
Harry N. Cutting Post 59 American Legion Family

Waterbury, Vermont

August, September, October 2018

COMMANDER

Hi Everyone,

Thanks everyone for a good year. Your support is what keeps our Legion going.

Welcome to the officers for this year, you're the engine that keeps us going.

Commander ...

Mike Preedom

First Vice Commander ...

Wayne Goulet

Second Vice Commander

Scott Woodard

Adjutant ... Chris Wood

Finance Officer ...

Gary Cromie

Sergeant-At-Arms ...

Butch Allen

Chaplain ... Ted Carminati

Historian ... Lester Ayers

Service Officer ...

Sam Miller

Members at Large ...

Alonzo Perry, John Farley

Thanks go out to last year's officers -- you all did a great job.

This year we have a lot happening; please come out and support the Legion.



We've done a lot last year and are planning on a lot for this year. A big thank you to our Color Guard and Firing Squad for their participation in the 4th of July parade ... and thank you to those

members that walked and passed out flags. to those members that walked and passed out flags.

Thank you bartenders – you're awesome. You all do so much for this Legion and our veterans. We couldn't do it with out you.

If you have event ideas or things you would like the Legion to do, please send us your ideas. And ... we're always looking for volunteers .

Thanks.

For God and Country,
Michael Preedom, Commander

ADJUTANT'S NOTES

I hope everyone is staying cool as we fly through the busy days of summer. The Calcutta's and other raffles have kept everyone busy with activity and hopes of winning "The Big One." 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 fall and beyond. This is your Post, and we always strive to provide services and events that benefit you. As

For God, Country and our Veterans

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.

Thank you to all the officers that stepped up or continued in May to serve for the 2018-2019 period. A big welcome to Wayne Goulet as First Vice Commander.

Although you can continue to renew for 2018, our focus now goes to membership year 2019. The final report for 2018 showed us at 213 which put us at 95% towards our quota of 224 for the year, so we missed it by 11! The 2019 membership year is off to a strong start. The cards for our 70 HLM have been sent out, and welcome William Guyette, Brent Dolloff, Peter Ferrell, and Roy Marshall to this distinguished list. 12 people have already renewed online, and we have also had 23 members renew via mail or at the Post. Thank you!

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

25th annual
**STEAK & LOBSTER
FEED**

Saturday September 8th

Steak \$20
Steak & Lobster \$35
Lobster \$22
Twin Lobster \$36

Includes entrée, steamers, corn, salad, baked potato, and rolls.

Tickets are available at the Post -- 244-8144 and must be paid in advance.

**Ticket deadline is Wednesday
September 5th**

Cocktails at 5:00
Dinner at 6:00

Dancing to follow with the John Lackard Band
Cover \$5 after 7:00

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!

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@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

LEGION RIDERS

Many people will debate what the greatest time of year is, but for a rider, this is it. Warm days and mild evenings are perfect for using two wheels to get where you are going. It has been a busy summer for the riders group, and we have had several great rides this year. There is nothing like a great cause to get people together and work towards a common goal. If you ride a motorcycle and haven't joined us yet, then now is the time to become a Legion Rider.

We started off the summer with Memorial Day, and several of us took part in a ride down to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Sharon. We then rode to the Veterans cemetery for a brief ceremony. We finished off by stopping in Williamstown for some food and comradeship. We had several shorter trips through June and July as we combined our meeting nights with trips to local posts as if we needed an excuse to ride somewhere. It has been a good summer for riding, and we tried to take advantage of every nice day possible.

Our big ride for this year was a poker run of local waterfalls. We started out at Post 59 headed south to Moss Glen Falls in Granville, and we then went up and over the mountains to get to Bristol Falls with a quick stop at the Bristol Legion to say hi and use their facilities. The last waterfall stop was at the bottom of the Bolton Potholes before heading back east to finish off back at Post 59 with grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, and Fluffy's famous macaroni and cheese. A big thank you goes out to John and Wanda for organizing, the Montpelier and Barre riders for their participation, and the other members of the Legion Family at Post 59 for their support. Thanks also goes out to the Cromies, the Carminatis, and the Shermans

for taking one for the team and sitting by a waterfall on a hot summer day to pass out playing cards to the participants. The event raised \$400 for the legacy scholarship fund, and was a huge success.

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

Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, October 5th
Friday, December 7th

10:00 – 3:00
At the Post

SERVICE OFFICER

If Eligible for VA Health Care Do You Also Need Medicare?

The short answer is “no”. You must be age 65 or older to be eligible for Medicare and there is no age requirement for VA Health Care. There are requirements for VA Health Care, but rather than worry or wonder what these are, every veteran should apply and let the VA

decide if the veteran qualifies.

VA Health Care does not have deductibles or co-pays but it does have income limitations and these may trigger co-pays for veterans whose income is above the VA maximum. VA Health Care does require veterans use VA facilities.

