
Harry N. Cutting Post 59 American Legion Family

Waterbury, Vermont

February, March, April 2014

COMMANDER

Hope everyone had an awesome and safe holiday season. The Post was busy this holiday season with the annual bartender's party, thanks to all who came.

Want to give everyone an update on what's new in the Post. We're going through a very slow year, our bar and functions have been way below last year's use and therefore we've had to pull money out of our investment funds to pay our bills. We're looking for ideas on how to bring people into the club, and for function ideas that could raise some funds. Any ideas, please send them to my personal e-mail.

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There is a calendar of events enclosed in this newsletter, please come to some and help support our Legion. The USO show is in February.

There was a fire next door to the Legion that damaged our siding. I would like to put a big thank you out to Terri Ann for working with the insurance company! And a



huge thanks to Scott Woodard for doing the repairs!

We would like everyone's e-mail so we can send you updates on what's happening

at your club. Please send them to the post. Thanks!

Mike Freedom
Commander, Post 59

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

I'd like to wish the members of Waterbury Post # 59 the very best in 2014, Happy New Year...

The membership challenge is going ok. We are currently at 75.54 %; however, we need you help and your dues for 2014. Post cards have been mailed out, and I'd ask that you send in your \$30 for 2014 and assist Commander Michael in achieving 100% for 2014.

You may wish to renew on line? Go to legion.org and click into renew. This will allow you to use your credit card. I will get an online notification that your dues are paid and I will send you your card. "Thank You" for assisting the post with its membership challenge!! J

The Department of Vermont has a web site. Go into

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vtlegion.org and see what may be available to our members and veterans. Review the site and send your recommendations directly to me at topvet10@gmail.com. I will ensure that the web master gets your recommendations.

Did you know that the National Commander of the American Legion will visit Vermont March 7-8, 2014? Oh, the Post will honor him on Saturday, March 8th at a banquet hosted by Waterbury Post # 59. It is special to have the opportunity to say Hello to the National Commander. Please join the officers of Post # 59 at the banquet on that date.... may have an additional "Special Guest" showing up that evening. Can't tell ya' right now who this Merchant Marine is...however, he is a resident of Vermont??? More information later. You need to purchase tickets through the Post.

Our last post newsletter acknowledged that I am the Department Commander this year for the State of Vermont. I'm pleased at this opportunity to serve our 13,900 members! I will let you know that we need your assistance in recruiting new, eligible legion members, and that these new members need to participate in Post meetings and take their place in history as the next round of legionnaire's to run the legion and keep it going for another 100 years. Step up to

the plate, assist and ensure that your American Legion continues to provide services to our Veterans, Children, and Community! The Post meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The date was changed to allow a number of our members that work with the Fire station to participate in our legion business as well.

I have a great "Commander's Project" this year: CMN -- our Vermont Children's Hospital. Raising \$46,000 for a Garaffe Omnibed for our premature babies. We plan to roll the equipment into the Department Convention on June 27, 2014 and hand it over to Dr. First. You may wish to donate? Go to vtlegion.org and complete the application. Print the application and mail it to the address on the application. I believe that our Vermont Citizen's appreciate what the American Legion does, and the money stays in the state.

Hoping that we all enjoy the year 2014...Best wishes to all! Any questions please call me at 522-7770. Oh, did I tell you that Waterbury Post # 59 donated \$3000 to the project, and our Firefighters another \$250! WOW! Regards!

Rick Gray
Adjutant, Post 59

SECOND VICE COMMANDER

During 2013 we lost the

following six members: Raymond Devine, 44 years, Richard Izor, 59 years, Ralph Lowe, 5 years, Clarence MacMahan, 52 years, Robert Maguire, 12 years, and Robert Spence, 27 years.

Our most senior member is Leon Parks at 94. Our youngest member is Damien Gile at 21. We have six members over 90, forty-three over 80 and one hundred-ten members over 70.

