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COMMANDER HARRY JOHNSON

Post 39 Members

Well August is almost over, that means State Fair time, the county fairs are over with already. This summer has gone by way too fast. Here the post is jumping. Our Corn and Brat Feed went pretty good even with the little bit of rain we had. All the corn went. Corn Hole Tournament was a success, Thank you Dan.

Our parking lot has been resurfaced and striped. We moved our handicap parking spaces and now have 6 handicap parking spaces,

We now have handicap doors on the north entrance and north restrooms. Now it will be easier to get in and out of the post.

The place looks good and sharp.

Labor Day is coming up soon we will very busy with our Honor Guard, Thank you guys. Now a lot of our patrons will be going to close up their cabins, already where did the summer go. Be safe

Being the season school will be starting up, be extra careful of our little ones going and coming from schools. Keep alert.

With that see ya all at our next meeting.

Wishing you the best

Commander. Harry Johnson

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARY KVAAL

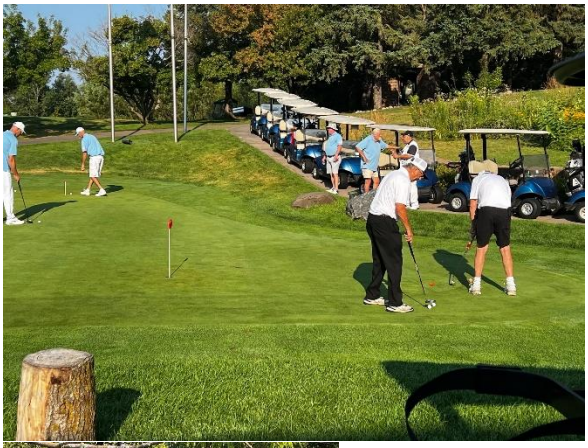
Hello Everyone,

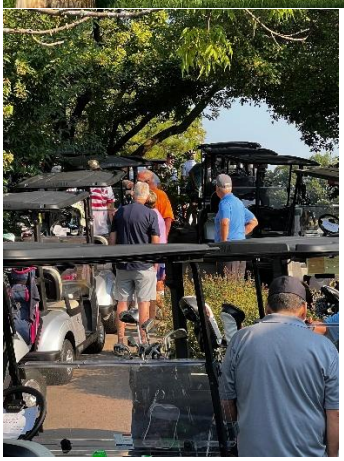
What a wild and crazy summer! We have exhausting heat, wild rain, horrible smoke-filled air, and yet we still managed to sneak in some fun and excitement.

We had a great June with the anniversary of the auxiliary and America's birthday party. In July, of course, we celebrated Independence Day with a lot of oohs and ahh at many fireworks shows. In August, we were lucky enough to have the Wall that Heals get dropped and set up right here in White Bear Lake. If you missed it, you can find the next location at this website, https://www.vvmf.org/The-Wall-That-Heals/. Honor guards from different posts showed up, as well as many Auxiliary members from the legion and

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The Legion Post held the first annual Ken Giannini Memorial Golf Tournament the first weekend in August. We had a gorgeous day and fun was had by all.



We finished August with our annual corn and brat fest and, despite the cloudy and at times, rainy day, we had an amazing turn-out!! This was by far the best corn and brat feed to date. We sold out of everything.



The D.A.M.E.S. (Denise, Angela, Mary, Erin, & Sandi) will again be hosting noon potlucks during Vikings Game Day!! We hope you can join us for some awesome eats, and perhaps a few special treats! Like most potlucks, it is optional to participate, but it is not a “TAKE OUT” buffet. Please be respectful, and the Legion “To Go” boxes are not ours to take. If you are having a private party, please keep your food at your tables or if it is in the back hall, it must be eaten in the back hall. FOOD IS ONLY ALLOWED WHEN THE KITCHEN IS CLOSED.

OUR NEXT AUXILIARY MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 6:30.
I have sent out a test email to ensure that those people that want updates get them and those that don’t get removed from the list. Please check your emails. If you did not get an email from legionauxiliary39@gmail.com and would like to be added, let me know!

