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William T. McCoy Post #92 American Legion Family Newsletter

May 2024



MAY EVENTS

- 1—MAY DAY
- 3-4 POPPY DISTRIBUTION IN ROCHESTER, UNIT 92
- 3-FISH FRY, MEAT RAFFLE @ 5PM, KARAOKE 7 PM
- 10-FISH FRY, MEAT RAFFLE @ 5PM, KARAOKE 7PM
- 11-BINGO
- 14- SQUADRON 92 SAL MEETING 6 PM
- 15-PEACE OFFICERS MEMBORIAL DAY
- 17-FISH FRY, MEAT RAFFLE @ 5PM, KARAOKE 7PM
- 18- ROCKIN HEP CATS @ 7 PM
- 21-EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 11 AM
- 21- LEGION POST MEETING 6 PM **ELECTIONS!!!**
- 24-FISH FRY, MEAT RAFFLE @ 5PM, KARAOKE 7PM
- 25-BINGO
- 27-MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM @ SOLDIERS FIELD 10:30 AM
- 31-FISH FRY, MEAT RAFFLE @ 5PM, KARAOKE 7PM



POST #92 ELECTIONS ARE HERE!

MEMBER PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!

Post 92 elections will be held during our regularly scheduled Membership Meeting on May 21, 2024, at 6:00PM. Your attendance and participation are encouraged for this critical annual evolution for Post 92. The following open positions will be on the ballots.

Visit Post #92 if interested and/or email letter of intent of running to:

officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org

- ⇒ **POST COMMANDER** (Elected)
- ⇒ **1st VICE COMMANDER** (Elected)
- ⇒ **2nd VICE COMMANDER** (Elected)
- ⇒ **POST ADJUTANT** (Appointed)
- ⇒ **JUDGE ADVOCATE** (Appointed)
- ⇒ **FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER** (Elected)
- ⇒ **POST HISTORIAN** (Appointed)
- ⇒ **POST CHAPLAIN** (Appointed)
- ⇒ **SERVICE OFFICER** (Appointed)
- ⇒ **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS** (Elected)
 - ◇ Terms for all above: July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025
- ⇒ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTOR** (Two Positions; Elected)
 - ◇ Terms for above: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027

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2023- 2024 OFFICERS

WILLIAM T. MCCOY POST #92

ELECTIONS: MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

- Commander.....Gilmore
- 1st Vice-Commander.....Open Position
- 2nd Vice-Commander.....Open Position
- Adjutant.....Joe P. Brown, Sr.
- Finance Officer.....Jay R. Anderson
- Chaplain.....David Crawley
- Historian.....Open Position
- Sgt-at-Arms.....Bill Born
- Service Officer.....Clark Montgomery
- Judge Advocate.....R.J. Oelslager
- Past Commander.....Jeffery Van Galder
- Executive Committee Directors:
- Term Ends 2024.....Mike Martin, Steve Leque
- Term Ends 2025...Roger Vangness, Roger Schoenfelder
- Term Ends 2026.....Gary Schroeder, Sr.
- Gambling Manager.....
- Club Manager (Interim).....Evie Krumpus
- Office Manager.....Sharon Kingsley

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

UNIT #92

FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1ST - JULY 31ST

- President.....Sharon Kingsley
- 1st Vice-President.....Open Position
- 2nd Vice-President.....Carol Johnson
- Secretary.....Chris Higgins
- Chaplain.....Donna Fritsch
- Historian.....Evelyn Lyke
- Sgt-at-Arms.....Shirley Oberle
- Treasurer.....Sharon Kingsley
- Executive Committee.....Mary Oviatt, Shirley Oberle
- Past President.....Sue Lee



Herbert "Herb" M. Erickson
03/22/2024 * Army



Kip A. Meredith
04/15/2024 * Army

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

SQUADRON #92

ELECTIONS: MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

- Commander.....Gary L. Schroeder, Sr.
- 1st Vice Commander.....Jim Behr
- 2nd Vice Commander.....Open Position
- Treasurer/Finance.....Joe P. Brown, Sr.
- Membership.....Brad Oberle
- Adjutant.....Brad Oberle
- Historian.....Open Position
- Chaplain.....Bob Grinhaus
- Sgt-at-Arms.....Holden Sunday



AUXILIARY UNIT #92

Hello Spring! May is Poppy month for us involved with the Auxiliary. Just a heads up, you will see us at the club, Fleet Farm, and All Hy-Vee stores this year distributing poppies. The donations we receive will be used for our veteran programs. If you see us about, please get your poppy and display it proudly.

