



# Tardiff-Belanger Post #39 Newsletter



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## Happenings...

### Meetings, Bingo & Cribbage

**Meeting:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Social Hr.** 6:00 p.m.  
**Monday, Oct 5, 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 Hall is **NON -  
SMOKING**  
for all Suppers and  
Post Meetings  
until after they  
have ended.

## LEGION UPDATES.....

### From your Commander

Comrades,

Summer is leaving us and Fall is upon us. The Post is doing well! We have 24 Dart teams this year and from what I understand it's the largest we've had!

The exterior walls have been pointed. So far the water problem has been taken care of. Thank you to all who were involved in this project.

Dues are coming in at a good pace. Make sure you pay your dues before January 20, 2016! After that they will be going up to \$40!

The 120 Club Dinner and Dance is October 3rd. We have 97

people participating. Thank you all for your participation!

Don't forget to send in your smoking ballots before the next meeting on October 5th!

The Halloween Dance is on October 31st this year. Make sure to call in your reservations ahead of time!

Enjoy the beautiful Fall!

*H. Ralph Withee  
Commander*



**Want to know what's  
going on at YOUR  
Legion? Come to the  
meeting on October 5th**

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

# SAL Squadron #39

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

Greetings,

The Squadron welcomes our newest member, Larry Ashby, Jr. of Starks.

Josh Tucci and Maria Gunther sent a thank you card for the donation they received from the Squadron. Canaan Elementary School also sent a thank you card for our donation.

The Pig Roast is on October 10, 2015. The price is \$10 per plate. Hope to see you at the Roast and remember to bring a friend!

It's time for the Hannaford Gift Card Raffle. Tickets are one for \$5 or three for \$10. The first place prize is for \$200, 2nd place prize is \$125 and the 3rd place prize is a \$75 gift card. Tickets are in this newsletter. The drawings will take place at the Turkey Dinner and Basket Raffles held at the Legion.

Have a good day,

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

## Daddy is Going to War True Story

During the Persian Gulf War, I was assigned to go to Saudi Arabia. As I was saying good-bye to my family, my three-year-old son, Christopher, was holding on to my leg and pleading with me not to leave. "No, Daddy, please don't go!" he kept repeating.

We were beginning to make a scene when my wife, desperate to calm him, said, "Let Daddy go and I'll take you to get a pizza."

Immediately, Christopher loosened his death grip, stepped back and in a calm voice said, "Bye, Daddy."

## 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!!**

## Dates to Remember!

- October 3rd - 120 Club Dinner/Dance
- October 5th @ 7pm - Next Regular Meeting
- OCTOBER 23rd - DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS!!!**
- October 31st - Dance; "3 Days Till Monday"
- November 8th - 4th District Auxiliary Meeting -
- November 14th 9am - 3 pm @ ALA Craft Fair - NEW VENUE**
- Calvary Pentecostal Church, 160 Old Point Ave, Madison**



# 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.**

**At this time we have 72 members paid for 2016! Way to go ladies!! Keep those dues coming in!!**

Maxine has mailed out over \$35,529.66 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 September meeting we voted to donate \$50 to Stand Down, \$36 for pink lights to be strung along the Madison/Anson bridge for the month of October for breast cancer awareness month, donated 20 back packs filled with school supplies to 2 Jr.

High Schools and 2 High Schools, we ordered 1,100 poppies.

Thank you Heather Kennedy for your donation of items for the Stand Down.

The Fall Conference had a 45% increase in attendance!! Wow! And a great Conference it was! We focused on membership and enjoyed quite a few team building activities. Our wonderful Department President, Michelle McRae has created a synopsis of events from the Fall

Conference and posted it in the Chatter. I will be handing out copies at our meeting on October 5th and answering any questions you may have.

Deborah Ashby is our newest member. Please join me in welcoming Deborah!

We gave 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.



**\*\*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, October 5th at 7 pm. ALL ALA MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Yours in Service,

*Robin Turek*  
*Auxiliary President*




  
**Dances**
  
**October 31st**
  
**3 Days Till Monday**
  
**(Classic Rock)**
  
**8:00 pm to 12:00am**
  
**\$7 per person**
  
**Must purchase advanced tickets or call for table reservations 696-5848**
  


## Legion Riders ~ Chapter 39

Greetings All,

At the annual meeting in June, we were awarded a plaque that we received for our contribution to the Legacy fund. We presented to the Legion at our last meeting.

