



American Legion Post 39 Family Newsletter February 2025



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Commander's Corner

Greetings American Legion Family,

Come and see the new bar if you haven't visited lately.

The Mega Meat raffle is Feb. 8th, from noon until gone.

Cornhole leagues are on Monday and Wednesday.

Check to see if there are any openings.

The Post web page has added scholarship information.
The Post and Auxiliary both have scholarships available.

<https://www.americanlegionnorthstpaul.com>

A committee is reviewing the Post bylaws and recommended changes will be made soon.

Lou Michaels is in home hospice. Please give him a call.
Contact me, and I will give you his phone number.

Post members approved the replacement of the fire suppression system.

Two members of the Legion have requested funds to pay their rent for the month. An electronic vote of members is being conducted.

Several scam emails have been sent to our members. The scammers have used my, Jon Hayworth's, and Carl Moon's names.

Vets on the Hill will be held on April 9th. Please attend; this is a chance for you to meet with your legislators.

Elections for post officers are coming up. Since I will not run again, we will need a new Post Commander.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Rick Hall
Post 39 Commander



President's Corner

Greetings!

February is Americanism month. It is a great time to highlight our Americanism program.

Americanism is one of the four pillars on which the American Legion was founded. It is at the core of who we are and what we do in the American Legion Auxiliary. Americanism is defined as "a belief in devotion, loyalty, or allegiance to the United States of America."

What can you do?

- 1) Be knowledgeable about flag history, etiquette, and proper disposal methods. Promote the observation of patriotic holidays so your community will look to the ALA for information. Encourage local businesses to fly a flag, especially on patriotic holidays.
- 2) Encourage members to vote; take your children/grandchildren with you to vote!
- 3) Increase participation in the American Essay Contest by contacting schools and other organizations, Girls Scouts, and your own children and/or grandchildren. Encourage our Junior members to participate. Create information packets explaining contest rules, deadlines, dates, and award opportunities. Work with teachers and guidance counselors.
- 4) Promote pride in belonging to the world's largest women's/men's patriotic organization, the ALA. Wear and display your ALA emblem, Unit, District, and Department Badges at all functions. Carry membership applications for the Legion Family.

Last month's meeting was special as we shared some goodies for our after Holiday Potluck. Thank you to all who brought goodies for us to share.

Consider getting together with friends for Valentine's Day. Plenty of folks are alone on that day. Maybe send

out some Valentine's cards to Veterans. Let them know you care!

UPCOMING AUXILIARY EVENTS:

Sunday, February 23 – Annual Midwinter Market 11 AM – 4 PM. Contact Mary Kvaal to reserve your tables!
legionauxiliary39@gmail.com

Saturday, March 22 – BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...Caribbean Dinner 5PM—9 PM. This is a fun-filled evening with a Caribbean dinner, DJ, and Silent Auction. You don't want to miss this. Please help us raise money for our Veterans' projects! More details to follow.

Always look for new members! It's more fun to get to know more people and share fresh ideas.

Stay Healthy, and See you soon!

Jenny Nelson
Unit 39 Auxiliary President

Sons of the American Legion Squadron 39

Hello SAL Members!

We have a new year ahead of us and a new opportunity to help serve those who have served us and those in our community who are in need.

We need to elect SAL officers in May, and we would like to have nominations at our March meeting, which will be on Monday, March 24, at 6:30 PM. Please note that in March, we will meet on the fourth Monday of the month. The usual Monday falls on St. Patrick's Day, so we will meet a week later than usual in March.

We plan to discuss a SAL-sponsored event for later in the year at the March meeting, and we need to produce a date/time at least to reserve the hall if necessary. It would be an exciting time to get involved.

If you have not paid your dues yet, it is now 2025! They are still only \$20.00. You can drop off your renewals with the renewal form into the drop box, which 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, Rick Hall, Tom Nagel, Mickey Ostrum, Mark Giannini, or Dan Fike.

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

* Note that the March meeting is on the fourth Monday of the Month.

March 24 at 6:30 PM (4th Monday)
May 19 at 6:30 PM
July 21 at 6:30 PM
September 15 at 6:30 PM
November 17 at 6:30 PM

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

Bar & Hall

As we approach February, it's easy to think of spring just around the corner, however prematurely that may be.

Things are rather quiet this time of year. The only big event scheduled for February is the Valentine's Day Meat Raffle on Saturday, February 8th. Doors will open by 11:00, and drink specials will be available throughout the day, including a separate Bloody Mary bar! The kitchen will offer the same special menu that they have in recent Mega Meat Raffles.

