

Harry N. Cutting

Post 59 American Legion Family

Waterbury, Vermont
July 2010

Legion

Hello Comrades:

Gary Sweetser here, your new commander! For those of you who don't know me, I am a Viet Nam Veteran and have been a member of the American Legion for 20 years. I have been an officer of post 59 for the past five years holding several different offices. I would like to start out by thanking Past Commander Gary Cromie for a job well done. I look forward to this upcoming year and working with all of my new officers not only in the Legion but the Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion as well. I hope to do my very best serving the Legion Family with an open mind.

With that said, it's going to be a busy year with upgrades to the Legion hall, the kitchen and bar areas. I think you will be pleased with all of the thought and work put into this "Upgrade."

We have a new raffle at the Club now. It is called the "Ace of Spades." Please look in the Adjutant's Corner for more information about this raffle. It is a fun one and we hope you will come down on Friday evenings and participate in it.

The House Committee has already



planned several events starting with a **Post Picnic on August 21** beginning at 11:00am. It will be a pig roast at the Fish & Game Club in Waterbury Center. The Legion will provide the pig and all of the salads to go with it. If you are interested in bringing a dish to share we welcome that also (especially desserts). The House Committee and Executive Board are in charge and have games for kids and adults including a fishing derby, horseshoes, and bingo. (Come rain or shine because

the Fish & Game Club has facilities to accommodate us in any type of weather.) Hoping to see you all there!

The annual **Steak and Lobster Feed** will be Saturday, September 11th.

The **Early Bird dinner** is scheduled for Friday, September 17th so get your dues in. The menu has not been decided on yet but we do know that cocktails will start at 6:00pm, dinner at 7:00 and entertainment to follow.

The club calendar is enclosed in this newsletter for August and September. Please keep a copy of this where you can read it on a regular basis and plan to come down and see us.

On another note, the state convention was a success with all officers in place. At this time on behalf of Post 59 I extend a heart-felt thanks to Don Gamble for the many years of service to the Post and Club. Don isn't going anywhere; he will still be here to advise and participate in any way he can.

Please, remember in your prayers the men and women who are serving our country.

For God, Country and Our Veterans,
Gary Sweetser, Post Commander

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Adjutant's Corner

July is the beginning of the new membership challenge for 2011. Our national office will be sending out membership applications to renew your Legion membership for 2011. Yes, they get an early start! Please take a minute and submit your application. The post dues will remain at \$30 a year. Legion membership remains an important part of any successful organization.

Place a reminder on your calendars for Friday, September 17, 2010. Our "Legion Family" members who have paid their 2011 dues will be treated to a dinner. Post 59 will host its "Early Bird" dinner for you and a guest. This early bird is for Post 59 Legionnaires, Squadron 59, Sons of the American Legion and, American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 59. You may attend the dinner and pay your 2011 dues at the door. There will be entertainment provided as well.

When you receive your 2011 membership card you will find an insurance notification from the Legionnaire Insurance Trust. This policy provides you with a \$1000, FREE accidental death policy and is in effect until August 31, 2016. You are not required to make any purchase of additional insurance. If you get additional information in the mail, just place it in the trash if you do not wish to purchase the additional insurance. PLEASE, apply for the FREE accidental death benefit! If you have questions, please call me

directly, (802) 522-1395.

Post 59 will host its **first Ace of Spades progressive jackpot** game. Tickets go on sale starting on July 12, 2010. The weekly drawing will be held each Friday promptly at 5:45 PM. After the drawing the tickets are dumped, and new tickets will be sold immediately for the next week's drawing. The individual that locates the "Ace of Spades" from our drawing board is the grand prize winner, collecting 70% of the overall progressive pot. The post retains the other 30% as their fund raiser. You must have a current membership card to participate in this contest. Stop in and purchase your weekly tickets. Good Luck!

Our monthly post meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please join us.

Rick Gray, Adjutant

Service Officer

VA Revised Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Rules

The VA recently revised the Post Traumatic Stress Disorder claim rules. Under the new rule, which applies to veterans of all wars, the department will grant compensation to those with PTSD if they can simply show that they served in a war zone and in a job consistent with the events that they say caused their conditions. They would not have to prove, for instance, that they came under fire, served in a front-line unit or saw a friend killed.

The new rule would also allow compensation for service members who had good reason to fear traumatic events, known as stressors, even if they did not actually experience them.

