American Legion Post 39

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KEN GIANNINI

Commander Harry Johnson

Hello Fellow Comrades,

Our hearts go out to one of our beloved and devoted comrades. The family of Ken Giannini, we all pray for you. He will truly be missed.

Sunday, March 29th is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. There's no doubt the Vietnam War was one of the most brutal. In fact, there was over three million Vietnam War casualties during the years of battle. Thank you, Vietnam Veterans, for your service.

Our new bingo is bringing allot of new players on Tuesday & Saturdays, it is nice to see our Legion be so busy what a wonderful place to come and have fun.

Our 1st Vice Commander Dan has done a wonderful job of promoting new things, (i.e.) cribbage, bingo, pull tabs, video races and cornhole to mention a few Atta Boy Dan keep up the good work.

We have a few positions to fill, VA Hospital Visitation, Public Relations, and Special Activities. Please contact the office if you are interested in one of these positions.

We currently have four amendments to our Bylaws. Under Article 18, section 2, we must notify all members two weeks prior to the adoption proceeding with the Bylaws. Here are the changes that were read at February's general membership meeting and will be voted on at the March general membership meeting.

1. Article 12, section 2. **Now read:** The Annual Meeting will be the May Membership Meeting.
   Change to: The Annual Meeting will be the August Membership Meeting.
   Reason: This will allow additional time for our accounting firm to get the required Federal and State tax filings submitted, and allow the

2. Article 18, section 2. **Now read:** The Bar and Hall Shareholders report will be the May Membership Meeting. **Change to**: The Bar and Hall Shareholders report will be the August Membership Meeting.
   Reason: This will align the Bar and Hall Shareholders report with the General Membership Annual Report.

3. Article 16, section 2. **Now read:** The Gambling Manager(s) shall have their Minnesota State Gambling monthly report into the accountant by the tenth of the following month. The Minnesota State Gambling monthly report shall be available to the Executive Board for their meeting on the third (3rd) Thursday of the month. **Change to:** The Gambling Manager(s) shall have their Minnesota State Gambling monthly report into the accountant by the tenth of the following month. The Minnesota State Gambling monthly report shall be available to the Executive Board for their meeting on the second (2nd) Thursday of the month.
   Reason: The Executive Board no longer meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. They now meet 30 minutes prior to the General membership meeting.

4. Article 11, section 7. **Now read:** The Gambling Manager to be appointment by the Commander with approval of the general membership at a regular Post meeting in August pursuant to Article 16. **Change to:** The Gambling Manager to be appointment by the Commander and serve five (5) years with approval of the general membership at a regular Post meeting in August pursuant to Article 16
   Reason: The length of time was added as it takes two (2) plus years for a gambling manager to become 100% proficient in the position ensures consistent continuity in our charitable operations

Registration is open for 2026 Legionville. You'll find the registration link below, Session dates, what to bring to camp, and a sample daily schedule are just a few of the things you will find there.

For those sponsoring campers, attached is the reservation form which should accompany your payment as well as an explanation letter. Once full payment is secured, a coupon code will be emailed to you to pass on to the parents of the campers being sponsored. They will then use this coupon code during the checkout process, which will take off the $500 registration fee from their payment requirements.

New Registration: https://legionville.org/registration/

Returning Camper: https://legionville.campmanagement.com/p/campers/login_m.php

The Legacy Scholarship Application is now open. The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship provides college funding to children of post-9/11 veterans who died on active duty, or those who have a combined VA disability rating of 50 percent or greater. The deadline to apply is April 10, 2024. Click Here if your child wishes to apply Application open for 2026 American Legion Legacy Scholarship | The American Legion

I ask everyone to continue to seek out Veterans, thank them for their service and ask them to join our Post.

Thank you and may God bless you and may God Bless the United States.

Harry Johnson

Auxiliary President Mary Kvaal

Hello everyone,

March is named for the Roman god of war, Mars. However, we think of it as the beginning of spring, as March brings the vernal equinox, and the return of Daylight-Saving Time. As we all hate the loss of an hour of sleep and the havoc changing times put on our body and mind, we will cherish the sun in the morning and at night!

Our Legion has many, many activities going on daily. We have daily specials from the kitchen, bingo on Tuesdays and Saturdays, hump day raffle on Wednesdays, virtual racing and seafood raffles on Thursdays, lucky buck and meat raffles on Fridays, Sunday fun day Raffle, and so much more. I don't know if many of you make it to Legion post 39, other than attend meetings, but if you have not seen the gorgeous sunsets we see from our patio, you really should get up there.

