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## Post 59 American Legion Family

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Waterbury, Vermont

November 2011

### Legion

Here we go again!

First of all those who don't know it, my good friend Don Gamble has passed on. He will be missed. (Great job, Don.)

Please pay attention to the calendar for upcoming great events.

To cover the last few months – the picnic was a success again. Thanks to all the help and to Sherri's Jubilee. (There were fish in the pond!) The Auxiliary birthday – great time. Halloween party – first in awhile -- great show. Thanks for the help from Green Mountain Coffee Roasters. The Steak & Lobster Feed went off well – come join us next year.

Once again new young members are needed. Let's all do some recruiting.

Also, think of running for an office next year. I've had my two-year run, and it's time to step down. It's been a good time – thanks for all the help.

Hope to see you at the meetings. Again, take a look at the calendar so you don't miss a great time.

For God and country,  
Gary Sweetser, (USMC),  
Commander



Many who have not been in for a while commented on how nice the recent construction changes were. Please stop by and check out the changes if you have not been in recently.

Membership renewal is coming along slowly. If you have not already renewed for 2012, it is easier than ever. Stop by the post anytime, use your renewal notice or you can now go online at <http://www.legion.org/membership/renewals> If you have any questions please give me a call at 1-802-879-4838.

Below is a link to a wonderful video tribute to our Veterans. It was developed by a 15 year old named Lizzy. It applies to all of us. It will make you both proud and shed a few tears. <http://www.youtube.com/v/ervaMPt4Ha0&autoplay=1>

### Vice Commander

The summer is gone and the geese are headed south. Your post held a Halloween night for the area children and I was very impressed at how well the event went. Hundreds of children along with their parents came through the post doors.

One additional item. Your National Headquarters has 13 Post 59 members with bad addresses. If you have not been getting your Legion magazine contact the post at 802-244-8144.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas  
Gene Sweetser  
Vice Commander

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**For God, Country and our Veterans**

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## Service Officer

### National Spina Bifida Month

The VA presumes that birth defects in natural children of certain Vietnam-era veterans, who were exposed to Agent Orange, is related to the veterans' qualifying military service in Vietnam and/or Korea. A comprehensive package is available to eligible children, including health care.

For more information about Agent Orange and VA benefits:

[www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/)

### November is National Diabetes Month

Diabetes mellitus type 2 is one of the diseases the VA presumes is associated with exposure to herbicides, such as Agent Orange. Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange do not have to prove a connection between their type 2 diabetes mellitus and military service to be eligible for VA benefits. Healthy eating and exercise can help prevent this chronic disease. Visit the website above for more information.

### It's Official. DD-214s are online

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans and the next of kin of deceased veterans to access their DD-214s:

<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

**NOTE:** Post 59 has brochures listing the inexpensive prescription drugs available at Shaws OSCO pharmacy and Hannafords. These are \$9.99 for 90 days vs. \$27 from the VA. OSCO now requires customers to have a Hannaford Prescription Membership Card to receive the discount. Cost is \$7.00 annually and is available at any Hannaford store.

The two bills that the Senate passed on Veterans Day, the *Returning Heroes and Wounded Warrior Tax Credits*, will give businesses up to \$9,600 back for hiring veterans who are out of work or who have service-related disabilities. That's on top of new career resources that the President announced this week to support the more than 850,000 unemployed veterans living here at home, and more than a million returning from Iraq and Afghanistan in the next few months and years.

Sam Miller, Post 59 Service Officer  
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*Join us for our  
NEW YEAR'S PARTY  
Friday, December 30th*

*\$20 Single  
\$30 Couple*

*includes appetizers, hats,  
noisemakers, champagne  
at midnight, and breakfast  
'cooked to order' at 12:30.*

*Also, the SAL will draw  
the winner of the Basket  
of Cheer.*

## SAL

Happy autumn! I hope all is well with you and yours and that you're in full swing with school, sports, our hunting seasons, and the prep necessary to weather the winter that is soon to be upon us. This is the mode your officers and the Squadron activities are in and preparing for.

Since the last newsletter much has gone on with the squadron, including the squadron's largest annual fundraiser, our 3rd annual "Vacation Travel Extravaganza Raffle" on September 23rd.

This year's Grand Prize winner, Chris Touchette, opted for the \$3500.00 cash.

- 2nd prize winner Alan Young received \$300.00
- 3rd prize winner Russell Jones received \$200.00

And the winner for best vacation attire was Lori Fisk and she wins a \$40.00 Travel Extravaganza ticket for next year's drawing.

During the event there was also a 50/50 raffle and a raffle for a Keurig coffee maker with assorted coffee that took place before the main drawing.

