



American Legion Post 39 Family Newsletter December 2024



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Commander's Corner

Greetings American Legion Family,

Thank You, Bar and Hall, Auxiliary, and Volunteers, for the Veterans Day Lunch. Two WWII veterans attended: Lynn Johnson (101) and Bob Holmstrom (98).

For Veterans looking to lower their VA home loan cost. IRRRL is a streamlined refinance loan for VA-backed home loans that can lower your interest rate or make your payments more stable. Learn about eligibility, benefits, costs, and how to apply for an IRRRL.
<https://www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans/irrrl.asp>

There is a pancake breakfast at the post on Dec 7th, from 8 AM to Noon.

The next General Membership meeting is Dec 12th at 6:30 PM

Hospital Visitation is Dec 15th at 12:30 PM in the atrium auditorium. Please plan on attending, the veterans in the hospital appreciate it. The last visitation was a little better, with 13 attending, thanks to 4th District Commander Jon Hayworth for getting the message out.

The Children's Christmas Party is on Dec 15th at 1 PM.

A Legion Family meeting is scheduled for Dec 18th at 11 AM

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rick Hall

Post 39 Commander

President's Corner

December is Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Month. With hundreds of thousands of service members deployed overseas, it is important to recognize the daily sacrifices made by military families.

Here is how we can increase awareness, and ways we can provide support to the military community:

- Create a spouse or service member care package with items to help ease deployment stress.
- Visit war memorials with your family to teach your children the value of service.
- Fly the U.S. flag.
- Adopt a Soldier or military family for the holidays by sponsoring a food basket or toys for junior-enlisted military families.
- Offer a military neighbor a bit of respite with volunteer childcare so the military neighbor can run errands or take a few hours' breaks to recharge.
- See someone in military uniform? Thank them for their service or surprise them with a free dessert, coffee, or other treat if they are in line behind you or in the same restaurant, coffee shop, or bakery as you.

Unit 39 Auxiliary is busy helping Veterans and Children in the Community.

Our **Education** Chairmen Betty Kaiser and Dianne Bultman delivered donated school supplies to the district office to give out to students as needed throughout the year.

The Annual Veterans SOS lunch was a lot of fun. The Veterans enjoyed getting a complimentary lunch, and many won gift cards. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this a successful and fun event!

Through our connection with MACV, we continue to help veterans overcome homelessness. To date, we have packed and donated 494 Welcome Home Bins! We also have generous donations through Western Insurance and City and County Credit Union.

Our Annual Holiday Boutique was a hit as usual. The tables were sold out, we had new vendors who had successful sales, and the kitchen sold out of their yummy foods!

Saturday, Dec 7 will be the Pearl Harbor membership Rally at the Spicer American Legion.

Sunday, Dec 15 at 1 PM will be our Annual Christmas Children's Party at Post 39. Keep in mind it is only for Post members and their families.

Please continue to look for those potential Legion Family Members! Membership keeps us alive and working hard for our Veterans. Consider giving the gift of membership as a Christmas Gift. Welcome to our new members! Angie Schaffer, Erin Flom, Debbie Lerdahl, Nadine Lenz & Meghan Anderson. I am so excited to see what the future will bring!



I want to thank everyone for being great volunteers and thank you Veterans for your service! **The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 PM.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Jenny Nelson
Unit 39 Auxiliary President

Bar & Hall

I hope that everyone had a HAPPY THANKSGIVING with family and friends!

We are still moving forward with our bar replacement project, albeit not as fast as we had intended. We are awaiting a final bar countertop design and a couple of approvals.

We will do our best to keep you informed as we move forward.

We served 65 free "SOS" lunches on Veterans Day, November 11th. The kitchen was busy with the "SOS" entree and numerous orders from our main menu. I want to thank our kitchen manager, Matt Larsen, and our Bar & Hall Manager, Shelly Holeman for their guidance and preparation before and throughout the lunch hour. I also want to give a shout-out to Angela Schaffer, Erin Flom, and Debbie Lerdahl from the Auxiliary for their outstanding contribution as servers. Without their assistance, this event would not have been successful!

To those of you who were hunting this fall, I hope that you were not only successful but more importantly, that you had a safe hunt.

It seems like this may be a good time to gather with family and friends to share your hunting stories and well wishes for the Holiday Season! As most of you know, our kitchen is open with a full menu and a "Chefs Special" on Saturdays from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

On behalf of the Bar & Hall Board of Directors, we wish all of you a joyous, safe, and very Merry Christmas!