Have a great month and we will see you all soon.
Mary Kvaal

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

SONS-OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello SAL Members,

We recently participated in the Ken Giannini Memorial Golf Tournament on August 2. I don’t have a list of all the SAL members that participated but we had at least a dozen or so SAL members knocking the ball around for a good cause.



We also participated in the Brat and Corn feed on August 15 and again had another dozen or so SAL members pitching in or supporting the event to help in another good cause for our veterans.

Pictured from the Ken Giannini Memorial Golf Tournament: Brent Metcalf, Bird Partridge, Eric Schaffer and Brent Schaffer.

We are now beginning to plan for the Pearl Harbor Pancake Breakfast which will be jointly hosted by both the SAL and the ALR (Riders). Put Saturday, December 5 on your calendar. We'll be looking for volunteers and hungry mouths!

We are now accepting 2027 membership applications and renewals. They are $25.00. To renew, you simply need to get $25.00 to any SAL officer along with your name. You can also put $25.00 in an envelope along with your name and place it in the collection box by the south bar entrance. To join you will need to fill out a SAL application form which can be found by the south bar entrance or talk to any SAL member, and they should be able to assist you. The SAL Meetings are held on the third Monday night every other month at 6:30 PM on the following dates:

September 21, 2026
November 16, 2026
January 18, 2027 - SAL annual donation planning
March 15, 2027 – Accept officer nominations
May 17, 2027 - Officer Elections
July 19, 2026

Tom Nagel

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Commander, SAL Squadron 39

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hello Legion Members,

Our Monthly Legion Riders' meeting was held on August 13th, 2026 with 18 members participating. Jim Green, ALR Director, reviewed the ALR Chapter By-Laws (Proposed Second Amendment updates) with the members that the ALR Officers were proposing. After review and discussion of all 17 updates, members voted and approved all 17 updates. The Second Amendment to the Chapter By-Laws was signed by Jim Green, Post #39 ALR Director and Harry Johnson, Post #39 Commander on August 15th, 2026. A copy is on file with Post #39 and has been distributed to Rider members.

Dave Christiansen, Dick France, Jim Green, Kris Hallis, Steve Hallis, Chris Lacher, Mike O'Neill, Bird Partridge and Dean Rockney participated in the Wall That Heals Ride on August 4th, 2026. There were 171 motorcycles that participated in escorting the Wall along the White Bear Lake route.









In August many of our Riders joined forces with fellow Legion members in support of the Brat and Corn Feed, which was held on August 15th, 2026 at the North St. Paul Legion. We want to thank the Riders' that volunteered for set-up, corn shucking, cooking, serving and tear down. Riders included Sandy Elledge, Jim Green, Sean Gustafson, Harry Johnson, Jake McGee, Cindy McGee, Bird Partridge and Larry Ryan.

Jake and Cindy McGee sold 50/50 raffle tickets during the Brat and Corn Feed and would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets in support of Veteran organizations the Riders support. It was a very successful 50/50 raffle as 1,116 tickets were sold. Congratulations and a Big Thank You to Mary and Jeny Holeman who were the lucky winners of $558, who then donated $50 of their winnings back to the Riders.



<u>Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events –</u>

September Lunch Run

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Location: Ride from North St. Paul Legion to Forest Lake Legion, 355 W. Broadway Ave., Forest Lake, MN 55025

Meet at American Legion in North St. Paul at 10:30 AM, Kickstands up at 11 AM.

Minnesota Military & Veterans Museum Grand Opening

Dates: Friday, September 11, 2026 – Sunday, September 13, 2026

Location: Camp Ripley, 21702 Haven Road, Little Falls, MN 56345

MN ALR Romp and Rally

Dates: Friday, September 18, 2026 – Sunday, September 20, 2026

Location: Legionville, 9544 Legionville Road, Brainerd, MN 56401

POW/MIA Remembrance Walk

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026

Riders' Assembly Time: 5:30 PM

Walk Begin Time: 6 PM

Assembly Location: VFW Post 1350 in North St. Paul

Program Location: Veterans Park in North St. Paul

The next Riders' Monthly Meeting will be held on September 10th, 2026 at 5:30 PM. Please join us. Hope to see you then.

Stay safe!

Cindy McGee

Riders (Post 39) Secretary



MEMBERSHIP AND ADJUTANT REPORT

Paid 2027 Membership is at 324 members; 178 members short of the goal.



