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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Hello Veterans,

Winter has certainly arrived. Five from Rochester went to the mid-winter conference at Adams - Reid Oberle, Paul Martin, Joe Brown, Tony Loecher, Dave Bilderback and me. Reid, our Adjutant, gave a nice report on Americanism. The Riders had their District meeting in the afternoon and I was told it was a good meeting. These conferences have a lot of information that the Club and Post can use.



We are hoping for a big turn-out on February 5th for the National Commander's breakfast at our Club. It is a great time to meet the State, District and National Officers and say Hi! Let's say a prayer for our leaders. It's a big job and they can use all the help they can get.

Is there anyone out there who would like to be involved and start a junior shooting sports program? Please contact me. I have a good contact who would help set it up.

Any vets who are already receiving medical benefits contact the veterans' service office. You may be eligible for dental insurance at reduced rates (507-328-6355).

Thanks to the Rider's for doing the breakfasts at the Club. All the money went to the Eagles Cancer Telethon. Good job!

Keep a prayer in your hearts for those who are in harm's way.

—Tom Quick, Commander  
Cell 269-6729 or hm 289-6987  
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## THANK YOU FROM LYKE FAMILY

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair  
Perhaps you sent those beautiful flowers, that were  
sitting there

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend  
could say

Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us  
that day

Whatever you did to console our hearts we thank you  
so much for whatever part

—The Bill Lyke Family



## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello to all and I hope you have lots of fun plans for the NEW YEAR! This is a good time to put a new twist into the same old, same old or attempt a new project.



As our Auxiliary 2013-2014 year moves on we have much on our plate to look forward to completing. We still have our Friday Fish Fry's and our next will be on February 7th. With Lent around the corner we could use some more hands and this would be a good time to learn the process in the kitchen.

I was thinking about Bill Lyke the other day and the words loyal, committed, and driven come to mind. For most of my life I have known the Lyke family and Bill was a VERY active family man who participated in his children's lives. He engaged in teaching them and others how to do things and often led by example. Bill was a hard worker and a credit to his professions. Even though many of his beliefs were set in stone, black or white, non-negotiable, he was a true believer in doing what was right and best for all. Last summer I recall sitting on the Lykes' front lawn as they held a rummage sale. Bill was surrounded by the neighborhood children who purchased his rods, reels and fishing tackle. He patiently walked them through putting line on the rod, which hook or lure to use, and what bait to use in different fishing scenarios. Bill was in his realm that day! Bill Lyke will be missed by all big and small.

Miss Poppy has been gracious enough to help with our fundraising and Veteran projects (Fish Fry's, Craft & Bake Sales, a Halloween Safety Program that she orchestrated herself, Fruit Baskets at Veterans Day and Apples for Teachers) and she continues to amaze me with her charisma and smarts. If you have an event that you would like her assistance with, please let me know.

We have a few dates to remember:

February 5 - Breakfast at the Club at 8 AM with  
Commander

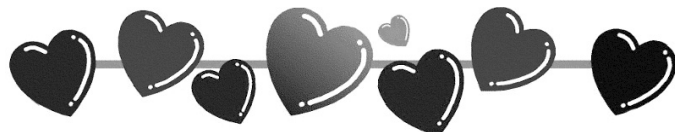
February 7 - Fish Fry

February 14 - Valentine's Day KISS A VETERAN

February 18 - Auxiliary Meeting at 7 PM

Enjoy the Winter Weather! If not, head south like so many I know have done to keep their sanity.

—Sharon Kingsley, Auxiliary President Unit #92



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**40/8 NEWS**

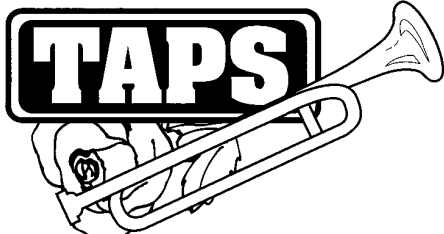
Hello Voyageurs:  
 The Holidays are over. Let's start thinking about our programs and officers.  
 The next Promenade is Tuesday, February 11, 2014.



—Richard Skillestad, 40 & 8 Correspondent

**STAYING IN TOUCH**

All families of The American Legion and the Korean War Veterans Club members are asked to help keep us informed of homebound and hospitalized members, and of veterans in need of medical assistance. I'm sure they would enjoy hearing from us with a card or visit. Please call Chaplain, Jerry Barnhart at 282-5704, Associate Chaplain, Bob Keith at 289-7508, Gladys Stephan (Auxiliary) at 289-6062 or the Post 92 office at 252-1659. "We care for all our veterans." CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR TAPS AND SICK CALLS [www.post92.org](http://www.post92.org).