Ms. Poppy has been crowned. Sophia Lind and Riley Rose Johnson will be our royalty this year. They will assist with Poppy Days and ride in Rochesterfest Parade on June 29th at 2pm. Best wishes for a wonderful year.

Our April meeting was held at the Legion office. I am happy to say we are sponsoring two girls for Girl State this year. Anna Johnson from Sleepy Eye H. S. and Evelyn Hyder from Lourdes H.S. This program is an educational opportunity for junior students to learn about our government process in the city, state, and nation.

Elena O'Keefe entered the National Americanism Essay contest. Good luck to her!

I am happy to report that the following is the winner of the membership drawing. They will receive a \$25.00 for the Legion bar/restaurant. (I do want to mention that the Legion has started breakfast on Saturday/Sunday for those interested.) Mary Long—New Member this year. Congratulations!

Memorial Day program is planned for May 27th at the Soldiers Field Memorial. Program starts at 10:30 am.

Please keep our veterans and their families in your thoughts.

Have a safe spring and hope to see you soon.

Sharon Kingsley - President, Unit #92
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auxiliarypresident@rochestermnlegion.org

Our elections are in June. Please reach out if interested in holding a position for next year.

BE THE ONE

HOW YOU CAN BE THE ONE

What: The American Legion's Be the One initiative encourages American Legion Family members, veterans, servicemembers and others to take action when they believe a veteran is at risk of suicide.

Why: To reduce the alarming number of veteran suicides.

How: Our goal is to destigmatize asking for mental health support, provide peer-to-peer support and resources, and educate everyone on how they can Be the One.

Who:

Veterans

- Talk with fellow veterans about how you are feeling.
- Ask for help when you think you need it.
- Know there are millions of people ready to help you.
- Remember your family and friends care.

Non-veterans

- Ask veterans in your life how they are doing.
- Listen when a veteran needs to talk.
- Reach out when a veteran is struggling.

American Legion posts

- Educate members, other veterans and civilians on the campaign.
- Display resources at your post or in your community.
- Share events or success stories at legiontown.org.

RESOURCES

American Legion support: Stories, videos and promotional items related to this initiative are available for posts, members and others. Visit betheone.org

For urgent help: Veterans experiencing a crisis can call **988** and press **1** for mental health assistance. Counselors are available 24/7. They may also text **838255** or visit the VA crisis line website veteranscrisisline.net



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON #92
ELECTIONS: MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH
 Email: salmnsquadron92@gmail.com

Membership: Current membership is 79 active members and 11 expired members.

If your name was listed in February 2024 newsletter indicating 5, 10, 15 and 30 year continuous membership, please come to any meeting to receive your certificate.

ELECTIONS: Nominations for any of the above positions. Election will be held at May 14, 2024 meeting.

NEWSFLASH: SAL Squadron 92 will be holding a raffle on July 4, 2024 as a fund raiser to support our mission with-in the community. We got our tickets printed and you can purchase them at Post 92 club, Coyote Creek Outdoors or any SAL board

Place Flags at Calvary Cemetery in Rochester is May 18, 2024 @ 9 AM

Hope to see you at the next meeting on Tuesday – May 14, 2024 at 6 PM



OLMSTED CO. VETERAN SERVICES

The Olmsted County Veteran Service office will meet with veterans by appointment ONLY. To make an appointment, please visit www.olmstedcounty.gov/veterans, or call our office at 507-328-6355. Address: Olmsted County Veteran Services Office 2100 Campus Drive SE, Suite 200 Rochester, MN 55904.



