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Post 59 American Legion Family

Waterbury, Vermont

February, March, April 2018

COMMANDER

Happy New Year Everyone.
Hope you all have an awesome 2018.

I want to send a big thank you to everyone for all the help I get. You're all the best and I couldn't do it without you. And thank you to our members who support us.

The Club is busy -- we're playing red neck horseshoes on Monday nights. Our meeting night is the second Wednesday night of the month at 7 pm at the Post. Come on down and visit.

We're doing a \$20 dinner for two in January on the 28th -- followed by a movie. Come in for a good meal and enjoy a movie. February 24th is our Legion birthday party. We're doing a buffet dinner and a band after the meal (free food and music.) Please join us.

February 4th is Super Bowl party downstairs, and there is a football pool up on the wall. February 18th is the Daytona race party. February 3rd is the ladies Aux Sox Hop. February 10th is the Rotary Pie For Breakfast upstairs. March 17th is our Corned Beef and Cabbage St. Patrick's Day party



with a band playing that night.
April 28th is our Legion Calcutta.

A few things we've done this year: two scholarships for college, four kids to conservation camp, four Blood Drives, and sponsored the Cub Scouts and

Boy Scouts troops. We've held Memorial Day services, Veterans Day services, participated in the Fourth of July parade, held the Post picnic, the 9/11 Remembrance ceremony, and the Bartender's Christmas party. There are a lot more programs that we've donated to -- the library, Veterans home, schools, etc.

We couldn't do all this without the support we get from members of the Post and members of the community. **THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING US HELP OTHERS.**

For God and Country,
Commander Michael

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

Winter is in full swing, and the big holidays are behind us. It was a great fall with a fun Halloween dance, a well attended Veterans Day event, and several events through Christmas and New Years. We hope that you had a chance to get out and enjoy the Legion Family get-togethers, and make sure you check out the great events planned for winter and beyond. This is your Post, and we always strive to provide services and events that benefit you. As always, if you have

For God, Country and our Veterans

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

Membership year 2017 is officially closed and the push to get members paid for membership year 2018 is over halfway with a current paid membership of 170, which put us at 76% towards our quota of 224 for the year. This number includes our 9 paid up for life members and our 70 honorary lifetime members, so we ask those remaining 54 people to consider renewing soon. The next round of renewal notices will be going out soon from national, and I know how we all hate those nasty grams that show up in our mailboxes. We have had 24 members renew online, so we are within 5 of beating the 29 that renewed this

SOCK HOP

Saturday, February 3rd

Doors open at 6:00
Dancing from 7:00 to 11:00
with

DON SACHETTE, DJ

50s – 70s music
Be there or be square!

Ticket \$10

The Post 59 Malt Shop will be open with burgers, dogs, fries, corn chowder, shakes and cookies for sale.

Proceeds support the Auxiliary Scholarships and Programs

way for 2017. We have also signed up 3 new members this year, so thank you for bringing in your friends and neighbors.

Now that school is back in session it is time to think about the scholarship opportunities from the American Legion. We awarded two scholarships last year, but unfortunately did not give out the Rick Gray Award, which would have awarded \$250 to a graduating senior based on need, as we did not have any applicants! If you have high school age students in your family, then help them apply for Boy's State, Girl's State, the Oratorical Contest, scholarships (which award from \$500 to \$1,500), and Law Order Cadet. Contact me at the below email address to get applications, and don't let these scholarships go unclaimed!

2018 is off to a great start, and I very much appreciate every member of this organization. Please remember those who are fighting illness or have recently lost a loved one. Stay in touch, and let us know if your address has changed or you would like to hear from us in a different format. If you haven't done so, then please sign up for our electronic version of this newsletter by sending an email to legionpost59vt@googlegroups.com or chriswood0869@gmail.com. Things can change fast, and we don't want you to miss anything going on at your Post! See you there.