Please don't forget those Veterans who are on active duty, those who are hospitalized, and those who are "shut-ins" in your prayers!

Archie Vickerman
Bar & Hall Board Chairman

Recurring Events

Tue.	5:30 p.m.	Gift Card Raffles
	6:00 p.m.	Progressive Bingo
Wed.	5:00 p.m.	Gift Card Raffle
	7:00 p.m.	Hump Day Raffle
Fri.	4:00 p.m.	Meat Raffle
	8:00 p.m.	Lucky Buck
Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Progressive Bingo
	4:00 p.m.	Gift Card Raffles
Sun.		Sunday-Funday Raffle

Sons of the American Legion-Squadron 39

Hello SAL Members,

The next SAL meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 20 at 6:30 PM.

We have two more opportunities to volunteer. We need new faces to step up!

The Riders are hosting a Pancake Breakfast from 8 AM to Noon on Saturday, December 7. They have presented the SAL members with the opportunity to work alongside them that day in putting on the event. This is an opportunity for us to get involved and learn the process so we can host our event in the future. So far, we only have two committed volunteers. We would love to see five SAL members involved in this event. We need some new faces to step up! Please let Tom Nagel know if you are interested in helping. See his contact information below.

We will be selling 50/50 tickets during the first Vikings playoff game (Assuming they play one as we don't want to be jinxing them!). This would likely be the weekend of January 11-12 or 18-19. We need new faces for this event too!

If you haven't paid your dues yet, we are now accepting 2025 memberships and renewals. 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. Be aware that this location may be moved during the time frame of the new bar construction as things may need to be moved around to accommodate the construction process. Application/Renewal forms are located right at the drop box. You can also give them to any SAL Officer, Rick Hall, Tom Nagel, Mickey Ostrum, Mark Giannini, or Dan Fike.

This past Friday, November 22, the SAL dropped off a check with the North St. Paul Food Shelf. Steve Byboth stepped up even further by donating a turkey as well! The NSP Food Shelf has been dedicated to helping families in need of food. It is a volunteer-run, non-profit 501c3 organization in existence since 1979. They accept both food and monetary donations. They use the money to purchase food through the government, grocery stores, and farmers. They can purchase food much cheaper through these avenues, which is why monetary donations can go so much further when they make the purchases. But they are still excited to get food donations. Every little bit helps! They also have many volunteer opportunities. Some volunteers work a

single day per week and others work as many as five days a week.

The shifts are typically between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM. To learn more about these opportunities and other information regarding the NSP Food Shelf, just visit the following web link: <https://www.nspfoodshelf.org/>.



Mike Pepin and Kathi Kirchoff from the NSP Food Shelf.
Mark Giannini and Steve Byboth from the SAL Post #39.

We held a 50/50 Raffle fundraiser during the Vikings Game on November 17th. Volunteers: Tom Nagel and Eric Schaffer sold 362 tickets with \$181 going to the winner and \$181 to the SAL for veteran donations. The winner also donated a portion of their winnings back to SAL as well!



The winning ticket # 0979676

I would like to toot the horn one last time for all the Post #39 members who helped clean veteran gravesites this past October. I attached a before and after picture so everyone can appreciate the work that was done. It wasn't just three swipes the weed whip and move on. Some of these sites were partially buried by over two inches of dirt and the dirt was like going through cement with the lack of rain we had in September and

October. Thanks, one more time to Debbie Baker, John Baker, Barney Barnhill, Dick France, Ken Giannini, Mark Giannini, Jim Green, Rick Hall, Kris Hallis, Steve Hallis, Cindy McGee, Jake McGee, Joe Morrisette, Tom Nagel, Bird Partridge, Mary Partridge, Glen Richardson, Eric Schaffer, Bob Tallarico, and Dani Tallarico.



ABOVE: BEFORE



ABOVE: AFTER

The SAL meetings are currently held on the third Monday of every odd month at 6:30 PM.

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

Gambling Manager Report

Actual Expenses for October 2024

Gross receipts	\$ 212,159.00
Prizes paid	\$ 187,050.00
Net Receipts	\$ 25,109.00
Electronic Receipts	\$ 132,802.75
Allowable expenses	\$ 38,144.52
Combined receipts tax	\$ 18,275.49

Good day, my fellow Legionnaires. This past weekend, we had our Mega Meat Raffle, where we raffled off 50 Turkeys and 50 hams, and we had a great turnout. There's a lot of work behind the scenes to prepare for the mega meat raffle, and it was a huge success thanks to our gambling staff, bartenders, waitresses, and kitchen staff. If you're looking for something to do during the fall and winter months, please consider stopping by Post 39.

