
Harry N. Cutting

Post 59 American Legion Family

Waterbury, Vermont

August, September, October 2013

COMMANDER

Dear Legion Family
(Legionnaires, women's
Auxiliary, Sons of the
American Legion and Legion
Riders),

Let me start by introducing
myself - my name is Michael
Preedom and I am the new
Legion Commander. I am a
rookie as I haven't held a post
position before, so please be
patient with me. I am not
always up on what the
protocol and formalities are,
but I'm working on it.
The Legion post meeting
night has been changed to the
second Wednesday of the
month at 7 p.m. The E-board
meeting has been changed to
the fourth Wednesday of the
month at 6:30 p.m. Please
join us.

There is a calendar of
upcoming events within this
newsletter, please come out
and support the Legion
family events, such as:

- the Post picnic on August 25 at the Stowe Fish & Game Club and
- the steak and lobster feed on September 7th.



- The SAL also has a raffle going on, 250 tickets for sale at \$40 each, you get a dinner there for two on September 21st and a chance to win a \$4,000 trip or a \$3,500 cash prize.

I would like to remind everyone that we're a Legion family and we're all here for the same reasons, so let's work together for the good of the Legion, the community

and all veterans.

Also I would like to thank the Auxiliary and Sons for all they do – you're all awesome!!

I would like to apologize to any Legionnaires who were offended by the lack of **protocol** dealing with the letter regarding meeting night change. The notice should have mailed 30 days in advance and the voting should have been at a post meeting.

I would like to explain how your officer election results came about. At the May 14th meeting when we were supposed to elect our officers, we had three Legionnaires running for office, Sam Miller for Service Officer (who does an awesome job in this post), Butch Allen for Sgt at Arms, and George Estivill for Chaplain.

No Commander, no First Vice, no Second Vice, no Adjutant and no Finance Officer. Our Post seems to be going through a stagnant period when it comes to candidates for office. **(No officers, no Post.)**

For God, Country and our Veterans

At the May 28th E-board meeting, with some compromise such as changing meeting nights to Wednesdays and some begging, we came up with an Officer list. I know, not protocol. Again I'm sorry, I'm working on learning **protocol**. This commander job isn't my cup of tea, but I'm willing to give it a go. If there is anyone who would like to step up and be Commander or fill the other Officer positions please let me know. The bold-face "protocol" type is due to being jumped on at the very first meeting, right after being installed as commander.

***Congratulations Rick Gray --
our new American Legion
State Commander for 2013-
2014!***

Thanks to the members who stepped forward to fill our offices for this year:

Commander:

Michael Freedom
1st Vice: David Dow
2nd Vice: Gene Sweetser
Finance: Gary Cromie
Adjutant: Rick Gray
Service Officer: Sam Miller
Sgt. at Arms: Butch Allen
Chaplain: George Estivill

Thanks to all the Legion family members that helped on the "Not Quite

Independence Day" celebration by setting up, working the event and tearing down. Thanks to those people who helped with food and drinks at Terrie Ann's and thanks to the Color Guard and Mr. Woodard for calling cadence and marching in the parade – it was nice to have one of our older veterans marching with us. Great job everyone!

Any suggestions or comments please send them to my E-mail mlp63@comcast.net
Thanks.

For God and Country,
Michael Freedom,
Commander, Post 59

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

Post # 59 held their annual post elections at the May 2013 Post Meeting. Congratulations to the new officers.

WANTED/NEEDED:

Two (2) Member's-at-Large
for the Executive Board!

The new membership season has started -- it follows the Department Convention (June 21-23, 2013 held at the Sheraton, Burlington). The post has 69 "HLM" members

this year. These are members that are 70, have 20 years in the American Legion, and 10 years with Waterbury Post #59. The membership cards are being processed along with a thank you letter. The cards should be in the mail mid-July. Please remember that our HLM's are eligible for our "Early Bird" Dinner to be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013, with a social hour starting at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE:

The Harry N. Cutting,
Post # 59, American Legion
monthly Post meeting has been
changed to the 2nd Wednesday
of each month, 7:00 p.m.

