American Legion Post 39

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COMMANDER HARRY JOHNSON

Hello All Veterans

It has been a while since I have gotten back to you Legionnaires. Quite a bit has happened.

1st off thank you all for having faith in giving. me another term. I will do my best. Looking for my replacement to take charge of Post 39 in the future. We are still looking for younger people to fill positions at the post. Please get involved. It is very rewarding.

As we are in such a heat wave come on down to our post to cool off. Drinks are nice and cold. Good time for the comradery and fun games. Talk about games put aside Saturday August 15th for our Annual Corn & Brat Feed, also corn hole tournament. Post 39 food menu is awesome, new items. Thank You Matt.

I got to go to Wilmar MN for our Legion Convention. Lots of information as how out American Legion is to be run, real interesting. There was a big discussion on how to get more of our younger veterans involved. We need you to carry on our traditions. Let's face it some of us are getting up in our years. We need you younger veterans to come to help carry on our tradition. We elected one of our own to be the nest District Commander. Thank you, Dan Bronk. We also elected Brenda Hamline-Lehmann as our Vice Commander. Thank you all for stepping up.

We have a good family at Post 39 but are always looking for more veterans to sign on. The more members we have the stronger our voice is at the state and Federal decisions to make. We need to stand together for our veterans Health care, housing and other benefits.

If you have not paid your 2027 dues, then get them in the mail please or bring them to the post. Thanking all of you in advance.

As ever your Commander

Harry Johnson

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARY KVAAL

Hello everyone,

As we are starting to wind down our Minnesota summer and get all we can out of the nice days, I want to remind you to start thinking about our meeting in September!

I had the privilege of going to my first state convention in July. Wow, that was crazy. I learned the difference between a Conference and a Convention. Conferences are a learning event with creative team-building events. Conventions are WORK. At this convention we broke out into caucuses to discuss, motion, and approve the numerous reports that had to be turned into National. We had a state memorial service. We voted for our new state officers and delegates, and again had to use the Roberts Rules, motion and approval. I don't know how our state officials get this thing so organized, they are amazing. Our district was well represented. Considering we had only 5 units, and 389 members in total, we had 6 delegates + a guest.

Despite the motions, and the voting, I will say I did learn quite a few things. I took some great pictures of other unit's reports to assist us better next March/April. Did you know, every time you say the Pledge of allegiance, it counts as 5 minutes volunteered to the Americanism report? That is 90 minutes a year if you show up for all our meetings!!! These hours we log count so much when they get reported back

to the national headquarters!! I listened to some fabulous stories, and we did get to enjoy the 9th District American Legion Band!!! I also got to visit another legion post 167 in Willmar, MN, and they were fabulous hosts. The staff, the band, the buses, everything was wonderful.

Pictures: Our district presidents, the 9th district band, the group jamming with the band, and the legion band Friday night.









NEXT MEETING IS SEPTEMBER 10TH AT 6:30.

This will be our first meeting with our new officers in place. Congratulations to all of us.
Mary Kvaal (me, LOL) President, Angela Schaffer, 1st Vice, Erin Flom, 2nd Vice, Mary French, Sgt. at arms, Dianne Bultman, Treasurer, Sandi Arvin, Secretary, Beth Ann Heening, Chaplin.

I would really like all of you to think about chairing a committee. The highlighted committees have a chairperson, but they may want/need a co-chair. Please go out to the National Auxiliary website to research what can be done by these committees.

ALA Girls State/National:	Membership:
Americanism:	Past Presidents Parley:
Auxiliary Emergency fund:	Poppy:
Children and Youth:	Public Relations:
Community Service:	Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation:
Constitution and Bylaws:	New Scholarship fund
Facebook *Maintenance*:	March fundraiser event
History:	Mid Winter Market
Junior Activities:	Chemo Kits
Leadership:	Education:
Legislative:	Holiday Boutique
National Security:	

While at the convention, I was told that the Rochester children and youth chairperson will go out to the schools (with permission) and teach the pledge of allegiance, and reads flag etiquette books to the kids, and that the community service person does the same thing at the community centers. I know we all have jobs and live outside our group, but these sound like small gestures to make people aware, and who knows if there may be a mom or dad out there eligible to sign up!!

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,

The next SAL meeting is scheduled for Monday September 21 at 6:30 PM

Sons of the American Legion-Squadron 39

Hello SAL Members,

We are currently looking for SAL members to help on Saturday, August 15, Brat and Corn feed at the Legion. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tom Nagel (tgnagel@gmail.com). Or sign up at the volunteer sheet by the bar.

We installed our recently elected officers at the July meeting. The current elected SAL Officers are:

Squadron Commander	Tom Nagel
Vice Commander	Mickey Ostrum
Vice Commander	Bird Partridge
Adjutant	Eric Schaffer
Finance Officer	Mark Giannini
Chaplain	Dan Fike

We are now accepting 2027 membership applications and renewals. They are $20.00.

