



American Legion Post 39 North Saint Paul, MN 55109

October 2026 Newsletter





- **COMMANDER HARRY JOHNSON**

- *My fellow comrades.*
- *Time just flies by seems like only yesterday I put pen to paper.*
- *1st I want to thank everyone for their turnout, even the rain did not stop us from the MIA-POW Walk from the VFW to the Veterans Memorial, thanks for your attendance. Also, the North St. Paul Fall Roundup parade was fun.*
- *Post 39's Honor Guard have been pretty busy and will continue on upcoming events.*
- *The Fall Conference will be in St. Cloud on October 22-24, held at The Rivers Edge Convention Center.*
- *Our veterans who are in the VA Hospital get pretty lonely. See if you can spare a hour of so to share some of your stories or at least listen to them. A lot of our vets do not have family in town and sure do appreciate visitors. Our visitation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 1300 hrs. Hope to see some of you there.*
- *Commander. Harry Johnson*





AUXILIARY PRESIDENT MARY KVAAL

Hello everyone,

My dad and I participated in the POW remembrance walk on September 24th along with our honor guard, other auxiliary members, and our partners from the North St. Paul VFW. This is a nice event to remember those that still have not made it home. Two families of a POW and an MIA soldier gave moving speeches regarding their loved ones and what the new pavers at the memorial wall mean to them. It was very sobering. We had a good turnout despite the gloomy wet weather





Our second vice, Erin Flom, was fortunate enough to take the honor flight with her dad and here is her report:



WHAT AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE!



On Monday, September 21st, I had the absolute privilege and honor of accompanying my dad and 91 other amazing veterans on the Never Forgotten Honor Flight.

From the moment we arrived, you could feel that this was going to be something truly special. The pre-flight dinner was filled with delicious food, incredible entertainment, laughter, and so much excitement as we prepared for the journey ahead.

Then came flight day! We were up early and ready to go, and what an unforgettable day it turned out to be!

We had the opportunity to visit some of our nation's most meaningful and powerful landmarks — the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Air Force Memorial, World War II Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery, where we were honored to witness the Changing of the Guard.

Every stop brought something different — history, pride, reflection, and plenty of moments that gave us chills. Seeing these memorials alongside the veterans who served our country made the experience even more meaningful.

The entire trip was absolutely incredible. It was so well organized and perfectly timed that we were able to see and experience so much in one amazing day.

But for me, the greatest part of the entire journey was simply being there with my dad.

Thank you for sharing your experience, Erin!

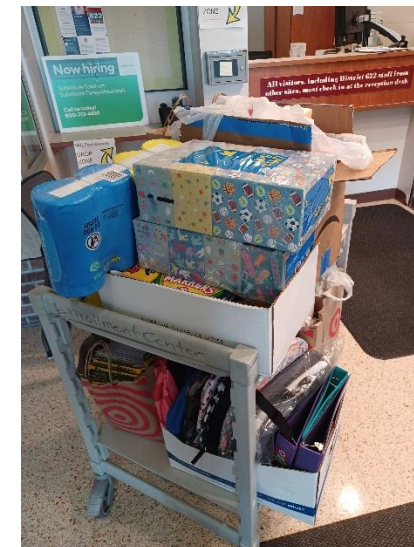




We also represented well at the VFW Annual Golf Tournament, where the proceeds went to the Veterans camp, NSP Police Foundation, and other Veteran charities.

Our legion really came through with the “School Supply” donations! We inventoried over 700 items, including notebooks, boxes of pencils, glue, markers, crayons, backpacks, headphones, and so much more. The District 622 school representative was overwhelmed and so appreciative. All the items went into a school supply area that is used by all the teachers in the district when they have a child in need. Thank you to everyone who donated. A special thank you to the Juetten family who purchased 20 of each item they could find from our list. Our next mission will be to stock the pantry with non-perishable items before the kids go on break. Stay tuned for details.

4th District Commander Dan Bronk announced at our district meeting that he is working on a Facebook page that will include all 5 of our units. This will be updated regularly with upcoming events and important unit information. I will keep you all posted on how this is panning out.





