



American Legion
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Monthly Bulletin
 August 2016

Post 39 Officers

Legion	Auxiliary	SAL
Commander Mike Frye	President Jessi Weaver	Commander Tom Mullenau
1 st Vice Commander Sharon O'Donnell	Vice President/Membership Clover Dillahunty	1 st Vice Commander Bill Kine
2 nd Vice Commander Ron Lacroix	Secretary Mary Rebb	2 nd Vice Commander <i>Vacant</i>
Adjutant Tom Coca	Treasurer Illa Quinn	Adjutant Randy Walters
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Chaplain Al Lamphere	Sergeant-at-arms/Historian Kathy Weston	
Sergeant-at-Arms Vic Fischer		

Executive Board

Jim Vidmar
 Mike Reisinger
 Rick Barry
 Bruce Denning
 Alex Thornberry

Bar Manager

Ron Lacroix

Hours of operation: Saturday 1 to 10pm, Sunday 1pm to 8pm
 Monday, Thursday, Friday – 2pm to 10pm. Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope you are having an enjoyable summer. It is hard to believe that we are half way through. I look forward to the new year with the American Legion and all the wonderful ways our Post makes a difference in the lives of veterans, military service members, their families and our community.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or problems with the Post, please come to the meetings. The next Legion General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, August 17 at 7:30 PM. It was great to have our District 7 Officers visit our Post during last month's meeting.

All Legionnaires are encouraged to renew their commitment for continued service to this country by being politically active as individuals. By working together as an organization, we can make a difference by promoting an informed populace, participation in our government, and involvement in its electoral process. We cannot forget that in this country, our government is "of the people, by the people and for the people." It cannot survive as a democratic republic unless the people participate. As the political scene starts to heat up, please remember that our Congressional Charter prohibits endorsing any political candidate or party while wearing any American Legion attire or anything showing our emblem. As individuals, we are free to promote any party or candidate we choose, but it is against our National Constitution and Bylaws to imply in any way the American Legion endorses either.

Ron LaCroix has filled the vacant officer position of Second Vice Commander. Rick Barry filled the open Executive Board position, and our new Sergeant at Arms is Vic Fischer. Please join me in welcoming these members to their new post leadership roles.

I want to thank everyone who volunteers around the Post. You make a difference. You have made this Post and our American Legion Family a success and something to be hugely proud of! Your efforts assist us in service to our veterans and our community in our endeavor to adhere to our mission of "mutual helpfulness." Many hands make light work for all! We need YOU, the members, to continue supporting our efforts. Please ask what you can do to help your post. Many volunteer opportunities are available and we are always looking for new volunteers.



As we begin the new 'Legion' year, let us keep in mind our veterans, military service members and particularly our POWs. All of them ARE heroes and deserve our respect and honor.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know. "THANK YOU" for your trust and support.

"Still serving. It's who we are."

For God and Country,

Mike Frye, Commander

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- The membership renewal process for 2017 started July 1. Members have already started to receive renewal invoices in the mail. Please plan to join members of the Post family for an "Early Bird" steak dinner on Friday, September 23, if you have already renewed or plan to renew 2017 dues in person on that date. Happy hour from 4 6pm. Dinner served at 6pm.



Auxiliary News

Dear Auxiliary,

Our meetings will be the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Post. Please join us this Wednesday to share your ideas for our upcoming Veteran's Breakfast to be held at Memorial Hall in Manitou at the end of September.

In addition, 2017 membership cards have arrived from department and can be picked up with the next year's (early bird) due payment at our meeting. If you are unable to attend, you can mail in your dues and we will mail your new card out to you promptly. Hope to see you and hear your ideas this Wednesday!

Very Respectfully,

Jessi Weaver

President

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SAL News

Tom Mullenau has agreed to succeed Rick Leider as SAL Commander. Please read Rick's letter to all members of the Post 39 family.

To all members of post 39,

For what seems like forever I have had the privilege of being an officer in the SAL, including being one of the founding members at Post 39 back in the 80's , and for the past several years as Vice Commander and Commander.

Not having served in the military myself, it has always been my thought that as a member of the SAL I should do what I could to help the Post and the Veterans who have served our nation, in any way I could. I hope that I have made a small difference at Post 39 over the years.

Now however, the time has come to step aside and let new members with fresh ideas and energy steer the SAL towards the future. Our Vice Commander Tom Mullenau has agreed to take over as Commander and along with Randy Walters our Adjutant and Finance Officer, and Bill Kine our 2nd vice, the SAL is in good hands!

Over the past several years many people at the post including Legion members, SAL, and Auxiliary members have volunteered and helped me personally, and the SAL achieve our goals. I couldn't possibly thank them all but a few who come to mind are Kathy, Annie and Randy , Ron and Sharon , Bob and Mary Jo , Alex , Ohio Bill , Tom Coca , Clint and Rose , Jess Kinney , Anthony, Al , Mike Frye , and many , many others.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the years but especially one person, Randy Walters. For those of you who do not know, Randy has been an officer in the SAL for over 20 years in almost every capacity including Commander more than once. Since I have been an officer, he has "run "the SAL in every imaginable way. We have met our 100% membership enrollment every year only because of him. Believe me he is the reason that the SAL has survived at our post as long as it has. I could not have done it without him nor would I have tried! If anyone is thinking about giving out a plaque....Randy is your guy!



In closing, I would like to encourage anyone who is associated in any way with Post 39 to VOLUNTEER!!! So many things need to be done at our small post that we can't afford to pay for. If you have an hour or two please come down and run the vacuum, clean the restrooms, sweep the parking lot, clean the windows, wash down the floors, grab a paint brush, help with a BBQ , bake something for an event , or ask an officer what you can do to help. We have many good people at our Post who I know want to help and I promise you that your help would be greatly appreciated and that you can truly make a difference. Trust me it will make you feel good too!

Thanks to Everyone... God Bless America

Rick Leider

As a dual member of the Legion and SAL, I want to thank Rick for the many years of faithful service to the Post 39 family. We can never repay him for his dedication and sacrifice for Veterans and their families for so many years. I am sure I echo the sentiments of all members that he will continue to be an active part of the Post 39 family.

Sincerely,

Tom Coca
Post 39 Adjutant

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Thank you to Anthony and Carolyn Jannuzzi for supporting Post 39.



Monthly Planner

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Monday night poker 6:30pm	2 Post closed	3  Auxiliary meeting 6pm	4 Thursday night poker	5 TGIF	6 Post opens 1pm
7 Post opens 1pm	8 Monday night poker 6:30pm	9 E-board 6pm	10  SAL Meeting 7pm	11 Thursday night poker	12 TGIF	13 Post opens 1pm TBI yard sale 8am – 2pm
14 Post opens 1pm Purple Heart Day	15 Monday night poker 6:30pm	16	17  General Membership Meeting 7:30pm	18 Thursday night poker	19 TGIF	20 Post opens 1pm
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