



American Legion Post 39 Family Newsletter April 2024



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Commander's Corner

Greetings American Legion Family:

I can't believe the month has gone by so fast. I have been trying to learn about each post organization and I'm glad there are so many members willing to help me.

I met with our Bar and Hall group at their meeting on Feb 28th. I had no idea how much effort it takes to keep the facilities running efficiently. I want to thank them for being so proactive in solving many problems before they occur.

I also met with the SAL at their Mar 18th meeting. They need more of the membership to attend their meetings.

My wife, Connie, and I went to several tasty Friday Fish Fries at the Post. We feel it is the best of the local offerings. Between the Fish Fry and the Meat Raffle, it was nice to see the bar area packed.

We also went to the Indoor Picnic sponsored by the post Auxiliary on the 23rd. The meal was great, and we had a good time. I want to thank the Auxiliary and the others who helped put on this event.

Vets on the Hill is April 17th. There is going to be a bus, sponsored by the DAV, at the Roseville VFW that will take vets to the capitol in St. Paul. The bus will leave Roseville at 9 am. This year's topics are: **Passing a Clean Veterans Omnibus Bill** and **Increasing the Amount of the Property Tax Value Exclusion**.

Health Care Expanded to All Veterans Exposed to Toxins. **The VA is asking for all Vets to enroll. Connect to the link for more information.**

https://news.va.gov/129241/veterans-exposed-toxins-hazards-now-eligible/?utm_id=06MAR2024

Thank you. God Bless you and God Bless the United States!

Rick Hall
Post 39 Commander

President's Corner

April is Children and Youth Month, in the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary provides significant cash assistance and direct service and supports legislation that affects children at the local, state, and national levels. And while all children are important, the Auxiliary particularly focuses on helping the children of our veterans and military.

The Children and Youth purpose statement clearly indicates our mission and goals:

To work collaboratively with The American Legion to direct and sponsor programs and services that provide care and protection for our nation's children, especially those of our military and veterans.

The Auxiliary has supported and contributed to The *American Legion Child Welfare Foundation* since its development in 1954.

The Child Welfare Foundation provides grants to organizations that serve the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual welfare of children and youth, through research, studies, surveys, projects, programs, and activities.

Wear **Purple** on April 15th in honor and support of **"Purple up for Military Kids Day."** Continue to shine a light on all you do for our Children and Youth.

On March 23 our Auxiliary hosted The Indoor Picnic Fundraiser Dinner. The food was great, the games were fun, and we had a great Silent Auction. Thank you to Beth Ann Henning and Carla Hoffman for the great planning! Thank you to Mary Kvaal and Denise Lambert for running our Silent Auction. Thank you, Mickey Ostrum, for the perfect blend of music. Thank you to all who participated! What a great event!

Soon we will be electing new officers. Please consider making a difference by stepping up with your ideas and

skills. With all the members we have on our list, there are a select “Few” who are doing the work. We all have a different approach to how we do things and how we think things should be done. Let’s try hard to work together to be successful in our mission to help our Veterans! Thank you all for what you do!

Jenny Nelson
Unit 39 Auxiliary President

Bar & Hall

By the time you read this, I hope that our winter, however strange it was, is behind us. No doubt most of you are more than ready to move into spring.

We don't have a lot of things on our B & H calendar this month. However, if you haven't noticed, our kitchen is now open on Saturdays, from 11:00 A.M. To 7:00 P.M. Our full menu is available for lunch and dinner.

This may also be a good time to sit down with your, family or friends and plan your fishing trips, golf outings, or vacations. There is no better place to hold these “high-level” meetings, than YOUR American Legion Club 39! Stop in and enjoy a beverage of choice, a good meal, and a friendly atmosphere. Our staff is always there to serve you and have a chat.

We hope to have a new electronic marquee installed on the outside west wall replacing the old sign. As of now, we don't have a firm installation date but are planning on completion in May. We will continue to advise as we move forward.

