
Harry N. Cutting

Post 59 American Legion Family

Waterbury, Vermont

November & December 2014, January 2015

COMMANDER

Guess I'll start with a "Safety Tip". Effective October 1st the State of Vermont passed a law outlawing the use of cell phones while driving. Please get out and purchase the equipment needed to chat without holding your phone. There have been some terrific auto accidents caused by cell phones while driving. Just obey the law. Don't be responsible for the death of any of our family members.

Membership is always a challenge. This year we are asked to do three (3) additional membership applications over last year's membership. I know we are 54% leading our Washington County friends.

Adjutant Chris and 1st vice Commander Gene will share additional membership information.

Have been working on a "Working" re-connect program with the Vermont Army National Guard, and Vermont Air National Guard along with Chairman Dan Hillard, Adjutant, Post # 84, White River Jct., Vermont. Today we met with the two Commander Sergeant's Major of Army and Air Guard. We listed a number



of things that we as a veterans organization should be doing along with both parties. Dan will be attending the Military Ball on Saturday, November 8th to honor five (5) service members that have been selected for Non-Commissioned

Officer of the Year, and Enlisted service Member of the year. I'll be out of country and I've asked Dan to represent The Department of Vermont, American Legion.

We may have noted in our last newsletter that Waterbury Post # 59 Legion Family will be combining our Veteran's Appreciation, and our "Early Bird" Dinner, and Veterans Day gathering. The Veterans' Day Ceremony will be at Rusty Park at 11:00 AM. The events of the day will begin at 6:00 PM with our Social, Dinner at 6:30 PM. Join the legion family for a complete Turkey Day meal!

Not done yet folks. Wednesday, November 12th is our Legion/Auxiliary meeting night. We will be celebrating Unit 59 Legion Auxiliary's annual birthday dinner. Believe the social and meal schedule is 5:30 social, 6:00 dinner

Had an E-board meeting this past week. Starting in January we are looking to have entertainment every Saturday night. If we get folks to participate, we will encourage the board to find other bands to visit our legion.

I know we start the year with a Commander's Call on January 1st.

For God, Country and our Veterans

Please put that date on your calendar, more information to follow!

I will be hosting a Legion Family Fall Conference next Saturday, October 18, 2014, at Barre Post # 10, 9:00 AM. The Legion Auxiliary, Son's, Legionnaires, and Legion Riders will be providing training to their respective members. Please join us!

If you have not paid a visit to your legion home, you should. The downstairs has been cleaned up and painted under the leadership of Wiggy Wells! "Great Job" Wiggy..!

You may know that I've had the opportunity to be reelected as Department Commander for the State of Vermont, American Legion. I'll be headed to Indianapolis, IN in the morning for three days. I thought I had retired from meetings!

As we proceed into our holiday season, and "WINTAH" weather, look out for our friends and veterans in need. We are here to assist, when we can, to insure that we assist our Children, Veterans, and Community.

Please, if you have an e-mail address send it to me. We want to start e-mailing our newsletter to as many members as possible.

Warm Regards,

Rick Gray
Commander, Post 59
522-7770

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

Welcome to fall and the holiday season. Thank you to all those people that have helped me step out on the right foot as your new

Adjutant. This has been a steep learning curve, but I have truly enjoyed meeting new folks and getting to know Waterbury's Veterans better.

The Officers of your Legion have been busy planning many events to wrap up 2014 with the Veteran's Day dinner as a centerpiece.

If you have comments or suggestions for what you would like to see, then you can always join us on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm for Post meetings or feel free to e-mail us at alpost59@comcast.net.

Membership renewal for the coming year (2015) is going well. All of the Paid up for Life (PUFL) and Honorary Life Members (HLM) have processed through National along with 74 renewing/joining at the Post and 11 renewals online. We appreciate you renewing early, so enjoy the "early bird" dinner! Those folks that haven't gotten around to renewing yet can pay their dues at the Post during business hours, or pay your dues in your pajamas by going to the Legion website and paying online. To renew this way visit www.legion.org, click where it says "members", and then click on "renew membership" under the quick links.

One really important part of membership in an organization is communication. We are always trying to make this part of the Legion Family better through this newsletter, via e-mail, and through the good ol' U.S. Postal Service. None of this works, if we can't get ahold of you, so please make sure we have the most current contact information for you. It is frustrating to get your dues when you pay at the Post, and then your card comes back to me as undeliverable because the address is incorrect. Please take the time

today to make sure we have your correct mailing and e-mail addresses. See you at the Post.

