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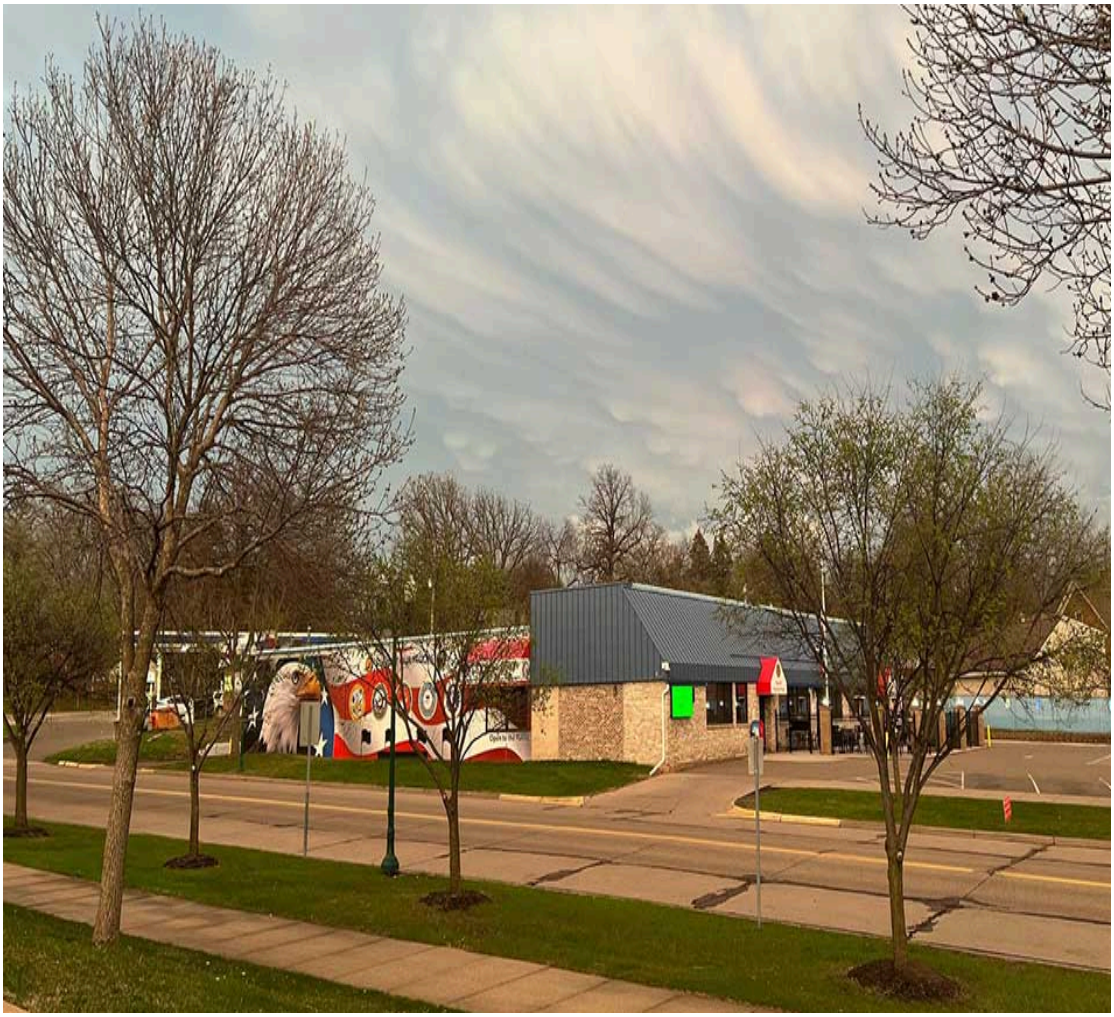
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COMMANDER HARRY JOHNSON

My Fellow Comrades,

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Keep Saturday June 13th in mind for the Flag Disposal Ceremony at Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake in Scandia off Manning Ave. This ceremony is open to the public. If you have not seen a flag disposal ceremony before it is an experience. After the ceremony there will be a potluck luncheon. We could also use a lot of help stacking the flags on Friday June 12th at 2:00 pm. Hope to see you all out for this event.

If you know of anyone that has served or is now serving in any of the armed forces, ask them to sign up and join our family, we are always looking for new members to join,

Come on down to Post 39 and enjoy an item off the new menu while playing bingo. It It's a great way to cool off during the hot nights.

Hope to see you soon

Harry Johnson

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARY KVAAL

Hello everyone,

As it was stated last month, we clearly had a lot going on this month!!

We had our District Conference at our club on May 9th, 2026. Thanks to the help we had from members of all of our families and club members the club sparkled!! Thank you all for coming out to clean.