Our Staff and Bar & Hall Board would like to “THANK” all of you who frequent and support our Club 39. Our success and sustainability are dependent on your continued participation. As always, our goal is to “keep our doors open” for all!

“GOD BLESS OUR GREAT COUNTRY”

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

Sons of the American Legion-Squadron 39

Please try to make it to our next meeting which will be on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:30 pm, we will be electing officers for the upcoming SAL year. It will be a hybrid meeting, in which you can come to the Post or join in on Zoom.

Currently, we have 78 members who have paid their 2024 dues and 28 members who have not paid their 2024, which are still \$20.00. So, please pay your dues as soon as possible. You can always reach me at legion39news@gmail.com or leave a message at 651-777-3708, ext. 207.

Mickey Ostrum
Commander, SAL Squadron 39

Gambling Manager Report

Actual Expenses for February 2024

Gross receipts	\$ 418,730.13
Prizes paid	<u>\$ 347,756.10</u>
Net Receipts	\$ 70,974.03

Electronic Receipts	\$ 15,471.00
Allowable expenses	\$ 35,966.51
Combined receipts tax	\$ 21,065.96

April 2024

Our gambling operation continues to do well. Congratulations to one of our patrons who won \$63, 840 on Booty Chaser! It’s nice seeing patrons from our Post win.

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

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.

Hope to see you at the Post real soon.

Dan Bronk
Gambling Manager

New Members – Post 39

John D. Baker
Brenda Hamlin Lehmann
Dave M. Lindorff

General Membership Meeting

The following donations were approved at the General Membership Meeting on March 14, 2024.

1. \$250.00 to Magnus Veterans Foundation.
2. \$1,000.00 to the 934th Airlift Wing Military Family Day.
3. \$1,500.00 to Minnesota American Legion Baseball Committee.
4. \$300.00 to Majestic Hills Ranch.
5. \$100.00 to the UVC of Ramsey County.

Post 39 Finance Report

Investments:	\$76,227.02
CD:	\$51,971.33
CD:	\$30,371.28
Savings:	\$21,461.36
Post Checking:	\$46,196.77
Maintenance Checking	\$9,506.84
Maintenance CD:	\$13,081.57

Glen Richardson
Finance Officer



2024 Legion Family Membership Cards

Check your wallet. Do you have your 2024 American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, or Sons of the American Legion card?

If not, please pay your dues as soon as you can. You can drop off your dues at the Post, mail them to the Post (2678 East 7th Ave., North St. Paul, MN 55109), or pay them online to National. Dues are still \$40.00 for the Legion, \$40.00 for the Auxiliary, and \$20.00 for the SAL.

Mailing of Newsletters

If you want to receive your Post 39 Newsletter by mail, please send \$5.00 to Post 39. If you are not sure if you paid, give me a call 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 2023 through June 2024. 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' meeting was held on March 14th, 2024, with 16 members participating.

An enjoyable and busy spring awaits with upcoming Rider events –

Bunny Ride –

Date: Saturday, March 30

Location: North St. Paul Legion

Time: Meet at 9 AM, Kickstands up at 9:15 AM

The ride includes Chisago City, St. Croix Falls, and Hastings

NOTE: Marty Gore is working on the route. Bunny suits are an option and are available on Amazon. If it rains, the ride is canceled.

Marty Gore with Bunny suit that's available on Amazon-



Veterans Day on the Hill –

Date: Wednesday, April 17

Location: Capitol, St. Paul, MN

Time: 10 AM (Doors Open), 11:30 AM (Free Lunch provided by DAV at the St. Paul Armory, 600 Cedar St.), 1 PM (March to Rally), 1:15 – 2 PM (Rally in the Rotunda)

United Veterans Council Goodwill/Awards Dinner –

Date: Tuesday, April 30

Location: North St. Paul VFW

Time: 5 PM (Social Hour), 5:30 PM (Dinner), 6:30 PM (Awards) Cost: \$20 (Tickets sold at the door) For reservations call 651-777-3708 Ext. 207 and leave a message with the names you are reserving for. Riders Director, Bird Partridge and Riders Secretary, Cindy McGee were chosen by the Riders this year for their outstanding service and support.

