

Harry N. Cutting

Post 59 American Legion Family

Waterbury, Vermont
April 2011

Legion

Hello Fellow Veterans, Legionnaires,
Auxiliary and SAL,

Commander Gary here once again
and lots with this newsletter.

First – Welcome back, Troops!

It has been a very busy year to date.
At last we have done with that we've
been striving for years: we are up to
code all the way around. Yea! The
new bar upstairs is finished. Looks
great – “Good job, Scott”!! The
sprinkler system is up to code up and
down – great!

A reminder: The American Legion
has to abide by State regulations, and
we have our own rules that we need
to abide by. Thank you very much
for your cooperation!

A few dates, past and upcoming
events:

- At our birthday party on
February 26th, we gave
appreciation plaques to four
people who've given exceptional
service to the Waterbury
community: Jack Carter, Tony
DiBlasi, Jan Gendreau, and Sue
Minter
- The Legion food drive is done;
1147 pounds was raised by The
American Legion family –
Legion, Auxiliary, SAL
- April 12 we scooped at Ben &
Jerry's, giving out information
about what we do in this
community.



- The grand opening April 22
upstairs function bar. Sorry
for the short notice on this.
- SAL is having a raffle
drawing April 29 – Turkey
shotgun tickets at the bar
- Also elections coming up for
new officers this year and
next. “You can make a
difference.” SAL elections
will be Tuesday May 3; Post
and Auxiliary Tuesday, May
10.
- We celebrate Memorial Day
on May 30th – 9:00 in
Waterbury Center & 11:00 at
Hope Cemetery in

Waterbury, with the Waterbury
Historical Society who'll focus
on Civil War veterans.

- Our Flag Day ceremony will be
held Tuesday June 14 at Rusty
Parker Memorial Park at 5:00
p.m. Installation of new officers
will be held that evening at the
Post.
- The annual Department
convention is set for the Holiday
Inn in Rutland June 23 – 25
- The Post will open at noon on
July 4.

Now the really good stuff: the
Legion Family Picnic August 20,
starting around 10 am. (It's a family
picnic – grandparents and kids
invited too). Pig roast again. Bring
a dish if you'd like to – plenty of
food will be there. We will also
have a live band: “Sherri's Jubilee”
– a country band. Not sure how
long they will play – will know
later. There will be fish in the pond
this year!

Bob Hood has challenged any other
member to a \$50 donation to our
construction project. We have
finished. I've matched the \$50. If
you want to meet Bob's challenge,
make a check to Post 59 and write
on the memo line “construction”.

Thank your for your support in our
Legion Family activities!

For God and Country,
Gary Sweetser, Commander

For God, Country and our Veterans

Adjutant's Corner

I just wanted to "Thank You" for your support this year on our Post membership. Waterbury Post # 59 exceeded its goal of 315 members! We have gained a number of new members and we need to welcome these folks into our monthly meetings. The meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month and starts at 7:00 PM. We look forward to your thoughts and new ideas. Our May meeting will be election of post officers. We are always encouraged to have members step forward and assist with our post administrative functions. Maybe you would enjoy working with our Children & Youth program, Americanism, and with the post Scouting programs?

The Department of Vermont will host its Department Convention in Rutland on June 23-26, 2011. The post will be asking for members to be delegates to the convention. You may want to be a delegate and see how our organization operates?

We have been sending young men and women to a number of summer programs hosted by Post # 59. The State of Vermont Conservation Camp is a great example of what would be available. This program provides a week of learning about hunting, fishing and just enjoying the outdoors.

The Department of Vermont has openings at the Law Officer Cadet Program. This student will spend a week at the

"Just Because" Dance
With
Phil & The Blanks
Friday May 6th
7:30 – 11:30
\$5 Cover Charge

Vermont Police Academy getting acquainted with the training that our police candidates go through to become State and local policemen. Boys and Girls State -- two separate programs teaching young men and women all about our way of government. Imagine your child may be the next Girls State or Boys State Governor this summer.

If you would like additional information on any of the mentioned programs, please contact the Post at (802) 244-8144. Applications for these programs will be due to Department in the near future, so please make the call. Oh, did I mention that the programs are free to the selected students?