All in all the event was a huge success with great food cooked and donated by a variety of Post 59 volunteers, a great evening and turn out with Phil N' the Blanks in the house, and a resounding cheer and applause when we declared the

event raised over \$5,600! We sold the most tickets ever this year and much thanks and appreciation go to SAL, Auxiliary, Legion, and Post Bartender volunteers who helped generate the excitement and the sales for this event.

In addition to our budgeted charitable recipients, we advertised assistance to Irene relief for Waterbury. Beyond the time, support and assistance our members have helped within the community to overcome Irene's affects, this event allowed the Squadron to immediately send in an additional donation to the Waterbury Good Neighbor Fund for Irene relief aid for \$500.00.

Again, great night, great event, we thank you all!

With sadness, the passing of Don Gamble took place early September. He will be remembered as a great man, great father, great friend and an absolutely fantastic SAL Advisor to our Post and Squadron. From our squadron officers, "for this we give thanks!"

As we move forward in absence of Don at our side, we looked to the post for the guidance Don brought to the Sons in the form of a new advisor, and unconditional advocate for the work the SAL does for its Post and the American Legion Family at large. With that I would like to officially welcome and make known to all of the Post

59 family that Richard "Rick" Gray has been appointed to Squadron 59 as the new SAL advisor. Thank you Rick!!

Key SAL Reminders:

- 2012 membership dues . . . SAL is now \$22.00 and Junior SAL is now \$10.00.
- The downstairs bar now remains open on SAL meeting nights.
- The last SAL meeting this year is 6pm upstairs on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday December 31st is the Post New Year's Party with "breakfast cooked to order" put on by the Son's. Great event! Way to bring in the New Year!! The SAL Basket of Cheer raffle will be drawn at this event.

Hope to see you all at our mtgs. Remember 6:00pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Happy Trails . . .  
Tom Burrows  
S.A.L. Commander Squad 59

*Remember the*  
**BARTENDER'S  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY**  
**Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30**  
**Phil 'N The Blanks**

13<sup>th</sup> annual

## **"USO SHOW"**

Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> &  
Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>.

*(That's right, "the Show"  
will be a teenager!)*

Tickets \$15 in advance.

## **Auxiliary**

Happy Autumn to All.

On November 8, the Auxiliary's Birthday Party, the Legion & SAL served a wonderful meal and led the festivities for the evening. Students who received scholarships and awards were also present and Becky Green, Education Chairman, introduced them to our Legion Family. They all had an opportunity to speak. Loleta Perry, Past Unit President and Bella Freedom, Chaplain, conducted the Past Presidents Parlay. This is a beautiful program remembering deceased members. Also, members brought new gifts to donate to the Veteran's Christmas Gift Shop. A table was set up in the hall for donations to be displayed.

The Auxiliary is selling raffle tickets. Here is your chance to be a winner and support the Legion Family!! First prize is \$1000 Fuel or \$1000 cash. Second Prize is 4 (four) Oil Changes at Waterbury Center Auto Repair. Third prize is a Keurig Coffee Machine. Fourth Prize is a Food Basket with lots of goodies!! ONLY 100 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD.

Prizes will be awarded on Friday, November 25 and a dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Dinner is free to all ticketholders. You need not be present to win. Raffle tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from most Auxiliary

members.

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring the annual Children's Christmas Party, Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. See application below.

2012 Membership dues can be paid at the Post Home.

For God, Country and Our Veterans,  
Kathi Farringer  
Unit President

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**December 10, 2011  
10:00 to 12:00**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

AGE OF CHILD \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ or FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

Please respond by December 1, 2011.

All children age 10 and under

Any questions call 244-8144.

# POST 59 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Texas Hold'em 7:00	2	3 Holiday Stroll! Artisans at Post #59
4 Guard Christmas Party 10:00	5 House Committee Meeting 6:00	6 SAL Meeting 6:00 - upstairs	7	8 Texas Hold'em 7:00	9	10 <b>Kids Christmas Party</b> 10:00
11	12	13 Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00	14	15 Texas Hold'em 7:00	16 <b>Bartenders's Christmas Party</b> 6:30 Phil 'N The Blanks	17
18 USO Show Meeting 12:00	19	20	21	22 Texas Hold'em 7:00	23	24
25 <b>Christmas Day</b>  Post Closed	26	27 E-Board Meeting 6:30	28	29 Texas Hold'em 7:00	30 New Year's Party 8:00	31

## JANUARY 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>Commander's Call</b> 12:00  Texas Hold'em 2:00	2 House Committee Meeting 6:00	3 SAL Meeting 6:00	4	5 Texas Hold'em 7:00	6	7
8	9	10 Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00	11	12 Texas Hold'em 7:00	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Texas Hold'em 7:00	20	21
22	23	24 E-Board Meeting 6:30	25	26 Texas Hold'em 7:00	27	28
29	30	31				

Call Post 59 (244-8144) or check our website <http://www.alpost59vt.us/> for calendar updates & announcements!