However, if an emergency requires hospitalization at a local hospital, the VA **must** be notified within 24 hours.

Also, a veteran may have both VA Health Care and Medicare at the same time, presumably using the VA for prescription drugs, which are usually less expensive, though costs should be compared. This arrangement would also permit using a local hospital, which may be closer to home than a VA facility.

The toll-free number for the VA in White River Junction, VT is 1-866-687-8381. Call to apply For Health Care!

Medicare has an annual deductible for Part B (doctor office visits etc.) Part A (hospitalizations etc.) has no deductible, but Medicare pays 80% and patients pay 20% of costs if the provider accepts Medicare. Vermont providers who accept Medicare agree not to charge more than the Medicare rate. Be sure to check with your

providers regarding whether or not they accept Medicare.

For God and Country,

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

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

With today's blood drive in the books we have collected 59 donations since our March drive. The next drive is Friday October 5th and the following drive will be Friday December 7th. Thanks to Loleta Perry, Tammy Bedell, Scott Woodard and especially your cleaning staff Chris Cummings who have always ensured the hall was spic and span clean. Shirley Dow visited with us today as she will be taking over my position starting in 2019.

The Red Cross is very pleased that your Post has consistently provided a clean comfortable place for them to use.

Thank you
Gene Sweetser, Post 59
Red Cross Blood Drive
Coordinator

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello Squadron and Post 59 Family,

Here we are again flying through summer and prepping for an active Fall season at the Post.

As life has it, we've had a change in Squadron Officers again. Life is full of turns, priorities and commitments that sometimes spread many of us too thin to fully engage even when desiring to do so. We all must find that balance. I thank our volunteers, our Commanders Buffer and Don, for stepping up, contributing and stepping aside to ensure continuity through this year's session. What a great kick off so far! Thank you, gents! Focus continues to be on the Post and Squadron priorities, that of supporting our veterans, our youth and our community.

Below is our current active officer list. We surely would like a few volunteers to step up and support our Post and the American Legion, support what it does for this country and the communities across our great nation. Please give it a try.

Updated Officer changes as of August 1st, 2018.

Our SAL 2018–2019 Officers
Commander ... **Open**
1st Vice ... Clement "Topo"
Despault
2nd Vice **Open**
Adjutant ... Mathew Commo
Finance ... Michael Woodard
(Gary Cromie, interim)

Sergeant At Arms ...

Paul West

Chaplain ... David "Wilbur"

Wright

Historian ... **Open**

Advisor ... Gary Cromie

Fundraisers are without question a huge part of the American Legion Nationwide. We too continue to fundraise to be able to deliver support for all the activities the Auxiliary, Legion, Riders, and Squadron of our great Post commit to.

This July your Squadron officers and Legion members linked with the American Breast Cancer Foundation – VT branch, a.k.a. "Save the Ta Tas," and the Vermont chapter of the Ronald McDonald House. 1st ever Post sponsored event, "Drive for A Life" raffle. The team bought a car, stripped and readied it at the hands of Topo Despault and his family shop, and the winner of a \$5 raffle ticket got to strap in and DRIVE!! Yep, a \$5 win and you show to the track and race the Enduro. Our lucky winner was tearing through the course until a *tad bit* of shrapnel took out the radiator hose and oil pan! But what the heck, a \$5 purchase, a heck of a ride and well over \$3,000 raised to go to the Breast Cancer foundation and our local Ronald MacDonald house to support those in the very situations none of us want to endure. Great idea, great cause, and great results

all in just over a months' time. We hope you saw our Post car, #59, prior to its August 5th debut at Thunder Road, or perhaps along Rte 2 at the Flea Market. We too thank all who helped get this event off the ground by working behind the scenes or through buying tickets but working together. A great idea, and a new idea from new blood in the ranks of our officers again.

Did we mention we have officer openings . . .

Our next Squadron Fundraising event speaks for itself as we go into this great evening for the 11th year. We hope to see you there.

**11th annual
SON'S OF THE AMERICAN
LEGION
Squadron 59**

**Vacation Get-A-Way
REDNECK
Extravaganza.**

1st Prize: Pick your destination "All inclusive trip". The package value is \$4,000 (or cash out at \$3,500.)

2nd Prize: \$300 cash

3rd Prize: \$200 cash

Only 250 tickets to be sold. Donations \$40 per ticket. (admits 2)

Saturday September 29th
at the Waterbury American Legion Post 59

Get together at 6:30
Drawing around 8:30
With a live band, great food, a 50/50 raffle, and come dressed in your REDNECK attire and win a prize!

You can buy a \$2 chance to win a \$40 Vacation-Get-A-Way ticket for the main drawing. See your Post Bartender.

"For our Veteran & Children & Youth Programs" Still Serving America.

