



American Legion Post 39 Family Newsletter September 2024



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Commander's Corner

Greetings American Legion Family,

It's kind of sad to see August end. Summer vacations are over, the Minnesota State Fair is ending soon, and schools will be starting. On a happier note, Post 39 hosted two large events; the Golf Tournament on Aug 4th and the Brat and Corn feed on Aug 24th. I want to thank all those responsible for making these events possible and all those who volunteered their time to help.

Please come to the next VA Hospital Visitation on Sept 15th at 12:30 pm. The patients enjoy having a little company. We only had four legionnaires present on August 18th.

If you are into birds, this is the time for the fall raptor migration. You'd be amazed at what you can see from your yard. The only raptor I haven't seen during the migration is the Gyrfalcon.

The next General Membership meeting is Sept 12th at 6:30 pm.

Thank You. God Bless You and God Bless the United States of America.

Rick Hall
Post 39 Commander

President's Corner

September is Junior Activities Month and Suicide Prevention Month. It is important that we reach out to our young people to mentor and help them find purpose. What better way than to teach them about what our Veterans have done for our country, teach them about how they can make a difference, and most of all how to love and respect

our veterans? They are our future leaders. We need to mentor and help them.

It is that time of year again to send in your membership dues! They are \$40 for adults and \$8 for Juniors. It is important to have a continuous membership status to receive all the benefits that your membership provides.

I am happy to say that we did our audit and set the budget. It is never too late to bring your ideas to us as we work together to help Veterans and our Community.

How fast the year has gone! As we look ahead to the next few months, the calendar will be busy.

The Annual Brat and Corn feed was wonderful as always. I want to thank all the American Legion Family Members who volunteered to make this such a great event. We have some awesome new members who were there making it fun! Thank you!

Start collecting your school supplies now while the prices are good! This year, we will donate them mid-year to replenish as the schools have a large amount when school starts. That will also give us more time to snap up the bargains after school starts!

Please remember that it is every member's task to recruit new members! The American Legion Auxiliary began with Membership and survives on Membership. Without members, we have no Auxiliary. We want to grow as an American Legion Family. We need your help!

I am looking forward to our next Auxiliary meeting! It is always the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. Please bring your ideas on how to help

our Veterans this year. I am looking forward to hearing how you have helped Veterans this summer! It is going to be a great year!

See you on September 12! Stay safe and stay well!

Jenny Nelson
Unit 39 Auxiliary President

Bar & Hall

As you read this, most of our summer is behind us. I hope that you all had a fun-filled and safe season.

Our 8th annual “Brat & Corn Feed” was a success again this year. Mother Nature cooperated with us all though it was a hot and humid day. I would like to give a HUGE shout-out to all the members and patrons who volunteered for the event. Without every one of you and your efforts, this would not have been possible! Because of you, this event went smoothly from beginning to end! “THANK YOU” all!

This time of the year there isn't as much going on. However, that doesn't mean that our staff doesn't want to see and serve you. Stop in for a little lively conversation, a bite to eat, and your favorite beverage. Remember, our kitchen is open on Saturday, and we offer Matt's “Saturday Chef's Special! His entrees have drawn rave reviews, so stop in and enjoy one of his unique specialties!

Please don't forget those who may be shut-ins, whether they are veterans or maybe a neighbor. No doubt, most of them would enjoy a visit or a phone call.

“GOD BLESS OUR COUNTRY” AND ALL
THOSE WHO SERVED AND CONTINUE TO
SERVE!

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, September 16 at 6:30 PM. However, we will also hold an informal SAL meeting the week before on Monday, September 9 at 6:30 PM. The purpose of this informal meeting will be solely to discuss/brainstorm options for fundraising. For the short term, we will be looking at possibly selling 50-50 tickets on some select Sundays during the football games. For the long term, we will be looking to host some event next year to be sponsored by the SAL group.

You are all invited to attend this informal meeting as we need your ideas. If you can't make the meeting, please email me (see address below) with any thoughts or ideas that you might have prior to the meeting. The goal of this meeting is to come up with some viable ideas. These ideas can then later be researched and vetted before we make any kind of decision.

The discussion from this meeting will be summarized at the September 16th SAL meeting at 6:30 PM.

I am looking forward to seeing you then!

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

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

Gambling Manager Report

Actual Expenses for June 2024

Gross receipts	\$ 424,097.29
Prizes paid	<u>\$ 360,477.85</u>
Net Receipts	\$ 63,619.44
Electronic Receipts	\$ 20,600.66
Allowable expenses	\$ 33,009.71
Combined receipts tax	\$ 16,871.41

Good day, my fellow Legionnaires. In November 2022, the General Membership approved purchasing a new software system called Charitable Gaming Made Easy for the gambling department. Phase one was learning the software and its capabilities for the office staff. In August we started phase two process by switching us from a manual pull tab system to a digital Pull Tab Point Of Sale system which allows for better game tracking and accuracy when it comes to the paperwork. Staff members are training on the system, so please be patient with 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 \$700.00.

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.

Sometime in September, we will add 12 more electronic handheld devices for Bingo.

I hope to see you at the Post real soon.

Dan Bronk
Gambling Manager

General Membership Meeting

The following donation was approved at the August 8 General Membership Meeting.