Chris Wood, Adjutant
chriswood0869@gmail.com

VETERAN'S APPRECIATION & EARLY BIRD DINNER

Social 6:00

Dinner 6:30

Sunday, November 11TH

FIRST VICE COMMANDER

Folks, I believe this has been the best September weather I can recall for a long time, and hope you all have been able to take advantage of it. The E Board has for more than a year discussed sending out the newsletter by e-mail. It is pretty expensive to print and mail. I will be sending a note to every member that we have an e-mail address for. That is only 73 members. This will only be a note to confirm your address on file is valid. It would be very helpful to the Post if you would respond and send your telephone number to me. I would ask that every member that has an E-mail (Legion, Ladies Aux, Sal and Riders) to send your e-mail address to your Post 59 Adjutant Chris Wood. His address is chriswood0869@gmail.com It costs your post about \$2,400 each year to print and mail the newsletter, i.e., money that could be used to better support our Veterans and community. With your e-mail, the Post can send you more timely notices of upcoming events or any changes in those event schedules.

Every Legion member can sign up and create their own account at www.legion.org. In the upper right you will see a blue bar with Mylegion.org. You can register, pay your dues and make certain changes such as updating your address here.

You can check Post events at www.alpost59vt.us/. You can e-mail the post at alpost59@comcast.net

I would appreciate it, if the following Legion members would call me at 802-879-4838 or e-mail me at sweetserg@aol.com.

Richard Brown, Melissa Davis, Shawn Moorby, Jonathan Rutledge and Charles Turnbaugh. The Post needs some information from you.

For God and Country
Gene Sweetser
1st Vice Commander

**VETERAN'S DAY
CEREMONY**
11:00 a.m.
Rusty Parker Park
Waterbury

FINANCE OFFICER

First thing: The officers of the Post would like to thank the staff for all the improvements with paint and organizing the downstairs club. They did the fund-raising and the work with help from some volunteers.

We have had a slow summer and it's the time of year that things get real tight. We need the help of all members to make things happen at the Post – so please support the club and functions. With the club area looking good we would like to open it for more activities. This means that if you're looking for a

place to have a small get-together, the club is the place to make it happen. If you want to bring snacks, we can let you use an area to set up for your gathering. Or, if you would like them supplied, make arrangements with Tammy. It's the time of year for friends and family to share time together. If you need a larger area, we do have the hall with the bar, and again, Tammy is the person to make this happen.

Gary Cromie
Treasurer, Post 59

SERVICE OFFICER

Recently I received a promotion from United of Omaha Life Insurance Co. for American Legion members and their spouses with the Legion logo so I assume National Headquarters and, I hope, the Department of Vermont are sharing in purchases by Vermont Legionnaires. However, Post 59 and other local Posts do not share in these purchases.

So I compared premiums with one of my favorite life insurance companies offering life insurance for final expenses, funeral expenses, final debts etc., which would be the purpose of both plans. The United of Omaha graded death benefit would pay only 120% of premiums paid during the first two years for death due to illness. That would be a good policy for folks who would not qualify for simplified issue, which is significantly less expensive and would pay the full benefit for death from illness or accident immediately after the effective date.

Health conditions that would not qualify for simplified issue include the following: Aids or HIV in last 10 years, dependent on assistance performing the 6 basic activities of

daily living, diagnosis during the last 24 months of Alzheimer's, heart attack if under treatment, stroke, epilepsy, nervous disorders, cancer, kidney disorder, alcohol or drug abuse, diabetes requiring insulin among other serious conditions.

The United of Omaha policy would be especially good for a Legion member or spouse in a nursing home, bedridden, using oxygen, confined to a wheel chair or terminally ill with death expected within 1 year or less.

Otherwise, purchase a better and less expensive policy and consider contributing a portion of the saving to a Post fund raising program.

Sam Miller, Service Officer
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BINGO SUNDAYS !!

November 2nd
December 14th
January 4th & 25th

Doors open at 11:00
Quick games at Noon
Regular games at 1:00

Lunch & snacks available

LEGION RIDERS

Hello from the Legion Riders Group! Wow, what a summer! The weather has been perfect, and I hope all those riders out there have gotten in some miles on two or three wheels. It has been a really busy summer for everyone, so there never seems to be enough time to squeeze in a quick ride to the creemee stand or wherever else the road might take you. Now it is time to put on the extra layer to protect you against the chilly fall

air, and ride Vermont's back roads to take in some fall foliage. Some might argue that this is the best time of year to ride!

Although our local chapter has struggled to get out on many group rides, The Legion Riders have been doing some great things at both the State and National level. State Director Lou Furry and Post 10 Director Milt Larkin have been busy building the program in Vermont with frequent rides and several ALR sponsored events during this fall.

There have been a couple of escort requests in Vermont and New Hampshire for Riders to accompany funeral processions to honor our comrades, and there are still opportunities to ride in parades to show your American Legion pride. On the National front, the American Legion Riders Legacy Ride from Indianapolis, Indiana to Charlotte, North Carolina managed to raise 1 Million Dollars for American Legion programs. The ALR program continues to grow by leaps and bounds!