December's General membership meeting we should consider a donation to the North Saint Paul Food Shelf to ensure they have enough food to hand out for Christmas.

Effective January 1, 2025, our electronic pull-tab games that have the "Bet all Button" will go away per the state law., so in December we will start to phase in new electronic pull-tab games that don't have the bet all button preparation for the January 1, 2025. It will take about three months to see how this impacts us.

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 (400 tickets) "Sunday-Funday" which pays out \$1000.00.

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.

I'm still looking for general members to conduct the audits on the 1st of each month in 2025. If you're interested, please email me at legion39@comcast.net This message doesn't apply to the Auxiliary, SAL, or Legion Riders.

I hope to see you at the Post.

Dan Bronk
 Gambling Manager

General Membership Meeting

The following donation was approved at the November 14th General Membership Meeting.

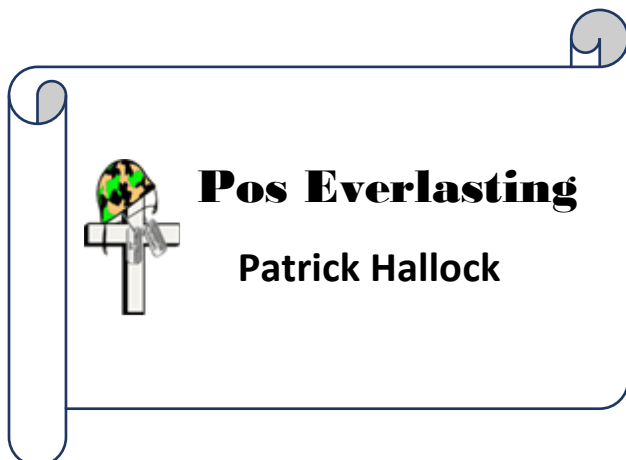
1. \$300.00 to Toys For Tots District 622.
2. Up to \$400.00 for Post 39 Baseball Caps.
3. \$400.00 to Northland 300.
4. \$450.00 Fusion Drumline Parent Booster Organization.
5. \$1,000.00 to Hugo Yellow Ribbon Network.
6. \$500.00 to Tartan Football Club.
7. \$400.00 to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.
8. Up to \$4,000.00 for a Fire Door for the Gambling room.
9. Up to \$650.00 for shelving for the Gambling room
10. Up to \$5,000.00 for gambling employees' annual bonus.

Post 39 Finance Report

Investments:	\$80,851.56
CD:	\$52,922.56
CD:	\$31,119.40
Savings:	\$21,465.70
Post Checking:	\$56,012.25
Maintenance Checking	\$10,472.99
Maintenance CD:	\$13,571.49

For those who did not make the general membership meeting, I would like to repeat that our charitable organization's annual report and taxes have been filed.

Glen Richardson
Finance Officer



New Members – SAL 39

Jackson W. Bronk
Owan D. Bronk

2025 Legion Family Membership Cards

The 2025 Legion cards are in, National American Legion & Department of Minnesota have raised their dues so dues for American Legion Post 39 will be \$50.00 this year.

The SAL 2025 cards are in, and the dues are still \$20.00.

The Auxiliary 39 cards are in, and the cost is still \$40.00.

Mailing of Newsletters

If you want to receive your Post 39 Newsletter by mail, please send \$5.00 to Post 39. If you are unsure whether you paid, call me at 651-777-3708 ext. 207, and I will call you back and let you know if you paid. This covers mailing the newsletter to you from July 2024 through June 2025. The newsletter is available by email, on our website, or can be picked up at Post 39.

Blood Donor Report

The next Blood Drive will be held at North St Paul VFW on Monday, January 6, 2025, from 1 pm to 6 pm.

There is a blood shortage throughout our country. Donating is one way you can help your community. Sign up on the Red Cross Website or contact Tammy at 651-770-1944.

"It is a calming feeling to have blood available when you need it." Just the thought that you helped make this possible.

Thank you.

Tammy Ryan, Auxiliary
Joanne Brown

Brainstorming Session Set for 2025 Events

There are many ways members of the Legion 39 Family can get involved in what goes on at the Post. One of those is attending a brainstorming session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9 in the short hall; and adding their ideas to the lists of workshops and seminars, community projects, and fundraisers proposed for 2025 and beyond.

