

# Harry N. Cutting Post 59 American Legion Family

Waterbury, Vermont 2012

November-December-January

## Commander

Commander George here. I am finally settling in as Commander. We have already had some things going on. We had the Post picnic and a fun time was had by all, and the annual Steak and Lobster meal had a wonderful turnout. I would like to thank everyone that has helped on the functions so far. I would also like to thank Terri for her great organizational skills; she is definitely an asset to the Post.

There are new hours at the Post: Monday – Friday: 2:00 – 11:00, Saturday Noon – 10:00 and Sunday Noon – 9:00.

Texas Hold'em on Thursdays starting time 6:30 – 7:00.

Ace of spades is back. Drawing every Friday at 6:30  
The early bird dinner will be held on October 12, so get your dues paid and come enjoy an evening of good food and dancing afterwards. You can also pay your dues the night of the function.

The Halloween adult costume



party will be held on Oct. 27, so put on your ghoulish duds and come have some fun. Prizes will be awarded.

We will once again dress up in costume and hand out candy to the children on Halloween night. This was a big turn out last year and everyone that participated had a good time.

Veterans Day is coming up and we will be having a Veterans' appreciation dinner as well as the program at the Park.

Please keep an eye on your calendars or call the Post for upcoming events as we will soon be coming into the holiday season.

Please contact me or Terri if you are interested in helping with functions.

For God and Country  
George Estivill  
Commander, Post 59

## Legion Membership

The following Legion members have bad addresses listed. If you know how to contact them, please call me at 802-879-4838 or send me an e-mail to [sweetserg@aol.com](mailto:sweetserg@aol.com) or [to alpost59@comcast.net](mailto:alpost59@comcast.net). Thank You. Gene Sweetser

Lansing D Benoit, NC 28574  
Megan Gibbs, CA 95687  
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Dylan J Maynard, VT 05676  
Joshua T Mable, VT 05641  
Jessica Blanchard, VT 05649

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## Adjutant's Notes

I have just a few things for this newsletter. The membership goal for Post # 59 for 2013 is 320. We are currently at 62%; however with the change in paying for our active duty, it may be tough to achieve 100%. I'd ask that you join our membership challenge and get your dues in for 2013. Please, if you know of eligible veterans send me a note and I will make the contact for you.

At the recent post meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00 PM, the membership entertained having a "Legion Riders". This program would be a legion program and would operate in the same fashion. The Legion would oversee its operations. An organizational meeting was held on Wednesday. It is to look at the details that are needed to begin such an effort, and review the requirements to be a member of the "Riders".


You **MUST** be eligible to join the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion or the American Legion Ladies

Auxiliary (validated by the Post Adjutant). You must own a motorcycle with at least a 350 cc engine; and must provide a valid motorcycle driver's license. At this point there is no additional cost in joining, just your "Legion Family" annual dues.

The committee is looking at an "Open House" to get the ball rolling, shortly after the October Post meeting, October 9th, 2012, 7:00 PM. Meetings may be Sunday, every other month during the winter, and monthly starting in the spring. Be at the Post meeting to get some updated information on the project. To get information about the "Legion Riders" go to [legion.org](http://legion.org). The riders have been exceptional in raising money for national programs. Please call me if you have any questions, 522-7770.

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You must be eligible and join through the appropriate Legion program to be a member of the Legion Riders.

Reminders: Post early **Bird Dinner** in October; **Veterans Appreciation Dinner** for any

veteran and guest on November 11, 2012. The dinner will follow the ceremonies at Park Row at 11:00 AM. Please join us.

Rick Gray,  
Adjutant, Post 59

American Legion  
**FUEL RAFFLE**

**Tickets \$20**  
(only 100 are being sold!)

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$1000 worth of fuel**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Legion Speed Pass**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Christmas Gift Basket**

Drawing on Friday  
November 23  
(The day after Thanksgiving.)

## Service Officer

### NOTES FROM THE VA

#### Camp Lejeune Water Supplies Contaminated

Under a law signed Aug. 6, 2012, veterans and family members who served on active duty or resided at Camp Lejeune for 30 or more days between Jan. 1, 1957 and Dec. 31, 1987, may be eligible for medical care through the VA for 15 health conditions. The VA will provide care immediately for those conditions while your eligibility under the new law is confirmed. If you are already enrolled in VA Health Care, contact your local VA health care facility for treatment. If

you are not already enrolled, telephone 1-877-222-8387 for assistance. More information is available at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).



## More about Agent Orange and Other Herbicides

**Peripheral Neuropathy** The VA has proposed to presume that the early onset of peripheral neuropathy is related to service in an Agent Orange area. The requirement that symptoms should be resolved within two year is also expected to be eliminated.

## Prostate Cancer

Veterans who develop prostate cancer and were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service do not have to prove a connection between the disease and service to be eligible for VA disability compensation. Veterans who served in Vietnam, the Korean DMZ or another area where Agent Orange was sprayed may be eligible for an "Agent Orange Health Exam". Surviving spouses, dependent children and dependent parents of a veteran who died as a result of prostate cancer may be eligible for survivors'

benefits.

## Returning Service Members

Every VA Medical Center has a website with a home page with a direct connection to information about the many benefits OEF/OIF veterans have earned. Veterans who served in a theater of combat operations after November 11, 1998 are eligible for an extended period of five years VA Health Care from the date of honorable discharge. However, OEF/OIF/OND veterans must enroll in the VA Health Care system to be eligible. OEF/OIF combat veterans may also be eligible for one-time dental care but must apply within 180 days of separation from active duty.