It seems like it would be an appropriate time to stop by YOUR American Legion Club 39 for refreshments, a good meal and conversation with friends. Our staff is always waiting to see you and ready to serve you. Remember we have food specials on Tuesdays and Thursdays and of course the "chef special" on Saturday!

I hope that you have time to reach out to those who may be homebound or living in a care facility! No doubt they would be glad to have someone to visit and chat with. Winters can be very lonely times for these folks!

Please remember those service members who are deployed globally in your prayers that they might return home safely to their families and friends!

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Archie Vickerman
Bar & Hall Board Chairman

Gambling Manager Report

Actual Expenses for December 2024

Gross receipts	\$ 167,008.00
Prizes paid	<u>\$ 142,468.00</u>
Net Receipts	\$ 24,540.00

Electronic Receipts	\$ 151,246.25
Allowable expenses	\$ 46,234.47
Combined receipts tax	\$ 15,897.98

Good day, my fellow Legionnaires.

It's hard to believe it's already February, which means it's time for our Valentine's Mega Meat/Seafood raffle! Our Valentine Raffle starts at noon on February 8, 2025, so come early to get your seat. Overflow parking is available across the street at Old National Bank. There are 232 packages, so there's a chance you could win multiple packages.

House Rules: Sellers will be assigned to sections and only sell to patrons in their sections. Don't chase them down. You must be seated to buy tickets, and you can only buy for yourself. Sellers will start selling wherever they left off on their last sale. The most important rule is to be respectful, as they're trying their best.

The E-tabs have been fully upgraded to fall with the State of Minnesota's new rules. I've seen some good payouts for our customers, so I'm always happy for them!

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.

Remember, we have two bingo sessions each week. Tuesday's session starts at 6 p.m., and Saturday's session starts at 4 p.m. We have 10 games, three 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

I hope to see you at the Post.

Dan Bronk
Gambling Manager

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.	4:00 p.m.	Sunday-Funday Raffle

General Membership Meeting

The following donation was approved at the January 9th General Membership Meeting.

1. \$500.00 to Minnesota 9th District Band.
2. \$1,000.00 to Centerville Lions Club.
3. \$20.00 registration for each member attending the 4th District Mid-Winter.

Post 39 Finance Report

Investments:	\$81,379.31
CD:	\$53,570.40
CD:	\$31,420.60
Savings:	\$21,466.78
Post Checking:	\$41,190.23
Maintenance Checking	\$11,767.27
Maintenance CD:	\$13,700.07

Since our last newsletter, I want to acknowledge the unique gifts received for the post.

A \$250.00 Memorial Donation from longtime patron Jim Stielow.

A \$100.00 Donation from Richard and Marion Lueth.

A \$250.00 Donation from Premier Bank.

Glen Richardson
Finance Officer

Post 39 Family Scholarships

American Legion Post 39 has three \$1,000.00 scholarships.

American Legion Auxiliary 39 Has two \$500.00 scholarships.

New Members – Legion 39

Roger Mickelson

New Members – SAL 39

Michael Hyland

2025 Legion Family Membership Cards

The 2025 Legion cards are in. The National American Legion and the Department of Minnesota have raised their dues, so the 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.

Blood Donor Report

**BLOOD
DRIVE**



The next Blood Drive will be held at VFW Post 1350 on Monday, March 10th, from 1 pm to 6 pm.

Tammy Ryan, Auxiliary
Joanne Brown

Post 39 Honor Guard is looking for additional members.

One of the Post's most visible means of showing its commitment to Veterans and the community is through the Honor Guard. With an ever-increasing schedule of events, they are looking to recruit new members from the Post membership. The only qualifications are that they are a Post 39, SAL, or Auxiliary member and have been for at least one year.



The post provides uniforms, and Honor Guard members receive a \$50 per day stipend when participating in events. The group meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m., except in July.

The Honor Guard performs 20 to 30 events a year. These include serving as casket guards, folding and presenting the flag, and playing taps at veterans' funerals and local community events, including parades and dedications. The two busiest days for the group are Memorial Day, with events at local cemeteries, and Veteran's Day, with events at local schools or nursing homes.

So, if you want to get more involved in the Post and serve other veterans and the community, consider joining the Post 39 Honor Guard. Application forms are available at the Post.

Ken Giannini
Special Activities Director

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.



Riders Corner

Hello Legion Members,

The Monthly Legion Riders' Hybrid meeting was held on January 9th, 2025, with 11 members participating. As several of our members are "Snowbirds" that migrate to warmer climates in the winter months, thanks to technology, we can have those members participate by way of computerized conferencing.