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## GAMBLING EXPENSES

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 Roger K. Vangness, Gambling Manager  
 Post 92 Rochester MN Lic. B-00254

ALLOWABLE EXPENSE	AMOUNT
PAYROLL	\$7,008.88
FEDERAL PAYROLL TAX	\$1,960.18
MN PAYROLL TAX	\$352.00
COMBINED RECEIPT TAX	\$9,649.00
ADVERTISING	\$595.00
LEGAL SERVICE	\$360.00
OFFICE SUPPLY	\$282.38
REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT	\$1,260.00
UTILITIES	\$245.61
JANITOR SERVICE	\$275.00
PULL TABS	\$3,914.18
MEAT TRAYS	\$260.00
SHORT BANKS (games pulled)	\$804.00
<b>TOTAL ALLOWABLE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$26,966.23</b>

LAWFUL PURPOSE	AMOUNT
MN ENERGY RESOURCES	\$642.00
ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$1,832.00
US TREASURY (form 730)	\$478.04
VETERANS IN DISTRESS (3)	\$792.50
BUNDLE OF LOVE	\$500.00
CHANNEL ONE INC	\$100.00
IRONWOOD SPRINGS CHRISTIAN RANCH	\$250.00
TR AUTISM AWARENESS FOUNDATION	\$100.00
MAYO SENIOR PARTY	\$100.00
JOHN MARSHALL GRADUATION PARTY	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL LAWFUL PURPOSE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,894.54</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE  
 MONTH OF DECEMBER 2013** **\$31,860.77**

## FULL THROTTLE NEWS FROM THE 92 RIDERS



As of this writing, there are only 58 more days until the first day of spring. Hopefully, it will be warm enough to get the bikes out on the road. I know a lot of us are going through some "wind in the face" withdrawals.

The 92 Riders hosted our last Breakfast Fundraiser on January 18th. The weather didn't cooperate with us again. We had a heavy snowfall that morning, which I'm certain, kept some people from coming down to the Legion. We did end up serving about 80 people that morning. After all was said and done, we were able to donate \$1000 to the Eagles Cancer Telethon and donate some leftover perishable supplies to the Ronald McDonald House. We were even able to go on stage at the telethon to give the Legion some community exposure. Thank you to everyone that came down to support us. We really do appreciate the support.

We are currently working on some events for the summer. We will post more info once it has been finalized. One thing to Save the Date for is our annual PTSD Awareness Ride. We will be hosting this event the weekend of June 21/22. We should be able to give full details on this next month.

Almost all of our Riders have renewed their membership for 2014. In less than two years of having a Riders program, our Post is now up to 25 Riders. For the few remaining Legion Riders who haven't paid your 2014 membership dues, please get them submitted. You can put your dues in an envelope with your name on it and place it in the Riders mailbox by the entrance in the Post Club.

If you are interested in joining the 92 Riders, come check us out at our regular monthly meeting held on the 2nd Thursday of every month. Our next meeting is Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7 PM in the Post 92 Club.

Lastly, if you're on Facebook, be sure to "LIKE" our Facebook page at: [www.facebook.com/92Riders](http://www.facebook.com/92Riders).

—Tony Loecher, Vice President 507-358-6389



## BREAKFAST WITH THE NATIONAL COMMANDER FEBRUARY 5, 2014 8:00 AM



American Legion Post 92 315 1st Ave. NW, Rochester, MN 55901  
 Buffet breakfast \$8.00

Please RSVP by January 29, 2014 by calling 507-252-1659 or  
 put your name on the sign up sheet at the Club - Pay for tickets at the door.

## CABANE 327

Cabane 327

OH SO COLD! We canceled our January meeting, but plan on meeting February 11, 2014 at 7 PM at the Rochester American Legion Post 92. Just before Valentine's Day – give that special one an extra hug.

It takes all of us to bring membership to 100%, simply ask for the dues, but then explain why their membership dues make a difference to those in need. The many programs: POW-MIA Survivors Scholarship Program which provides scholarships for direct descendants of POW-MIA servicemen and women, Americanism is the activity of service to the public with American flags for first graders, National Boxcar Association helping to preserve the symbol of the 40 et 8 and clowns at 40 et 8 National conventions. The Cabane again will give a \$500 Medical Training Scholarship to RCTC. Come and be a part of a great group of Dames and support worthy programs.

Prayers to Dames in sickness and distress,

—Barbara Stussy, La Presidente Locale



January. No other squadron has more members outside its own town as we do. Our numbers are nuts with more than half living out of Rochester. I believe this is due to more legions in our area talking about folding or not having a SAL at their post. Therefore, it is more than important for those who live here to show up at the membership meetings, to give ideas and get involved. The only difference this year is our youth have not renewed yet so our 14 are only 3. I am sure this will change as time goes on.