Rick Gray
Post Adjutant
3rd District Commander

Poetry Slam
Monday, April 25th
7:00
Sponsored by the
Waterbury Public Library
No cover charge

Service Officer

SOME REMINDERS...

Prescription Drugs: Some prescriptions drugs are less expensive at Hannafords, Shaws and WalMart than from the VA and these prescriptions do not require military service. A brochure listing these drugs is available at Post 59. Costs are \$4.00 per 30 day supply and \$9.99 per 90 day supply. You must ask for the special rate at Shaws.

Headstones and Markers: Veterans, active duty service members, and retired Reservists and National Guard service members, are eligible for an inscribed headstone or marker for their grave at any cemetery. The VA may provide a government headstone or marker even if the grave is already marked with a private one. Headstones and markers previously provided by the government may be replaced at the government's expense if badly deteriorated, illegible, vandalized or stolen. Contact your funeral director or Post Service Officers for more details.

Nursing Home Veterans and Spouses: Veterans and their spouses receiving Medicaid in nursing homes are eligible for \$90 per month from the VA with no reduction in their Medicaid benefits.

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Auxiliary

Even though we had snow this morning, it really is SPRINGTIME!!! It's also time for the Auxiliary to informally meet at the end of this month to work on our year-end reports. We will decide the date & time at our April 12 meeting. We all help each other, reminding us of all the good things we did for veterans, family & children & youth. I have made copies of the reports and each chairman will receive their paperwork at the next meeting. Be sure to answer each line; please do not leave anything blank or it will not count towards trophies at convention. Most reports have a May 6 deadline, so be sure to get yours mailed out in time.

Poppy day is fast approaching. Please volunteer to help Poppy Chairman, Thelma Forkey, by accepting donations for poppies at various businesses around Waterbury.

Saturday, June 11, will be the Bike Rodeo from 9 am - 1 pm in conjunction with Kids Fest. It will be held at Rusty Parker Memorial Park.

Nominations & election of officers for the 2011-12 year is coming soon. Step up & become an officer. Help your unit with the many activities that they participate in with the Legion Family.

For God & Country,

Kathi Farringer
Unit President

SAL

Hello again SAL members. Again, touching base about some of the on goings since the last newsletter.

The Sons' officers voted on and approved increasing the Walt Coolbeth Scholarship from \$750 to \$1000. A year ago we voted to change it from \$500 to \$750. We've worked hard to earn the needed donations to better sponsor this fine scholarship and are proud to be able to offer this to our local students.

We too have sponsored through state a local Harwood high school student to attend the Vermont Police Academy Camp in Pittsford this summer.

We issued a bunch of smaller \$100 - \$350.00 donations from the SAL for a whole list of veterans, children and youth organizations that we budget for, and plan fund raising for.

We too said Happy Birthday to the American Legion and Auxiliary with cash donations to them, including a separate gift of \$1500 to the Legionnaires to assist with the remodeling of the upstairs bar.

We also voted to finally increase our SAL dues. Membership starting this July will go from \$17.00 per SON to \$22.00 and from \$9.00 to \$10.00 for our junior members.

Fundraising must now ensue to cover sponsorship costs, as well as to be able to continue sponsoring these great activities,

events, and organizations. PLEASE get involved with your monthly meetings, your Friday night suppers, and the raffles and activities to come so we can continue to do what the Sons were designed to, and that's fundraise and sponsor Veterans, Children and Youth.

Currently we are sponsoring a Turkey Shotgun Raffle. Tickets are at the downstairs bar as well as you can ask your officers and some of your peers who have stepped up and pushed this event, including Steve Corliss, John Commo, Randy Fisk. **Thanks Guys!!!** Tickets are \$3 each or 4 for \$10 and the drawing is April 29th, right before the turkey season opener. The gun itself is on display at Parro's Gun Shop here in Waterbury.