We continue to look for more members to join us, so please spread the word to eligible members that like to ride. We are planning to change our meeting night, as this seems to be an issue for many people that would like to attend. The leading thought is the fourth Wednesday of the month, but we would love to hear from you as to when you would be able to make meetings. When the weather is right we will incorporate a ride into the meeting agenda, and these will usually be short trips to area legions or other local places.

We are looking to hold some events and raise some funds for the Legion Rider program. We need you! If you would like to be a

member of the Legion Riders Group then contact Chris at 802-793-4904, e-mail chriswood0869@gmail.com, or visit us at Post 59.

Chris Wood, President
Legion Riders

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Last issue we wrote about how we closed last year's session, to whom and how much we've contributed to a variety of Veterans, Youth and Community non-profit recipients.

Since the last newsletter, we've had some great events at the Post including the Calcutta, the Steak & Lobster Feed, and we just finished with the Squadrons biggest fundraising event of the year: The 7th Annual Son's of the American Legion Squadron #59, "Vacation Get-A-Way"-Raffle.

We had a fantastic turn out! The menu was a variety of salads, bear and deer pastry Stromboli, chili's Sheppard Pie, Salmon Rangoon's, pork skewers, chicken skewers, meat pies, baked beans, crawdads and the like. We were entertained by "the Hitmen" who rocked the house all night long. Before our Grand prize drawing, we had our annual best dressed theme attire contest. Remember this year was themed "*Redneck!*" Our 1st prize winner was Bill Kernan, who won a ticket to next year's Extravaganza and our 2nd prize went to Thelma Forkey who won a handmade Patriotic decorated basket of homemade pickles and jams.

Our main drawing . . .the Grand Prize of \$3,500 went to Mr. Bing Woodard!
2nd Prize \$300 Shirley Dow,
3rd Prize \$200 Gordon Wood,

4th Prize – Box of Steaks – Charlie O'Brien Sr.

A fantastic night for all!

It is these events and small raffles that help us provide the assistance to our veterans, youth & community. The camaraderie and cheer are well worth the attendance so keep your eye on the Post activities between the newsletters, at the website, don't forget the Post face book page which is updated weekly, and of course, the Post itself.

- The Veterans Appreciation and the Early Bird dinners will be combined this year -- 6:00 social hour and 6:30 dinner -- at the Post on November 11th. This follows a Veterans Day Remembrance Celebration at Rusty Parker Park at **11am on 11/11**.
- The following day is the Auxiliary Unit's Birthday Potluck upstairs at **5:30 pm** starting with a social and then dinner.

As winter closes in and the days darken, come lighten your heart and soul with a visit for a few minutes or hours at the Post. There are always activities, some great jokes, song and cheer.

And for those wanting more input and involvement remember to attend **Tuesday, November 4th, 6pm – SAL meeting**. I look forward to seeing you at our Post and at our Post events!

For God, Country, our Veterans, and Community! Bless Us All.
Squadron Commander Tom
The Sons of Post 59

AUXILIARY

Many great things have been happening this year! We have

anywhere between 12-15 ladies attending our monthly meetings. We are in a learning year and have developed notebooks with learning tools, which seem to be helping the members follow along with the format. We'd love to have you attend! We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month...7pm upstairs at the Post.

The National dues renewal forms just went out. Now is the time to think about paying your 2015 dues. Please send in your money or stop by the Post and pay your dues.

The Financial Policies & Procedures Committee has nearly completed their work and The Constitution & Bylaws and Standing Rules have also been updated. As soon as they are finalized we will be bringing them to a meeting and voting on their revision.

We are excited to say that 10 ladies from Harry N. Cutting Unit #59 have been busy making poppies. It is now approved that we...the ladies...can make poppies, but we were not paid for doing this. If a Veteran makes them, they will be paid. Unfortunately there are not enough Veterans making them to meet the demand. All the poppies made by our Unit must be turned back into Department. We made 1,000 poppies! Thank you ladies!

Bingo has started back up! BUT.... we need help. Please consider helping us. The next bingo is November 2, 2014. We need help with calling, someone to work the floor, kitchen help, especially with making the food. If you can help, please contact Bella at 244-8404 and let her know.

The November 12, 2014 meeting is Harry N. Cutting Unit #59's Birthday Party. The social hour is

Cure Cabin Fever

The 16th Annual
Post 59

USO SHOW

SWEET 16

February 6 & 7, 2015

Tickets will be available in
December

Save The Date!!

at 5:30pm with dinner served at 6:30. Please make a dish to share, as this is a potluck meal. We expect around 50-60 people as we invite the students and their parents who received the school scholarships and went to Conservation Camp, etc. We will hold our Past Presidents' Parley Memorial Service to honor our deceased members. We will also give out membership awards.