POST FINANCE

Investments	$96,449.67
CD:	$57,210.53
CD:	$33,509.92
Savings:	$21,476.99
Post Checking:	$13,199.02
Maintenance Checking	$ 8,077.75
Maintenance CD:	$10,431.67

In the past 30 days we have renewed all of the CDs for the Post. I am getting ready to start planning the 2027 budget.

Glen Richardson
Post 39 Finance Officer

BLOOD DRIVE

WARNING FROM THE RED CROSS
BLOOD CRISIS: Emergency blood shortage may impact patient care. The situation is dire. Take action immediately to help save lives.
Use the Red Cross website to make your appointment

October Blood Drive
Monday, October 5, 2026
at the North St Paul VFW (downstairs)

Please consider donating.....Tammy Ryan 651-770-1944
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



August is on its last leg. The State Fair is in full swing, and the inevitable is close at hand.

Remember, there is still time to participate in the Friday night meat raffle and the live music on the patio.

Our 12th annual and first Ken Gianinni Memorial golf tournament was August 4th and a "HUGE" success! We had 25 teams, great weather, good food, and I think everyone had a fun time. I would like to thank the golf committee members, Mary Kvaal, Chuck Arvin, Archie Vickerman, and Mark Gianinni for their dedicated efforts, our staff, and all 100 participants who made this tournament special.

We hosted our annual "Brat and Corn Feed" on August 15th. Mother Nature challenged us, but we persevered and served 179 brats, kielbasa, and hot dog meals. Huge thanks to all of those who volunteered, from those who were there at 7:30 A.M. shucking corn to those who were there for the final wrap-up. I hope it was a great get-together for families and friends.

Don't forget that Thursdays are "double up for a buck night – domestic beer and rail drinks!

Also, why not stop in on Sundays to watch a Viking game on our numerous TV's and enjoy "Happy Hour" all day!

As always, we look forward to seeing you as you plan your fall activities and events. Our staff

is ready to serve you, the beer is cold, the food is the best of any bar in North St. Paul!

Remember, when you have an opportunity, reach out to those in need. As a member of your American Legion Post 39, it is important to "give back" to our community! A little attention, even if it's only a brief conversation, can mean a lot to those who may be alone.

On behalf of our staff and the Bar & Hall Board, we wish you all a safe Labor Day!

Randy Bastyr
Bar and Hall Chairman



GAMBLING

Gross Receipts	$426,842.78
Prizes Paid	$350,708.60
Net Receipts	$ 76,134.18
Allowable Expenses	$ 49,734.29
Combined Receipts Tax	$ 8354.11

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

We introduced a HOT BALL worth $200 during our bingo sessions. If you win bingo on the HOT BALL, you will receive an extra $200 on top of the prize amount. In September, we will be introducing a new bingo game called Bonanza. Bonanza is a progressive game with a set target of 45 numbers. Black out in 51 numbers or less, you will win the full jackpot. If no winner before the 52nd ball, the winner will get the consolation prize of $125.00. Tickets are $2.00; buy as many as you want. The ideal is to get a card with 10 numbers or less.

Our Thanksgiving "50 Turkey and 50 Ham" Meat Raffle will be on Saturday, November 14, 2026. Doors open at 10:00, and the raffle starts at 11:00 a.m.

We are in the planning stages for our ICE Fishing Bingo and will publish the date soon. This year, the doors will open at 10:00 a.m., and Bingo will start at 11:00 a.m.

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 predetermined number of balls. Game #6 is a progressive game starting off at $200 and goes up $25 each week until it's won. You must get 39 in 39 balls called or less to win. $125 is the consolation prize.

Friday Night Meat Raffles at 4:00 p.m., with tickets starting at $1.00. We will be raffling off roughly 12 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.

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

Upcoming 2026 Meeting Dates:

September 10th
October 8th
November 12th
December 10th

FRIDAY BAND FOR SEPTEMBER

September 11 Stir Krazy

SATURDAY BANDS

September 12 City Lights
October 10 True Heat
October 31 Crossfire
November 14 City Lights
December 12 db Cooper

WEDNESDAY BAND

November 25 Backyard Band

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