A raffle coming shortly is for a week's vacation at a state cabin on Lake Plymouth down by Ludlow. 2 bedrooms, kitchen, pots, pans, own shower and bathroom, porch, and access to the lake from the cabin. These will be \$5 each tickets or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will take place at the Waterbury Independence Day events that evening at the SAL tent. Vacation rental is from 2pm check in on 8/13 through 11:00am check out on 8/20. Keep your eye open for these tickets soon.

The 4th Annual SAL Vacation Get-A-Way Extravaganza will take place in September this year. Tickets will go on sale

Coming August 20th....

The WATERBURY AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY PICNIC

Begins around 10:00 a.m. at the Waterbury Fish & Game Club

SAL *continued*

in May. This is the largest fundraising event

Squadron 59 has **and any and all help selling tickets and working the event would be greatly appreciated** or the event and the fundraising activities done with the proceeds will discontinue.

Speaking of discontinuing, we need officers, new blood to lead the squadron. April is time to nominate officers for the upcoming year, (July 1st 2011 – June 30th 2012). There is a nomination posting downstairs by the pool table. Floor nominations will be taken at the night of voting, our next meeting on May 3rd, Tuesday 6:00pm upstairs. It is here final offices will be voted on and accepted. Current offices with open seats to date are Commander, 1st Vice, Adjutant, & Historian. Please get

involved to continue the efforts the squadron is recognized for OH, and please come and join us on Friday April 29th for the SAL Friday night supper. We'll kick off the spring with meatloaf, some fixings, and some great laughs.

Hope to see you all at our meetings. Remember 6:00pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

Happy Trails . . .

Tom Burrows, SAL Commander

Post 59 Legion Baseball

After 13 years of Post 59 American Legion Baseball, we will no longer be sponsoring an American Legion Baseball team. I want to thank Harry N. Cutting American Legion Post 59 and their Auxiliary, and also Donald McMahon American

legion Post 64 for supporting this great program.

I was involved as a coach, manager and fundraiser over the years and it is hard for me to see this happen. I believe this program has been a great success to the young men in Waterbury, Stowe, and Morrisville area. Many young men went on to play college baseball,

At this level of baseball, we need at least 15 committed varsity level baseball players to field a team for our summer schedule. We just could not get that commitment from the players.

I want to thank all players, coaches, scorekeepers and managers for their time and energy. You were always there for the players.

Rodney "Stub" Sherman

POST 59 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17 Bingo Early birds 6:15	18	19	20	21 Texas Hold'em 7:00	22 Youth Appreciation 1:00- 4:00 Grand Opening Upstairs 5:00	23
24 <i>Easter Sunday Post Closed</i>	25 Poetry Slam 7:00	26 E Board Meeting 6:30	27	28 Texas Hold'em 7:00	29 SAL Dinner Downstairs around 5:00	30

MAY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bingo Early birds 6:15	2 House Committee Meeting 6:30	3 SAL Meeting 6:00 Elections	4	5 Texas Hold'em 7:00	6 Phil & The Blanks 7:30-11:30 Upstairs	7
8 Bingo Early birds 6:15	9	10 Legion & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 Elections	11	12 Texas Hold'em 7:00	13	14
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22 Bingo Early birds 6:15	23	24 E Board Meeting 6:30	25	26 Texas Hold'em 7:00	27	28
29 Bingo Early birds 6:15	30 Memorial Day Center 9:00 & Hope Cemetery 11:00 Lunch at noon	31				

JUNE 2011

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			1	2 Texas Hold'em 7:00	3	4
5 Bingo Early birds 6:15	6 House Committee Meeting 6:30	7 SAL Meeting 6:00	8	9 Texas Hold'em 7:00	10	11 Bike Rodeo 9 – 11 Rusty Parker Park
12 Bingo Early birds 6:15	13	14 Flag Day Ceremony 5:00 p.m. Rusty Parker Park Installation of Officers Legion & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00	15	16 Texas Hold'em 7:00	17	18 Eagle Scouts Dinner 4:00-6:00
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26 Bingo Early birds 6:15	27 Lifeline Screening 9:00- 3:00	28 E Board Meeting 6:30	29	30		

JULY 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Waterbury Independence Day Celebration POST CLOSED
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