Our annual "Veteran's Appreciation Luncheon" will be at the Post on Sunday, November 3, 2013. The meal will start at 1:00 PM. This is open to all veterans, membership is not required. Each veteran can bring a friend!

I want to announce that I will be wearing two hats this year. I was installed as the 95th Department Commander for the Department of Vermont, American Legion. I am looking forward to serving Waterbury Post # 59; I now have a lot of additional responsibility. Most that know "Rick" are aware that I enjoy the opportunity to serve

our veterans/members! I will be sending out weekly "Over the Hump" notes. I provide some good information, and an update on "Where the Hell is Commander "Rick"? Please, if you have e-mail, send your address to topvet10@gmail. This is a fun note, not a gripe line, please.

**Post 59 Annual
FAMILY PICNIC**

*Bring a dish & your beverages
Legion will supply meat & games*

August 25th ~ 11:00

Stowe Fish & Game Club

My Commander's Project is to raise funds for a "Giraffe Omnibed" for newborns. This project is through the Children's Miracle Network. The equipment is for Vermont Children's Hospital, (\$46,000), quite the project my fellow legionnaires!

Call the post to purchase a Calcutta ticket to raise \$5000 for the project. The event will be on Saturday, August 17, 2013. Tickets are \$100, dinner for two (2), and the opportunity to win the grand prize of \$2500! Call 244-8144 for more information.

**Renew your 2014
membership on-line:**

**Legion.org Go to the
upper menu, click renew.**

Regards,
Rick Gray
Adjutant, Post 59

SERVICE OFFICER

It is now time for Post 59 Legion members to renew their annual membership. One of the many benefits each member receives is a life insurance policy that will pay your beneficiary \$1,000 if your death is caused by *accidental injury*. It will not pay a death benefit for death caused by natural causes, disease such as stroke, heart attack etc. Furthermore, it is an American Legion benefit, not a VA benefit. Please be sure your family understands this. Members under age 75 may enroll for additional coverage but coverage over \$1,000 ends at age 75. Please call the American Legion (800) 235-6943 for questions and claim forms.

**VERY IMPORTANT:
YOUR \$1,000 COVERAGE
IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY
RENEWED. CALL
(800)235-6943 TO CHECK
IF YOU ARE NOT SURE.
THERE IS NO ADDITION-
AL COST.**

If you have life insurance that was purchased at the time of your discharge be sure your



family knows where the policy is and how much coverage you have. Is it still enough to enable your family to meet their needs for at least five years or so? Should your beneficiaries be updated? If you are a senior citizen, is it enough to cover your final expenses including at least debts and funeral expenses? A cremation may cost up to at least \$6,000 and a full burial funeral may cost at least another \$4,000 or \$5,000. Final expense insurance is often "guaranteed issue" for those who are not confined to a wheel chair, bed or in a nursing home. Even in the latter situations, there is usually an alternative.

VA NOTES

**How to apply for disability
compensation**

You may apply for disability compensation online at:

<http://www.va.gov>

Vietnam Veterans with chronic b-cell leukemia's, Hodgkin's disease, ischemic heart disease, multiple

myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease, or prostate cancer may apply for disability compensation for these diseases using VA's Fast Track Claims Processing System. After the VA receives your application, you receive a letter that explains what evidence is needed in order to grant your claim. The VA will help you get records to support your claim, including records of Vietnam service or exposure to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service. Some veterans who served near the Korean DMZ may also be eligible. Learn more about the claims process at www.VA.Gov

WHAT IS VA PENSION?

A pension is a needs-based benefit paid to wartime Veterans, who meet certain age or nonservice connected disability requirements.

