



# THE BUGLE



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## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Hello Veterans,



Last time I wrote we were having the National Commander, Dan Dellinger, for a breakfast meeting. Well, everything went just great, had a nice turn out and everyone seemed to have a great time. The Commanders, National, State and District, were very approachable and went out of their way to talk to everyone they could. Malcom Goodman was the only WWII Vet and was able to have his picture taken with the National Commander. We had a great turn out of Korean War Vets. Thanks Guys! I personally want to thank everyone that helped out: the Color Guard, the Legion Riders, and last but not least, the Club Manager "Todd" and SAL Commander "Dave Bilderback" for the great job of cooking. Thanks again to everyone for showing up, helping out and just being there.

Has the City of Rochester forgotten who the vets are? Do they remember why it is called Soldiers Field? I went down to a meeting and was told the Legion was not invited, come back to the public meeting. We are not public, we are the **vets** that built and gave to the City that beautiful golf course. Please call your councilman and the Park and Rec. Let them know we are not happy!!

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

—Tom Quick, Commander  
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## AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy Birthday American Legion! Since forming in 1919 after WWI much has happened with our defending of our Country. Many organizations have sprouted nationwide to aide with our Veterans, so many that it gets confusing at times. You can rest assured that our own Post and Unit



would not be possible without your support. However you choose to support, keep our Veterans in your sight. You won't go wrong.

Which leads me to March which is, among many things, "Community Service Month". I am sure you can always find a fundraiser, church activity, or work related activity that works toward helping our community.

SCHOLARSHIP applications are coming due! We are also working on our Girls State applications. We love to help our youth have opportunities for their futures, so let's get the materials in on time.

Gladys Stephan and I went to the breakfast with the National Commander Daniel Dellinger from Virginia. I got to meet Commander Mike Ash and several other Minnesotans' who traveled in his entourage. We gave him a warm welcome and had the pleasure of hearing of his great support for our organization in Washington where we need him!

### Dates to remember:

- 4 – Mardi Gras
- 5 – Ash Wednesday
- 6 – Lewiston, Past Commanders Fish Fry 5-7 pm
- 7 – Fish Fry
- 9 – Daylight Savings
- 17 – St. Pat's Day (Kiss a Vet again)
- 18 – Meeting
- 20 – First day of Spring
- 22 – Joint Leader Testimonial, La Crescent 5-6 HH and dinner at 6:15

Thanks to all who have helped with our "Care Packages" to the Mosher Home and thanks to Gladys and Tammy for taking the goods over there.

Have a safe ST. PAT's Day and hope to see you at the Club.

—Sharon Kingsley, Auxiliary President Unit #92

**VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 17TH, 2014**  
**Rotunda of Minnesota State Capitol**  
**Joe Brown is attending and**  
**if you want to ride along,**  
**give him a call at 507-990-1347**  
**Information posted at Club**

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 Paul Martin, Chuck Oviatt, Roger Vangness  
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 Secretary.....Bill Farnsworth  
 Sgt-at-Arms .....Gilmore  
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**40/8 NEWS**



Hello Voyageurs:

Some of our Programs are coming up. The Easter Egg Hunt is for children 10 years old and under. It is on the Saturday before Easter, April 19, at Quarry Hill West Park. The Voyageurs should be there at 9 AM. The hunt with the children starts at 10 AM.

Nursing Training Scholarships: We give five to girls or boys that are going in to the Nursing Program. It will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at the RCTC Event Center. I will have the time in the next newsletter or you can call Richard Skillestad at 507-250-5329. You can see information on all Scholarships that are given out.

Next Promenade is on Tuesday, March 11, at 7 PM at Post 92 club rooms.

Yours Truly,

—Richard Skillestad, 40 & 8 Correspondent

**AMERICAN LEGION 2014 CONVENTION VOLUNTEER MEETING**

We will be having a meeting to discuss the convention at Thursday, March 13th at 7 PM at Post 92 Club. Volunteers are needed. For information call Reid Oberle at 250-3586.

