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Post 59 American Legion Family

Waterbury, Vermont

May, June, July 2018

COMMANDER

Hi Everyone,

This year has flown by. It's time to think of voting in new officers for next year. We'll be voting in the May meeting, and anyone who would like to run for an office can put their name in the running. There is a sign up sheet at the Legion or you can show up at the May meeting – Wednesday the 9th at 7:00 -- and run.

Here are a few of the events coming up in the next few months:

- Memorial Day, Monday May 28th. We'll have ceremonies at three cemeteries with lunch to follow at the Post.
- Flag Day, June 14, ceremony and proper disposal of flags that are no longer serviceable. You can drop flags off at the Post or at the ceremony.
- Dinner and Installation of officers (Legion, SAL & Auxiliary) Wednesday June 13th.
- State Convention June 22, 23 in Rutland.
- NQID Parade, Saturday June 30th.



Check with the Post (244-8144) closer to the date for more information about these events and others that aren't ready to be listed yet.

I hope everyone has a good spring and safe summer. And I would like to thank everyone for the support you've given me and the Legion family.

For God and Country,
Michael Freedom, Commander

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

We are hopeful that spring is around the corner, and we are rolling into the busy season for your legion and the community around us.

It was an eventful winter with great dinners, a movie get-together, and a fun St. Patrick's Day party. 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 this spring and beyond. This is your Post, and we always strive to

For God, Country and our Veterans

provide services and events that benefit you. As always, if you have 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.

Election of officers is in May, and we would love to see some new faces in some of these positions. Stop by the Post to make nominations or let us know that you would like to fill a position.

We are in the final push for membership year 2018 to hit our quota before the convention in June. Current paid membership is at 204, which put us at 91% towards our quota of 224 for the year, so we are only 20 renewals away from hitting quota! Every member can play a part in keeping our membership strong, so please check with your friends and stop by the Post to see who is on the list. Sometimes just a personal reminder that dues need to be paid is all it takes to keep someone current. We have had 36 members renew online, so we have crushed the 29 that renewed this way for 2017. A new record! We have also signed up 3 new members this year, so thank you for bringing in your friends and neighbors.

We continue to struggle with

applications for 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!

American Legion, Auxiliary & Sons of the American Legion

**DINNER
& INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS**

Wednesday, June 13th

Contact the Post
244-8144 for times.

We have a strong organization, and I very much appreciate every member of this Post. 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@googlegroup.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

LEGION RIDERS

Wanted -- little furry rodent that claimed there was only six weeks of winter left. Man was he wrong! Our Road Captain, John Christian, had planned a ride for the beginning of April, but it is on hold until the weather improves. If you haven't got your motorcycle out yet, then make sure it is all charged up and the tires are full so you can take advantage of the next nice day. 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 "April Showers." 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 winter for the riders was the

St. Patrick's Day party in March. Thanks to the many people that showed up, and we were very entertained by some of the "Irish" attire. The corn beef and cabbage were excellent, and the Irish whisky flowed aplenty. The band was great, and many people stayed and danced into the night. It was a great night with leprechaun fun had by all. We also held a dinner and a movie over the winter, and everyone in attendance enjoyed the politically incorrect comedy "Blazing Saddles." We look forward to holding another one of these events soon.

**Red Cross
BLOOD DRIVE**

Friday, May 25th
Friday, August 10th

10:00 – 3:00
At the Post

In other news, I have been elected Sergeant at Arms for the State Legion Riders group. I look forward to doing charity work at the state level and advancing American Legion programs throughout the State. 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

SERVICE OFFICER

Change at the VA

Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin resigned on Wednesday, April 4th and the President announced his intent to nominate the White House physician, Admiral Ronny Jackson, to fill the post and ending weeks of speculation about when the embattled cabinet official would leave the administration. Admiral Jackson has been the personal physician for Presidents Obama and Trump but lacks experience administering a large government agency and Veterans Affairs is the second largest in the Federal Government. The Secretary of the VA is a member of the President's cabinet.

Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

Parents' Dependency and Indemnity Compensation is a tax free income-based monthly benefit for the

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Monday May 28th

Ceremonies at 3 cemeteries
Lunch afterwards at the Post

Contact the Post 244-8144
for locations and times.

parent(s) of military Service members who died in the line of duty or Veterans whose death resulted from a service-related injury or disease.

Eligibility

Be the parent(s) of a military Service member who died in the line of duty or a Veteran who died of a service-related injury or disease. The term "parent" includes: Biological, Adoptive, and Foster parents.

A foster parent is a person who stood in the relationship of a parent to the Veteran for at least one year before the Veteran's last entry into active service.

The surviving parent(s) must have an income below a limit established by law. The current limit can be found on the Parents DIC table page.