Our nation's missing personnel:

WWII.....	72,099
Korean War.....	7,477
Vietnam War.....	1,577
Cold War.....	126
Gulf Wars.....	5
El Dorado Canyon.....	1
	81,285

As of 05-22-23, more than 81,000 Americans remain missing from WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and the Gulf Wars/other conflicts. 75% of the losses are located in the Indo-Pacific, and over 41,000 of the missing are presumed lost at sea (i.e. ship

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Disabled American Veterans
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 SE MN Transportation Coordinator

DAV SE Transportation Office
 2100 Campus Drive SE
 Rochester, MN 55904

Sons of American Legion Squadron 92
 Rochester, Minnesota

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Prizes:

1st: Berretta - A300 Ultima MO/Bronze 12 Gauge Shotgun (\$999 MSRP)			
2nd: 1-year Combo Range membership - Coyote Creek Outdoors (\$605 value)			
3rd: \$200 cash	5th: \$125 cash	7th: \$100 cash	9th: \$50 cash
4th: \$300 cash	6th: \$100 cash	8th: \$100 cash	10th: \$50 cash

Drawing will take place at noon on July 4, 2024
at American Legion Post 92, 915 21st Ave SE - Rochester, MN 55904

*Need NOT be present to win. Winner is responsible for any applicable fees or taxes.
 Must be 18 or older to purchase ticket or win prize. Permit # X-95488-24-001*

Memorial Day Program 2024 Rochester, MN
Monday, May 27, 2024

On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff from dawn until noon only, and then raised to the top of the staff.

At 09:45AM, The Memorial Day Program will start with a procession starting from 4th St SW & 1st Ave SW proceeding South on 1st Ave SW and turning West on 6th St SW to 3rd Ave SW. At 3rd Ave SW, the Procession will turn South and proceed to the Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial. If you would like to be in the Procession, you are more than welcome to do so, just show up. All groups or individuals who will be in the Procession need to be at 4th St SW & 1st Ave SW at 09:15am for staging.

At 10:00 AM, there will be music from the Mayo Clinic Plummer Carillon.

At 10:30AM The Memorial Day Program at Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial will start.

At 12 o'clock noon, the veteran organizations will be honoring the dead whose remains are buried at sea at the Center Street Bridge by the Civic Center.

Also, at 12 o'clock noon, the flag should go to full staff, and bells should be tolled for five minutes during which time every comrade shall remain standing with uncovered head in tribute to their departed comrades.

After the services at the Center Street Bridge, there will be services at the local cemeteries as listed below.

PLEASE NOTE THE TIMES HAVE CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Memorial Day 2024 Cemetery Schedules for Military Honors in Rochester and Olmsted County

the VFW Post #1215 at the following locations:

- [Center Street Bridge.....12 Noon](#)
- Oakwood Cemetery.....12:30 PM
- Calvary.....1:00 PM
- Quarry Hill West.....1:30PM
- Farm Hill.....2:00 PM
- Pleasant Prairie.....2:30 PM

The Marine Corps League Thor Detachment #606 at the following locations::

- [Center Street Bridge.....12 Noon](#)
- Oakwood #2.....12:30 PM
- Grandview.....1:00 PM
- Marion.....1:30 PM
- Fairview.....2:00 PM
- St. Bridget.....2:30 PM

The American Legion Post # 92 at the following locations:

- Center Street Bridge.....12 Noon
- Bethel Lutheran Church Columbarium.....12:30 PM
- Calvary Episcopal Church Columbarium....1:00 PM
- First Presbyterian Church Columbarium.....1:30 PM
- St Luke’s Episcopal Church Columbarium..2:00 PM
- Our Savior Lutheran Church Columbarium.2:30 PM

Contact Information for Press Release on Memorial Day Program 2024 Rochester, MN:

Darlene Krebs

President Rochester Veterans Memorial Association

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Phone: (507) 398-9425

Notice: Post 92 Elections will be on Tuesday, May 21, at 18:00 at the Monthly Membership Meeting
Per BYLAWS OF WM. T. MCCOY POST 92 DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA Article II ELECTIONS

Section 2. Notice of the elections shall be posted at least fourteen (14) days prior to the elections meeting.

Section 1. Elections of Officers and Directors are to be held at the May regular meeting. Officers and Directors are installed in June, and duties commence as deemed necessary by Post business.

