space for Detachment equipment and functions. The sum of \$.50 per member will be dedi-

cated to the general fund to improve any shortfall that may happen in the future. This information was provided by the Detachment Finance Committee.

The donations were voted on and approved at our October meeting were \$500 to the Travis Mills Fund, \$250 to the Togus Maine-iacs National Golden Age Games, \$100 to the Maine Troop Greeters, \$150 to help with expenses for the Annual Turkey Dinner held at the legion and \$22.50 (which is our portion) toward the Carrabec High School Year Book Ad.

We had a small turnout for our 2nd Annual Pig Roast. Last

year we also had a small turnout. This event will be moved to the springtime. We are looking at the middle of May as the new date. Hopefully, after a long winter people will want to get out to enjoy the warm weather and eat some pork and fiddleheads.

The owner of Bloomfields Tavern in Skowhegan won \$55 on the 50/50 raffle and the SAL made approximately

\$190 from the pig roast after expenses.

A big Thank You to all who attended, donated or helped in any way. A special thank you to Barbara Wyman! You're Awesome!

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



Dates to Remember!

- November 8th - 4th District Auxiliary Meeting - Belfast Post 43 @ 1 p.m.**
- November 11th – Veteran's Day**
- November 14th 9am - 3 pm @ ALA Craft Fair - NEW VENUE Calvary Pentecostal Church, 160 Old Point Ave, Madison**
- November 20th – Turkey Supper/Raffles**



Auxiliary News...

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

Hello Ladies,

Your 2016 membership dues are due! If you haven't paid your 2015 dues, there's still time! Please Make checks payable to Madison ALA and mail to Madison ALA, PO Box 325, Madison, ME 04950. The dues are still \$20.

I am pleased to announce that we exceeded the October 20th goal of 55% by having well over 59% of our membership paid up for 2016!! Way to go ladies!! We have 75 out of 131 members paid up for 2016 to date.

Maxine has mailed out over \$28,314.15 worth of coupons since our last newsletter. Thank you, Maxine, Barbara Wyman, Marie Wing and all those who continue to collect coupons! Great work! Keep the coupons coming in ladies!

At our October meeting we voted to donate \$100 each to Beals House in memory of Lois Worcester, VAVS for comfort items and Veterans Creative Arts Festival. \$100 to sponsor Madison Idol, \$50 for Madison Holiday Celebration, \$30 each to 3 Girl Scout Troops, \$50 Maplecrest Living Ctr. for their Halloween

Party, \$50 for the Blue Star Highway Marker and \$22.50 which is our portion toward the Carrabec High School Yearbook Ad.

Just a reminder that we have a new venue for our 30th Annual Craft fair!! It will be at the Calvary Pentecostal Church, 160 Old Point Road, Madison this year. The hours will be from 9 am - 3 pm. If you would like an application for a space, please email me (robinturek@gmail.com) or call me at 696-8289 to obtain one. We have had a great

response to the new venue this year! And a big variety as well....Alpaca, jewelry and wood crafters to name a few! There are still some spaces left!

The Turkey Supper & Raffle is coming up on November 20th! If you wish to donate toward the meal (food items or monetary) please contact Maxine Dube at 696-3608. Thank you to the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 39

for your \$150 donation toward the purchase of turkeys!

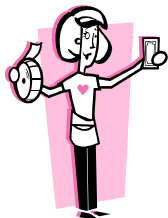
We have two new members! Please welcome Karen Luce of Cornville and Monica Nile of Embden!

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 2nd at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

****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,

*Robin Turek
Auxiliary President*



120 CLUB WINNERS

9/4 Dick Packard

9/18 Rob Shibley

9/11 Jimmy Pinkham

9/25 Paul Turek

\$1,000 - Tom Dillon

\$500 - Dean Olmstead and Ellen Giberson

\$250 - Kathy Lightbody and Steve Taylor

\$100 - Barbara Poissonnier, Robin Turek, Vaughn Mercier, Trudy Hagopian and Dennis Ogden

Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

This has been great summer for riding. I hope you all had a chance to ride some. Even though the riding season is winding down, there will still be some good days (as I write this I heard on the radio today that the next couple days were supposed to be about 70! Great for riding!) Now that the leaves have started to change just about everywhere, then just about anywhere you decide to ride would be beautiful. However, you still need to look out for the leaves once they fall because they can be slippery.

If you know of others who are in the Legion Family, who ride,

they are welcome to join our American Legion Riders too. We did pretty well at the fair this year. We made over \$1600 after expenses. I think that is one of our best years (the weather helped this year). On behalf of the ALR, I would like to thank all those who helped. Our meetings are at 1800 on the first Monday of each month. Don't forget we will meet upstairs from now on. Please come join us.