For God and Country,
Chris Wood, Adjutant
chriswood0869@gmail.com

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

Saturday, March 17th
Dinner 6:00
Tickets \$15

LEGION RIDERS

Holy snow and subfreezing artic cold batman! Winter is upon us, and motorcycle rides are but the things we dream about after we turn in after a long evening of shoveling snow. Hopefully the riders out there got some good riding trinkets for Christmas, and you have many things to look forward to in the spring. In the meantime, come on out and support the Legion Riders as we put on some events at the Post to help us get through the doldrums. If you ride a motorcycle and haven't joined us yet, then now is the time to become a Legion Rider.

One of the highlights of the fall for the riders was the Halloween party on October 27th. Thanks to the many people that showed up, and we were very entertained by some of the costumes. Congratulations to Post Commander Mike for winning the costume contest, and we appreciate the genie staying in the bottle until after you left! The band was great, and many people stayed and danced into the night. It was a great night with spooky fun had by all.

The next event on the calendar for us is a dinner and a movie, which will likely happen before

we are able to get this newsletter out. We will let you know how it goes! Interested in becoming a Legion Rider? Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 6 pm just before Post meetings. We focus on safe riding practices and comradery and not on long distances or extended trips. The more members we have, the more we can do for local programs and the veterans that benefit from these programs.

If you would like to be a member of the Legion Riders Group, then contact me at 802-793-4904, e-mail chriswood0869@gmail.com, or visit us at Post 59.

Chris Wood, President
Legion Riders

*American Legion & Sons of
the American Legion*

BIRTHDAY DINNER & Band

Saturday, February 24th

5:00 Social ~ 6:00 Buffet

SERVICE OFFICER

THE QUESTION

If a veteran is under age 65 and therefore without Medicare Plan A, but does have VA health care, would the VA pay for an ambulance and local non-VA hospitalization?

The answer is YES, if the reason for the ambulance and hospitalization is life-

threatening, such as a stroke or heart attack.

If a veteran under age 65 does NOT have VA health care, but is eligible, the VA would consider the situation. However, there is no assurance of coverage.

Some veterans are not required to enroll including veterans with a service-connected disability of 50% or more; veterans seeking care for a disability the military determined was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, but which the VA has not yet rated within 12 months of discharge; veterans seeking care for a service-connected disability only and veterans seeking registry examinations.

All veterans should apply for VA health care even if they are covered otherwise or not eligible, so they have an official determination of their status. Medicare Plan A (hospitalization) is currently (Jan. 2018) automatic for US citizens based on work history at age 65. Plan B is optional (out-patient visits.)

ENROLLEMENT

For most veterans, entry into the VA health care system begins by applying for enrollment. Veterans can apply by telephone (1-866-687-8387) or online (www.1010ezmed.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez). The correct form to apply is VA Form 1010ez.

For God and Country,

Sam Miller, Service Officer
Telephone: (802) 244-1484
LSamMiller1@gmail.com

Medals for Vermont Veterans

Just a brief reminder that the State of Vermont has two medals for Veterans or current members of the Guard and Reserves.

The Vermont Veterans Medal is for Honorable service and the Vermont Distinguished Service Medal is for service in combat theater.

These medals are authorized by the Vermont General Assembly.

They are made to the standard military specifications as all US military medals. They are also available for your deceased Veterans.

The address for the application form is below. The web site is veterans.vermont.gov/ under the benefits section.

<http://veterans.vermont.gov/site/ova/files/documents/Form%20-%20Medal%20Application%20fillable.pdf>

Gene Sweetser, Post 59

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello Squadron and Post 59 Family. Welcome to 2018.

Although it's a tad COLD outside our Post is just warming up for our new year.

LEGION CALCUTTA

Saturday April 28th

Cocktails 5:00
Dinner 6:00
Raffle follows

Contact the Post 244-8144
for more information

Updated Officer changes as of December 5th, 2017:

Commander – Tom Burrows

1st Vice – David “Road”
Lowell

2nd Vice – Don Gile
(to be installed)

Adjutant – Mathew Commo
(Installed)

Finance – Gary Cromie –
Interim

Sergeant At Arms – Paul West

Chaplain – David “Wilbur”
Wright

Historian – Bryan Farnsworth
(Installed)

Advisor – Gary Cromie

We are thankful that we have 3 SAL members that have stepped up to assist our Squadron through leadership and administrative duties.

