



**American Legion
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Monthly Bulletin

February 2017

Post 39 Officers

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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 everyone had a great start to the New Year.

We are now in the second half of the Legion year. I want to thank each and every one of you for the work you have done on membership, whether it was as simple as paying your own dues, or recruiting a new member, your efforts paid off. We are at 141 paid up members as of this date [82.9%], thank you to all who paid up, great job. Your commitment to paying your dues on time allows us to keep the programs and each of the four pillars of the American Legion strong! Continue to share our pride in the traditions, love of country and continued service of The American Legion by confirming that you carry a 2017 membership card. You can still renew your 2017 membership online at www.legion.org. Post 39 annual dues are \$45.

There is a lot going on this month. We will have a SUPER BOWL party! We are looking forward to a large group at the post. There will be food available and of course many folks rooting for their favorite team. See the calendar below for additional events and a great fundraiser.

I also want to point out that in March, we will begin accepting nominations for Post Officers. I would like each one of you to strongly consider running for an office. Volunteers are the backbone of this type of organization and we never turn away the offer of a helping hand. The work is rewarding and the sense of family is strong and genuine. We are Veterans who still serve America, and will continue to serve with the help and dedicated assistance of our American Legion Family members. My desire is to have each of you to assist and take on new responsibilities to help our POST GROW.

I apologize for our web site being down, but we will have a new and improved internet presence soon.

Our next Post 39 General Membership Meeting will be Wednesday, Feb 15, 2017 at 7:30pm. We all look forward to a very informative visit from our District 7 Officers.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued patience and understanding while we try to provide you with a Post that serves your needs and is a source of pride for Veterans and their families. If we have not seen you in a while, please come back to say hello. If you have come in lately, thank you!

“SERVING MANITOU SPRINGS SINCE 1919”



For God and Country,

Mike Frye, Commander
American Legion Eber Duclou Post 39
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Taps

Forrest "Gene" Pacheco, a long-time Post 39 legionnaire, passed away on January 18, 2017. He was born on June 30, 1936. Gene was an Army veteran, open wheel racecar driver, longtime Colorado Springs resident, and worked as an Electrician. He is survived by his wife, Willa Pacheco. We would like to recognize Gene for his service in the military, for he will be truly missed. We would also like to offer our sincere condolences to the loved ones of our fallen friend.

American Legion Colorado Boys State 2017

[Boys State](#) is a six-day hands-on experience in the operation of the democratic form of government, the organization of political parties, and the relationship of one to the other in shaping Colorado government. Young men will learn about city, county, and state government through a non-partisan objective education approach. The Colorado American Legion sponsors it. The American Legion pays for the program cost. To attend, boys can apply [online](#) if they have completed their Junior year of high school and have at least one more semester remaining before graduating.

- Important Dates:
 - Registration: Thru May 1st, 2017
 - Boys State: June 4th thru 10th, 2017 [CSU – Pueblo Campus]



Any questions please contact:

- Mike Frye [Post 39 Commander] at FryeM@earthlink.net
- Or
- Carol Kennedy [Boys State Chairperson] at MommaWolf60@gmail.com



Calendar

- Feb 1 Wed **Auxiliary Unit 39 Meeting** 6:00-7:30pm

- Feb 5 Sun **Super Bowl Party** 4:30pm start

Are you ready for some football? It is time for the BIG game so come join us at Post 39 for a BIG Party. Put on your team jersey and join us for guzzling, grub, and a good time. Great friends, commercials, National Anthem, Lady Gaga half-time show, 50/50 Drawing, oh and a football game. Do not miss the kickoff! Even if you did not know that the New England Patriots were playing against the Atlanta Falcons, you are still invited. We will have Sloppy Joes and Chips. **Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.**

- Feb 7 Tue **Post 39 Executive Committee Meeting** 6:00-8:00pm

- Feb 8 Wed **SAL Squadron 39 Membership Meeting** 7:00-8:00pm

- Feb 14 Tue Valentine's Day

- Feb 15 Wed **Post 39 General Membership Meeting** 7:30-9:00pm – *District 7 Visitation*

Attending American Legion monthly meetings is important because all members have a stake in the Post and a voice in its decision-making. We have initiated an incentive to boost attendance at future meeting. At the January meeting, we held a drawing of all 2017 Post 39 Legionnaires. If present, that member would have received the initial prize of \$25. If there is no winner, this prize will grow by \$5 at the next General Membership Meeting.