Evidence Required

The evidence submitted with the claim must show:

1. The Service member died from an injury or disease

while on active duty or in the line of duty while on active duty for training.
OR

2. The Service member died from an injury or certain diseases in the line of duty while on inactive duty training. OR
2. The Veteran died from an injury or disease deemed to be related to military service.

How to Apply

1. Complete VA Form 21-535, Application for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation by Parent(s) (Including Accrued Benefits and Death Compensation when Applicable) and mail to the Pension Management Center that serves your state OR
2. Work with an accredited representative or agent OR go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you.

For God and Country,

Sam Miller, Service Officer
Telephone: (802) 244-1484
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RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Shirley and Dave Dow ran another successful blood drive this past 23 March,

adding 25 units to the blood supply. Thank you for covering during my absence.

Future drives are Friday May 25th, and Friday Aug 10th.

The total number of units for the prior 12 months is 142 units. Thank you all for the hard work this past year -- Loleta Perry, Tammy Bedell, Scott Woodard and especially your cleaning staff who have always ensured the hall was spic and span clean.

Gene Sweetser, Post 59
Red Cross Blood Drive
Coordinator

FLAG DAY **Thursday June 14th**

Ceremony at
Rusty Parker Park

Bring flags to the Post
Or to the Park

Contact the Post 244-8144
for more information

AUXILIARY

Hello Ladies,
This will be my last newsletter. It's been fun getting to know all of what we do together as a Unit and Family of American Legion, SAL and Riders, for our Veterans and our

Auxiliary Dues

We have to raise our senior dues to \$30 after June convention, and the Junior membership dues will be \$6.

Our Standing rule #6 states:

"The annual Senior membership dues of this Unit shall be based on the money required by the Department of Vermont and National plus \$6.00 (six dollars) for Unit #59 to be placed into the General Fund."

community.

Our Unit had a Sock Hop in February and those that came -- including a couple of Veterans -- had a great time. I wanted to thank Kathy Cromie, Bella Freedom, Betty Jones, Marana Allen, Becky Jones, Etola & Jim Salmon, Shirley Dow, Mary Grace, Arlis Fuglie and everyone else for food, donations, and making it happen. A special thank you to our DJ Don Sackett -- he did a great job!

In March Shirley and Dave Dow ran another successful Red Cross blood drive, adding 25 units to the blood supply. Thank you also goes out to Tammy Bedell and Scott Woodard along with our Historian, Loleta Perry.

We drew the winners of our Membership Raffle at our

April meeting and the cash winners were:

- Amy Marshall (\$353.50)
- Tippy Lumbra (\$101)
- Marsha Guyette (\$50.50)

....and the winners of paid 2019 dues were:

- Bethany Freedom
- Bernice Cameron
- Josette White Metayer
- Rani Gray

Congratulations, and thank you to all our members who participated!

May is poppies month, and Lillian Perry is the chair-person again this year. I hope all who want to help have a chance, and if you know a child that wants to do poppy poster, please don't hesitate to call Lillian. May is also time for elections, and anyone wants to run in office please come to the meeting. It's the best experience for anyone.

Flag Day is in June, and our

installation of officers. At the end of June is Not Quite Independence Day and the state Convention, always a good time for our community. In July the Fiddlers will be here at the Legion – always a great turn out.

Have a safe summer.

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

POST 59 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 <i>May Day</i> SAL Meeting 6:00 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	2	3 Texas Hold'em 7:00	4	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>
6	7	8 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	9 Legion Riders 6:00 Legion & Auxiliary 7:00	10 Texas Hold'em 7:00	11	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	16	17 Texas Hold'em 7:00	18	19 <i>Armed Forces Day</i>
20	21	22 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	23 E-Board Meeting 6:30	24 Texas Hold'em 7:00	25 Blood Drive 10:00-3:00	26
27	28 <i>Memorial Day</i> Memorial Day Ceremonies Lunch at Post	29 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	30	31		

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JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 SAL Meeting 6:00 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	6	7 Texas Hold'em 7:00	8	9
10	11	12 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	13 Installation of Officers Dinner	14 <i>Flag Day</i> Flag Ceremony & Disposal Rusty Parker Park Texas Hold'em 7:00	15	16
17 <i>Father's Day</i>	18	19 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	20	21 Texas Hold'em 7:00	22 State Convention, Rutland	23 State Convention, Rutland
24	25	26 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	27 E-Board Meeting 6:30	28 Texas Hold'em 7:00	29	30 <i>Not Quite Independence Day</i>

JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 SAL Meeting 6:00 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	4 <i>Independence Day</i>	5 Texas Hold'em 7:00	6	7
8 The Fiddlers	9	10 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	11 Legion Riders 6:00 Legion & Auxiliary 7:00	12 Texas Hold'em 7:00	13	14
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**The American Legion:
PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**FOR GOD AND COUNTRY WE ASSOCIATE OURSELVES TOGETHER
FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:**

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

To make right the master of might;

To promote peace and goodwill on earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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