- Once again Don Gile has stepped forward to fulfill the 2nd Vice Commander role.
- Mathew Commo has stepped forward accepting the Squadrons Adjutant role.
- Bryan Farnsworth has stepped forward accepting the Historian’s role.

Gary Cromie continues to support our Squadron by fulfilling the open Finance role and Chris

Wood is continues to assist in membership and transitioning these duties to our new Adjutant, whilst our Post Commander Mike Freedom has been all encompassing in assisting our Squadron.

All in all, your Squadron Officers are as much proud as we are thankful for the guidance and assistance our Legion Officers continue to give us by stepping in and helping through Squadron vacancies. All functions have been maintained and transitions are in progress. **THANK YOU, GENTLEMAN!**

Moving ahead, we are looking for a turnout at this year’s Mid-Winter Convention in Bennington. This will be on Saturday January 27th, 2018. The SON’s will meet in the “Crisp Room” at the Veterans Home again this year. We would love to see more members this year at the mid-winter event and spending time with your veterans between sessions at our state’s Veterans Home.

Membership for 2018 – a quick look where we are for Squadron 59 in District 3.

Squad/ Location	Target	2018	% Target	New M’brs
3 Montpelier	119	96	80.67	7
10 Barre	143	90	62.94	1
59 Waterbury	164	82	50.00	7
63 Northfield	86	40	46.51	2
Total	512	308	60.16	17

To All SAL members - from State Detachment:

- 2018 Memberships are past due. Members that have not

paid are no longer in good standing and past the grace period (ended December 31st). Please note their membership has expired. Your Adjutant and/or 1st Vice Commander should notify bartenders (if applicable).

- 2019 membership dues will go out in July 2018 and it is requested to renew by Veterans Day at the latest.
- All updated forms and information are located on www.salvermont.com website.

Reminder to Post ALL 59 members: If you have friends and family that are not members that want to come in the Post and partake in events and the community camaraderie, they do not have to be members to come in. HOWEVER, if they are eligible to be a Legionnaire, Auxiliary, or Squadron member, they can come in once and then are expected to apply for membership to continue be able to come in the Post at any time. All are welcome. Those eligible need to sign on for membership after the first visit. PLEASE share this information with non-members as they are welcome to our Post House.

SAL dues have not changed for 2018. \$22 for Squadron membership, \$10 for Junior members (15 yrs old and under), and \$10.00 for dual membership.

For all you Legionnaire members eligible for squadron membership as well, the Son’s encourage you to join on as the

Squadron is a Legionnaire's program, you have voting rights at the meeting, and you are 1st hand supporting the program you created.

**Daytona 500
& Chili Cook-off**
Sunday, February 18th
Chili Cook-off 1:00

Next SAL meeting is at 6:00pm upstairs on February 6th. (Meetings are always the 1st Tuesday of the month at 18:00hrs). If you have interest, please be there. If not, COME ANYWAY! Your ideas and participation are encouraged and are welcomed!!!

For God, Country, our Veterans, our Children and our Community! Bless Us All.

The Sons of Post 59
Squadron Commander Tom

AUXILIARY

Hello Ladies,

Thanks everyone for bringing food for the Food Shelf – they were very grateful for your generosity! And thanks too for your support for the Veterans Gift Shops at the Veterans Hospital in White River Junction and the Bennington Home.

At our Birthday Party in November we heard from award recipients and held our Past

Presidents Parlay. Thanks to the Legion and Sons for a great dinner and the gifts, which will help us support our veterans and community.

In December we held our children's Christmas party. They had lots of refreshments, cookies to decorate, coloring books to color, and time to just play with other children. I personally want to thank Matthew Commo for coming to our rescue and being our Santa. The children were very happy to see you, and I received a lot of praise from the mothers. I also want to thank Kathy Cromie for decorating -- you did a great job – and thanks to Marana Allen, Loleta Perry, Becky Jones, Shirley Dow, and Patricia Sherman for helping to make the children's party such a success. I couldn't have done it without your help!