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OEF/OIF veterans are directed to the following websites:

1. [www.oefoif.va.gov/faqs.asp](http://www.oefoif.va.gov/faqs.asp)

2. [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/returning\\_servicemembers.asp](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/returning_servicemembers.asp)

For help with website or for additional information, call or e-mail.

Sam Miller, Post Service Officer  
(802)244-1484  
[LSamMiller1@gmail.com](mailto:LSamMiller1@gmail.com)

## Sons of The American Legion

Our annual Trip Extravaganza September 22<sup>nd</sup> was a great success! Over 100 people attended and enjoyed the fun, food, and dancing to Area 51.

The Red Neck costume winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – a triple-tie: Mike Goss, Chris Touchette, and Tammy Bedell won equal shares in a ticket for next year's raffle.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Tammy Gibbs won a genuine rabbit skunk hat
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Wendy Evans won a Red Neck T-Shirt

The food was wonderful: specialties included Venison Stew, Turtle Chili, Bear Stroganoff & Salmon Rangoons.

The raffle winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize, \$3,500 – Nate Lang, Hyde Park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$300 – Henry Cleveland, SAL Northern Area Commander, Hardwick
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$200 – Rodney Russell
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize 1/2 gallon Garth Warren's award winning maple syrup -- Charlie O'Brien

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The SAL raised over \$9,000! Congratulations to everyone who made this a cause to celebrate! We're looking forward to another great raffle next year!

Remember 6 p.m. on October 2nd is our next monthly SAL meeting.

FYI – the 1<sup>st</sup> SAL meeting in 2013 falls on New Year's Day. We will move our January meeting to Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, still at 6 p.m.

Commander Tom  
SAL Squadron 59

**New Year's Eve Party**  
December 31<sup>st</sup>  
Call the Post for more details!

### Auxiliary

Hello Ladies. We are fast approaching the holidays which is a very busy time for all. Please remember our Veterans that are in the hospital, a nursing home or the Bennington Veterans' Home.

Bingo has started again, it will be held once a month on a Sunday. There will be no held-over jackpots, and the amount you win will not go down but may increase due to the amount of people that show up. The doors open at 11:00AM.

Remember to bring your new items for veterans gifting in Bennington and White River to our November meeting.

We had a remembrance ceremony at the Post for 9/11. There was a good turnout for this and it brought back a lot of memories. This is done every year on the anniversary of 9/11; try to make it next year as it is a very touching ceremony.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has helped me in my first few months as Auxiliary President. I have learned so much already and my year has just begun. For years I have stayed in the background and have never really understood

everything involved in the Legion Programs.

The Early Bird dinner is coming up so get your dues paid so you can attend. We will also be collecting dues that evening. There are

**CURE CABIN  
FEVER**



**The 14th Annual  
POST 59  
USO SHOW**  
February 1 & 2, 2013

Tickets will be available in  
December  
(they make nice gifts)

**Save The Date!!**

many ways to help your Auxiliary so come on out and get involved.

For God & Country,  
Virginia Estivill  
Unit President

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Children's Christmas Party is being held on Saturday, December 8, 2012 from 10:00am-Noon. All Legion Family children/step-children up to the age of 10 are eligible to be signed up. Please fill out the information and get it back to Harry N. Cutting Post #59. For further information, please contact Rani Gray – 802-522-3664 or Thelma Forkey – 802-595-2902. The family needs to be present to receive a gift from Santa. Refreshments will be served.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_



## POST 59 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Texas Hold'em 7:00	2 Ace of Spades Drawing 6:30	3
4	5 House Committee 6:00	6 SAL Meeting 6:00	7 Pitch 6:30	8 Texas Hold'em 7:00	9 Ace of Spades Drawing 6:30	10
11 <b>Veterans Day Ceremony</b> 11:00 Dinner follows	12	13 <b>Auxiliary Birthday Party</b> 6:30	14 Pitch 6:30	15 Texas Hold'em 7:00	16 Ace of Spades Drawing 6:30	17
18	19	20	21 Pitch 6:30	22 <b>Post Closed</b>  <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	23 Ace of Spades & Fuel Raffle Drawings 6:30	24
25	26	27 E-Board Meeting 6:00	28 Pitch 6:30	29 Texas Hold'em 7:00	30 Ace of Spades Drawing 6:30	

### DECEMBER 2012

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2	3 House Committee 6:00	4 SAL Meeting 6:00	5 Pitch 6:30	6 Texas Hold'em 7:00	7 Ace of Spades Drawing 6:30	8 <b>Children's Christmas Party</b> 10:00
9	10	11 Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00 Christmas Party follows	12 Pitch 6:30	13 Texas Hold'em 7:00	14 Ace of Spades Drawing 6:30	15
16	17	18	19 Pitch 6:30	20 Texas Hold'em 7:00	21 <b>Bartender's Christmas Party</b>	22
23	24	25 <b>Post Closed</b> <i>Christmas</i>	26 Pitch 6:30	27 Texas Hold'em 7:00	28 Ace of Spades Drawing 6:30	29
30	31 <b>New Year's Eve Party</b>					

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### JANUARY 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <b>Commanders Call 12:00</b> <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 Pitch 6:30	3 SAL meeting 6:00  Texas Hold'em 7:00	4 Ace of Spades Drawing 6:30	5
6	7 House Committee 6:00	8 Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00	9 Pitch 6:30	10 Texas Hold'em 7:00	11 Ace of Spades Drawing 6:30	12
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Check with the post (244-8144) or the website (<http://www.alpost59vt.us>)  
for more information and events not yet scheduled!