Raffle Coordinators ~ Topo Despault, Wilbur Wright.
Post 244-8144. Squadron 59,
16 Stowe Street, Post Office Box 417, Waterbury VT 05676.

Something Special . . .

An item a little less known about, but to be very obvious to all of us in the Waterbury area is coming to final fruition. The Squadron and Post made a handsome donation to Revitalizing Waterbury in a joint venture to "freshen up" the entry of our village. Above the rotary, the Welcome sign and all the flower beds is our rusted railroad trestle.

Working through the DOT, the railroad and a variety of organizations and contributors, we are happy to say we expect the beautification of this trestle will take place at the end of August. With the help of a

local artist out of Randolph, there will be a Stainless-Steel Train attached to the side of the trestle on the Rotary side. Each car is depicted as a historical building in our Waterbury village and a blazing replica of a waving Old Glory at the end of the train. And in the end, there will be lights behind the train shining through the windows of our great town structures. Keep your eyes open for "The Waterbury Special!"

Thanks for everyone that turned out at the Post Picnic, what a Wonderful day!

Finally, a reminder for 2019 dues – Please if you could, by Veterans day. 11/11/18



SAL Next meeting is at 6:00 p.m. Upstairs on September 4th, the day after Labor Day. (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,
Tom Burrows

AUXILIARY

Hello Ladies,

This is my first newsletter as President of Unit 59. I look forward to working as a unit and family of The American Legion for our Veterans and our Community.

In May our Unit had volunteers out for two days distributing Poppies for donations. It was a success! Thank you to Terri Christie, Sparky Ferris, Alonzo Perry, Don Gile, Etola Salmon, Jim Salmon and Wanda Woodard.

Our officers for the new year were installed in June:

President ... Lillian Perry
1st Vice President ...
Cheryl Dow
Chaplain ... Betty Jones
Sergeant-At-Arms ...
Marana Allen
Treasurer ... Loleta Perry
Historian ... Loleta Perry
Secretary ... Arlis Fuglie
Executive Committee
members ...

Mary Grace,
Bella Freedom,
Wanda Woodard

And congratulations to Pat Sherman who was appointed Department Leadership Chairman at the American Legion Auxiliary Department of Vermont Convention.

A big thanks to Betty Jones – and her crew -- for coordinating the kitchen for the Fiddlers in July. And thank you, Tammy Bedell for passing out flags at the NQID Parade.

There's a lot happening in the next few months.

September - 3rd District Workshop, held at Barre Post 10, September 15th, 10-2. Come out and get involved in our programs.

October - Fall Conference, held at Barre Post 10, October 20. I encourage members to attend and learn what the chairmen have in store for us this year.

November – Our Auxiliary Birthday Dinner November 14th and Past Presidents Parlay. Be sure to bring your items for the Veterans Christmas Shops.

December – Children's Christmas Party, December 8th from 10-12. Sign up your child, grandchild, etc. so they can visit with Santa and

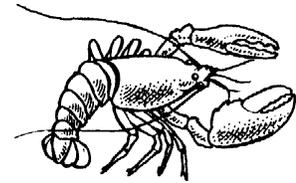
receive a gift.

For God and Country,
Lillian Perry
President, Unit 59

FROM THE BAR....

As our summer has flown by, we want to thank everyone for the support you have shown, especially in helping us raise money to pay for our HLM's. We had a great raffle!

We are gearing up for a super busy fall and winter, so book your events ASAP. Please see your attached calendar of events for potential openings.



With the 25th annual Steak and Lobster feed coming up on September 8th, it is important to get your tickets in advance. This event takes a lot of work and planning, and it's necessary to order the proper amount of food, so the deadline is Wednesday, September 5th. SORRY, NO EXCEPTIONS THIS YEAR!

As always, thank you for your patronage, and we hope to see you soon!

Thanks,
Tammy and the Post 59 Staff

POST 59 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 <i>Labor Day</i>	4 SAL Meeting 6:00 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	5 Ticket Deadline For Steak & Lobster	6 Texas Hold'em 7:00	7	8 Steak & Lobster 5:00
9 Fiddlers	10	11 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	12 Legion Riders 6:00 Legion & Auxiliary 7:00	13 Texas Hold'em 7:00	14	15 Employee Appreciation Day <i>Post Closed</i>
16	17	18 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	19	20 Texas Hold'em 7:00	21	22
23	24	25 Queen of Hearts Drawing 6:30	26 E-Board Meeting 6:30	27 Texas Hold'em 7:00	28	29 Red Neck Extravaganza 6:30
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OCTOBER 2018

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

Check with the Post (244-8144) alpost59@comcast.net or the website (<http://www.alpost59vt.us>) for more information.

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COMING SOON

STEAK & LOBSTER FEED
September 8th – ticket deadline September 5th

VACATION GET-A-WAY REDNECK EXTRAVAGANZA
September 29th