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Silver Plate dinner, but we will try to plan something else that will hopefully be just as fun! If you purchased tickets, I will be reaching out to you to refund your money.

Did you know that the NSP American Legion Auxiliary was formed almost 100 years ago? Of course not, who keeps track of that kind of information? On May 25, 1926, the North St. Paul chapter of the American Legion (at that time) Ladies auxiliary was formed. We have had many amazing presidents and members, and we still do today. I am planning on digging into our historical records, also known as the "closet" at our club, to gather more input and some pictures. You have heard the old TV ads stating "Tune in next time." Well, I'm going to borrow that! Tune in next month for more information and what our group is planning to commemorate this historic event.

March has some very interesting things going on in the Twin Cities:

March 2026 Calendar

•March 8 is International Women's Day, which is a day that not only celebrates the achievements of women and the progress made toward women's rights but also brings attention to ongoing struggles for equality around the world.

•March 8 is the start of Daylight-Saving Time, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that day. If your area observes it, don't forget to "spring forward" and set the clocks one hour ahead, or you may find yourself an hour late for everything!

•March 11 is Johnny Appleseed Day, celebrating John Chapman and everything apple!

•March 15 is the Ides of March! Legend surrounds this ill-fated day. Beware of the Ides of March!

•March 17 is St. Patrick's Day. According to folklore, folks wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because the saint used its three leaves to describe the Trinity.

•March 20 brings about the March equinox, also called the vernal or spring equinox in the Northern Hemisphere—marking the beginning of spring. In the Southern Hemisphere, this date marks the autumnal equinox and the beginning of fall. On this day, the Sun stands directly over Earth's equator.

Major Veteran Observances (March 2026)

•March 3, 2026 – International Veterans Day & Navy Reserve Birthday: A global day to honor military veterans, distinct from the US-specific November 11th date.

•March 13, 2026 – K-9 Veterans Day: Honoring the service of military working dogs.

•March 15, 2026 – American Legion Birthday: Commemorating the founding of the organization.

•March 21, 2026 – Rosie the Riveter Day: Recognizing the women who supported the war effort.

•March 25, 2026 – Medal of Honor Day: Honoring recipients of the highest U.S. military award.

•March 29, 2026 – National Vietnam War Veterans Day: A national day to recognize those who served during the Vietnam War.

Veteran Activities in Minnesota (March 2026)

•Big Marine Vintage Snowmobile Show (Marine on Saint Croix — March 7, 2026): Hosted at the Veterans Campground.

•History Day Mentoring (Saint Paul — March 14, 2026): Held at the East Side Freedom Library.

•2026 Homeless Day on the Hill (Minnesota - March 11, 2026): Advocacy event for veterans.

•Mental Health First Aid Training (MN - March 11, 2026): Training to support veterans with mental health challenges.

•Veterans Outreach Night (MN - March 24, 2026): An event to learn about benefits and resources.

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-Squadron 39

Hello SAL Members!

We need to elect SAL officers in May, and we would like to have **officer nominations at our March meeting** which will be on **Monday, March 16 at 6:30 PM.**

If you haven’t paid your dues yet it is now 2026! They are still only $20.00. You can drop off your renewals with the 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 any SAL Officer, Tom Nagel, Bird Partridge, Mickey Ostrum, Mark Giannini or Dan Fike.

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

March 16 ,2026 - Accept officer nominations.
May 18, 2026 - Meeting & Officer Election
July 20, 2026
September 21, 2026
November 16, 2026
January 18, 2027 - SAL annual donation planning

Tom Nagel

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Commander, SAL Squadron 39

Riders' Corner

Hello Legion Members,

Our Monthly Legion Riders' Hybrid meeting was held on February 12th, 2026, with 14 members participating. 2026 possible rides were discussed – monthly lunch rides to posts in Chapter 4, charity runs, travelling trophy rides, and a possible overnight ride. Patricia Berres and Leo Bosard will create a survey to determine the best weekly day and time for monthly rides and a list of other possible rides to discuss at the April 9th monthly meeting.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events –

Spring Fundraiser (Riders Event)
Date: May 17, 2026
Location: American Legion North St. Paul, Back Hall
Committee Chairman: Bird Partridge
Committee Members: Alicia Moran and Mike O'Neill

Details: To Come

The March 12, 2026, monthly meeting is cancelled as there aren't many agenda items and several members will be out of town.

