Picard's Posting

VINCENT F. PICARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 0234



Upcoming October/November 2026 Events

9/29 Tuesday: Musical Bingo with Rich Ward 06-08:30PM

10/3 Saturday: SAL-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM. Band: The Knot: 5-9PM

10/4 Sunday: Legion Members' Meeting: 11AM, E-Board Meets at 09AM. Members only.

10/10 Saturday: ALR-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM. Band: Last Call Louise: 5-9PM

10/17 Saturday: TAL-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM. Band: Friends of Coop: 5-9PM

10/18 Sunday: Chili Cook-off: 1-3PM

10/21 Wednesday: Veteran Coffee Hour: 10AM Open to all Veterans.

10/24 Saturday: AUX-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM.

10/25 Sunday: American Legion Women's Auxiliary MEGA Meat Raffle. 01-03PM.

10/27 Tuesday: Musical Bingo with Rich Ward 06-08:30PM

10/31 Saturday: SAL-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM. Halloween Party/Band: The Stymonsters: 5-9PM.

11/1 Sunday: Legion Members' Meeting: 11AM, E-Board Meets at 09AM. Members only.

11/7 Saturday: ALR-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM. Band: The Mighty King Snakes: 5-9PM

11/10 Tuesday: Musical Bingo with Rich Ward 06-08:30PM

11/14 Saturday: TAL-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM. Band: Bruce Mandaro & Fnds: 5-9PM

11/18 Wednesday: Veteran Coffee Hour: 10AM Open to all Veterans.

11/21 Saturday: AUX-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM.

11/24 Tuesday: Musical Bingo with Rich Ward 06-08:30PM

11/28 Saturday: SAL-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM. Band: Nibot – Food Pantry: 5-9PM

11/29: Sunday: Craft Show 10-5: Tables available: Inquire at Post.

12/5 Saturday: ALR-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM. Band: Grove St Band: 6-9PM

12/6 Sunday: Legion Members' Meeting: 11AM, E-Board Meets at 09AM. Members only.

Post Phone# 508-393-3641. 402 West Main St., Northborough Ma.01532

Open Hours: Saturday 12-10:30PM, Sunday: 12-07PM,

Monday/Friday: 03-11PM, Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 03PM-09:30PM

Monday/Friday Night: Dirty River Poker League: 06:30PM Registration starts.

Tuesday Night: Games: Shuffleboard/Darts/Cornhole/Music Bingo w/Rich Ward.

Wednesday Night: Music: Open Mic: 06:00PM-09:00PM.

Thursday Night: Music: Karaoke: 06:00PM-9:30PM.

Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts Game 04:00PM.

Sunday: Seasonal TV Sports Patriots/Bruins/Celtics. Potluck.

2nd & 4th Saturday: Vets Food Pantry Open 10AM-12PM

3rd Wednesday: Veterans' Coffee Hour 10AM.

- **Post Commander Blanchette wants to send a special thanks out to all Post Team members that helped make the 2026 Legion Applefest activities a success:**
  - Post Prep and Chicken Dinner Prep: Jason, Chris, Jackie, Jimmy, Fred, Linda, Don, Martha, Diane, Bobby, Annette, Karen JoJo, Mary, and Max
  - Applefest booth at Algonquin High School: Spencer. Also assisted with the meat raffle.

  As a team we can make great things happen in the Northborough neighborhood!

- **10/18 Sunday: Chili Cook-off: 1-3PM.** Compete with your best homemade chili. Watch some football and see what creations show up for the contest.

- **10/25 American Legion Women's Auxiliary MEGA Meat Raffle. 01-03PM.** 🍖🍗🥩 **SAVE THE DATE!!!** 🍖🍗🥩 Always a great time with tons of chances to walk away with lots of quality meats. 5 tables of meat, many chances to win and lots of fun to be had by everyone. 🥩🍗🍖🥩🍗🍖. ***** OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! *****

- **Post Halloween Party 10/31 Saturday: SAL-Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04-5PM. Band: The Stymonsters: 5-9PM. Dress in your best costume and drop by the Post! Music and fun for all.**

- **11/14 Holy Cross Military Appreciation Game vs Villanova 12PM Noon.** Reserve, active-duty military, retired, and veterans. Point of contact is Elijah Gonzalez; info link: goholycross.com/salute. https://goholycross.com/sports/2024/9/12/salute-to-service.aspx

- **Bar Note: The Post bar is running low on the white beer chips due to members holding them and not cashing them in.** If you have these please come by and redeem. They're not souvenirs.