**TAPS**

Sympathy cards have been sent to the families of the following  
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# POST 92 CLUB AND KITCHEN HOURS

**CLUB HOURS**.....Monday - Thursday 10 am to 10 pm, Friday - Saturday 10 am to Midnight, Sunday 12 noon to 7 pm

**BAR - HAPPY HOURS** .....Monday - Friday 11 am to 6 pm, Saturday 10 am to 1 pm

**KITCHEN HOURS** .....**CLOSED EXCEPT AS NOTED ON CALENDAR**

# MARCH 2014



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	SAINT PATRICK'S DAY					Cribbage at Noon
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>KWVC Breakfast at Grandma's Kitchen 8 AM</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Executive Committee Mtg. 7 PM</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Burger Nite 5-7 PM</i> <i>Bam Karaoke 6-10 PM</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>Fish Fry Dinner 5-7:00 PM</i> <i>Baby Bomers Boogie Band 6-10 PM</i>	<b>8</b> <i>Cribbage at Noon</i> <i>Kitchen Open 11-4 for Bingo</i> <i>BINGO 1-?? PM</i>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <i>KWVC Breakfast at Grandma's Kitchen 8 AM</i>	<b>11</b> <i>Promenade 7 PM</i>	<b>12</b> <i>Burger Nite 5-7 PM</i> <i>GL Karaoke 6-10 PM</i>	<b>13</b> <i>SAL 7 PM</i> <i>Legion Riders 7 PM</i>	<b>14</b> <i>Fish Fry Dinner 5-7:00 PM</i> <i>Colt 45's 6-10 PM</i>	<b>15</b> <i>Cribbage at Noon</i> <i>Pool Tournament Benefit for Justin Phelps 10 AM</i>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>KWVC Breakfast at Grandma's Kitchen 8 AM</i> <i>St. Patty's Day Green Beer &amp; Drink Specials All Day</i>	<b>18</b> <i>Post Screening Comm Mtg. 6 PM</i> <i>Post Mtg. 7 PM</i> <i>Auxiliary Mtg. 7 PM</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Burger Nite 5-7 PM</i> <i>Kickback Karaoke 6-10 PM</i>	<b>20</b> <i>Purple Heart 6 PM</i>	<b>21</b> <i>Fish Fry Dinner 5-7:00 PM</i> <i>Driven 6-10 PM</i>	<b>22</b> <i>Cribbage at Noon</i> <i>Kitchen Open 11-4 for Bingo</i> <i>BINGO 1-?? PM</i>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>KWVC Breakfast at Grandma's Kitchen 8 AM</i> <i>Vietnam Vets Mtg. 7 PM</i>		<b>25</b> <i>Burger Nite 5-7 PM</i> <i>GL Karaoke 6-10 PM</i>		<b>26</b> <i>Fish Fry Dinner 5-7:00 PM</i> <i>Contriband 6-10 PM</i>	
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>KWVC Breakfast at Grandma's Kitchen 8 AM</i>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

**PULL TAB BOOTH OPEN DAILY**

**SCRATCH TAB MACHINE**

Sunday .....1 pm to ?? Available Time.....When Club is Open

Monday - Saturday .....11 am to Closing

## GAMBLING EXPENSES

Gambling report month of January 2014  
 American Legion Post 92  
 Roger K. Vangness, Gambling Manager  
 Post 92 Rochester MN Lic. B-00254

ALLOWABLE EXPENSE	AMOUNT
PAYROLL	\$5,543.38
FEDERAL PAYROLL TAX	\$1,662.74
MN PAYROLL TAX	\$349.00
US TREASURY UNEMPLOYMENT	\$62.07
MINNESOTA UC FUND	\$1,738.00
COMBINED RECEIPT TAX	\$13,181.00
ADVERTISING	\$320.00
LEGAL SERVICE	\$625.00
OFFICE SUPPLY	\$355.40
REPAIR EQUIPMENT	\$238.93
UTILITIES	\$245.94
JANITOR SERVICE	\$275.00
PULL TABS	\$3,090.05
MEAT TRAYS	\$460.00
FIRST SHRED	\$463.30
SHORT BANKS (games pulled)	\$1,157.00
<b>TOTAL ALLOWABLE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$29,766.81</b>

