



# Picard's Posting



VINCENT F. PICARD AMERICAN LEGION POST 234



## Upcoming January-February 2026 Events

<b>1/3 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>1/4 Sunday: Northborough Members' Meeting: 11AM, E-Board Meets at 09AM.</b>	Members only.
<b>1/10 Saturday: Legion District 4 Meeting: 09:30AM</b>	Open to any D4 member.
<b>1/10 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>1/17 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>1/21 Wednesday: Veteran Coffee Hour: 10AM.</b>	Open to any local Veteran.
<b>1/24 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>1/24 Saturday: Band: Messy Excuses. 05:30PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>1/31 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>2/1 Sunday: Legion Members' Meeting: 11AM, E-Board Meets at 09AM.</b>	Members only.
<b>2/7 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>2/14 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>2/18 Wednesday: Veteran Coffee Hour: 10AM.</b>	Open to any local Veteran.
<b>2/21 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>2/28 Saturday: Weekly Meat Raffle/Queen-of-Hearts 04PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>2/28 Saturday: Band: Tsunami + Larry Bee &amp; the Buzz. 05PM</b>	Open to the public.
<b>3/8 Sunday: Northborough Members' Meeting: 11AM, E-Board Meets at 09AM.</b>	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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday: Vets Food Pantry** Open 10-12AM

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: Veterans' Coffee Hour** 10AM.

- **New Years Day 1/1/26** – Post open at 03:30PM. Karaoke will happen as normally scheduled at 6PM.
- **1/17/2026 Arsenault Hockey Night: Northstar Ice Arena: 05:30 PM – For the Brian K. Arsenault Memorial Fund** Check email, Facebook, or flyer at Post for additional info.
- **Bar Price Increases** – As of 1/1/26 Northborough Legion bar prices will increase by \$1 on beer/wine/alcohol. The cost of maintaining the facilities continues to go up and current bar revenue and fund-raising efforts are not keeping up. If the Post is to remain open, we need increased fundraising efforts and/or price increases. We regret that this will happen, but the Post must remain financially stable, or it cannot continue to exist.
- **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](mailto: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:**
  - **12/6 Northborough Christmas Tree Lighting honoring Brian Arsenault.**
- **Post in need of: If you have it and want to contribute.**
  - Standing or wall mount video projection screen: white: – desired for hall rental use
- **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. Paint a door or change a light fixture. General upkeep items. The Post belongs to the members and it's the responsibility of the members to keep it up. Bar tenders take

care of the bar customers and not the building. 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.'

- **Volunteer needed: Retired Flag pickup in Northborough:** Bins located at Northborough Town Hall, Post Office, and Senior Center. Once a quarter/every couple of months we need someone to check the bins and clear. Flag storage at the Post in the shed. Flag retirement ceremony date/time TBD Spring. If interested in helping respond to this email.
- **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'.
- **June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Northborough Post Elections:** Sign-up sheets will go up in March. Members are responsible for continuing the Post through the years. Leadership and participation from membership are needed to help keep the place open. If you have some time to give back to your community and fellow Veterans, then step up.
- **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. 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!
- **MyLegion.org Online Updates:** All Veteran Legion members should have an online account with [myLegion](https://mylegion.org/PersonifyEbusiness/Home) <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](mailto: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](mailto: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	Regina Guerra
Harry Pierce	Larry Schafer

**AUXILIARY UNIT 234 OFFICERS 03/2023**

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

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS 10/2025**

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

**Sons of the Legion:**

<b>Commander:</b>	<b>Jay McDonald</b>
<b>Vice Commander:</b>	<b>Kyle Walker</b>
<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Fred McDonald</b>