American Legion Post 39 May 2026

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COMMANDER HARRY JOHNSON

My Fellow Comrades,

It is finally here, nice to see all the greenery and flowers sprouting up all over. Now is the time to clean up all the debris from over the winter months.

Post 39's Baseball team is up and running just waiting for mere spectators to come out and cheer them on. The team schedule will be published soon and be sent out to all members.

At Post 39 we are doing really well and our new kitchen menu just came out with weekly specials, so please come on down and try something out on the new menu. I think you will be very pleased as I was very impressed really with the tasteful items I tried.

At our next meeting we will be voting on our officers for 2026. We would like for everyone to come and show your support. Our membership attendance shows our commitment to our goal. The more members we have means more ways to help our veterans.

We're always looking for new members to assist with our Honor Guard, Casket Guard, Funerals, and Parades. Over half of our team is over 70, so need some young blood to step forward and continue the mission of performing Military Honors. If you are interested, ask someone at the post.

In May we have a lot of events coming up so we are going to be pretty busy. See you at the meeting.

Harry Johnson.

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARY KVAAL

Hello everyone,
May is a busy month for The American Legion Families. We are centered on honoring fallen service members through Memorial Day activities, wearing red poppies, and observing Armed Forces Day. Our legion Auxiliary also has a special event in May. The NSP Auxiliary 39 chapter celebrates 100 years of contributing to our veterans' needs.

The North Saint Paul Auxiliary is part of American Legion Post 39 in North St. Paul, Minnesota. The Auxiliary Unit 39 was officially chartered on May 25, 1926. It formed about 7 years after the post itself (Post 39 was founded in 1919 by World War I veterans).

Early Role.

From the beginning, the Auxiliary consisted largely of spouses, daughters, granddaughters of veterans, and women closely connected to Legion members. All Auxiliaries are now open to male spouses of veterans as well.

We supported the post's mission by assisting veterans and their families, helping with community relief efforts, organizing charitable and patriotic activities, and this is what we continue today.

Over time, the North St. Paul Auxiliary developed its own identity while still supporting the Legion. Its activities have included:
•Sponsoring youth leadership programs like Girls State
•Organizing holiday events (such as children's Christmas parties)
•Supporting local schools (e.g., independent district 622 and others)
•Assisting veteran-focused organizations like the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV)
•Working with VA support centers and community services
These reflect the broader Auxiliary mission statewide and nationally: service to veterans, children, and the community.

We are currently 137 members strong. With the help of all these wonderful, dedicated people and the people of the NSP Legion, in the last year we have donated over $15,000.00 dollars in cash and supplies to multiple organizations. I am so proud to be a part of this group.

As we move through May, please look at our website and Facebook for the events that will be held on Memorial Day. We will be going to four cemeteries and a service at the NSP Memorial wall.

This year we also celebrate America's 250th birthday. The Legion Families will be hosting a celebration for both the anniversary and the birthday on Sunday, June 7th, 2026, from noon until 3. Our theme: baseball, hot dogs, apple pie, and Chevrolet. More details will be posted as we approach the date. We will be serving up those above-mentioned delicacies and hope to have some special guests stop and visit.

Since May is also national Poppy month, I'll give you a little heads up on the topic. The poppy first became a symbol of remembrance following the publication of the 1915 poem In Flanders Fields by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, who noticed the red flowers blooming over the churned-up soil of soldiers' graves in Belgium. We do not ask you to "buy" a Poppy and will happily hand you a Poppy to wear. We will happily take your donation, but we do not ask for it. Millions of red crepe-paper poppies, handmade by veterans as part of their therapeutic rehabilitation, are distributed across the country. Donations go directly to assist veterans in need within our communities.

Key May American Legion Events & Observances
- National Poppy Day (May 23, 2026): Legionnaires distribute poppies to raise donations for veterans, active-duty military, and their families.
- Memorial Day Services (May 25, 2026): Local posts hold ceremonies and parades to honor

fallen heroes.
- Armed Forces Day (May 16, 2026): Celebrated on the third Saturday of May to honor those currently serving.
- American Legion Night at CHS Field (May 22, 2026): Baseball and honor celebration in St. Paul featuring Legion baseball, softball, and veterans.

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

Hello SAL Members!I

It's now May (Yay!) and along with the approach of summer comes Memorial Day weekend at the end of the month. It's an opportunity to honor our military personnel. If you're looking for a way to be involved, we will be installing flags on the Thursday prior to Memorial Day weekend (May 21) and then removing the flags on the Tuesday following Memorial Day (May 26). Please let me know if you would like to participate in either of these opportunities.

May is also the month that we elect our new officers. We will meet and vote on Monday, May 18 at 6:30. We are also still accepting nominations up until we vote that evening. We would love to see you there!

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

May 18, 2026 - Officer Elections
July 20, 2026
September 21, 2026
November 16, 2026
January 18, 2027 - SAL annual donation planning
March 15, 2028 – Accept officer nominations

New Members

Michael A Bonn
David W Cormican
Jeffrey A Henfiksen

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

RIDERS' CORNER

Hello Legion Members,

If you haven't paid your "Rider" dues yet, it is now 2026! They are still only $15.00. You can drop off your "Rider" renewal with a renewal form into the drop box that is currently located by the south door of the bar area. Application/Renewal forms are located right at the drop box. You can also give them to Cindy McGee, Rider's Membership Chairman.

Our next Monthly Legion Riders' meeting will be held on May 14th, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Please join us as we'll be discussing upcoming rides.

Dave Christiansen, Kris Hallis and Steve Hallis spend winters in Arizona and are able to continue riding during the winter season. They met on April 22nd for a 228-mile ride adventure east of Phoenix, Arizona, towards Roosevelt Lake and around Saguaro Lake with a stop at the Roosevelt Marina for lunch. Awesome adventure!



Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events –

18th Annual Joey's Ride
Date: May 16, 2026 (9 AM – 9 PM)
Location: Neumann's Bar, 2531 7th Ave. E.,
North St. Paul, MN 55109

Lakeview & Evergreen Cemeteries – Veterans Gravesites Flag Installation
Date: May 21, 2026 (5 – 7 PM)
Location: Lakeview & Evergreen Cemeteries, Hwy. 120
East County Line & Century College, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

Lakeview & Evergreen Cemeteries – Veterans
Gravesites Flag Removal
Date: May 26, 2026 (5 PM)
Location: Lakeview & Evergreen Cemeteries, Hwy. 120
East County Line & Century College, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

22nd Annual Ride for Wishes
Date: May 30, 2026 (8 AM)
Location: St. Paul Harley-Davidson, 2899 Hudson Blvd. N., St. Paul, MN 55128

27th Annual Blessing of the Bikes
Date: June 7, 2026
Location: Maranatha Church, Forest Lake, MN 55025

2Wheels4Heroes Ride
Date: June 7, 2026
Location: Isanti VFW, 410 Railroad Ave. SE,
Isanti, MN 55040

Stay safe!

Cindy McGee
Riders (Post 39) Secretary



MEMBERSHIP AND ADJUTANT REPORT

Paid 2026 Membership is at 481 members, 33 members short of the goal.

General Membership Meeting of April 9, 2026

1. $200.00 to 934 Annual Family Day
2. $500.00 Harding High School Soccer Team
3. $297.88 to Wooden Sparkles for Legion Plagues
4. $500.00 to Todd Nelson for outstanding volunteering.
5. $100.00 to Ken Gianinni Memorial Donation.(General Fund Account)
6. $200.00 Replacement of Kitchen Salamander.
7. $400.00 New Recycling Bins.
8. $300.00 Replacement of Kitchen Shelf.

May 8, 2026 is the Sons of The American Legion Annual convention at North Saint Paul Post 39. The starting time is 6:00 p.m.

May 9, 2026 is the The American Legion Annual convention at North Saint Paul Post 39. The starting time is 8:00 a.m.
May 14, 2026 is our annual electrons of officers. In order to vote, you must have a current membership card and present it upon check-in to receive a ballot.



POST FINANCE

Investments $90,630.85
CD: $56,506.85
CD: $33,099.20
Savings: $21,474.83
Post Checking: $11,687.06
Maintenance Checking: $6,527.75
Maintenance CD: $10,301.90

April is closing out quickly, and our stock folio will hopefully stabilize should the ceasefire prevail. Our maintenance CD was the last one renewed for another 4 months. I've informed the Commander this will be my last year as the Finance Officer, so if you're good with money management and interested, I would like to show you what's involved. We only write a few checks a month, and make a membership renewal deposit once a month prior to the general membership meeting.

Glen Richardson
Post 39 Finance Officer



BLOOD DRIVE

Tammy Ryan Co-chair and Joanne Brown Co-chair

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. If you donate blood somewhere else, please fill out the blood donation form and send it to the post. There's also forms outside the Commander's Office.



BAR AND HALL

Hello everyone.

The new menu is out, and 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.

As spring brings in the May flowers, Mother's Day, and opener of fishing, don't forget those brave soldiers that gave their all for our freedom. Also, keep all our service men and women that are currently stationed around the globe in your thoughts and prayers.

Thursdays from 4 PM to 8 PM are double-up for a buck…domestic beer and rail drinks. Sunday is happy hour all day. Come in and enjoy the great dishes our Chef will prepare for you.

So, as you and your friends get together and start planning your upcoming 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 $418,730.13
Prizes Paid $347,756.10
Net Receipts $ 70,794.03
Allowable Expenses $ 35,966.51
Combined Receipts Tax $ 21,065.96
Actual Expenses for March 2024

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

We're brainstorming ways to attract more customers to the Legion during the day and would love to hear your ideas! If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see at the Post during the day versus at night, please email me at legion39@comcast.net

We've recently added a virtual racing game to our bingo coverall game. The first column to fill up with numbers determines the winner of the race. This new feature allows us to sell multiple virtual racing games throughout the bingo session, resulting in multiple winners at the end of coverall, with additional payouts up to $500.00 for those who purchase virtual racing tickets.

As we approach the end of the State Calendar year for charitable gaming, I'm projecting that we'll achieve a 4-Star Rating and donate over $40,000 to Veterans causes, scholarships, and the community.

Looking ahead to the State 2026-2027 Calendar year, I'll be proposing that the general membership consider approving the addition of handicap door controls to the building's north entrance doors and restrooms, which will come out of our gambling funds. This will enable us to add more handicapped parking spaces in front of the building, making our facility more accessible to our elderly members.

None of this would be possible without your support and the loyalty of our customers. Thank you for your continued dedication to our mission!

* **Seafood Raffles with Virtual Racing**: Every Thursday at 5:00 p.m. We will be raffling off roughly 6($40 value) packages each week along with virtual racing. Take advantage of our double-up for a buck deal at the bar and try your luck at winning some seafood and extra cash.

* **Friday Night Meat Raffles**: Every Friday at 4:00 p.m., with tickets starting at $1.00. We will be raffling off roughly 18 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.

Bingo has been picking up, and our electronic handhelds are a hot item. We started off with 40 in December and now we are up to 50 machines, and looking at 60.

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.

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.

Gambling Manager
Dan Bronk

Upcoming 2026 Meeting’s

May 14th
June 11th
July (No meeting)
August 13th
September 10th
October 8th
November 12th
December 10th

BANDS FOR 2026

May: Backyard Band

June: Tailspin

July: Beatnik Brothers