



American Legion
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Monthly Bulletin
 April 2016

Post 39 Officers

Legion	Auxiliary	SAL
Commander Alex Thornberry	President/Treasurer Annie Walters	Commander Rick Leider
1 st Vice Commander Tom Coca	Vice President/Membership Amanda Strzyzewski	1 st Vice Commander George Vahsholtz
2 nd Vice Commander Ron LaCroix	Secretary Mary Rebb	2 nd Vice Commander Bill Kine
Adjutant Sharon O'Donnell	Chaplain Nancy Kowalski	Adjutant Randy Walters
Finance Officer Mark Coakley	Sergeant-at-arms Sharon O'Donnell	Sergeant-at-Arms Terry Salsgiver
Chaplain Al Lamphere		
Sergeant-at-Arms Jeff Hopkins		

Executive Board

Jim Vidmar
 Mike Reisinger
 Al Lamphere
 Bruce Denning
 Open position

Bar Manager

Ron Lacroix

Hours of operation: Saturday and Sunday – 1pm to closing
 Monday, Thursday, Friday – 2pm to closing
 Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays



Post 39 News and Happenings

Commander's Corner

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

Another month has passed and springtime is upon us. It is just a matter of time before everything will be green again and we will be asking where the winter went. This is traditionally a busy time around the Post. Not only do we have the usual maintenance issues that need attention, but we have a lot of clean up to do as well. A cleanup day is scheduled for the 16th. I say tentatively, as we are not sure about the weather. If it is a sunny day, then it is on. If not, we will reschedule. I listed a bunch of items we would like completed in last month's newsletter so I am not going to go through those again. I will put some flyers up in the Post with a sign-up sheet. The flyers will have a list of the items we would like taken care of. *If we get sufficient help, it should only take a couple of hours. I hope to see you all there supporting the American Legion.*

March was not an overly busy month at the Post. We hosted a couple of small events but there were no large fundraisers or memorials this month. We had nominations for Post Officers at our last General Membership Meeting. In April, we will elect the new officers for the 2016-2017 Legion Year. I encourage everyone to come to that meeting and vote for the officers of your choosing. Once again we have a great group ready to take us through the next period and I urge everyone to get involved with what the Post has going on this year.

As of right now, there are no functions on the calendar for April. I am confident that some events will present themselves and we can gather at the Post to support whatever comes up. If anyone has ideas for events, or suggestions on how we can make the Post better, please let them know. I have said it numerous times; the Post will only be what we make it. Being an active Legion Member is the best way to make our Post and our organization all it can be.

For God and Country

Alex Thoruberry

Commander



Nominations for Post Officers for 2016/2017 were held at the March 16 General Membership meeting. Results listed below.

- **Commander – Mike Frye**
- **1st Vice Commander – Sharon O'Donnell**
- **2nd Vice Commander – Open**
- **Adjutant – Tom Coca**
- **Finance Officer – Mark Coakley**
- **Chaplain – Al Lamphere**
- **Sergeant-at-Arms - Open**
- **Executive Board**
 - **Ron Lacroix**
 - **Alex Thornberry**
 - **Mike Reisinger**

Elections take place at the General Membership Meeting on April 20. Installation of next year's Officers takes place at the May General Membership meeting on May 20. As you can see, the Post is in need of additional members to volunteer to help run the Post.

Post 39 is pleased to present Thomas Hudson as our candidate to attend Boy's State for 2016.



Dale Barnett, American Legion National Commander will visit Colorado in May, and he wants to include Colorado Springs in his visit to the Rocky Mountain State. Every State he visits, Commander Barnett wants the community to turn out and **“Walk For Veterans.”** He encourages Departments to schedule a Nature Walk somewhere in their community and invite anyone interested in showing their support to our Nation's Heroes to come out and walk with him.



To commemorate the event, he has designed a T-Shirt. Our District Officers are selling the T-Shirts for \$10 prior to the event and we are encouraging all who plan to attend to buy one and wear it that day. Proceeds from the sale will go to Commander Barnett's project, the National Emergency Fund. Contact a Post 39 Officer if you wish to purchase a t-shirt.

According to his tentative schedule, Commander Barnett will be in Colorado Springs on **Monday, 23 May in the afternoon. If his schedule does not change, we will conduct the walk at the Garden of the Gods, starting at the North Main Parking Lot and will walk for about 1/2 mile around the Kissing Camels rock formation area. We are scheduling the walk to begin at 3:00pm.** Later that evening, we plan to host the National Commander for dinner at Post 209, and all are encouraged to attend the dinner, even if you cannot make the walk. More details announced as the Commander's plans are solidified.



Auxiliary Angle

Please join all the members of the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL in sending sympathy, condolences and best wishes to the family of Auxiliary President Annie Walters on the death of her younger sister in March. Annie, please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist during this difficult time for you and your family.

Stephanie Winters is the Post 39 Auxiliary candidate for Girl's State for 2016. Boys and Girls State will take place at CSU Pueblo later this year.



SAL News

Appointments/Nominations to SAL Officers took place in March. The Officers for the SAL for 2016/2017 are:

- **Commander** – Rick Leider
- **1st Vice Commander** – Bill Kine
- **2nd Vice Commander** – Tom Mullenau
- **Adjutant/Finance Officer** – Randy Walters

Tom Mullenau is new to the SAL board of Officers. We welcome his enthusiasm, ideas and willingness to help SAL Squadron 39 and the entire Legion Family.



Monthly Planner

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 TGIF April Fools Day	2 Post opens 1pm
3 Post opens 1pm	4 Monday night poker 6:30pm	5 Post closed	6 Post closed US entry into WWI	7 Thursday night poker	8 TGIF	9 Post opens 1pm
10 Post opens 1pm Auxiliary Birthday	11 Monday night poker 6:30pm	12 E-board 6pm	13 Post closed	14 Thursday night poker	15 TGIF Tax Day	16 Post opens 1pm
17 Post opens 1pm	18 Monday night poker 6:30pm	19 Post closed	20  General Membership Meeting 7:30pm	21 Thursday night poker	22 TGIF Earth Day	23 Post opens 1pm Passover
24 Post opens 1pm	25 Monday night poker 6:30pm	26 Post closed	27 Post closed	28 Thursday night poker	29 TGIF Arbor Day	30 Post opens 1pm

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