Respectfully submitted,



Bob Washburn
Secretary



THE RIDERS CREED

- R**ider dedicate 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**eeds not words 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**eally will join other riders in activities and events which support missions. I will do so gladly knowing I volunteered to be an American Legion Rider.
- S**uccess is the only acceptable conclusion. I will allow nothing to dissuade me or impede me from service to my family community country and especially to our Veterans.

Riders Lead The Way !



Veterans Day Service

November 11th

11:00 Wreath Laying @ Forest Hill Cemetery
 Service to follow @
 American Legion Post 39
 Lunch served at 1 p.m.
 Followed by Flag Retirement Ceremony with
 Sea Cadets and Boy Scouts

**Want to know what's
 going on at YOUR
 Legion? Come to the
 meeting on November
 2nd**



TURKEY SUPPER & RAFFLE

Friday, November 20th
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Adults - \$7, Kids 5 - 12 - \$3.50
Under 5 FREE!!

Turkey prices are on the rise! We are in need of food donations to go toward making the dinner. Any person wanting to make a food donation, please contact Maxine Dube at 696-3608.

**Proceeds
 from the
 dinner/raffles
 benefit local
 Food Cupboard's!!**



US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

The October drill weekend started with our normal Friday evening of homework and/or Correspondence Manual study. We also welcomed our newest Staff Officer, LtJG Stephanie Horvatt, NSCC. LtJG Horvat is also a BM3 in the US Coast Guard stationed in Jonesport, Maine. She will be our new Training Officer.

Saturday started with an 0600 reveille, PT and breakfast. After chow clean-up, LtJG Horvat, NSCC, took up her new title and stepped right into the classroom and taught waterway

navigation, military drill and knot-tying. Other classes included map & compass and land navigation. Practical exercises followed each class. Evening activities consisted of homework and/or Correspondence Manual study.

Sunday started with the same activities as Saturday. At 0900, we had Mr. Richard Gordon as a guest instructor. He provided Color Guard training to include flags and ceremonial rifle handling/presentation.

Following Mr. Gordon's training, we had some CO/XO time

with the unit. After lunch, time was spent discussing standards for drill discipline and protocols. The drill ended with field day activities and final formation where CPO Riley Coleman, NSCC, was presented with the VFW ribbon.

I, on behalf of the entire battalion, wish to thank the local communities, the entire Legion membership, cadet's families and friends for their untiring support of this unit.

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is open to 11-

17 year old males and females. Please visit our website: <http://ncb39bn.sharepoint.com> for more information.

Respectfully,

*MAJ Robert E. Demchak,
USAF (Ret)
Commanding Officer
NCB 39 Battalion*

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

**Happy
Birthday
to all
members
Born in
November!**



Notes from the Service Officer

Proposals to Reduce Compensation!

It is important to note that your compensation level and ratings are based on your current level of disability. Therefore, it is subject to change both up, down; or even eliminated when the disability no longer exists.

It is important, unless you are 100% Permanent and Total, not to incorporate your VA compensation into your monthly bill paying if at all possible. Failure to take this into account may cause financial hardship if your rating is reduced or eliminated; and it could be quite financially significant.

NOTE: Anytime you reopen a claim with the VA, you are subject to re-examination; even if you are 100% P&T.

The rated disability does not become permanent until the rating has been in effect for over 20 years!

If you have a question about your claim, please feel free to ask me, or call the Service Office in Augusta 623-5726 (If I can't get you the answer, I will have you call them anyway).

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Washburn, Service Officer

Thank You

To those who helped on the ceiling tiles....

Phil Daigle, Wayne Price, Pete Petersen, James Pinkham, Paul Turek,
John Ziacoma, Mark Long, Ralph Withee, and John Kerr.

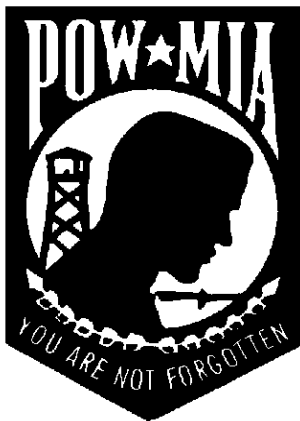
Barbara Wyman and Ellen Lavasseur for clean-up

To those who helped on the floor...

Pete Petersen, Vinnie Santoni and Mark Long

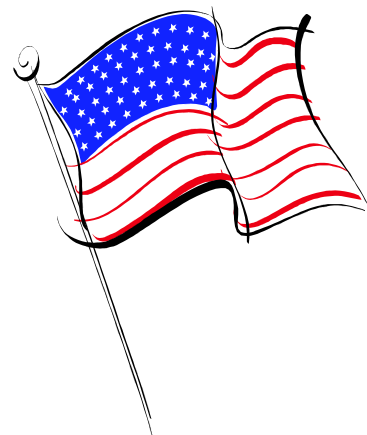
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November 2, 2015

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING
6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR
7:00 PM MEETING



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post 39@beeline-online.net

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