For a NY Times article describing the change see the copy of the article on the Post 59 Bulletin Board or e-mail Sam Miller at: SamMillerInsurance@gmail.com.

VA Rx Prescriptions not always least expensive

Post 59 Service Officer Sam Miller has determined that a few prescription drugs are less expensive at Wal-Mart and CostCo than when purchased from the VA. In Waterbury, Shaws' Orco Pharmacy matches the WalMart and CostCo Rx rates, so consider phoning one of these stores to compare costs. The VA charges \$24 for a three-month supply for each prescription and a few drugs at these stores are \$4.00 for a one-month supply. Other pharmacies may also match these rates.

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Auxiliary

Another year is upon us! First, I would like to thank all the officers who served with me last year with much needed patience and guidance. I have many personal advisors to guide me in my second year as Unit President. Slate of officers for 2010-11 are as follows:

President: Kathi Farringer
1st Vice President: Terri
Christie
2nd Vice President: Rani Gray
Secretary: Marana Allen
Treasurer: Mary Grace
Chaplain: Etola Mosier
Historian: Thelma Forkey
Sgt. At Arms: Phyllis Grout
Executive Committee: Becky
Green, Bella Freedom &
Loleta Perry

I am looking forward to working with the new officers and other Unit members in the coming year.

Several Post family events are planned for the coming months. Don't miss the Pig Roast at Fish & Game on August 21 for the Post Picnic. September 11 is the Lobster Feed & September 17 is Early Bird Supper. Unit dues this year are \$16 and can be paid at the Legion or by mailing them to the Post Home.

Our Sunday night bingo games are on hiatus this summer but will resume on September 12. Volunteers are always welcome to help with food, calling and what-not. Our dedicated Bingo Leader is Bella Freedom & she will be glad to put you to work! Come join the fun on Sunday nights.

For God & Country,
Kathi Farringer
Unit President

SAL

Hello SAL members and welcome to our new year at the Post.

The Sons of the American Legion Officers for the new year have been officially installed:
Commander – Tom Burrows
1st Vice – Chris Touchette
2nd vice – David Lowell
Adjutant – Rick Gray
Finance Officer – Mike Woodard
Sgt @ Arms – Jim Salmon
Chaplain – Paul West
Historian – Lou Messier
SAL Advisor – Don Gamble.

New for this year's SAL membership renewal will be an "Early Bird Special." Dues will remain at \$17.00 for SAL members, and will remain at \$9.00 for Junior SAL members. For adult SAL members we encourage early renewal. There will be a renewal mailing sent out to each of us and if returned by Friday, September 17th, the cost of renewal will be \$15.00. That's a \$2.00 savings and includes you and a guest to join us for the annual Early Bird. For members who show up to the dinner, you can pay your dues at the door this evening for \$15.00 as well. All dues paid after September 17th will remain at \$17.00, and \$9.00 respectively. Please renew early and most definitely join us at the club for the Early Bird Dinner.

Other recent squadron happenings have been a Basket of Cheer Raffle that was displayed through the Independence Day Festivities at the state complex in Waterbury. This was a great fundraiser for the "Sons" and our very own Scott Woodard was the lucky raffle winner. "Cheers Scott!"

Our current fundraising venture is the **3rd Annual Get-Away Extravaganza**. Flyers are posted at the downstairs bar, will be put up around town. Tickets are available from the bartenders and your squadron officers. Again this year it is a \$40.00 donation for a 1 in 250 chance at the prizes. (only 250 registered tickets will be sold) Grand prize is a \$4000 trip you select, or new to this raffle this year will be a \$3500 cash option if not selecting a trip through the travel agent. A \$300 2nd prize, and a \$200 3rd prize will also be awarded. The raffle drawing will take place during the "extravaganza evening of food and entertainment" on Saturday, September 25th. Food, live band, 50/50 raffles, door prizes, and what's been a great evening of fun for the last 2 years. There is also a \$2 chance raffle on-going at the downstairs bar to be able to win a \$40 Extravaganza Raffle ticket.

Also, huge thanks goes out to our SAL members for their organization and assistance, setting up, and completing tear down of the Auxiliary Bingo tent, and working a variety of Post 59 Independence Day events. Great showing everyone!

Reminder: the "new" SAL Suggestion Box is downstairs and we encourage all to use it. Your thoughts and ideas about fund raising and post events/opportunities are all welcomed. Please make use of it.