Paint & Sip

Join us in sipping while painting a beautiful scene of Burlington Bay.
Cost \$40 per person
(includes all painting materials.)
Cash bar available.

Sunday, February 11th
2:00 – 4:00

(Minimum 10 – Maximum 25)
Register and pay your Post
Bartender by Friday,
February 2nd.

Our annual Sock Hop is Saturday February 3rd. We're going to have a DJ this year and I

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 4th
Munchies 3:00

have heard lots of good things about him. Please come out and support your Auxiliary and shake a leg or two (LOL).

Look for our 3rd annual membership raffle this spring (yes, there will be spring) and remember you're welcome at our meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00.

Stay safe and warm in this winter weather of Vermont.

For God and Country,
Wanda Woodard,
President, Unit 59

FROM THE BAR....

Happy New Year! 2017 was a great one, so let's continue to improve and make 2018 even better.

We have lots of new and exciting events coming up, so check your attached calendar and we hope to see you here! Again, thanks for all the wonderful support!

Thanks,
Your friendly Post 59 Staff

~ *Help us honor and
serve Veterans* ~



POST 59 AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

**IN MEMORY
POST EVERLASTING 2017**

Here we honor the memory of our members who have gone before and remember their service to our nation, veterans, family, and community. Because of them we, and our world, have been blessed.

LEGION

Member	Years of Membership	Branch of Service	Era
Robert D. Bragg	25	US Army	Korea
Wendell A. Douglas	29	US Army	Vietnam
Alton D. Gardner	44	US Army	Vietnam
Paul H. Gibbs	25	US Army	Korea
Lynn G. Lewis Jr.	36	US Army	Korea
Edward E. Steele	26	US Army	Korea

AUXILIARY

Member	Years of Membership
Catherine Catchpaw	20
Karen Fleming	8/1
Helen Hickory	65
Elva Martin	22
Geneva Morse	67
Mariana Town	45
Jeanette Westover	28



POST 59 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Texas Hold'em 7:00	2 <i>Ground Hog Day</i>	3 Sock Hop 7:00
4 Super Bowl Party 3:00	5 Redneck Horseshoes 6:00	6 SAL Meeting 6:30 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	7	8 Texas Hold'em 7:00	9	10 Rotary Pie-For-Breakfast
11 Paint & Sip 2:00 – 4:00	12 Redneck Horseshoes 6:00	13 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> Legion Riders 6:00 Legion & Auxiliary 7:00	15 Texas Hold'em 7:00	16	17
18 Daytona Race & Chili Cook-Off 1:00	19 <i>Presidents' Day</i> Redneck Horseshoes 6:00	20 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	21	22 Texas Hold'em 7:00	23	24 Legion Birth-Day Party 6:00
25	26 Redneck Horseshoes 6:00	27 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	28 E-Board Meeting 6:30			

MARCH 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Texas Hold'em 7:00	2	3
4	5	6 SAL Meeting 6:30 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	7	8 Texas Hold'em 7:00	9	10
11	12	13 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	14 Legion Riders 6:00 Legion & Auxiliary 7:00	15 Texas Hold'em 7:00	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Band 6:00
18	19	20 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	21	22 Texas Hold'em 7:00	23 Blood Drive 10:00 - 3:00	24
25	26	27 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	28 E-Board Meeting 6:30	29 Texas Hold'em 7:00	30	31

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APRIL 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Easter</i> Post Closed	2	3 SAL Meeting 6:00 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	4	5 Texas Hold'em 7:00	6	7
8	9	10 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	11	12 Texas Hold'em 7:00	13	14
15 Fiddlers 11:00	16	17 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	18 Legion Riders 6:00 Legion & Auxiliary 7:00	19 Texas Hold'em 7:00	20	21
22	23	24 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	25 E-Board Meeting 6:30	26 Texas Hold'em 7:00	27	28 Legion Calcutta 5:00
29	30					

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