



American Legion Post 39 Family Newsletter January 2025



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Commander's Corner

Greetings American Legion Family,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas! Thanks to the Auxiliary and everyone who helped host the Children's Holiday Party, the kids had fun.

The new bar has hit a few snags and will open later than planned. The first problem was asbestos in the tiles or adhesive, which caused a two-day delay in the abatement and installation of new tiles. The second problem occurred today (Dec 23) when trying to find the outside water shut off. Hopefully, this will be solved soon.

Another problem was found during a recent fire inspection. The Fire Suppression System is faulty and will need replacement. An electronic vote from 12/23 to 12/26 authorized \$6900 for a new suppression system.

The 4th and 5th districts' Midwinter Conference will be held at the Arcade/Phalen post on Jan 11th at 8 a.m.

The St. Paul Winter Carnival Grand Day Parade is on Jan 25th, and there will be a bus if you are marching. Meet me at the Arcade/Phalen post at 11 a.m.

Have a Happy New Year!

Rick Hall
Post 39 Commander

President's Corner

Greetings for 2025!!

January is National Security and Legislation Month.

The purpose of the National Security Committee is to promote a strong national defense. The ALA National Security program maintains and promotes a strong national defense by strengthening and supporting military service members and their families. We

collaborate with other like-minded organizations supporting servicemembers and their families such as the American Gold Star Mothers and Gold Star families. We raise awareness of POW/MIAs and the work being performed in the search for missing personnel. We can host events honoring National POW/MIA Recognition Day on the third Friday in September. We post a POW/MIA flag at every meeting or event and recognize the meaning of posting the POW/MIA Flag. Remember to support those families whose service members made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Annual Children's Christmas Party was a hit, as usual. The kids had fun, and of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus always remembered how to make them feel special! Thank you to all who volunteered to make this a great event!

We will host our Mid-Winter Market (previously antique sale) fundraiser event on Sunday, February 23, from 11 to 3.

At our January 9 Auxiliary meeting, we will have an "After Christmas Get Together" with Auxiliary members. Please bring some goodies for us to eat, PLUS a food shelf item(s). We will bring those to the NSP Food Shelf.

Keep those lines of communication open to our Veterans and friends at our post. For some, the Holidays are not a happy time and can be lonely. Call them or send a note letting them know you are thinking of them. Let's continue to love and care for each other, especially our Veterans!

I wish you all a wonderful 2025 of new memories and good health!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

Jenny Nelson
Unit 39 Auxiliary President

Bar & Hall

I hope that you all had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

We had hoped to have the new bar in place and in use. But, like so many projects, a couple of issues have caused a bit of a delay in our initial plans. At this writing, we don't have a firm opening date. So, stay tuned, as we will try to keep you informed. Thank you for your patience, and we apologize for any inconvenience the project has caused.

We don't have many events on our calendar this time of year. However, that certainly doesn't mean that we don't look forward to seeing and serving you. Our staff has adjusted very well to the temporary bar setup and will do everything possible to offer you the very best service for your food and drink orders.

So, on behalf of the Bar & Hall Board and our entire staff, we wish each and every one of you a safe, prosperous, and blessed 2025!

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, and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a great Christmas and Holiday season! We have a new year ahead of us and a new

opportunity to help serve those who served us and those in our community who are in need.

We ended our year helping the Riders with the Pearl Harbor Day Pancake Breakfast. By all accounts, it was successful, and we look forward to working on this again next year. Thank you to fellow SAL members Mark Giannini, Steve Byboth, Randy Bastyr, Bird Partridge, and Archie Vickerman for their help in supporting the SAL group in this shared activity.

We plan to start the year with a 50/50 raffle at the Legion during the first Vikings Playoff game. The Vikings will determine the date! Please check your e-mails for more details to help volunteer, or email me if you didn't receive the email regarding the 50/50 raffle and want to know more.

If you haven't 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 of every odd month at 6:30 PM.

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

Happy New Year!

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

Gambling Manager Report

Actual Expenses for November 2024

Gross receipts	\$ 428,793.87
Prizes paid	<u>\$ 366,959.35</u>
Net Receipts	\$ 61,834.50

Electronic Receipts	\$ 20,375.65
Allowable expenses	\$ 34,625.12
Combined receipts tax	\$ 18,730.83

Good day, my fellow Legionnaires.

In December, we started phasing in new electronic pull-tab games without the bet-all button in preparation for

January 1, 2025. It will take about three months to see how this impacts us, so I'll ask the executive board to consider a moratorium on our donations until March 2025. Our lawful purpose star rating is 46.47%. We are required to donate 30% to lawful purposes. As an organization, we are doing well.

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. The last one is 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

General Membership Meeting

The following donation was approved at the December 12th General Membership Meeting.