At the top of the agenda will be a discussion on issues of importance to Post 39 Veterans. Those most important issues will be developed into informational sessions for members, with the help of the Veteran Services office, the VA, and other associated organizations.

Next will be a discussion of ways to better serve the Veterans in the community, and the community in general.

Finally, members will be asked for ideas for new fundraising events, ways to enhance already successful events, or how to revitalize past successful events.

The results of the brainstorming session will be shared with each Legion 39 Family Unit. In addition, they will be discussed at the next Family meeting on Dec. 18 to determine which projects and events to try in 2025, and which Family unit(s) would like to take them on.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for any of the above areas and cannot attend the December 9th session, please send them to legion39pr@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Ken Giannini
Special Activities Director

Riders Corner

Hello Legion Members,

The Monthly Legion Riders' meeting was held on November 14th, 2024, with 9 members and 2 visitors participating.

The Riders and SALs joined the Fridley Legion Riders on November 2nd to observe and assist in the process of obtaining, laundering, and donating men's winter coats to homeless Veterans in Minneapolis. The Riders and

SALs obtained 123 lbs. of men's winter coats at the Goodwill Outlet in Brooklyn Park. These coats were stacked high in 3 shopping carts, weighed, and cost \$323.17 (paid for by Fridley ALR). The laundering was completed at Tumble Wash in Blaine (paid for by Fridley ALR). The men's winter coats will be delivered to the Community Resource and Referral Center in Minneapolis later in the month.

Goodwill Outlet's bins to search through for men's winter coats –



Dave Swanson, Jim Green, Harry Johnson, Tom Nagel, Dan Freund, **and** Jake McGee with the shopping carts filled with men's winter coats -



Harry Johnson, Tom Nagel, and Jake McGee waiting in line to weigh the men's winter coats –



Dan Freund and Dave Swanson with the first shopping cart to be weighed –



Tumble Wash Laundromat's 6 washers used in laundering the men's winter coats -



Dan Freund and Jake McGee with the second shopping cart to be weighed -



Frank Anderson, Diana Harris and Dan Freund waiting for the washers' cycles to complete -



Third shopping cart being weighed –



11 Participants that helped in this joint venture on November 2nd included -
 (sitting – left to right) – Mark Giannini, Harry Johnson, Dave Swanson, Tom Nagel, Jim Green, Dan Freund, Frank Anderson, Don Ostenson,
 (standing – left to right) – Jake McGee, Cindy McGee, and Geno Renallo –

Goodwill Outlet Pricing by Pound -



The Riders also sponsored a 50/50 Raffle fundraiser during the Vikings Game on November 3rd. Volunteers: Bird Partridge, Jake McGee, and Cindy McGee sold 392

tickets with \$196 going to the winner and \$196 to the Riders for Veteran donations during the holiday season.

Drawing the winning ticket # 0751252 -



Cindy McGee displaying the winning ticket that the lucky winner, Denise Lambert purchased –



Upcoming Rider Event –

Pearl Harbor Pancake Breakfast –

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024

Time: 8 AM – 12 PM

Location: North St. Paul Legion

Cost: Adults - \$10; Kids (to age 12) - \$6

The next Riders' Meeting will be held on December 12th, 2024, at 5:30 PM. Hope to see you then!

Cindy McGee
Riders (Post 39) Secretary



LEGION POST 39 CAR ENTHUSIASTS



Acceptable vehicles:

*Newer Performance Vehicles

*20+ year old vehicles (this includes non performance vehicles)

*NO EV/Hybrids

*You must be a member of the American Legion, SAL or Auxillary

Interested in becoming a Legion Cruiser?
Contact 4th District Commander Jon Haworth
@ 612-532-1210 or jhaworth@kw.com

Calendar of Events

December 2024

Sat.	7 th	Pancake Breakfast	
Wed.	11 th	SAL 4 th District Meeting – North St. Paul RCCC – North St Paul Post 39	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	12 th	Legion 39 Riders Meeting Legion 39 Executive Board Meeting Legion 39 General Membership Meeting Auxiliary 39 General Membership Meeting	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Sun.	15 th	Children’s Christmas Party	1:00 p.m.
Tues.	17 th	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Wed.	18 th	Bar & Hall Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.
Thurs.	19 th	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.