State Commander's Children's Miracle Network

CALCUTTA

Saturday August 17
Grand price \$2500

Tickets \$100
(includes dinner for 2)

Call for tickets: 244-8144

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

You may be eligible if:

- You were discharged from service under other than dishonorable conditions, **AND**
- You served 90 days or more of active military, naval or air service with at least 1 day during a period of war time* (Refer to the dates on the back of your Legion membership card), **AND**
- Your countable income is below the maximum annual pension rate, **AND**
- You meet the net worth limitations, **AND**
- You are age 65 or older, **OR** are shown by evidence to have a permanent and total nonservice-connected disability, **OR** are a patient in a nursing home, **OR** are receiving Social Security disability benefits.
- Veterans who entered active duty after September 7, 1980, must also serve at least 24 months of active duty service. If the total length of service is less than 24 months, the Veteran must have completed his/her entire tour of active duty.

MAXIMUM ANNUAL PENSION RATE (MAPR) (EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2011)

If you are otherwise eligible; your yearly income must be less than the following:

- Veteran with no dependents \$12,256
- Veteran with a spouse or dependent child \$16,051
- (Veterans with additional dependent children: add \$2,093 to the limit for EACH child)
- Housebound veteran with no dependents \$14,978
- Housebound veteran with one dependent \$18,773.

Questions? Call
Sam Miller, Service Officer
802.244.1484
LSamMiller1@gmail.com

Steak & Lobster Feed

Saturday, September 7

Cocktails 5:30 ~ Dinner 6:00
Dance to follow

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

It looks like summer has finally arrived, it is time to get out and enjoy some of the great outdoors. We have just finished our annual officer elections and I'd like to thank all of the outgoing officers for a tremendous year, and welcome our newly elected officers into the fold and I am looking forward to an incredible 2014. I would also like to give a special thanks to outgoing Commander Tom

for a great reign and for putting us on such a good path for our future.

Our 2013-2014 Officers:

Commander –

Chris Touchette

1st Vice – David Lowell

2nd Vice – Don Gile

Adjutant – Bill Kernan

Finance Officer –

Bill Kernan

Sergeant At Arms –

Mike Mayo

Chaplain – Lucas Sweetser

Historian – Mike Woodard

House Committee Liaison –

Paul West

I would also like to ask you to help me congratulate Commander Tom on receiving the “Nancy Tetreault Honor & Appreciation Award” given to the SAL Commander who worked hardest for his Squadron, Post & Auxiliary, Veterans & his community.

When you see Tom give him a big Thank You. It is quite an honor, nice work Tom doing us proud once again.

EARLY BIRD DINNER

Saturday, October 12
Social 6:00 Dinner 7:00

So far this year we have been successful in our efforts to continue all of our SAL programs and with the NQID

celebrations, I'd also like time to thank the countless volunteers helping with the events.

Mark your calendar:

Our annual “VETERAN’S APPRECIATION LUNCHEON”

will be Sunday, November 3rd
(starting at 1:00 p.m.)

With that said, it is time to kick off our annual Get-away Extravaganza. The theme again this year is “REDNECK” -- a huge success last year, we hope you'll come and join in the fun with us. Tickets are available from any of our 2014 officers, you can also get a chance to win an extravaganza ticket by stopping by the Post and getting in on a \$2 raffle for a \$40 ticket. It's always good fun and you can't beat the companionship. Either way, stop in and see us (your Legion Family, Legionnaires, Sons, and Auxiliary) not only for the extravaganza tickets, but we are also hosting events like the Lotto night, Texas Hold'em, and other events throughout the year. Come out and help support your Post 59 Legion family.

Also this time of year we kick off the annual

Membership drive and with that I hope you'll continue your support for our local programs, God and Country. We (the entire Legion Family) cannot do any of what we do without YOU. Please, come out and share the Honor and Privilege of being / becoming a SAL member I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year.

For God, Country, and our Veterans,
Chris “Mooch” Touchette
Commander
The Sons of Post 59

AUXILIARY

Hi Ladies,

Thank you for re-electing me as your President for another year. I hope we will have another successful year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of their help and guidance this past year. I know it was a year full of learning for me and I hope to be able to have things run a little smoother this year. Our unit wouldn't be so successful without all of your help.