This is also the time to bring in your gifts for the Veterans Christmas Gift Shops held at the VA and The Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington. The items that we are looking for are anything that you or your loved ones would want...flannel shirts, socks, sweatpants/shirts, gloves, hats, watches, wallets, etc. Please no perfumes or aftershave. Bring these gifts unwrapped with the price tags removed. Items must be NEW.

Harry N. Cutting American Legion Family will be hosting two (2) Veterans Day events. On November 11th at 11am we will hold a ceremony at Rusty Parker Park. Then at 5:30pm we will be holding an Early Bird Dinner AND a Veterans Day dinner open to any member who has paid their dues for 2015 or qualifies otherwise

from the Legion community and their family...FREE. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with the meal prep, serving and clean up. Please contact Michael Freedom at 224-6596.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Veteran's Children Christmas Party is being held again this year. We have changed the date from the second Saturday of December to December 6, 2014 from 10am-12pm, because in the past there have been conflicts with other organizations holding theirs at the same time. We are asking you to sign your kids up...but if you don't attend then you cannot come later and pick up your child's gift....sorry. Last year we had 69 kids that were signed up and only 35 kids attended the event. This was a very large unnecessary expense on our part. Please be respectful and if you sign up your kids then please be there with your children. Children from newborn – 10 years old are eligible. The cut-off date is November 23, 2014. Please send the form on the next page to Thelma Forkey, 74 North Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676 or call 595-2902. Cookie donations needed.

Our "USO SHOW" is happening again this year -- "**Sweet 16**" -- can you believe it? So, save an evening in the first full weekend of February -- the 6th or 7th -- to have some fun with us. Tickets make a nice Christmas gift.

Harry N. Cutting American Legion is going to start holding dances after the holidays! Please come and support your Post!

Just a few notes of interest:

- Your Post Commander, Rick Gray, was re-elected as the Department Commander for the State

of Vermont for a second term! This is a first in the history of the American Legion in the Department of Vermont.

- Lorraine “Rani” Gray was elected as the 2014-2015 National Historian of the American Legion Auxiliary in Charlotte, North Carolina on August 27, 2014.
- Terri Christie was elected as the National Executive Committeewoman for a two (2) year term at our department convention.
- Loleta Perry was appointed as the Public Relations Chairman for 2014-2015 for the Department of Vermont.

The Harry N. Cutting Legion Family has supported us in

everything we have done throughout the years and we want to thank you for all your encouragement, kindness, and financial support. Without you behind us, these achievements could not have happened. Thank you.

For God, Country and our Veterans,

Lorraine “Rani” Gray,
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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

We have returned mail, no forwarding address for the following

members. If you have information or know who we could ask, please notify Mary Grace at 244-7144 or gracehome1@comcast.net:

Barber, Candence and Evelyn – PO Box 233, Barre, VT 05641
Burt, Kiara – PO Box 50, Waterbury, VT 05676
Morse, Madison – 6 Railroad Street, Waterbury, VT 05676
Martin, Barbara – RR3 Box 6683, Barre, VT 05641
Warlick, Sydney - 1502 Cobb Hill Rd, Waterbury, VT 05676

Remember:
*Bring your items for veterans
gifting in White River and
Bennington November 12th*

Merry Christmas

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 6, 2014

The Children’s Christmas Party is being held on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 10:00am to 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 or Thelma Forkey, 74 North Main Street, Waterbury, VT 05676. For further information, please contact Thelma at 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 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 BINGO 11:00	3 House Committee 6:00	4 SAL Meeting 6:00	5	6 Texas Hold'em 7:00	7	8
9 Junior Auxiliary Meeting	10	11 Veterans Day Ceremony 11:00 Rusty Parker Park Veterans Appreciation Dinner 6:00	12 Auxiliary Birthday Party 5:30	13 Texas Hold'em 7:00	14	15 Hunter's Breakfast 4:00 – 11:00 a.m.
16	17	18	19	20 Texas Hold'em 7:00	21	22
23	24	25	26 Legion Riders 5:30 E-Board Meeting 6:30	27 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Post Closed	28 \$20 dinner raffle 6:30	29
30						

DECEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 House Committee 6:00	2 SAL Meeting 6:00	3	4 Texas Hold'em 7:00	5	6 Children's Christmas Party 10:00
7 Guards Christmas Party	8	9	10 Legion & Auxiliary Meetings 7:00	11 Texas Hold'em 7:00	12	13
14 BINGO 11:00	15	16 <i>Hanukkah</i>	17 Pack meeting 5:00- 8:00	18 Texas Hold'em 7:00	19 Bartender's Christmas Party 5:30 Dinner & gifts to follow	20
21 Junior Auxiliary meeting	22	23	24 Legion Riders 5:30 E-Board Meeting 6:30	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Post Closed	26	27
28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>			

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JANUARY 2015

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

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