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
tgnagel@gmail.com
Commander, SAL Squadron 39

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hello Legion Members,

The Riders are having an active summer with a number of fun events.

Dave Christiansen, Kristi Christiansen, Steve Hallis and Kris Hallis participated in the Vet's Fest on June 27th, 2026 at the Gasthaus in Stillwater. They enjoyed refreshments and snacks while listening to the Pat McLaughlin Band and Paul Mayasich at this annual event.



Jim Green, Goldie Bosard, Leo Bosard and Mike O'Neill participated in the Forest Lake 4th of July Parade on July 4th, 2026. Our Riders joined the Arcade-Phalen, Lino Lakes, Rosetown and Forest Lake ALR groups to travel along the parade route of 2.5 miles lined up with many families and lots of smiling faces enjoying the holiday.

Our Riders and their bikes in the staging area –



Our Riders after the parade –



Six of our Riders enjoyed a lunch run on July 22nd, 2026 and covered 58 miles on winding back roads through Afton to end up at the Hastings American Legion for a lunch on their deck. It was a beautiful sunny day for the motorcycle ride through the countryside with lots of laughter, camaraderie and shared stories on the deck.

Riders enjoying the event were:

Dave Wakefield, Barney Barnhill, Steve Hallis, Mike O'Neill, Merry Kole and Jim Mueller –



Mark Your Calendars for these Upcoming Events –

Wall That Heals Ride

Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026

Time: Meet at Mariner Middle School at 11 AM, Depart

Between 11 AM and 2 PM

Location: Mariner Middle School, McKnight and County Rd. EE (Just north of 694)

Brat & Corn Feed

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2026

Time: 11 AM – 4 PM

Location: North St. Paul American Legion

The next Riders' Monthly Meeting will be held on August 13th, 2026 at 5:30 PM. Please join us. Hope to see you then.

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Stay safe!
Cindy McGee
Riders (Post 39) Secretary



MEMBERSHIP AND ADJUTANT REPORT

Paid 2027 Membership is at 222 members, 280 members short of the goal.



POST FINANCE

Investments	$95,993.41
CD:	$57,037.54
CD:	$33,307.58
Savings:	$21,476.44
Post Checking:	$11,249.04
Maintenance Checking	$ 7,067.75
Maintenance CD:	$10,400.13

I have renewed the larger of the two Post CDs at the same terms as last time, 4 months at 4.0% APY, with the intention of renewing the second Post CD on August 3rd.

With this being my last term as Finance Officer, I'd like to solicit a person interested in being part of the Post Board next year.

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

Upcoming Blood Drive
Monday, August 3, 2026 1-6pm
at Legion Post 39
We are in need of Power Red donors

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

Hello everyone.

Well, it's already August, and soon the State Fair will begin. Fridays are a big night here in North St. Paul: History Cruiser's car shows, a fun meat raffle here at the Post, and out on the patio we have a band. It's a great place to listen to fantastic music, dance, and just unwind after a long week on the job.

Our annual Brat and Corn Feed will be held on August 15th, from 11 to 4 PM or until sold out. This is an event that requires help from each of the Legion families. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the Pull-tab Booth. We hope to see you there. Brat meal is $7.00 and a hot dog meal is $6.00. Each comes with a cob of corn and a bag of chips. Additional brats, hot dogs, corn, and chips are available for purchase. Come out and enjoy a fine meal and some great camaraderie.

Please stop by and sample some of the fantastic new menu choices and weekly specials 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 final summer events and outings, consider meeting at your Club 39, and enjoy the service, ice cold beer, and tasty cocktails served by our friendly staff.

Randy Bastyr
Bar and Hall Chairman



GAMBLING

Gross Receipts	$439,220.76
Prizes Paid	$375,227.75
Net Receipts	$ 63,993.01
Allowable Expenses	$ 34,369.90
Combined Receipts Tax	$ 18,758.44

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

On July 7, we introduced a HOT BALL worth $200 during our bingo sessions. After sales are closed for the 1st game, the seller will draw a ball from the hopper, which determines the HOT BALL for the session. If you win bingo on that number, you receive an additional $200.00. Customers are happy we continue to add new exciting things to our bingo program, which makes our team happy. To hear the feedback. Our overall mission is to provide an exciting and entertaining night out at Post 39.

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 new 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. $99 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

Dan Bronk

Upcoming 2026 Meeting Dates:

August 13th
September 10th
October 8th
November 12th
December 10th

FRIDAY BANDS FOR AUGUST

August 7: Brad Olson
August 14: Snobyrd
August 21: Schmids
August 28: Howie & Friends

SATURDAY BAND FOR AUGUST

August 15: The Beatnik Brothers

Our Social Media Sites

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