Our fish fry is still on for the second Friday, February 14th. If I remember correctly, this is Valentine's Day. I am helping you guys out who forget this! Bring your sweetie down for some good cooking and start the night off right! Please remember the SAL could not have these dinners if not for our volunteers. Please thank them for their time.

In April, we will put up our election list and in May we will have election of officers. There's still time to come and see what it is all about. It would be nice to have different names and active people on the board. People will have a chance to talk to these people with ideas and concerns.

Thanks again for making this Legion what it is today. It really does take all of us and I hope to see you all at breakfast on February 5th with the National Commander.

—Dave Bilderback, 92 Squadron Commander

## SAL 92 SQUADRON NEWS:

The SAL membership meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 PM in the pool room. If there is a pool team shooting we will meet by the popcorn machine. The next meeting is scheduled for February 13th with the fish fry on the 14th.

Congratulations, the SAL is at goal plus this year. This also means that our membership cards should be all printed off next year. On April 1st the National Legion takes the list from Department and prints the cards for the upcoming year. I have found out that there are addresses that are not right or a misspelled name. Please contact me and we will make the corrections.

As I stated last month, our SAL is not a common squadron. WE are very different from many others around us. I attended the Mid-Winter Conference in Adams in



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## **KOREAN WAR VETERANS CLUB**

Happy New Year to all of you Veterans and especially the Korean War Vets reading this.

To start out the New Year, on Wednesday February 5th, 2014, **the American Legion National Commander – Dan Dellinger** – will be coming to Rochester for a breakfast at the American Legion Post 92 (315 1st Ave NW, Rochester MN 55901). This visit will give us the opportunity to meet the current American Legion National Commander. We must RSVP by January 29th, 2014. A signup sheet will be up at the Club or you may call 507-252-1659. Cost is \$8 which includes a breakfast buffet and you can pay for the tickets at the door.

At our Monday Morning breakfast meeting on January 13th, 2014, we had two guests from the Mankato Koreans Vets Club attending: **Bill Hoehn** (the Commander) and **Paul Steen** (the Secretary). They talked about their club which is a national member. They were also interested in the National Korean War annual meeting to be held in Rochester in October 2014.

This past month **Pete Peterson**, a club member, picked up a large number of books dedicated to Korean Vets by the South Korea government. The books are titled "Korea Reborn" A Grateful Nation Honors War Veterans for 60 years of Growth. All 200 plus members of our KWVC are being given one of these books as a gift from the Korean people.

Several of our KWVC members have already talked at the monthly Veterans Round Table and the next one will be February 10th, 2014, with **Warren Potter** being one of three speakers that evening. Plan on attending this event at the Assembly of God Church (4240 18th Ave NW, Rochester MN 55901) starting at 7 PM.

On January 13th, 2014, **Ray Krolak** submitted his personal military story to Adjutant Ken Thamert. His story will be put in our military history book. Many of our members have submitted their stories but we would like all members to do so.

A funeral was held recently for **Bill Lyke**. Not only was he a KWVC member but had served in almost every leadership capacity of the American Legion Post 92. God bless you Bill.

To all of you Veterans who served anywhere in the world from 1950 to 1955, please consider joining our Korean War Veterans Club. Just come to Grandma's Kitchen restaurant any Monday morning about 7:45 AM to have breakfast with us and see what we are all about. A fantastic group of men!

For information about joining the Korean War Veterans Club contact Cyril (Cy) Kubista, Commander, (507) 254-4911 or Ken Thamert, Adjutant, (507) 289-0836.

—**Ken Thamert, Adjutant, (KWVC)**

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## **BAR NOTES**

Dear Bugle Readers,

Wow!! Wasn't late December and January a cold and weird winter. I know we are Minnesotans but that was crazy!

In February we have some great entertainment. On Wednesdays we have the regular karaoke guys. Check the calendar for your favorites. On Fidays we have some karaoke and bands (Colt 45 and Country Ladds).

I also would like to congratulate Roger Vangness on retiring from Crenlo. But those of us that really know Roger, know that just means he'll spend 80 hours at the Legion helping out or observing everything. I think it means the ladies in the pull tab booths should never have to count a closed box again!!

Last month we had some great fun with a New Year's drawing and a chili cook-off. Now I'm waiting for warmer weather to use the new grill we had donated to us by Pete Viker!!

Some sad news to report. We closed the kitchen for lunches. The kitchen is still open for Wednesday nite burgers, Friday fish fries (until middle May) and, of course, for Bingo Saturdays (2nd and 4th Saturday). We might be trying a lunch special Monday-Friday like Sloppy Joes, BBQ's, etc, only behind the bar. Please let me know if you are interested in something like that!!

Big Ten Basketball is in full swing! The Gophers sure are fun to watch. They're doing better than I thought they would. If we can keep Pitino around for years, this might be a consistent top 10 program in years to come.

As Always... Go Gophers!!!

—**Todd Ihrke, Bar Manager**

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