D.A.M.E.S. (Denise, Angela, Mary, Erin, & Sandi) the next potluck is October 11th at noon. Reminder: potlucks are for noon games.

FOOD IS ONLY ALLOWED WHEN THE KITCHEN IS CLOSED.

OUR NEXT AUXILIARY MEETING IS OCTOBER 8TH AT 6:30.

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 in to 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.

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

Mary Kvaal



SONS-OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Hello SAL Members,

We are currently planning the Pearl Harbor Pancake Breakfast which will be jointly hosted by both the SAL and ALR (Riders). Put Saturday, December 5 on your calendar. We'll be looking for volunteers and hungry mouths! We will be sending out an email in early October looking for some volunteer help with tasks that need completion prior to the event. We will be sending out another email in early November looking for volunteers on the day of the event.

We will be holding two 50/50 raffles during the October 4 and October 11 Vikings games. Come and help support the SAL and enjoy the game!

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:

November 16, 2026

January 18, 2027 - SAL annual donation planning

March 15, 2027 – Accept officer nominations

May 17, 2027 - Officer Elections

July 19, 2027

September 20, 2027

Squadron 39 Commander Tom Nagel

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Riders' Corner

Hello Legion Members,

Two of our Riders, Kris and Steve Hallis spent time in September riding along the Oregon Coast and experiencing the beautiful scenery.

The Riders had 6 motorcycles with 9 participants in the North St. Paul Fall Round Up Parade on September 17th, 2026. The evening had sunny skies with streets filled with many fun-loving adults and children that gave us waves and smiles as we rode down 7th Ave. E.

Leo Bosard, Dave Christiansen, Jim Green, Cindy McGee & Bird Partridge from our Riders were joined by other Legion members in the POW/MIA Remembrance Walk on September 24th, 2026, in North St. Paul. Jim Green lead the walk as a Road Guard and Leo Bosard followed the walk as a Road Guard. The evening had overcast skies with some rain, but this year's participants still walked from the VFW Post 1350 to the Veterans Park where a Reembrace and Recognition program was held

The Riders want to thank Shawna Lenz from the American Legion Post 39 for sharing photos taken of the Riders as they rode along the parade route. Our Riders were assigned the third position in the parade. A total of 49 different entities participated in this year's parade. It was an interesting and colorful variety, mixed with band music, it generated loads of smiles and great memories

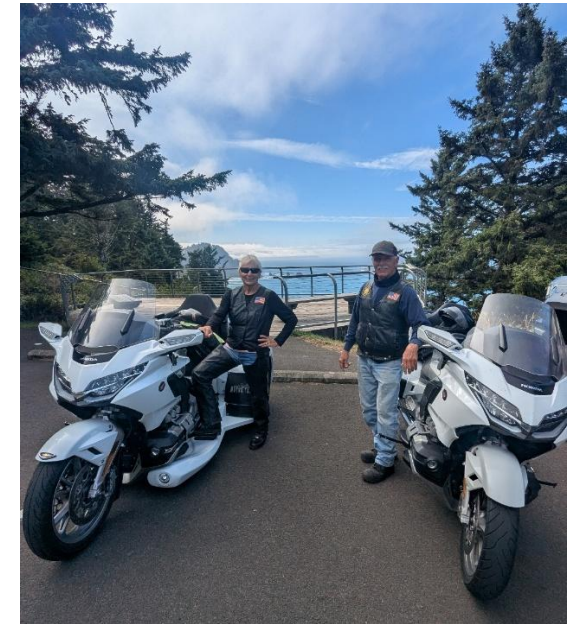


Jake & Cindy McGee –

Mike O'Neill, Bird Partridge & Lea Anderson –



***The Riders awaited in the staging area before the parade –
Front Row – Kristi & Dave Christiansen, Jim Green, Cindy & Jake McGee
Back Row – Mike O'Neill, Lea Anderson, Tom Aguirre & Bird Partridge***