A nice group of us attended the award reception that MACV had the last week in April. Our member Mary was recognized for all that she does, this was certainly well deserved. The Post 39 Auxiliary also received a certificate recognizing all our generous donations. Thank you, to all of you that participate in our raffles, auctions, and fund-raising events with a very special thank you, to City & County Credit Union for your consistent support!





Memorial weekend was in my opinion a very successful weekend. Sunday our members, Angela Schaffer and Erin Flom walk in a “Rauk Sak Hike”. These two ladies created an Amazon wish list based on the needs at the MN Veterans Food Pantry and they succeeded and carried all in their back packs as well as a wagon full. They happily also donated a $200.00 check to the pantry itself, which I am told will create 12 boxes of nourishment for 12 veterans in need. Thank you ladies for hiking that hike for us and representing us so well. Monday, we shared the spotlight with our NSP VFW and honored our fallen soldiers at 3 cemeteries and at NSP Veterans Park. These ceremonies are so moving both honor guard squads were amazing in their uniforms on a super-hot sunny day! 5 times I made it through Taps with balling like a little girl that dropped her ice cream, just a few tears! I am so proud to be a part of this organization.









Please join us on Sunday, June 7th, from 12-3 to Celebrate the Auxiliary’s 100th Anniversary and America’s 250th birthday. Out theme is Baseball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie, and Chevrolet!! We are having a silent auction featuring 3 corn hole boards that have our individual logos on them. While supplies last there will hot dogs, and apple pie. It is also happy hour all day with our Sunday Funday raffle at 4:00 (you do not need to be present to win).



You are always welcome to watch Facebook for upcoming events: https://www.facebook.com/denise.legion or the 4th District Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1942268503274239/ or log into the North St. Paul legion website https://www.americanlegionnorthstpaul.com/ . If you prefer emails, email me at legionauxiliary39@gmail.com , and I will add you to the list. If you are a “print” or “phone call” type, I can do that as well. Contact me at 651-276-5099.

Thank you for your time today,

. Mary Kvaal

SONS-OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

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The SAL Meetings are held on the third Monday night every other month at 6:30 PM on the following dates:

July 20, 2026
September 21, 2026
November 16, 2026
January 18, 2027 - SAL annual donation planning
March 15, 2027 – Accept officer nominations
May 17, 2027 - Officer Elections

Hope to see you soon

Tom Nagel
tgnagel@gmail.com
Commander, SAL Squadron 39

RIDERS' CORNER

Hello Legion Members,

Volunteers from the Riders, Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL families helped to erect flags to commemorate Memorial Day and our fallen soldiers at Lakeview & Evergreen Cemeteries on May 21st and take down flags on May 26th. We want to thank all of our volunteers this year.

The Memorial Day Cemetery volunteers for flag installation included:

Front Row - Raven Charter, Tammy McNamara, Marge Butler, Patricia Berres, Dick France, Jodi France, Cindy McGee, Glen Richardson, Tom Nagel

Back Row – Dave Christiansen, Erin Flom, Bird Partridge, Angela Schaffer, Jim Green, Leo Bosard and Eric Schaffer –



Volunteers not available for the photo included: Dan Bronk, Mark Giannini, Rick Hall, Harry Johnson, Mickey Ostrum & Noreen Ostrum

The Memorial Day Cemetery volunteers for flag removal included: Randy Bastyr, Leo Bosard, Dave Christiansen, Mark Giannini, Kris Hallis, Steve Hallis, Harry Johnson, Cindy McGee, Tom Nagel, Glen Richardson, Angela Schaffer, and Eric Schaffer

<u>Mark your calendars for these Upcoming Events –</u>

2Wheels4Heroes Ride
Date: June 6, 2026
Time: Registration Begins at 9 AM, Kickstands Up at 11 AM
Location: Isanti VFW, 410 Railroad Ave. SE, Isanti, MN 55040

2nd Annual High Cards 4 Heroes Motorcycle Fun Run
Date: June 6, 2026
Time: Registration Begins at 9 AM
Entry Fee: $25 per rider, $15 per passenger
Location: American Legion Post 98, 328 Broadway Ave., St. Paul Park, MN 55071

27th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
Date: June 7, 2026
Time: Vendors Open at 9 AM, Church Service at 10:30 AM, Blessing of the Bikes at 12:30 PM (Arrive by 12 PM to avoid the overflow line)
Location: Maranatha Church, 24799 Forest Blvd., Forest Lake, MN 55025

Flag Retirement
Date: June 13, 2026
Time: Ceremony – 12 PM, Potluck Lunch – 1 PM, Music – 4 - 8 PM

Location: Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake, 11300 180th St. N., Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047

June Lunch Run
Date: June 17, 2026
Location: Ride from North St. Paul Legion to Forest Lake Legion
Time: Meet at American Legion in North St. Paul at 10:30 AM, Kickstands Up at 11 AM

VA Hospital Visitation
Date: June 21, 2026
Location: Ride from North St. Paul Legion to VA Hospital
Time: Meet at American Legion in North St. Paul at 11:30 AM, Kickstands Up at 12 PM. Arrive at VA Hospital at 12:45 PM. Visit with Veterans from 1 – 2 PM. Ride back to North St. Paul Legion.