- **Meat Raffle/Queen-Of-Hearts help needed: All groups (TAL/SAL/AUX/ALR).** – Every Saturday the Northborough Post has a Meat Raffle and Queen of Hearts Game that is managed by members of each Legion Family group. 4 Teams that rotate and run the event for that Saturday. We have team members that have been doing this for many months now and each team could use some new members to help. This is a call to all group members to contact their group leaders and ask how YOU can help. The POST is run by the members. If members can't help with these type events, then sooner or later they may disappear. It's time to step up and contribute. To understand which group is covering the weekend look for the date from the events list above and the assigned team is listed: ex: **12/5 Saturday: ALR-Weekly Meat Raffle - ALR = American Legion Riders**

- **Kitchen external Deck Status:** Current funds raised ~4500.00 and we're still in fundraising mode. Currently reviewing quotes from contractors. We still do not have enough to cover the lowest bid so it's still a work in process (WIP).

- **Committees:** To help share the load of managing the Post Committees are used. Below are the list of the current committees and two new ones: Membership and Entertainment. If interested in participating in any of these either respond to the Post email or come to the next meeting and raise your hand.

  Current Committees:
  o Building o Scholarship o Bar
  o Finance o By-Laws Update o Boy State/Girl State
  o Post0234 Veteran of the Year

  2 New: Membership and Entertainment

- **New Post Adjutant needed June 2027:** The current Adjutant Max Strickland is also serving as the Central District 4 Senior Vice Commander and his workload with that position has increased the time he spends performing Legion tasks in Worcester County. Max assumed the role in Fall2022 and would like a replacement Fall2027. Membership processing using online MyLegion tool, Post Meeting scribe, and writer of the Picard Posting Newsletter. Main communication tool: email. If interested contact Post CMDR or Post Adjutant for more information.

- **Shrewsbury Hometown Heros Banners:** The Town of Shrewsbury, working with Boros Cares 4 Troops, will be accepting applications for their new Hometown Heroes banner program. For Post members

from Shrewsbury, you can now join the Northborough members and participate in this program. Link below if interested: shrewsburyma.gov/hometownheroes https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUmNDFRftQYUUmn7ALdUWqWsdM4BMR6wM1dCatI-Ux23jzFQ/viewform

- **Post 0234 Honor/Color Guard – members are encouraged to join the pool of possible members.** To continue to represent the Post in community events and Veteran services we need more members active in the Post 0234 Color/Honor Guard. When a request is made to the Post a call is made to this pool of members to see who can attend and if we can commit to the event. Not all members can attend all events due to many reasons so having an available pool helps. Uniforms provided. If interested check with a current member and/or reply to the post email and the Adjutant will connect you with Rick Nieber who currently manages the team.

- **Post Task List:** There is always something at the Post that could use a little attention. Change a light bulb or move an air conditioner, etc. General upkeep items. The Post belongs to the members and it's the responsibility of the members to keep it up. On the Post bulletin board, you may see a list of items that the Commander may be looking for help with. If you're retired and looking for something to do drop by the Post and check the list and see if you can help. Most are not an emergency and do not require a lot of effort but do need someone to say, 'I can help with that." Catch the Commander for more info.

- **Post 'Hall Rental: Reception Hall: Party Venue: Event Space'.** If you know anyone in search of an event hall, tell them about the Post. Have them contact the Post via website, Facebook, email or call for more info and check availability.

    - **Hall Rental Fees**
        - **Upper Hall: Capacity ~50**: $150.00 non-members. $100.00 Members. Community Service Fee of $50.00 for groups such as the Boy/Girl Scout or School events if reserved for Sunday, Monday or Tuesday nights.

        - **Main Hall: Capacity ~85:** $300.00 non-members. $200.00 Members. Community Service Fee of $100.00 for groups such as the Boy/Girl Scout or School events if reserved for Sunday, Monday or Tuesday nights.

    - Access to Full-Service Cash-Only Bar: Cocktails, Beer, Soda.
    - Keno/Lottery/ATM on-site.
    - Main Hall is large enough for a small band.
    - Main Hall has separate entrance w/handicap access for privacy.
    - Available for underage events w/parental supervision.