Sharon has agreed to take over as treasurer at least until elections.

Our riding is winding down, or will be shortly for those of us on two wheels (or 3). Enjoy the riding while you

still can. Short and sweet this time.

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**eadily 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 !**

*Excerpts taken from a Morning Sentinel article entitled "Help wanted for Disabled American Veterans" - Craig Crosby 9-28-15*

The DAV each year covers hundreds of thousands of miles across the state to give military veterans a ride to Maine VA Medical Center for treatment and then back home again. The agency relies on volunteer drivers to log those miles, but find-

## Volunteer Drivers Sought

ing qualified drivers has become as easy as finding a grain of salt in a sugar jar. Even those willing to volunteer are often turned away by standards, particularly physical standards, the VA requires of those to drive its vans. "The problem we have is not so much a financial one as it is volunteer drivers," said Gary Burns, a retired DAV national

service officer who continues to volunteer with the agency. "The VA, understandably, has some tough guidelines for driving the vans and as a result the DAV crowd, also understandably, does not often meet the criteria. Money is not a big issue. That's what's ironic." The DAV's primary service is helping veterans

navigate health claims, said Ron Brodeur, treasurer for the DAV Department of Maine.

"The second most important thing, in my mind, is giving veterans rides to make hospital appointments," he said.

There are 15 vans that work in Maine's transportation network,

which carries passengers to locales as close as Augusta and as far away as Caribou. In 2014 drivers donated more than 11,600 hours to give rides to 5,400 veterans. Those rides covered nearly 215,000 miles, Brodeur said.

"It's a wonderful opportunity, and you meet some really nice

people," he said. "I just hope my health holds out so I can do this another 10 or 12 years."

To inquire about becoming a volunteer driver, or if you are a veteran looking for transportation, call 623-5790 or toll free at 877-421-8623, ext. 5790.



# US Naval Sea Cadet Corps - NCB 39 Battalion



Greetings,

Activities have finally slowed down for our unit. Well.. kind of. On Friday, 04 Sep, we headed to our sister unit's facilities in South Portland in preparation for supporting the Great State of Maine Air Show at the former Brunswick Naval Air Station. The US Navy Blue Angels were the feature of the show.

Saturday morning, 05 Sep, found cadets and staff from our unit, the South

Portland unit and a unit from the Boston area getting up at 0500, packing up and heading to Brunswick. While at Brunswick, the group manned nine ice cream carts, a hot dog concession stand and a Philly Cheese steak sandwich concession stand from 0800 until 1700. Nine cadets were selected by random drawing to provide escort and security duties for the Blue Angels pilots while they signed autographs. Clean-up followed, then the trip back to South Portland and a pizza party.

Sunday, 06 Sep, was pretty much a copy of Saturday. Nine different cadets provided the escort and securities for the Blue Angels pilots while they signed autographs. We finally departed Brunswick at 1900 and arrived home at 2030.

Gross sales from the activities of both days topped \$75,000 of which we will get a percentage as a fund-raising activity.

Four cadets, the CO and XO had a short night's rest

and arrived in Norridgewock at 0800 to provide the Color Guard for the Town's Oosoola Days parade.

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*

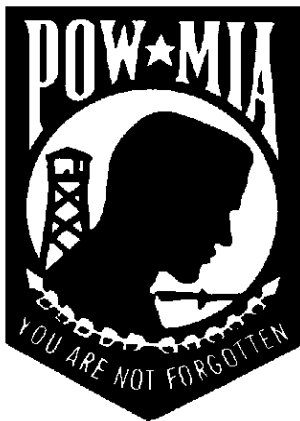
**If anyone wants to book the hall, you MUST contact Sheila Moody at the Legion 696-5848 after 3:00 pm**

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



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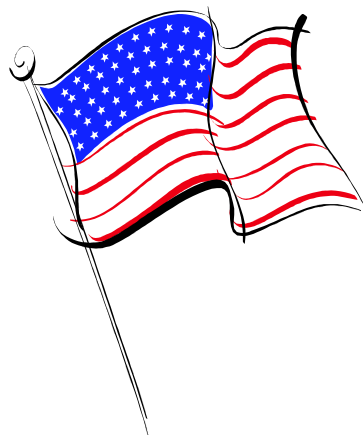


**October 5, 2015**

6:00 PM LEGION RIDERS MEETING

6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR

7:00 PM MEETING



Our Email address and website are:

**post 39@beeline-online.net**

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