LAWFUL PURPOSE	AMOUNT
MN ENERGY RESOURCES	\$642.00
ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$1,832.00
US TREASURY (form 730)	\$435.79
ALL FLAGS LLC 8X12	\$114.14
DISONS CLEANERS	\$51.90
HONOR GUARD	\$4,485.00
HONOR GUARD (mileage)	\$200.20
ROCHESTER YOUTH BASEBALL	\$2,000.00
ROCHESTER A'S BASEBALL	\$5,000.00
ROCHESTER REDHAWKS BASEBALL	\$5,000.00
ROCHESTER PATRIOTS BASEBALL	\$5,000.00
ROCHESTER EAGLES BASEBALL	\$5,000.00
PLUMBING HEATING DRAIN CLEANING	\$150.00
ADVANCED FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE	\$638.88
DAN ANDRIST	\$180.00
EAGLES FIFTH DISTRICT CANCER TELETHON	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL LAWFUL PURPOSE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$31,729.91</b>

**TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE  
 MONTH OF JANUARY 2014** **\$61,496.72**

## KOREAN WAR VETERANS CLUB

The breakfast at the American Legion, honoring the American Legion National Commander, on Wednesday February 5th, 2014 was a success with 20 of our members in attendance. National Commander Dan Dellinger talked about the challenges we face with the Federal Government – possibly cutting military funding the next budget.

Each month Arlan (Shelly) Shelstad takes a load of clean clothing that our members have donated up to the Hastings Home for Veterans. There are 180 plus Vets at the facility that would appreciate receiving clean, slightly used clothing. In the past Cy Kubista, Walt Kuhlman, Clete Pollack, and others have made the trip with Shelly. If any members can donate clothing, please bring them to Grandma's Kitchen any Monday morning.

On Monday, February 17th, 2014, Neal DeYoung, our honorary member who works at Hunt's Silver Lake Drug, once again came for breakfast. He delivered a 1944 canteen of the type we used in Korea, plus a P38 can opener with small packet to hold it. Neal explained how the opener works which brought back memories as we all had used an opener at some time in our service when we ate WWII issued C rations. He wanted to donate the items for our show case at Grandma's Kitchen. The contents of that will go to the Veterans Museum once it is built.

Last month I wrote about the book "Korea Reborn: A Grateful Nation Honors War Veterans for 60 Years of Growth" which is available FREE to Korean War Veterans and families as a gift of gratitude from the Korean Government. Merle Peterson has the books and KWVC members can pick up one copy any Monday morning at Grandma's Kitchen breakfast.

Everyone attending the Scott Hosier Veterans Round Table on February 10th, 2014 enjoyed the talk given by Warren Potter about his military service in Korea. The program was titled "Korean War 1952 to the Armistice" with two Korean Vets giving talks. Each year there is a 2nd February Round Table and the Honorable Al Quie will talk on February 22nd at the program titled "Learning to Fly WWII and Cold War Aircraft".

On Wednesday, February 19th, lunch will be served at the American Legion for any KWVC member wishing to attend. This is a special lunch made available each month for only KWVC members and the price is very reasonable.

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)



## CABANE 327



Midwinter came and went with an informative Rendezvous for the Dames led by Grande Presidente, Arlette Hartung from Cabane 415. Each program was reviewed and the expectations for each Locale were reported. We met Kathy Ahner, La Presidente Nationale, from South Carolina, who braved the weather and came to Minnesota. Her goal is MEMBERSHIP TAKE FLIGHT with all of us recruiting a new member. Then watch membership FLY to new heights this year. Her project for the year is the Child Welfare Program. If you have not paid your DUES, they are due now or you will be delinquent March 31st, 2014.

Thank you to everyone that donated small hygiene items this past year. We will no longer accept any more items as the Women's Shelter has enough. We appreciate all that participated in this program in the past with donations.

The next meeting will be March 11, 2014, at 7 PM, at the American Legion Post 327 in Rochester. Come and be a part of a caring and fun group of Dames.

*The greatest achievements are those that benefit others.*  
Prayers to Dames in sickness and distress,

—Barbara Stussy, La Presidente Locale

## DREAMING OF SPRING

News from the 92 Riders

Your 92 Riders are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Spring. As of my writing this article, Spring is officially 31 days away. The weather better start getting warmer if we're going to be riding by then.