January 2025

Sat.	4 th	4 th /5 th District Mid-Winter – Arcade-Phalen Post 577	8:00 a.m.
Wed.	8 th	RCCC –	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	9 th	Legion 39 Riders Meeting Legion 39 Executive Board Meeting Legion 39 General Membership Meeting Auxiliary 39 General Membership Meeting	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	16 th	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Mon.	20 th	SAL 39 Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tues.	21 st	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Wed.	22 nd	4 th District Auxiliary Meeting – White Bear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	28 th	Bar & Hall Board Meeting Legion Family Meeting	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

February 2025

Wed.	5 th	SAL 4 th District Meeting – North St. Paul	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	12 th	RCCC –	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	13 th	Legion 39 Riders Meeting Legion 39 Executive Board Meeting Legion 39 General Membership Meeting	5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Tues.	18 th	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Thurs.	20 th	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	27 th	Bar & Hall Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.

THE AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
of Legion Post 39 North St. Paul

present

A Pancake Breakfast



DATE: December 7, 2024

TIME: 8 a.m. to 12 noon

**PLACE: North St. Paul American Legion,
Post 39, 2678 E. 7th Avenue**

Cost: Adults - \$10; Kids (to age 12) - \$6

Proceeds go to support Legion Riders' causes including the Legacy Foundation scholarships, Veterans Rest Camp, and Hasting Veteran's Home; as well as the North St. Paul Food Shelf



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name _____
First Initial Last Date of Birth

Address _____
Street City State ZIP

Male Female

Membership ID# former member Post # Phone # Email Gender

Please check war era and branch of service below:

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Space Force
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (WWII only)

I certify that I have served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces since December 7, 1941, and have been honorably discharged or I am still serving.

Signed by applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

If you are a new member, send this completed application with annual dues to The American Legion, Attn: Membership, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 (check www.legion.org/join for dues amount), or take it to a local post. To locate a post near you, click on "Find a Post" at legion.org.

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DUES RECEIPT (please print)

_____ Date

_____ Received from

\$ _____ for 20____ dues

_____ Recruiter's name

_____ Recruiter's signature

_____ Recruiter's phone #



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Date _____

Detachment of _____ Squadron No. _____ Birth date _____

Name _____ Recruited by _____
First Initial Last Initial Last

Address _____
Street City State ZIP Phone

Veteran through whom eligibility is established _____

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No. _____ Department of _____

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from _____ to _____

(c) Relationship of applicant to veteran _____

Has applicant previously been a member of the SAL? _____ Where? _____

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion and apply for membership.

Email _____ Transmit \$ _____ for 20____ annual membership dues

Signed by applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Eligibility certified by _____

Mail completed application to Sons of The American Legion department/state headquarters. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. For current detachment address, go to The American Legion department/state headquarters, or visit legion.org.

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DUES RECEIPT (please print)

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\$ _____ for 20____ dues

_____ Squadron No.

_____ Department of



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



APPLICANT INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____ Unit # and Location (if known) _____

_____/_____/_____
Date of Birth (Required) Birth - 17 18 and older

Have you been a member previously? Yes No (If yes, fill in below, if known.)

Previous Unit City/State _____ ALA ID# _____

Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

Submit this application to the ALA unit you wish to join. If unit is unknown, contact National Headquarters at (317) 569-4500 for assistance. Annual dues must accompany completed application. Ask local contact for amount due. Membership pending approval of application.

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Eligible Through—Name of Veteran (Female Veterans: List Your Own Name)

If Living: American Legion Member ID # (Required) Post # City State

Deceased (If veteran is deceased, contact ALA unit about the necessary military records.)

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

WWI (4/6/1917-11/11/1918)

Anytime After 12/7/1941 (check all that apply):

- Global War on Terror
- Gulf War
- Panama
- Lebanon/Grenada
- Vietnam
- Korea
- WWII
- Other Conflicts

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- Male Spouse
- Grandmother
- Daughter
- Female Spouse
- Sister
- Granddaughter
- Mother
- Self

To Be Completed By The American Legion Post Adjutant/Officer

I certify that the above named individual served at least one day of active duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or is still serving honorably.

Post Adjutant/Officer Membership Verification _____ Date _____

DUES RECEIPT (Please Print)

_____ Date

_____ Received From

\$ _____ for 20____ dues

_____ Recruiter's Name

_____ Recruiter's Signature

_____ Recruiter's Phone #

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