The elected Officers of Post 92 are Post Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Finance Officer, and Sergeant-At-Arms. Their term of office shall be one (1) year. Also, six (6) Directors shall also be elected. Each Director shall be elected to a term of three (3) years, with two (2) Directors elected annually.

Currently there is one Director vacancy with term ending 2026. Section 8. All Officer or Director vacancies, from any cause other than expiration of term, shall be filled by appointment by the Commander, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to serve out the remainder of the elected term. A signup sheet for elected officers along with the duties of Officers is posted on the bulletin board in the main entry of the Post 92 Club.

The appointed officers appointed by the Commander are Adjutant, Historian, Chaplain, Service Officer, and Judge Advocate.

Respectfully submitted:

Joe P Brown Sr
Membership Director/Interim Adjutant
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2023 FIRST DISTRICT CALL TO CONVENTION

To: All Posts of the First District

2024 First District Call to Convention To: All Posts of the First District By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of Minnesota, I, First District Commander, Mark Maloney, do hereby call a convention of the First District to convene at Austin, Minnesota, Saturday May 18, 2024. The business sessions of the convention will be held in the Austin American Legion Post 91 located at 809 12th St SW, Austin, MN, commencing at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 18, 2024, and will continue until adjournment. The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, four (4) District Vice-Commanders, District Chaplain, District Finance Officer, Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention and to do other business of the First District that may properly come before the Convention. The voting strength of each Post will be, as provided in the Department Constitution and By-Laws, Article 5, Section 3 based upon the membership certification sent to the District Commander by the District Adjutant. Please send certification of your Post Delegates and Alternates to : Wayne Hammon, PO Box 135, LeRoy, MN 55951 before May 5th. All Members are encouraged to attend.

First District Commander
Mark Maloney



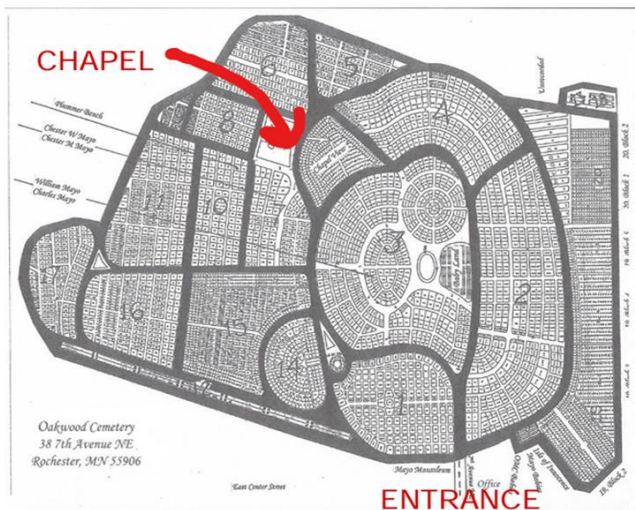


FLAG POSTING/RETRIEVAL EVENT TO HONOR VETERANS FOR MEMORIAL DAY

For those interested in volunteering in remembering those veterans who have passed on, consider helping post/retrieve American flags at their gravesite(s).

FIRST EVENT - Posting the Flags DATE: [MAY 18, 2024 - Saturday](#) TIME: [9:00AM](#) WHERE: [Oakwood Cemetery, 38 7th Ave NE](#), Rochester, MN. MEETING LOCATION: See map (below), we will meet at the Chapel. DETAILS: Flags will be provided. Event will occur rain or shine. The only exception will be if there is lightning in the immediate area at the start or during the event.

SECOND EVENT- Flag Retrieval DATE: [JUNE 1, 2024 - Saturday](#) TIME: [9:00AM](#) WHERE: Same meeting point as above. DETAILS: Purpose is to retrieve flags.



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Map of Oakwood Cemetery located at
[38 7th Ave NE in Rochester MN.](#)

Sophia Lind—left
McKenna Dukart (outgoing) - center
Riley Rose Johnson—right



May
Entertainment

KARAOKE EVERY FRIDAY @ 7PM

11TH & 25TH BINGO @ 1PM

18TH ROCKIN HEP CATS @ 7PM

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