Kris and Steve Hallis



- ***Vikings Football Game – 50/50 Raffle with potluck luncheon***
- ***Date: Sunday, October 25, 2026***
- ***Time: 12 PM – End of Game***
- ***Location: American Legion North St. Paul***
- ***Volunteers: Jake & Cindy McGee***
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- ***Vikings Football Game – 50/50 Raffle with potluck luncheon***
- ***Date: Sunday, November 1, 2026***
- ***Time: 12 PM – End of Game***
- ***Location: American Legion North St. Paul***
- ***Volunteers: Jake & Cindy McGee***
- ***The next Riders' Monthly Meeting will be held on October 8th, 2026, at 5:30 PM. Please join us. Hope to see you then.***
- ***Stay safe!***
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- ***Cindy McGee***
- ***Riders (Post 39) Secretary***

MEMBERSHIP AND ADJUTANT REPORT



Paid 2027 Membership is 342 members; 160 members short of the goal.



<i>Investments</i>	<i>\$97,861.55</i>
<i>CD:</i>	<i>\$57,402.27</i>
<i>CD:</i>	<i>\$33,509.92</i>
<i>Savings:</i>	<i>\$21,477.54</i>
<i>Post Checking:</i>	<i>\$12,404.16</i>
<i>Maintenance Checking</i>	<i>\$ 8,5637.75</i>
<i>Maintenance CD:</i>	<i>\$10,464.36</i>

Our 2025 taxes have been filed, and I have continued working on the 2027 budget and was close to bringing it to the board, but some areas have come up that require further tweaking.

I would still like to invite someone who may want to run for Finance Officer next year and beyond to shadow me.

Glen Richardson
Post 39 Finance Officer



October has arrived, and Halloween will close out the month. We will be holding our annual Costume Party on Saturday the 31st. Judging will be at approximately 9:00 PM. If you would like to help judge. Please contact our Bar and Hall Manager, Shelly Holeman.

Attention all members, Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL: if you have received your 2027 membership card, do not throw your 2026 card away. This card is the only way to show our staff that you are a current member. Without your 2026 card, we will not be able to give you the buy one drink and get a second one free offer to our members. If you have tossed it, please contact your membership chairperson and try to obtain a duplicate card.

Don't forget that Thursdays are “double up for a buck” nights – domestic beer and rail drinks! We have the Queen of Hearts game in the Bar. Stop in Daily to get a free ticket for a chance of winning the jackpot on Thursday's at 7:00 p.m. Jackpot is currently at \$200 and goes up \$25.00 per week until someone pulls the Queen of Hearts. The seafood meat raffles will begin again soon, on Thursdays.

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 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 hope to see you soon.

Randy Bastyr
Bar and Hall Chairman

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Dear Fellow Legionnaires,

I would like to thank everyone for their understanding over the past month as we have had some internet issues. Our internet is up and running smoothly. September, we introduced a new bingo game called Bonanza. Bonanza is a progressive game starting off at 45 numbers and goes up one number and \$25 each week and caps out at \$500. If no one achieves the blackout within the desired ball count, the winner of the blackout (Coverall) will get the consolation prize of \$125.00. Bonanza cards are \$2.00; buy as many as you want.

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 14 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 3 \$1 boxes, 4 \$2 boxes, a \$5 box, and 12 Etabs with Booty Bingo.

Gambling Manager

Dan Bronk

*The Month of
August*

*Gross Receipts
\$426,100.84*

*Prizes Paid
\$346,924.51*

*Net Receipts
\$ 79,176.33*

*Allowable
Expenses
\$ 40,179.03*

*Combined
Receipts Tax
\$ 10,400.98*

Upcoming 2026 Meeting Dates:

October 8th

November 12th

December 10th

SATURDAY BANDS

October 10 True Heat

October 31 Crossfire

November 14 City Lights

December 12 DB Cooper

Thanksgiving Eve Night Band

November 25 Backyard Band



PACKER's vs RAMS 8:00 p.m. EST

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