We have twenty-two members who did not respond to requests for their birthdates and or other information. Do you know where the following members live? Jessica Blanchard, Megan Gibbs, Jawana Latimer, Joshua Mable, Dylan Maynard, Keith Nelson, Travis Tammillo, Bradley Weston. Their mailing address is no longer valid. Please notify the Post if you have a change of address.

If you have any questions or just want to check if your membership record is correct call me at 802-879-4838 or E-mail me at sweetserg@aol.com Do you want help getting your DD-214 or service record, I or Sam Miller, your Service Officer, at 802-244-1484 or lsammiller1@gmail.com will help you.

You can create an account at www.mylegion.org. This is an easy way to check your record, update your address

and pay your dues at
www.legion.org/renew .

For God and Country,

Gene Sweetser,
2nd Vice Commander

SERVICE OFFICER

VA/DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE

Dental coverage is available to all veterans who are currently enrolled in the VA HealthCare system, Champva, Champva +1 and Champva+2. Rates begin for a single veteran at \$9.73 per month for veterans in the VA HealthCare system and Champva. The Champva+1 premium is \$19.46 per month and Champva+2 is \$20.19 per month. Family members who are enrolled in Champva may also be covered. A brochure, premium rates and enrollment is available at: www.deltadentalvadip.org/plans/rate2.html

Veterans may also e-mail the Post 59 Service Officer at SamMillerInsurance@gmail.com for a brochure and rates or use the Post 59 computer to review rates, benefits and enroll online. Telephone Monday through Friday, 8:00AM to 8:00PM Eastern Time at 855-370-3303.

RESPIRATORY CANCER

Veterans who develop respiratory cancer (lung, bronchus, larynx, or trachea) and were exposed to Agent

Orange or other herbicides during military service do not have to prove a connection between their disease and service to be eligible to receive VA health care and disability compensation.

About respiratory cancers

Respiratory cancers are cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus. Symptoms vary, depending on the location of the cancer: § Lung cancer—a new cough or cough that doesn't go away, coughing up blood, shortness of breath, chest pain, hoarseness § Cancer of the trachea—dry cough, hoarseness, breathlessness, difficulty swallowing § Cancer of the larynx (at the top of the trachea)—hoarseness, voice changes, sore throat or earache, feeling of a lump in the throat § Cancer of the bronchus—cough, chest pain, coughing blood Visit [Medline Plus](#) to learn more about treatment of cancer and the latest research from the National Institutes of Health.

Guard against lung cancer

Number one rule: Don't smoke and avoid second-hand smoke. VA can help you every step of the way to quit smoking.

VA benefits for respiratory cancers

Veterans with respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx, or trachea) who were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides during service may be eligible for

disability compensation and health care.

Returning Service Members

On the home page of every VA Medical Center, there is a direct connection to information about the many benefits OEF/OIF Veterans have earned. Look for the yellow ribbon and click to start applying for your benefits.

Sam Miller
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Here is hoping you all had a great Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. With the holiday season coming to a close it's time to look forward into the New Year.

As always membership is a priority and, as you well know, we cannot do what we do without your continued support as members and volunteers. So if you haven't considered it yet, it's time for membership renewal. Please stop by and pay your dues and stay a while and visit with old friends and neighbors.

We have had a good start to the first half of our year and we are looking forward to a better second half. Just a few things coming up, the

annual USO show, always a great time, be sure to come and join us. A new addition this year is the Redneck Horseshoe League. Starting Jan 13th at 6 p.m. and running into mid- to late March. We are still looking for a few teams, so if you might be interested give me (Mooch) a call at 1-802-522-9971 for details or to sign up

So far this year we have been successful in our efforts to continue all of our SAL programs. Again I'd also like time to thank the countless volunteers helping with the events. I hope you'll continue your support for our local programs, for 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 again throughout the year.

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

AUXILIARY

Hope everyone had a happy holiday. I don't know about you but I am glad it is over with and now everything can get back to normal. I hope everyone got their dues paid by December 29th as we will be drawing the winner at January's meeting.

