



Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

I don't know about you, but I am missing some snow! Perhaps the planet will cooperate soon enough.

Great news -With May 31 being our 2018 Membership goal deadline to reach 160 members, we are already at 100%. Welcome to our new members and we can all expect another great year!

The band *Vinyl Lust* played a Good Time Classic Rock setlist at our New Year's Eve party celebrating the "2018 New Year's Times Square Ball Drop in Manitou at 10 PM." They were great and we are working with them to possibly play at some of our future special events. Champaign, great food and party favors helped make this event one to remember

If you have the chance, don't miss "Skiing Off to War-the Story of Colorado's 10th Mountain Division" on Saturday, January 20 [11:00am – 12:30pm] at the Manitou Springs Heritage Center at 517 Manitou Ave. This will be a slide presentation, narrated by Retired Colonel Tom Duhs. The Colorado 10th Mountain Division, a World War II group of skiers and mountaineers, was trained and employed to fight the Germans in Italy. The Division was established in July 1943 at Camp Hale, Colorado near Leadville. It went to Italy at the end of 1944 and ended the war there on May 2, 1945. Everyone is welcome! The event is co-sponsored by the Pikes Peak Library District and the Manitou Springs Heritage Center. For more information, call 719-685-5206, email [ManitouHeritage@gmail.com](mailto:ManitouHeritage@gmail.com), or visit <http://www.manitouspringsheritagecenter.org>.

Below is a list of recent donations made by Post 39:

- \$1,000 to Operation Bear Hug
- \$1,000 to Operation TBI Freedom
- \$250 to Manitou Springs Fire Department's Turkey Shoot
- \$250 to Manitou Springs Historical Society's Children's program

It is time to help find candidates for Boys and Girls State. Colorado [Boys State](#) and [Girls State](#) are week-long summer leadership and citizenship programs sponsored by The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary for high school juniors, respectively. These are among the most respected and selective educational programs of 'government instruction' for high school students. It is a participatory program where each student becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state government. Boys and girls can only apply during their junior year. More than 25,000 young men participate in the American Legion Boys State program each year and more than one million boys have graduated Boys State. Please let me know of a high school junior you recommend who qualifies for this FREE honor.

The Post will be sponsoring one boy and one girl this year and candidate requirements are:

- Complete the 11th grade before summer and have one more year of high school.
- Be a self-motivated student and have the endorsement of his high school principal and teachers.

- Have qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, scholarship and patriotism.
- Demonstrate leadership and organizational qualities.
- Have self-reliance and be able to compete with others of a like standing.
- Demonstrate a desire for Civic, Public Speaking or Debate.
- Believe in the ideals of “God and Country” on which The American Legion is founded.

Post 39 officer elections will be here soon, so please consider running for one of these positions and bringing new ideas to your Post.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
  - Principle Officers [1-year term]
    - Post Commander
    - Sr. Vice Commander
    - Jr. Vice Commander
    - Adjutant
    - Finance Officer
  - Executive Board [Open positions]
    - 1 one-year term [2018 – 2019]
    - 3 two-year terms [2018 - 2020]
- Other Elected Officers [1-year term]
  - Chaplain
  - Sergeant-at-Arms

The officer election process at upcoming Post 39 General Membership Meetings will be as follows:

- Feb 21 Pre-Nominations [Collect names of those interested in running]
- Mar 21 Nominations [Closed at end of this meeting]
- Apr 18 Elections [No nominations can be made]
- May 16 New Officer Installations

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions.

**“VETERAN LIVES MATTER – WE MATTER”**

For God and Country,

**Mike Frye**, Post Commander

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## Upcoming Event Calendar - [Also available online](#)

### JANUARY

- Jan 1 Mon New Year's Day *[Post Closed]*
- Jan 3 Wed **Auxiliary Unit 39 Meeting** 6:00-7:30pm
- Jan 5 Fri **Friday Music Night - Tricia Parish** 6:30pm-9:30pm
- Jan 15 Mon Martin Luther King Jr. Day *[Post Open]*
- Jan 17 Wed **Post 39 General Membership Meeting** 7:30-9:00pm
- Jan 18-21 Commander Frye out of town – Contact Bruce
- Jan 20 Sat **Skiing Off to War - Colorado 10th Mountain Division** 11:00 - 12:30 pm  
Manitou Springs Heritage Center
- Jan 26-28 **2018 Department Mid-Year Conference** [Arvada]
- Jan 27 Sat **Manitou Springs Great Fruitcake Toss** [1pm – 3pm]

### FEBRUARY

- Feb 2 Fri **Friday Music Night - Tricia Parish** 6:30pm-9:30pm
- Feb 4 Sun **Super Bowl** 4:40pm start  
Please bring a Pot Luck item by 4:00pm  
\$1 off all mixed liquor drinks / Beer Buckets: \$10 for 5 domestic beers
- Feb 7 Wed **Auxiliary Unit 39 Meeting** 6:00-7:30pm
- Feb 10 Sat **Carnivale Parade in Manitou Springs & Mumbo Jumbo Gumbo Cook-Off**  
*Volunteer opportunity* – Hours: 9:30 – 2pm  
We will be selling Brats and Hot Dogs  
Contact [Tom Coca](#) if you have any questions
- Feb 14 Wed Valentine's Day *[Post Closed]*
- Feb 18 Sun **2018 Daytona 500** 12:30pm Start  
\$1 off all mixed liquor drinks / Beer Buckets: \$10 for 5 domestic beers
- Feb 19 Mon President's Day *[Post Open]*
- Feb 21 Wed **Post 39 General Membership Meeting** 7:30-9:00pm *[Pre-Nominations]*

### MARCH

- Mar 2 Fri **Friday Music Night - Tricia Parish** 6:30pm-9:30pm
- Mar 7 Wed **Auxiliary Unit 39 Meeting** 6:00-7:30pm
- Mar 14 Wed **SAL Squadron 39 Membership Meeting** 7:00-8:00pm
- Mar 15 Thu **American Legion's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday**
- Mar 17 Sat **Saint Patrick's Day Corned Beef Dinner** [Mark your Calendar!]
- Mar 21 Wed **Post 39 General Membership Meeting** 7:30-9:00pm *[Nominations]*