



Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

As my two years as your Post 39 Commander comes to a close, I wish to thank those of you who have helped improved our post and to keep The American Legion growing strong in Manitou Springs. I am humbled and honored that you have entrusted this post to my leadership. Special shout-outs to your incredible Executive Committee who have tirelessly propelled this post to a higher level for which we can all be proud, and also to Max Klingler, our lead bartender, who helped recruit over 30 new members this year. I am proud to say that we are now at 185 members (160 last year). If you have not yet renewed, your last chance will be the end of this month.

Nominations and elections of Post officers are now complete. Please support our next Commander, Sharon O'Donnell, as she is a proven Past Commander. Without question, I am proud to pass the gavel back to such a highly qualified fellow legionnaire.

Here is your 2018 – 2019 Post 39 Executive Committee:

Principle Officers [1-year term]

- Post Commander Sharon O'Donnell
- Sr. Vice Commander Bruce Denning
- Jr. Vice Commander Alex Thornberry
- Adjutant Tom Coca
- Finance Officer Jeff Hopkins

Executive Board [2-year term]

- Jim Vidmar [2017 - 2019]
- Brad Krug [2017 - 2019]
- Ron LaCroix [2018 - 2020]
- Mike Reisinger [2018 - 2020]
- Mike Frye [2018 - 2020]

Please join us on Wednesday, May 16, at the General Membership Meeting for the installation of these officers and to see who will be honored with the prestigious 2018 "Legionnaire of the Year" award.

Over the past few months, we have performed several maintenance projects to keep Post 39 functioning into its second century, we have undergone a few bartender changes, and seen a small bar price increase to keep up with steady vender price increases. Our next big maintenance project will be the painting of the post facia over "Eber's Porch".

Jim Glover is our newest Friday night musician and will be entertaining us at Post 39 by playing guitar on the 3rd Friday of each month 6:30pm – 9:30pm. Please don't forget to continue to support Tricia Parish,

an accomplished vocalist and acoustic guitarist, with performances on the 1st Friday of each month. Be sure to bring your friends and family to both events!

This year, we are sponsoring James Roberts of James Irwin Charter High School to Boys State. He looks forward to attend law school upon graduation. We all wish him the best at this most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students.

A major project currently being worked on in concert with the Manitou Springs Heritage Center is the replacement of the 12" x 24" bronze plaque stolen from a small boulder in Memorial Park honoring Eber Duclou after WWI to accompany the dedication of the Doughboy Statue.

Being a "Centennial Post" chartered in 1920, we are planning now for ideas for commemorating Centennial Events and would like to hear your suggestions and assistance through volunteerism.

Please review this calendar of events below as we ramp up for the busy season. Please join us at these events when possible. For more information, visit ManitouSpringsPost39.org. If you have any questions, call (719) 685-4724.

"STILL SERVING AMERICA!"

It has been my pleasure, and for God and Country,

Mike Frye, Post Commander
The American Legion
Eber Duclou Post 39
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Upcoming Event Calendar - [Also available online](#)

MAY

- May 16 Wed **Post 39 General Membership Meeting 7:30-9:00pm [New Officer Installations]**
- May 18 Fri Friday Music Night - Jim Glover 6:30pm-9:30pm
- May 19 Sat Armed Forces Day
- May 19 Sat SAL Squadron 39 Membership Meeting Noon-1:00pm *[New day/time]*
- May 19 Sat Boys State Golf Tournament - Kings Deer Golf Course, Monument, CO
Format: 4-Person Scramble / 7am Registration / Shotgun start [Cost TBD]
- May 25 Fri National Poppy Day
- May 26 Sat **Place Flags at Cemetery - Crystal Valley Cemetery**
 - 8am – Meet at Post / 9am – Meet at Cemetery
- May 28 Mon **Memorial Day - Legion Family BBQ / Pot Luck – Times TBD**

JUNE

- Jun 1 Fri Friday Music Night - Tricia Parish 6:30pm-9:30pm
- Jun 6 Wed Auxiliary Unit 39 Meeting 6:00-7:30pm
- Jun 9 Sat Operation TBI Freedom Combat Veteran's Garage Sale
- Jun 15 Fri Friday Music Night - Jim Glover 6:30pm-9:30pm

- Jun 17 Sun Father's Day
- Jun 20 Wed **Post 39 General Membership Meeting 7:30-9:00pm**
- Jun 21-24 **American Legion Department of Colorado 99th Annual Convention**
Elegante' Hotel and Conference Center
2886 S. Circle Dr., Colorado Springs

JULY

- Jul 4 Wed **Independence Day – Events TBD**
- Jul 4 Wed Auxiliary Unit 39 Meeting 6:00-7:30pm
- Jul 6 Fri Friday Music Night - Tricia Parish 6:30pm-9:30pm
- Jul 20 Fri Friday Music Night - Jim Glover 6:30pm-9:30pm
- Jul 21 Sat SAL Squadron 39 Membership Meeting Noon-1:00pm
- Jul 21 Sat Post 2008 Golf Tournament
- Jul 18 Wed **Post 39 General Membership Meeting 7:30-9:00pm**

AUGUST

- Aug 1 Wed **American Legion Eber Duclo Post 39's 98th Birthday**