Post 59 Website:
<http://www.alpost59vt.us/>

Please look to volunteer some time at post events and take part in some of the great things we do. Don't forget to check out current happenings on the post web site,

<http://www.alpost59vt.us/> and we certainly welcome participation and input at our meetings. (1 to 1.5 hr on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6pm.)

Again, remember, this is about helping others, fun along the way, and supporting each other. A little time helping during events / programs is very satisfying, and it goes a long way!

SAL next monthly meeting:
Tuesday, August 3rd, 6pm in the upstairs hall.

We look forward to seeing you at the Post's next event. Let's make it Special!

The Sons of Post 59, your committed officers,
Tom Burrows, Commander

Steak & Lobster Feed

September 11th with cocktails at 6:00, supper served 6:30-7:00.

Steak \$17; Lobster \$20; Twin Lobster \$32; Combo \$30. Tickets are available now at the bar or @244-8144.

September 11 Remembrance Candlelight Ceremony after supper, with music to follow.

SAL Trivia Question:

Trivia question from the last newsletter: Where did this saying come from and what is its original meaning: "Mind Your Own P's & Q's"

Answer:

This original saying comes from the pubs of Ireland. As "scuttles" took place in the bar, it was commonly heard to mind your P's & Q's from the bartenders. In other words – grab and protect your pints and quarts, P's and Q's, before someone knocked them over or used them as a "persuader" of sorts!

Harwood Union Alumni Veterans Project

Two members of the Harwood Union school board (Ann Griffin and Freddi Graves) are spear-heading a project to put wooden plaques with engraved nameplates on the high school walls. The names will be those of Harwood graduates who have served in the U. S. uniformed services.

Rodney "Stub" Sherman is the American Legion representative on the project committee. What the committee needs is the name of the graduate, year of graduation from Harwood, branch of service, and dates of service. Please contact Stub if you know a Harwood graduate who has served.

END-OF-JULY CALENDAR

July 22 – Texas Holdem @ 7:00
July 24 – Private Party (Upstairs)
July 27 – Eboard Meeting @ 6:30
July 29 – Texas Holdem @ 7:00
July 31 – Private Party (Upstairs)

Thank You, American Legion Family

This year the theme for our Independence Day float was "Follow your Dream - Dreams of Home." At one end of the float was a lone soldier, surrounded by the rugged mountains and barren countryside of Afghanistan. On the other end, the soldier's family waited at home among the green, rolling hills of Vermont. Words written on balloons separated the two landscapes and told of their dreams - - Love, Home, Family, Safety....

The Float Committee wishes to thank everyone who loaned or donated items and money, helped decorate, brought drinks and food to the decorators, rode on the float, drove the truck, walked behind, handed out flags, helped in any way, or just cheered as we went by in the parade! There were representatives from all the Harry N. Cutting Post #59 organizations helping in some way, making it truly an American Legion Family float! Thank you!

Renovation Project

The hall upstairs is scheduled to be renovated during the month of October.

If anyone is interested on quoting on this project, plans and scope of work are available at the Club.

Just call Terri Ann @ 244-8144 or Gary Cromie @ 244-0914 for a set.

POST 59 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 House Committee Meeting 6:30	3 SAL Meeting 6:00	4	5 Texas Holdem 7:00	6	7
8	9	10 Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00	11	12 Texas Holdem 7:00	13	14 Private Party
15	16	17	18	19 Texas Holdem 7:00	20	21 Post Picnic (Pig Roast) Fish & Game Club, Waterbury Center at 11:00 Private Party (Upstairs) 6:00
22	23	24 E Board Meeting 6:30	25	26 Texas Holdem 7:00	27	28
29 Private Party (Upstairs) 1:00	30	31				

SEPTEMBER 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Texas Holdem 7:00	3	4
5	6	7 SAL Meeting 6:00	8	9 Texas Holdem 7:00	10	11 Steak & Lobster Feed with September 11 Candle- light Ceremony before the music – 6:00
12 Bingo Early birds 6:15	13 House Committee Meeting 6:30	14 Post & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00	15	16 Texas Holdem 7:00	17 Early Bird Dinner & Dance Free for all paid- up members	18 Private Party (Upstairs)
19 Bingo	20	21	22	23 Texas Holdem 7:00	24	25 SAL Vacation Raffle & Dance
26 Bingo	27	28 E Board Meeting 6:30	29	30 Texas Holdem 7:00		