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Member Drawn</u>	<u>Result</u>
\$25	January 18	Leroy Young	Member Not present
\$30	February 15	You?	

At this meeting, we will welcome and receive an update from the District 7 Officers. Let it be known if you are interested in a Post leadership position.

- Feb 20 Mon President's Day – Federal Holiday



- Feb 24 Fri **Friday Music Night - Tricia Parish** 6:30pm-9:30pm

<http://triciaparish.com>

We are pleased to announce the return of Tricia Parish, an American Legion Auxiliary Unit 39 member and accomplished vocalist and acoustic guitarist, whose original and cover tunes will soothe your soul. Tricia's influences have been Joni Mitchell, Sheryl Crow, Sarah McLachlan, Shawn Colvin and Shania Twain. She started playing guitar at age 15 and has been singing since she was 2 years old. Tricia resides in the Manitou Springs area. Her first album of originals was released in 2010. Her music can be categorized as alternative country rock. Your ears will be pleased with the result. Please welcome Tricia back to Post 39 and mark your calendar for continued performances at the Post on the 4th Friday of each month. Be sure to bring your friends and family!

- Feb 25 Sat **Carnivale Parade – Fundraiser for Citizen Soldier Connection** 10:30am-2:00pm

The parade starts at 1:00pm. Weather permitting; we will be selling brats, hotdogs, and drinks to help support Citizen Soldier Connection (CSC). CSC is a Colorado Springs based non-profit organization dedicated to providing friendship and support to the soldiers and military families stationed at Ft. Carson. CSC is committed to supporting our troops by bringing the military community and local community together in friendship. By doing so, the quality of life for our soldiers and their families will be greatly enhanced and enriched. The success of the CSC Connection Program relies on the support and dedication of volunteer citizens within the community. Please volunteer your time in supporting this great fundraiser event for Citizen Soldier Connection.

- Feb 25 Sat Service Officer available at [Post 209](#) 10:00am-2:00pm

- Feb 26 Sun **Daytona 500** – The race starts at noon

\$1.00 off all drinks – all day!

Michael Waltrip will make one final run and then call it a career in NASCAR. It is true: Dale Earnhardt Jr. never saw Daytona 500 live until he drove in one.

FEBRUARY

- Feb 1 Auxiliary Unit 39 Meeting 6:00-7:30pm



- Feb 5 Super Bowl Party [Houston, Texas]
- Feb 8 SAL Squadron 39 Membership Meeting 7:00-8:00pm
- Feb 15 Post 39 General Membership Meeting 7:30-8:30pm
- Feb 20 President's Day
- Feb 25 Mumbo Jumbo Gumbo Cook-Off & Carnivale Parade / Fundraiser
- Feb 25 Service Officer available at [Post 209](#) – 10am – 2:00pm



Auxiliary News

Auxiliary meets the first Wednesday of every month.



SAL News

SAL meetings are the second Wednesday each month.

Note from the Adjutant

Thank you very much to the members renewing for 2017. We are Veterans helping Veterans. Your dues help Post 39 support local veterans programs such as the Crawford House, Citizen Soldiers Connection, as well as national programs such as Wounded Warrior. Encourage fellow members that have not renewed yet to do so. The Post needs your support, and we would love to see more members at the Post and especially for membership meetings.

For God and Country,

Tom Coca

Post 39 Adjutant