Our new officers are:

President – Ginger Estivill

1st Vice President –

Bella Freedom

2nd Vice President –

Arlis Fuglie

Chaplin – Marana Allen
Historian – Lolita Perry
Secretary – Rani Gray
Treasurer – Mary Grace
Sergeant-at-Arms –
Joyce Farnsworth
E-Board – Betty Jones,
Phyllis Grout, Shirley Dow

I would like to send out a couple challenges to all of you.

The first one is for recruiting a new member: Everyone that recruits a new member will have their name go into a drawing for \$50 at our June 2014 Meeting. Make sure you put your name on any application for a new Auxiliary member.

The Second one is for everyone that pays their 2014 dues on or before December 29, 2013 your name will go into a drawing for \$50 at our January meeting.

The Third is for all Auxiliary members that attend 6 or more meetings from now until May 2014. Your name will go into a drawing for \$50 at our June 2014 meeting.

These drawings are being paid for by me and not the Unit. I hope this helps to increase our membership, attendance at meetings and hopefully we'll be one of the units to reach 100% by convention next year. I am looking forward to another busy, successful year

GET-AWAY EXTRAVAGANZA Raffle

1st Prize \$4000 trip
or \$3500 cash

\$40 ticket (includes dinner for 2)

Party & Drawing on Saturday
September 21st

Come dressed as your favorite
Redneck!

with the Auxiliary. I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Please remember that help is always needed at the Post for the many functions that go on. Please contact Terri Christie at the Post if you are interested in helping at functions.

For God and Country
Virginia Estivill, President
Unit 59

FROM THE BAR....

Lottery Raffle: Do you have an extra \$5? Come down to the club pick a number and PRAY! Here's how it works: we have 100 numbers ranging from "00" to "99". On Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. we watch the Vermont Pick 4 and whatever the two middle numbers are is the lucky number for that week. Example: The Pick 4 is 4594. The person who chose "59" wins. If they are present they win the pot; if not they win the consolation prize of \$100

and the pot gets carried over. Come and enjoy the camaraderie! Bring your kids and play a game of pool, use our QUI game, or play some cards. You don't have to drink alcohol to come into the club.

Do You Know? Last year your American Legion Family gave away over \$50,000 in donations to veterans, the community and children & youth programs, including 5 scholarships to local children, support for the Babe Ruth Baseball league, Harwood Hockey, Halloween Party and Safety Program, The "Price Is Right". So members, come on down and support your club. We cannot do this without your support.

Upstairs: We have a busy upstairs with weddings, birthday parties and other events. Remember; the hall is available for rent, with or without the bar, and available seven days a week. If you're thinking of having a party, need room to hold a meeting, or wedding, why not use your own post. We also do catering...call 244-8144 for rental rates and menu prices!

Calendar: If you'd like more information call us at 244-8144 and the staff will be glad to help!

**REMEMBER! Legion meets
2nd Wednesday 7:00 p.m.**

POST 59 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST 2013

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

SEPTEMBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 <i>Bar opens at Noon Labor Day</i>	3 SAL Meeting 6:00	4 House Committee 6:00	5 Texas Hold'em 7:00	6	7 Steak & Lobster Feed 5:30
8	9	10	11 Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00	12 Texas Hold'em 7:00	13	14 Senior Center Fundraiser
15	16	17	18 <i>Pack Meeting</i>	19 Texas Hold'em 7:00	20	21 Redneck Get-Away 6:30
22	23	24	25 E-Board Meeting 6:30	26 Texas Hold'em 7:00	27	28
29	30					

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OCTOBER 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 SAL Meeting 6:00	2	3	4	5
6 Bingo 11:00	7 House Committee 6:00	8	9 Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00	10 Texas Hold'em 7:00	11	12 Early Bird Dinner Dance 6:00
13	14 <i>Columbus Day</i>	15	16 <i>Pack Meeting</i>	17 Texas Hold'em 7:00	18 <i>Harwood Hockey Calcutta</i>	19 <i>Private Party</i>
20	21	22	23 E-Board Meeting 6:30	24 Texas Hold'em 7:00	25	26 Adult Costume Party/Dance
27	28	29	30 Children's Halloween	31		

Check with the Post (244-8144) or the website (<http://www.alpost59vt.us>) for more information!