1. \$500.00 to Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake.

Post 39 Finance Report

Investments:	\$80,026.07
CD:	\$52,275.60
CD:	\$30,783.98
Savings:	\$21,464.07
Post Checking:	\$50,849.87
Maintenance Checking	\$10,297.99
Maintenance CD:	\$13,405.58

Brothers and Sisters,

I'd like to remind everyone that as Finance Officer, I am also a Notary Public at the Post. If you need something notarized give me a call at the number in the newsletter, if I'm not at the office I can usually get here within ten minutes. We have also renewed the 30k CD taken out last November.

Glen Richardson
Finance Officer



New Members – SAL 39

Lance E. Carlson
Charles H. Johnson
Donald Leuhring

New Members – SAL 39

Larry C. Arvin
Matthew D. Anderson

2024 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 their 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. These cover 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' meeting was held on August 8th, 2024, with 14 members participating.

The Riders' welcomed our two newest members to the Riders' family.

Barney Barnhill started riding at the age of 18 and rode for 5 years, but stopped after friends had accidents. He quit riding for 28 years but now is back into riding. He currently rides a Harley Davidson Electra Glide.



Our second new member is Frank Ristow, shown with his Service Dog Henry. He started riding in 2006 on dirt bikes. He's interested in learning more about riding and being active with the Riders' Family. He currently rides a Suzuki K2 400.



In August many of our Riders joined forces with fellow Legion members to support the Brat N' Corn Feed, which was held on Saturday, August 24th at the North St. Paul Legion. It was a beautiful sunny day, and we want to thank the Riders' who volunteered for set-up, corn shucking, cooking, serving and tear down. It was a successful event, and everyone enjoyed it.

Some of our Riders helping were:

Harry Johnson, Bird Partridge, Patricia Berres, Bob Holmstrom, Kris Hallis, Steve Hallis, Jake McGee & Barney Barnhill –



Volunteers not available for the photo included: Dave Christiansen, Jim Green, & Jim Mueller

Volunteers in action and ready to serve – Denise Lambert, Mary Kvaal, Kris Hallis, Sandy, Steve Hallis & Glen Richardson



Upcoming Rider Events –

North St. Paul Fall Round-Up Parade –

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Time: 6 – 8 PM

Location: North St. Paul

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

Cindy McGee
Riders (Post 39) Secretary

The GI Bill at 80: The American Legion's Enduring Legacy

As we mark the 80th anniversary of the GI Bill, we celebrate The American Legion's crucial role in its creation and evolution. Drafted by Past National Commander Harry Colmery, this landmark legislation was signed into law on June 22, 1944, by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The GI Bill provided veterans with education funding, low-cost mortgages, and business loans, sparking a major social and economic transformation in post war America. For eight decades, the Legion has championed veterans' educational benefits, from the Montgomery GI Bill to the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Today, The American Legion continues its steadfast commitment to veterans' education, advocating for ongoing improvements to the GI Bill. This anniversary not only commemorates historic legislation but also highlights the Legion's enduring impact on veterans, their families, and our nation. As we look ahead, the Legion's dedication to enhancing the GI Bill remains vital, carrying forward a legacy of service that has profoundly shaped America.

THE WRITE CLUB Pen, Paper, Passion

Discover Your Voice Looking for a supportive and creative space to nurture your passion for writing? Look no further! Our Write Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 6:30-8:30 PM. Whether you have an idea for a book, want to share your written work, seek inspiration for your story, or simply wish to listen to fellow writers, you're warmly welcome. Our community of like-minded individuals embraces all levels of experience and genres. Discover the joy of expressing your thoughts and imagination through the written word. Join us at North St. Paul Post 39 and be a part of an engaging and encouraging writing journey. We can't wait to meet you and share the love for storytelling! 🖋️📖

Calendar of Events

September 2024

Wed.	11 th	RCCC – Arcade-Phalen Post 577	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	12 th	Legion 39 Riders Meeting	5:30 p.m.
		Legion 39 Executive Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
		Legion 39 General Membership Meeting	6:30 p.m.
		Auxiliary 39 General Membership Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Fri.	14 th	Band on Patio –	6:00 p.m.
Mon.	16 th	SAL 39 Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tues.	18 th	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Thurs.	19 th	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	25 th	Bar & Hall Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.

October 2024

Wed.	2 nd	SAL 4 th District Meeting –	6:30 p.m.
Sat.	5 th	Cruising For Membership	
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.
Tues.	15 th	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Thurs.	17 th	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	23 rd	Bar & Hall Board Meeting	10:00 a.m.

November 2024

Sun.	3 rd	Holiday Boutique	
Wed.	13 th	RCCC – North St. Paul Post 39	7:00 p.m.
Thurs.	14 th	Legion 39 Riders Meeting	5:30 p.m.
		Legion 39 Executive Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
		Legion 39 General Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
		Auxiliary 39 General Membership Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Mon.	18 th	SAL 39 Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Tues.	19 th	Post Home	11:30 a.m.
Wed.	20 th	4 th District Auxiliary Meeting – White Bear Lake	6:30 p.m.
Thurs.	21 st	Post 39 Honor Guard Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	27 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) _____

_____ / _____ / _____ Birth - 17 18 and older

Date of Birth (Required)

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 _____

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 # _____

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.