At the January meeting, Bird Partridge, ALR's Past Director, led the installation and swearing-in of our new officers, who will serve one- and two-year terms.

(One Year Term – January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

Director – Jim Green

Assistant Director – Bird Partridge

Secretary and Membership Chairman – Cindy McGee

Sgt. at Arms – Alicia Moran

(Two Year Term – January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026)

Treasurer – Dave Christiansen

Congratulations to those officers and thank you for your continued support of our Legion and the Riders family. We appreciate your dedication, and we look forward to another great year.

The Riders also welcomed our newest member, Sean Gustafson, at the January 9th meeting –

Sean is shown here, already active, participating and assisting at the successful Pearl Harbor Pancake Breakfast held in December –

The next Riders' Meeting will be held on February 13th, 2025, at 5:30 PM. It will again be a Hybrid meeting. Riders can attend in person at Post 39 or via Zoom. The future Zoom participation link will be emailed to our Riders in early February. Please join us. Hope to see you then!

Cindy McGee
Riders (Post 39) Secretary

2025 Membership Dues

Do you have your 2025 dues paid? If not, you are delinquent as of January 1, 2025, and your membership is suspended as of February 1st.

Please pay your dues as soon as you can.

American Legion Post 39 dues are \$50.00.

American Legion Auxiliary dues are \$40.00.

Sons of The American Legion dues are \$20.00.

You can mail your dues to 2678 7th Ave E., North St. Paul, MN 55109, drop them off at the post, or pay them online.

Mickey Ostrum
Post 39 Adjutant



Veteran's Creed

I am an American Veteran

I proudly served my country

I live the values I learned in the military

I continue to serve my community, my country and my fellow Veterans

I maintain my physical and mental discipline.

I continue to lead and improve

I make a difference

I honor and remember my fallen comrades

Mid-Winter Market

Sunday February 23, 2025

11am - 3pm

NSP American Legion Hall

Arts, Crafts, food, raffles, bake sale, candies, candles, and so much more!

Vendor applications are now being accepted.

For More Information, please contact Mary Kvaal at: legionauxiliary39@gmail.com or 651-276-5099 Tables are on a sliding fee starting at \$30.00 until February 2nd

A list of vendors will be posted on FB as soon as we have filled all tables.

Post 39 Elections

We elect our officers each year at the May meeting for the coming year.

The elected offices are:

Commander

1st Vice Commander

2nd Vice Commander

Post Adjutant

Finance Officer

One Executive Board member

One Bar & Hall Board member

If you are interested in running for an office, contact the Legion office, and we will let the nominating committee know. You can also contact them yourself. The names of the nominating committee will be posted in next month's newsletter.

Calendar of Events

February 2025

Wed.	5 th	SAL 4 th District Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	8 th	Valentine's Mega Meat/Seafood Raffle	11:00 a.m.
Wed.	12 th	RCCC – North St Paul	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	13 th	Legion 39 Riders Meeting	5:30 p.m.
		Legion 39 Executive Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
		Legion 39 General Membership Meeting	6:30 p.m.
		Auxiliary 39 General Membership Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Sun.	16 th	4 th District Revitalization/Hospital Visitation	9:00 a.m.
Tues.	18 th	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Wed.	19 th	4 th District Auxiliary Meeting – White Bear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	20 th	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Sun.	23 rd	Mid-Winter Market	11:00 a.m.
Wed.	27 th	Bar & Hall Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.

March 2025

Wed.	12 th	RCCC –	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	13 th	Legion 39 Riders Meeting	5:30 p.m.
		Legion 39 Executive Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
		Legion 39 General Membership Meeting	6:30 p.m.
		Auxiliary 39 General Membership Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Mon.	10 th	Blood Drive – VFW 1350	1:00 p.m.
Mon.	17 th	SAL 39 Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tues.	18 th	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Wed.	19 th	4 th District Auxiliary Meeting – White Bear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	20 th	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	22 nd	Caribbean Dinner	5:00 p.m.
Wed.	26 th	Bar & Hall Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.

April 2025

Wed.	2 nd	SAL 4 th District Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	9 th	Veterans On The Hill	10:00 a.m.
		RCCC –	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	10 th	Legion 39 Riders Meeting	5:30 p.m.
		Legion 39 Executive Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
		Legion 39 General Membership Meeting	6:30 p.m.
		Auxiliary 39 General Membership Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tues.	15 th	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Wed.	16 th	4 th District Auxiliary Meeting – White Bear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	17 th	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	23 rd	Bar & Hall Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.



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)

_____ Date

Received from _____

\$ _____ 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.

Back

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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