The next Riders' Hybrid Meeting will be held on April 9th, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Riders can attend in person at the Post or attend via Zoom. Please join us. Hope to see you then.

Stay warm and keep smiling!

Cindy McGee
Riders (Post 39) Secretary



Membership and Adjutant Report

Paid 2026 Membership is at 477 members, 37 members short of the goal.

General Membership Meeting of February 12, 2026

1. $1,000.00 to Gabe Smith, Star Scout.
2. $100.00 to Memorial Day Association.
3. $1,000.00 to a veteran in need.
4. Forgo receiving rent payment from Bar & Hall for 3 months.
5. To Purchase 10 tickets to the American Legion Night Saints game.
6. To explore adding handicap door openers on the north door and north ladies' and men's restrooms.

Nominations and Election of Officers for the 2026-2027 Membership year.

The nominating committee shall present a list of candidates to the Commander at the April meeting.

Nominations from the floor can come only at the April meeting. The nominee who accepts the nomination must be present or submit a written statement of intent to the nominating committee.

Special election for the Bar & Hall Executive Board to fill the unexpired portion of Ken Giannini's term will be held at the March General membership meeting



POST FINANCE

Investments	$91,268.27
CD:	$55,962.79
CD:	$32,780.52
Savings:	$21,473.24
Post Checking:	$13,135.24
Maintenance Checking:	$10,202.71
Maintenance CD:	$10,169.86

I would like to remind everyone that any applications for the three post-39 scholarships are due in the Adjutant's office on March 15th. The Department of Minnesota scholarship applications are due at the department on April 1st.



BAR AND HALL

Hello everyone.

It is with heavy hearts that we have to announce the passing of our Bar and Hall Board Secretary, Ken Giannini. Ken has been a member of the Board for many years. He was also the Public Relations and Special Events Chairman. He also co-chaired the annual Post 39 Golf Tournament every year it was held. He will surely be missed. We send our condolences to his family. Rest in peace, Ken.

The annual Lenten Fish Fry will continue each Friday in March. You will have a choice of a four-piece fish basket for $14.00 or a shrimp basket for $15.00. Baskets include fries, coleslaw, and a dinner roll. For those who are not seafood lovers, there will also be a build-your-own burger option.

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. We are working on a new menu to be offered in the spring.

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 warm heat, ice cold beer, and tasty cocktails served up by our friendly staff.

Randy Bastyr
Bar and Hall Chairman



Gambling

Gross Receipts	$428,953.05
Prizes Paid	$333,535.05
Net Receipts	$ 95,418.00
Allowable Expenses	$ 46,983.97
Combined Receipts Tax	$ 26,691.93

Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope this email finds you well. Here's a list of the weekly charitable gaming activities we host at the Post.

* **Seafood Raffles with Virtual Racing**: Every Thursday at 4:00 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 20 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're planning to host a few themed bingo events, such as Gun Bingo, Purse Bingo, and Man Cave Bingo, so stay tuned for more information.

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, accompanied by a $200 consolation prize if bingo is not achieved within the predetermined number of balls.

Gambling Manager
Dan Bronk

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

1st Annual

BATTLE OF THE LEGIONS' CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



LEGIONS SEND YOUR BEST 5 TEAMS OF TWO!

★ MAY 2, 2026 ★

DOORS OPEN 10:30 AM • BAGS FLY AT 11:30 AM

COST: $50 PER TEAM AT THE DOOR

★ 4 ROUNDS OF SEEDING • DOUBLE ELIMINATION ★
★ DOUBLE DIP CHAMPIONSHIP • GUARANTEE 6 GAMES! ★

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★ 90% PAYOUT! ★

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WITH YOUR TEAM NAME & LEGION POST #

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FRIDAY FISH FRY!

Begins February 20th!



4-Piece Fish Basket $14.00

Shrimp Basket $15.00

All Baskets Include: Fries, Coleslaw & Dinner Roll

Build Your Own Burger Option Available!



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Upcoming 2026 Meeting Dates:

March 12th
April 9th
May 14th
June 11th
July (No meeting)
August 13th
September 10th
October 8th
November 12th
December 10th

BANDS FOR 2026

March: Stir Krazy

April: Crossfire

May: Backyard Band

June: Tailspin

July: Beatnik Brothers

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