Not a lot has happened since last month. We are still working on some events for this summer. We will post more info once things are finalized. Be sure to "Save the Date" for our annual PTSD Awareness Ride. We will be hosting this event the weekend of June 21st/22nd.

On February 15th, we hosted a pizza party for the families at the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester.



The weather that evening wasn't very good, but it turned out to be a fun event. We were able to see, first hand, how a simple gesture of goodwill can have an impact on the lives of others. It was really something to see. Thank you to Pizza Hut and their employees (Elisa, Blake, and Christy) for helping us host the party.

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, March 13th, 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). We prefer to use Facebook to keep everyone up to speed on the events we host or participate in, share photos, and just all around share information. We enjoy hearing from everyone, so don't be afraid to post a comment or ask a question.

—Tony Loecher, Vice President 507-358-6389

## 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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## **SAL 92 SQUADRON NEWS:**



The SAL membership meetings are the second Thursday of the month at 7 PM in the poolroom or by the popcorn machine depending on if there is a pool team playing. The next meeting is Thursday, March 13th.

Thanks goes out to Chris Moberg who came forth at the last meeting and is interested in being the SAL Historian. As far as I know, he will be our first at this Squadron. This could be a real shot in the arm for the SAL in the future, so stay tuned.

Our fish fry will be on Friday, March 21st (yes, I am aware I made a mistake last month, sorry). If it helps, the SAL has the third Friday of the month so we are looking forward to seeing you all there.

I have been involved with the SAL for over twelve years now, and I am finding myself asking where are all of our members? On February 5th we had the National Commander here and I didn't see any of our SAL in attendance. I have done the membership for the last couple years so I have learned who a lot of these people are. As your Commander I go to these and other events. I carry both my caps with me to show I am a dual member. The National Commander made a point in saying the SAL is included in the overall Legion number count. As the Commander the last five years, we have tried a lot of different things to get something going here in Rochester with very little help! This is why it would be nice to get new people involved, and get people who go to the Legion to hold offices, so those people at the Club can meet the SAL.

When I got active with the SAL, I heard the SAL didn't matter and we don't have a say of what goes on around the Legion. For the five years I have been here, WE have been heard and our active members have given up, so now I am basically alone with one or two still holding on. I have been working for the Corp. of Engineers now for eight years, and I have finally gotten a shift of my own meaning that when I get back to working, I drive 90 miles each day. This is why I have been looking for help. Now is the time when I am looking at making the move closer to the river. No, I will not give up on the SAL but with only a few active members it puts a strain on how and what the SAL is capable of and what it can do. The SAL, along with the rest of the Legion family, is looking at the state convention here in July (food for thought).

An added note for all the veterans out there. I recently tried to help a friend out whose father had just passed away. Unfortunately, I found their dad's DD form was not filed with the county so now the family has to go through the funeral home to get things done for the burial. To help your family out or just so you can get a copy, please take your DD forms to get them entered in the data banks. It will help out whoever may need to take care of this kind of business. I know we are all going to live forever, but just in case.

If this letter sounds like I am venting, take it as you see fit, however, I would like to see not only the SAL get on the right track but those who are expected to support FAMILY. They should also do their part.

In April we will post 2014-15 officers, and in May there will be elections. Think on this! I almost forgot, the SAL added to its cabinet. Not only did the SAL get a letter thanking us for our donation to the Legacy Run, but also received a plaque.

Moving forward for the future, be a volunteer and stay involved!

—**Dave Bilderback, 92 Squadron Commander**

## **BAR NOTES**

Dear Bugle Readers,

Hopefully March is bringing us better weather. As I write this it is snowing AGAIN and blowing but at least it isn't freezing out!!

We have great entertainment on Wednesday and Friday nites plus burgers on Wednesdays and fish on Fridays. Check calendar for who is here.

Saturday, March 15th is a pool tournament – Scotch Doubles \$10. For more info contact Brenda Ewing at 990-6564 or call the Legion at 282-1322.

Monday, March 17th is St. Patty's Day. We will have **green** beer and drink specials for those who wear green plus some Mulligan Stew, Corned Beef and Cabbage for lunch (\$5) until gone.

As Always... Go Gophers!!!

—**Todd Ihrke, Bar Manager**

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