Midwinter conference is coming up so try to attend if at all possible. You can learn a lot at these conferences.

Thank you to everyone for all of your help during the past few months, without your help we couldn't accomplish what we do.

Try to get new members to join as we still have that contest going on. I would really like to make 100% on membership this year. If you haven't paid your 2014 dues they are due now.

We still need volunteers to help on meals, so if you have some spare time why not call the Post and see if there is something you can help with. Many hands make a job a lot easier and more fun to do.

The USO show is coming up February 7th and 8th. I am sure it is going to be another wonderful show this year.

Through these cold and snowy/rainy days remember your veterans and the elderly; see if there is something you can do to help them. Maybe shovel their walkway or driveway or even a trip to the store could be helpful. As people get older this weather takes its toll on them and sometimes just a kind word is enough to brighten their day.

For God, Country and our Veterans

Virginia Estivill
President, Unit 59

FROM THE BAR....

Happy New Year!!!

Let's make 2014 a year to remember. There are lots of events and fun activities planned, so don't forget to check your attached calendar.

For those of you who don't know about our Facebook page, you are invited to join. Here you will get the latest updates on events and special notifications.

Come on in for free pool daily. As usual the Lottery raffle drawing is on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. if the sheet is full, and Texas Hold'em, starts promptly at 7:00 on Thursdays. Fridays, Ginger will take your music requests to keep you dancing all night.

Also, if you would like to book parties in 2014, now is the time. Our calendar is filling up fast, so to ensure the date you want, give us a call at 244-8144.

On behalf of all the staff, and members of Post #59, I would like to give a sincere THANK YOU to the Waterbury Fire Department for saving our building during the fire next door. Without them, our Post would not be standing today.

Thanks, Tammy Bedell

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

POST 59 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Superbowl Party	3 House Committee 6:00 Redneck Horseshoe 6:00	4 SAL Meeting 6:00 Lotto Raffle 7:00	5	6 Texas Hold'em 7:00	7 USO Show 7:30	8 USO Show 7:30
9	10 Redneck Horseshoe 6:00	11 Lotto Raffle 7:00	12 Legion & Auxiliary meetings 7:00	13 Texas Hold'em 7:00	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> DJ Downstairs	15 Pie For Breakfast <i>Waterbury Rotary</i>
16 Bingo 11:00	17 <i>President's Day</i> Redneck Horseshoe 6:00	18 Lotto Raffle 7:00	19	20 Texas Hold'em 7:00	21 DJ Downstairs	22 Legion/SAL Birthday Dinner
23 Daytona 500 Party with Chili Cook off 1:00	24 Redneck Horseshoe 6:00	25 Lotto Raffle 7:00	26 E-Board Meeting 6:30	27 Texas Hold'em 7:00	28 DJ Downstairs	

MARCH 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Bingo 11:00	3 House Committee 6:00 Redneck Horseshoe 6:00	4 SAL Meeting 6:00 Lotto Raffle 7:00	5	6 Texas Hold'em 7:00	7 DJ Downstairs	8 National Commander Banquet
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16	17 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Ham Dinner, Drink Specials 5:00	18 Lotto Raffle 7:00	19	20 Texas Hold'em 7:00	21 DJ Downstairs	22
23	24	25 Lotto Raffle 7:00	26 E-Board Meeting 6:30	27 Texas Hold'em 7:00	28 DJ Downstairs	29
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APRIL 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 SAL Meeting 6:00 Lotto Raffle 7:00	2	3 Texas Hold'em 7:00	4 DJ Downstairs	5
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13	14 <i>Passover</i>	15 Lotto Raffle 7:00	16	17 Texas Hold'em 7:00	18 DJ Downstairs	19
20 <i>Easter</i>	21	22 Lotto Raffle 7:00	23 E-Board Meeting 6:30	24 Texas Hold'em 7:00	25 DJ Downstairs	26 Legion Calcutta!!
27	28	29 Lotto Raffle 7:00	30			

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