1. \$500.00 to Wolf Ridge.
2. \$500.00 to Memorial Day Association, Inc.
3. \$500.00 to North High Show Choir Booster Club.
4. \$500.00 Fishing For Life.
5. \$500.00 to Minnesota Military Family Foundation.
6. \$1,000.00 to North St. Paul Food Shelf.

Post 39 Finance Report

Investments:	\$82,877.76
CD:	\$52,922.56
CD:	\$31,420.60
Savings:	\$21,466.23
Post Checking:	\$57,874.94
Maintenance Checking	\$11,122.99
Maintenance CD:	\$13,571.49

At the time of this writing, our CDs Interests for the year have posted 3956.76, and with a week left in the month, I estimate stocks will close with what I'm seeing, something between 4300 and 5800 over last year; I'm hoping we have a good week. Additionally, we will likely have paid out the expenses for the bar remodel by the end of the month.

Glen Richardson
Finance Officer



New Members – Legion 39

Warren Coombs
Anthony R. Goodwill
Paul D. Preblich
Lawrence F. St Sauver

New Members – SAL 39

Roger L. Anderson
Carroll Partridge

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.

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, 2483 7th Ave E, North St. Paul, MN 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.

"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

New Fire Suppression System

An electronic vote was held between December 23 and December 26 to authorize replacing our kitchen fire suppression system, and it passed. We are able to use Gambling Funds for this.

Riders Corner

Hello Legion Members,

The Monthly Legion Riders' meeting was held on December 12th, 2024, with seven members and one visitor participating.

Cindy McGee collected completed Membership Renewal Forms and \$15 Dues for 2025 from 27 Riders. The remaining 5 Riders have been mailed their renewal forms and asked to return them with their dues to Cindy.

The Riders approved donations of \$750 each to Vets Camp on Big Marine Lake, Legionville, MN American Legion Foundation (Fund 84), Eagle's Healing Nest, and North St. Paul Food Shelf. Cindy McGee mailed the checks to these organizations. The Riders will contact the Hastings Veterans Home in 2025 to schedule a summer picnic as a donation to this organization.

The Riders also approved a \$20 donation to the Memorial Day Association (Ramsey County). Cindy McGee mailed the check to this association.

The 2025 Election for all Officers was as follows –
(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

The following officer positions will remain open until a later date when additional members are present at the ALR monthly meeting –
Chaplain
Road Captain
Safety Officer

The Riders welcomed our newest member at the December 12th meeting –

Steve Byboth lives in Blaine but grew up in North St. Paul. Steve's parents were involved with Post 39 in the past. Steve is also a SAL member at Post 39. He enjoys riding his Harley and looks forward to the 2025 riding season.



Randy Bastyr and Dan Bronk are attentive to the griddle -



Sean Gustafson, Mark Giannini, Tom Nagel, and Steve Byboth are covering the serving table -

The Pearl Harbor Pancake Breakfast was held on December 7th at Legion Post 39, and it was a great day with 88 adults and 15 children enjoying the Breakfast, Santa Claus, and 50/50 Raffle. Volunteers from the Riders, SALs, Bar & Hall, Gambling, and Auxiliary assisted with hall set-up, cooking, serving, tickets, raffle, and clean-up. The Riders and SALs want to extend "A HUGE THANK YOU" to all the volunteers.



Randy Bastyr, Dan Bronk, and Archie Vickerman are busy in the kitchen -



Everyone enjoying the breakfast and visiting with Santa Claus -



Bird Partridge and Tom Aguirre tending the ticket table -



Bird Partridge presenting \$500 to the lucky 50/50 winner, Betty Kaiser, with the winning number from the Raffle -



The next Riders' Meeting will be held on January 9th, 2024, at 5:30 PM. The meeting will be a Hybrid meeting. Riders can attend in person at Post 39 or attend via Zoom. Hope to see you then! The Riders wish you and your loved ones a Happy & Healthy New Year.

Cindy McGee
Riders (Post 39) Secretary

4th & 5th District Mid-Year Conference

The Mid-Year Conference will be held on Saturday, January 11th, at Arcade-Phalen Post 577, 1129 Arcade St., St. Paul, MN 55104. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m., and the conference starts at 8:30 a.m. Registration costs \$20.00 before January 6th and \$25.00 after January 6th.

Please make checks payable to the 4th District American Legion of Minnesota and mail them to Atten: Mike Ash, 1251 Portland Ave, St Paul, MN 55104.

If you have any questions, please contact 4th District Adjutant Jennifer Havlick at 218-206-5796 or 4thdistrictamericanlegion@gmail.com

This conference is open to all The American Legion Family.

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 the at 2678 7th Ave E., North St. Paul, MN 55109, or pay them online.

Mickey Ostrum

Post 39 Adjutant

Calendar of Events

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	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.
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	10:00 a.m.
		Legion Family Meeting	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	5:30 p.m.
		Legion 39 Executive Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
		Legion 39 General Membership Meeting	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.

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.	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.
Wed.	26 th	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.

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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)

WWII (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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