



Picard's Posting



VINCENT F. PICARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 234



Upcoming December 2025 Events

11/29 Saturday: Music: Rock Band: Nibot 05PM. \$20 Cover for Food Pantry	Open to the public.
12/6 Saturday: Christmas Party/Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts Starts 04PM	Open to the public.
12/6 Saturday: Music: Rock Band: Messy Excuses 05PM. \$10 Cover	Open to the public.
12/7 Sunday: Legion Members' Meeting: 11AM, E-Board Meets at 09AM.	Members only.
12/13 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM	Open to the public.
12/17 Wednesday: Veteran Coffee Hour 10AM	Open to All Veterans
12/20 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM	Open to the public.
12/27 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM	Open to the public.
1/3 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM	Open to the public.
1/4 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: Sat/Sun: 12:00 Noon, Monday-Thursday: 03:30PM, Friday: 02:00PM

Monday/Friday Night: Colonial Poker: 06:30PM Registration starts. Open to Public.

Tuesday Night: Games: Shuffleboard/Darts/Cornhole 06:30PM. Open to Public.

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

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

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

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

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

3rd Wednesday: Veterans' Coffee Hour 10AM.

- **12/6 5PM – Northborough Annual Tree Lighting in honor of Neil Ellsworth.** Honor Guard will attend. Members encouraged to attend. 4 West Main Street. Northborough, MA 01535
- **12/6 4PM Northborough Post Christmas Party** – Potluck/Weekly Raffles/Band ‘Messy Excuses’.
- **12/13 National Wreaths Across America:** Sponsor a wreath (deadline 12/1) in Howard Street Cemetery or attend the Howard Street ceremony to help with wreath laying: 12/13 12PM Howard St Cemetery. : www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/MA0219. Volunteers needed and appreciated. Thank you!! Out to TA, Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders for support sponsoring wreaths.
- **Jan 1, 2026: Picard Posting newsletter going to email format only. No paper copies will be sent.** If you receive this newsletter via postal mail you need to provide/update your email address in MyLegion. If you send an email to alpost234picard@gmail.com the Post Adjutant can update your info in MyLegion. **Hard/printed copies of the newsletter will be available for pickup by the entrance of the Post facility.**
- **Recent Northborough Post Honor Guard events performed:**
 - **10/24 Clinton Veterans Memorial Football game:** Elizabeth Barry, Rick Nieber, Brice DeGraaf, Max Strickland. Supporting the Clinton Legion Post.
 - **11/8 Poppy Sales at Lowes Market:** Elizabeth Barry, Rick Nieber, ed Bombard, Stan Corbett, Max Strickland, Larry Schafer, Max Strickland. Members Frank Brown, Brian VanLaarhoven, Robert Brewster, Les Malecki also dropped by to help with the effort.
 - **11/17 Northborough Lincoln Street School annual Veteran Day celebration:** Stan Corbett, Jason MacDonald, John Brewer, Rick Nieber, Max Strickland
 - **11/6 Northborough Senior Center Veterans Day Celebration:** John Brewer, Max Strickland, Elizabeth Barry, Stan Corbett, Rick Nieber
 - **11/15 Flag Retirement in Millbury** – Supporting Uxbridge Post.: Stan Corbett, Bruce DeGraaf, Rick Nieber, Max Strickland
- **Thanks to members Bruce DeGraaf and Brian VanLaarhoven for their recent visit with the Northborough Cub Scouts on 11/19 at the Northborough Library.** Helping with the Cub Scout Citizenship (Jungle King) badge qualification. They discussed service to our country, respect for the US Flag, and how to be good citizens by working together. “It was fun, and the Den Leaders and parents appreciated it.”

- **Membership renewals for 2026** – Need members to get renewals in. **If you do not have a 2026 card yet, then you may need to contact the Post Adjutant.** Renewals are being processed, and cards are sent. If you think you paid but have not received a new card, then contact the Post Adjutant at email 'alpost234picard@gmail.com'. Our renewals qualify us for District and State awards if we meet certain goals.
- **Friday Night Kitchen Help** – The post kitchen currently provides a meal for the Friday night Colonial Poker event. A way to raise funds to help cover the cost to maintain the building in general. This Friday night effort is asking for any volunteers to help. One time or any type of help appreciated. Drop by on Friday evening and ask for details from the crew and see if you can do something to help the Post.
- **Post is more than a bar.** The bar is an important social place as well as it helps to pay for the maintenance of the facility. We are an American Legion Post that happens to have a bar, but we should think of ourselves as the American Legion first. We need members to help participate in community events. Working with Legion scholarships/Boy-Girl State fundraising, Honor/Color Guard participation, Poppy Sales for Post fundraising, and many other Legion programs that take active members to manage. For those members that 'do not use the bar' there are other tasks and functions that can be done to be active as a Veteran in the community. See the Commander, attend a monthly meeting, or watch for upcoming events that allow for participation to get involved.
- **Northborough Post0234 Legion Hats/T-shirts/Colar Shirts on sale** – Available at Post.
- **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
 - Lower Hall is large enough for a small band.
 - 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 (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. Northboro, 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. Average attendance is about 6 veterans. Arrive about 8:45. Consider it an exercise class and the instructor, a Y employee, is a veteran. If a veteran's civilian health insurer offers the "Silver Sneakers" program benefit, that would also provide membership to the Y. Call the YMCA for more info/questions?

BOROUGH'S 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 at** Patch.com, <https://patch.com/massachusetts/northborough>, and The 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! **It takes ACTIVE members to help the Post continue to exist and be involved with community events.**
- **MyLegion.org Online Updates:** All Veteran Legion members should have an online account with [myLegion](https://mylegion.org) <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.
- **BUY your Lottery tickets at the Northborough Post:** If you win, we all win at the Post.

***** 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 Online Legion Membership management.:**
<https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Home>
- **Central MA Veteran Services: Northborough/Westborough/Shrewsbury/Grafton Veteran Service Officer** <https://www.town.westborough.ma.us/844/Veterans-Services>
- **Veterans Inc. Worcester** 69 Grove St <https://www.veteransinc.org/>
- **Worcester Vet Center – VA** 255 Park Ave <https://www.va.gov/worcester-vet-center/#content>
- **Warrior Wellness for Veterans at Boroughs YMCA Westborough -**
<https://www.ymcaofcm.org/news/warrior-wellness-for-veterans/>
- **Veterans Crisis Hotline** 1-800-273-8255
- **Women Veterans Call Center** 1-855-829-6636
- **Help for Homeless Veterans** 1-877-424-3838

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 06/2025

Commander	Edgar Blanchette
Sr Vice Commander	Spencer Jacobs
Financial Officer	Stan Corbett
Adjutant	Max Strickland
Chaplin	Joseph McCaffrey
Past Commander	William Callaghan
Sergeant-at- Arms	Edward Bombard
Armorer	Arthur Sharon
Board Of Directors:	

John Brewer

Rick Nieber

Harry Pierce

Regina Guerra

Larry Schafer

AUXILIARY UNIT 234 OFFICERS 03/2023

President:	Karen Brewster
Sr Vice President:	Diane Simoneau
Jr Vice President:	Jess Huibregtse
Secretary:	Sally Strout
Treasurer:	Debra Rolfe
Executive Board:	Annette Currier

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 10/2025

President/Director:	Rich Greite
Vice President/Asst. Director:	EJ Sowden
Secretary:	D. 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