The next Riders' Meeting will be held on April 11th, 2024, at 5:30 PM. Hope to see you then!

Cindy McGee

Riders (Post 39) Secretary

Blood Drive



The next Blood Drive will be held on Monday, June 10 from 1 pm to 6 pm at the North St. Paul VFW Post 1350.

In January we had 47 units of blood donated. In March we had 41 units of blood donated.

Our Blood program is looking for new donors, if you are available, please help. Ask a relative or neighbor to join you. You can sign up on the Red Cross website.

Tammy Ryan

Jonne Brown

Blood Coordinators

Nominations of Officers

At the April meeting, the Nomination Committee will give their report. Then if there are any more nominations they can come from the floor, with the nominee present or written notice of desire to run for office.

At the close of this meeting, no more nominations will be accepted unless there is an open office.

The election of officers will be held at the May meeting.

Calendar of Events

April 2024

Wed.	3 rd	SAL 4 th District Meeting – North St. Paul	6:30 p.m.
Wed.	10 th	RCCC – North St Paul Post 39	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	11 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.	16 th	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Wed.	17 th	4 th District Auxiliary Meeting – North St. Paul	6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	18 th	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Sat.	20 th	Band – Backyard Band	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	24 th	Bar & Hall Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.
		Legion Family Meeting	11:00 a.m.

May 2024

Sat.	4 th	Band – Mr. Winky	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	8 th	RCCC – Rosetown Post 542	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	9 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.
Wed.	15 th	4 th District Auxiliary Meeting – North St. Paul	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	Bar & Hall Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.

June 2024

Wed.	5 th	SAL 4 th District Meeting – North St. Paul	6:30 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.
Sat.	15 th	4 th District Convention – Rosetown Post 542	8:00 a.m.
		Band – DB Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	18 th	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Thurs.	20 th	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	26 th	Bar & Hall Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.



THE AMERICAN LEGION – MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
 First Initial Last Phone _____
 Address _____
 Street City State ZIP _____
 Membership ID# former member Email Post # Date _____

Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below:

- Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities)
- Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)
- Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84)
- Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)
- Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)
- WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
- U.S. Army
- U.S. Navy
- U.S. Air Force
- U.S. Marines
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46 - only eligibility)

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

Signed by applicant _____ 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 www.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 www.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

Name _____
 First Initial Last
 Address _____
 City State ZIP _____
 Home phone _____ Cell phone _____
 Email _____ Unit # and Location _____
 Date of Birth (Required) Birth - 17 18 and older
 Have you been a member previously? Yes No
 Signature of Applicant (or legal guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

Eligible Through-Name of Veteran (if living, must be American Legion member) Living Deceased

American Legion Member ID Number _____

Veteran's American Legion Post Name Post # City State _____

Veteran served: (check all that apply)

- WWI (4/6/17-11/11/18)
- Merchant Marines (12/7/41-12/31/46)
- Vietnam (2/28/61-5/7/75)
- Panama (12/20/89-1/31/90)
- WWII (12/7/41-12/31/46)
- Korea (6/25/50-1/31/55)
- Lebanon/Grenada (8/24/82-7/31/84)
- Gulf War/War on Terrorism (8/2/90 until cessation of hostilities)

Applicant's relationship to the veteran:

- Mother Wife Grandmother Sister Self
- Direct Descendant (daughter, granddaughter, great granddaughter, etc.)

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 _____

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DUES RECEIPT (please print)

Date _____
 Received from _____
 \$ _____ for 20 _____ dues
 Recruiter's name _____
 Recruiter's signature _____
 Recruiter's phone # _____