- **BC4T – Boros Cares 4 Troops Veteran Food Pantry:** Food pantry is open to ALL Veterans, surviving spouses, members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion and American Legion Riders. Open **every 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month** from 10AM-12PM

Noon (hours may change in summer). The pantry is in the basement of the Northborough American Legion Post 234 (follow driveway around to back of building). **402 West Main St. Northborough, MA 01532**

- **Warrior Wellness for Veterans at Boroughs YMCA Westborough** - A local program aimed at helping military veterans stay active and get in better shape. Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 to 10 AM. You do not have to be a member of the YMCA to participate. Check in at the front desk and mention the Warrior Wellness program.

  BOROUGHS FAMILY BRANCH YMCA
  4 Valente Drive, Westborough, MA 01581
  Call 508-870-1320 for more info.
  https://www.ymcaofcm.org/news/warrior-wellness-for-veterans/

- **Bricks: Veteran memorial bricks are available at the Northborough Post.** $50 Members/$100 non-member purchase. Inquire in the Post about more details and form.

- **Northborough Legion Activities are being posted to online calendars:**
  Community Advocate for Northborough
  https://www.communityadvocate.com/calendar/#/show?location=Northborough,+MA&distance=5
  The Facebook page and Website will continue to also have event information.

- **Visit the Northborough Post** and check the Bulletin Board and Bar for any Volunteer Sign-Up sheets or local activities flyers. Get involved with local activities!

- **MyLegion.org Online Updates:** All Veteran Legion members should have an online account with myLegion https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Home. Registering online helps with membership management and helps access Legion related information and services. Anyone needing assistance with online registration contact Max Strickland via alpost234picard@gmail.com.

***** To report upcoming events for the Post Newsletter, Facebook Page, or Bar posting send info to:**

alpost234picard@gmail.com or call 508-393-3641

Important Links for Vets:

- **The American Legion Department of Massachusetts, Inc.** https://www.masslegion.org/
- **Mass State Veterans Services** https://www.mass.gov/orgs/executive-office-of-veterans-services
- **MyLegion.org Legion Membership management.:** https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Home
- **Central MA Veteran Services: Northborough/Westborough/Shrewsbury/Grafton**
  https://www.town.westborough.ma.us/844/Veterans-Services
- **Veterans Inc. Worcester** 69 Grove St https://www.veteransinc.org/
- **Project New Hope Worcester** 70 James St https://www.projectnewhopema.org/
- **Worcester Vet Center – VA** 255 Park Ave https://www.va.gov/worcester-vet-center/#content

- Veterans Crisis Hotline 1-800-273-8255
- Women Veterans Call Center 1-855-829-6636

Post 234 Online:

- **Facebook:** https://www.facebook.com/vfp234
- **Website:** https://americanlegionpost234.com/
- **Instagram:** instagram@vfp234

Other Local Legion Post Online with Veteran Activities: Check for weekly activities at other local Posts.

- **Auburn Post 279:** https://www.facebook.com/Post279
- **Marlborough Post 132:** https://www.facebook.com/AmericanLegionPost132Marlborough
- **West Boylston Post 204:** https://www.facebook.com/legionpost204/
- **Grafton Post 92:** https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063756090688
- **Vernon Hill 435:** https://www.facebook.com/AL435

American Legion Northborough Post 234 Officers 06/2026

Commander	**Edgar Blanchette**
Sr Vice Commander	**Spencer Jacobs**
Jr Vice Commander	**Rick Nieber**
Financial Officer	**Stan Corbett**
Adjutant	**Max Strickland**
Chaplin	**Elizabeth Barry**
Past Commander	**William Callaghan**
Sergeant-at- Arms	**Edward Bombard**
Armorer	**Arthur Sharon**

Board Of Directors:

Don Brennan	**Harry Pierce**	**Larry Schafer**
Regina Guerra	**EJ Sowden**	

AUXILIARY UNIT 234 OFFICERS 02/2026

President:	**Karen Brewster**
Sr Vice President:	**Diane Simoneau**
Jr Vice President:	**Jess Huibregtse**
Secretary:	**Sally Strout**
Treasurer:	**Debra Rolfe**

Executive Board: **Annette Currier, Linda Durning**

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 10/2025

President/Director:	**EJ Sowden**
Vice President/Asst. Director:	**Richard Greite**
Secretary:	**Lynn Gray**
Treasurer:	**Donald Gray**
Road Captain:	**John Herstedt**
Chaplain:	**Phil Letoumeau**
Sergeant-at-Arms:	**Peter Rossik**
Covering Road Captain:	**Peter Rossik**
Event Coordinator:	**George P. Kasidakos**

Sons of the Legion:

Commander:	**Jay McDonald**
Vice Commander:	**Kyle Walker**
Finance Officer	**Fred McDonald**