Vets Fest 2026
Dates: June 27 & 28, 2026
Time: Gates open at 12 PM both days, with musical performances between 1 – 5 PM
Location: Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter, 8390 Lofton Ave. N., Stillwater, MN 55082

The next Riders' Monthly Meeting will be held on June 11th,

2026 at 5:30 PM. Please join us. Hope to see you then.

Cindy McGee
Riders (Post 39) Secretary



MEMBERSHIP AND ADJUTANT REPORT

Paid 2026 Membership is at 482 members, 32 members short of the goal.

General Membership Meeting of March 12, 2026

1. $500.00 to MN Veterans Food Pantry
2. $500.00 to Church of St Peter
3. $250.00 to North High Graduation
4. $250.00 to North High Choir
5. $1,000.00 to Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake
6. $1,100.00 to Keller Electric for banquet hall outlets
7. $250.00 to AUSM
8. Up to $2,000.00 for the purchase of 4th District Caps for District Officers from Post 39
9. Paying the registration, per diem, and mileage for up to 6 delegates going to the Department Convention
10. To continue the moratorium, for another month on Bar & Hall rent "May 20226"



POST FINANCE

Investments	$94,523.94
CD:	$56,687.42
CD:	$33,099.20
Savings:	$21,475.36
Post Checking:	$11,062.72
Maintenance Checking	$ 6,547.75
Maintenance CD:	$10,336.29

May has closed out rather quickly, and summer temps are trying to take hold now. I have nothing new to report. We've been restocking ball caps for the post, ordered District Caps for our newly elected District Officers, and given out 10 tickets to the ballgame at CHS field for Legion Night on the 22nd of May.

Glen Richardson
Post 39 Finance Officer



BLOOD DRIVE

Upcoming Blood Drive:
Monday, June 8, 2026
1:00 pm-6:00 pm
North St Paul VFW
To make an appointment, use the Red Cross website

Please donate; your blood is continually needed.
Tammy Ryan Co-chair
Joanne Brown Co-chair

BAR AND HALL



Hello everyone. .

With the arrival of June, we welcome back the Friday Bands on the Patio (weather permitting of course). It's a great place to listen to fantastic music, dance, and just unwind after a long week on the job.

If you haven't stopped by to try our new menu items, you're missing out. It's loaded with delicious selections. The giant soft pretzel with cheese sauce is large enough to share. The walleye fingers are my favorite so far. The new Legion burger has also been very popular thus far. Please stop by and sample some of the fantastic new menu choices offered by Chef Matt and crew. You won't be disappointed.

Thursdays from 4 PM to 8 PM are "Double-up for a Buck" nights . . . domestic beer and rail drinks. Sunday is happy hour all day.

So, as you and your friends get together to plan your summer events and outings, consider meeting at your Club 39, and enjoy the service, ice cold beer, and tasty cocktails served up by our friendly staff.

Randy Bastyr
Bar and Hall Chairman

GAMBLING



Gross Receipts	$453,877.81
Prizes Paid	$365,598.65
Net Receipts	$ 88,279.16
Allowable Expenses	$ 43,338.63
Combined Receipts Tax	$ 19,872.06

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

Although the Thursday night seafood raffles and virtual racing have concluded for now, your patronage is vital in helping us stay open, support Veterans and Youth Programs, and maintain a welcoming space for Veterans and community members. We look forward to seeing you soon and appreciate your continued support.

Friday Night Meat Raffles at 4:00 p.m., with tickets starting at $1.00. We will be raffling off roughly 14 packages each week. Virtual Racing starts at 4:00 p.m. during the meat raffle. Tickets are $1.00 each, with multiple payouts ranging from $50 to $500.00.

Don’t forget we have two bingo sessions each week. Tuesday’s session starts at 6 p.m., and on Saturdays, we start at 4 p.m. We have 10 games 3 each session, with the last one being a $1,000 coverall, with a $200 consolation prize if bingo is not reached in the pre-determined number of balls.

We have three cash raffles weekly here at Post 39.

Wednesday is a $5.00 raffle ticket (200 tickets) “Hump Day” which pays out $700.00.

Friday is a $1.00 raffle ticket (800 tickets) “Lucky Buck” which pays out $500.00.

Sunday is a $5.00 raffle ticket (200 tickets) “Sunday-Funday” which pays out $700.00.

We have 4 $1 boxes, 3 $2 boxes, a $5 box, and 12 Etabs with Booty Bingo.

Gambling Manager
Dan Bronk