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The "American Legion Family" Newsletter

May 2009

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Greetings Legionnaires:

At the next post meeting May 19th, we will have election of post officers. There is a sign-up sheet posted by the popcorn machine. Please note, this year we will be electing three members for the Executive Board instead of two. Two will be for three years and one will be for one year. The reason for the one year term is to serve out the remaining term for Lisa Gerboth. Jeff and Lisa Gerboth have informed me that they will be moving. We will miss them. Jeff was second vice and Lisa started the web page for our post.



Also at the next meeting, the membership will be voting on changes to the "Post #92 Constitution and By-Laws". If you would like to see a copy of the proposed changes, there will be a copy of the changes at the Post #92 office on East Center. Stop in and say hi to Debbie, our office manager.

John Pierce, a staff member for Veteran's affairs for Congressman Tim Walz, will be at our May 19th post meeting to introduce himself and take questions. Jim is a veteran.

I would like to thank Cub Scout Pack 28 for helping Post #92 with the highway cleanup on April 18th. Also helping were Reid Oberle, Bill Born, Jeff and Lisa Gerboth, and Tommy Carey. Jay Anderson served hot dogs for all of the volunteers. Thank you everybody.

Some have voiced concerns about articles in the local newspaper about the prospects of building the UMN on the Soldiers Field Golf Course. There is a Permanent Soldiers Field Committee. "This committee was instructed, when formed to 'maintain the present boundaries of Soldiers Field'". In 1953, Post #92 adopted a resolution stating that "the membership of the William T. McCoy Post... is opposed to the taking of any portion of Soldiers Field for any purpose whatsoever, now or in the future." This committee has met, and the members decided that the City is not pursuing the prospects of building the UMN on Soldiers Field, and we need to be careful and not threaten City or University Officials. We can voice our opinions but we need to be careful so as not to offend anyone.

On behalf of Post #92, I want to thank all of the volunteers who work in the kitchen. You all are awesome. A special thanks goes out to John Janikowski for his cooking.

Hope to see you all at the 1st District Convention in La Crescent on May 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Also, remember Memorial Day May 25th. The

Procession starts at the Legion at 9:45 AM, so come early. In closing, remember our troops in your prayers. Visit our web page at www.post92.org

—**Joe P Brown, Commander**
367-2157 or 990-1347
Brown49tex@charter.net

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S NOTES

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 1st & 2nd – Auxiliary Poppy Days in Rochester
- May 1st – Poppy Day Meal – Post #92 clubrooms, 5-7:30 p.m.
- May 2nd – District 1 President Myrna's Testimonial, Mabel, MN
- May 2nd – Department Commander Tom's Testimonial, Warren, MN
- May 9th – Department President Carol's Testimonial, Fergus Falls
- May 10th – Mother's Day
- May 15th – 17th – District 1 Convention, LaCrescent
- May 21st – Girls and Boys State Orientation, our club.
- May 25th – Memorial Day



May is Poppy month in the American Legion Auxiliary. Co-chairs, Cindy Kendall and Sharon Kingsley are in the thick of preparations for the event. Our newly selected Miss Poppy, Brooke Kendall, will also represent Unit #92 and its volunteers. (More on Brooke next month!) Auxiliary poppies are never "sold". They are distributed and volunteers receive donations which are placed in the Poppy Fund. This fund is for veterans and veteran family programs only. Volunteers are needed! If you can spare a minimum of one hour outside of a designated business, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. A sign-up sheet will be available after April 21st, or meet at the club on Friday, May 1st. Poppy distribution begins at 3 pm. Come earlier to receive Identification, store location, and pick up the donation poppy cans.

There will also be a second annual Poppy Day meal of brats/hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and dessert for \$5. This will occur on Friday, May 1st. All proceeds go to the Poppy Fund. See you there! Last year's large Poppy donation was \$2,250 to the "Honor Flight for WWII Veterans". YOUR donations helped us do that donation!

May brings more than flowers to the American Legion Family! It is a very busy time in our calendar. District Commander Dick's Testimonial recently occurred. Plan

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COMMANDER



PRESIDENT



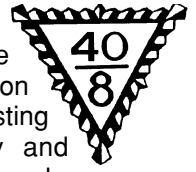
2008 - 2009 OFFICERS

- Immediate Past Commander.....Reid Oberle
- Commander.....Joe Brown
- 1st Vice-Commander.....Tommy Carey
- 2nd Vice-Commander.....Jeff Gerboth
- Adjutant.....Reid Oberle
- Finance Officer.....Jay Anderson
- Chaplain.....Rev. Jerry Barnhart
- Historian.....
- Sgt-at-Arms.....David Town
- Service Officer.....Zachary Konkol
- Judge Advocate.....Bill Lyke
- Executive Board.....Ken Byer, Chuck Oviatt,
Wayne Uptagrafft, Doug Schroeder,
Bill Born, Lisa Gerboth
- Club Manager.....Jeff Folkert
- Administrative Assistant.....Deb Peterson

AUXILIARY OFFICERS

- Junior Past President.....Evelyn Lyke
- President.....Karen Riess
- 1st Vice-President.....Rita Anderson
- 2nd Vice-President.....Phyllis Folkert
- Secretary.....Donna Byer
- Chaplain.....Carol Plantin
- Historian.....Evelyn Lyke
- Sgt-at-Arms.....Sharon Kingsley
- Treasurer.....Sue Brereton
- Executive Committee.....Mary Oviatt,
Kathy Melloon

40+8 NEWS



The next promenade will be held at the Rochester American Legion clubrooms on May 12th at 7 PM. We had a very interesting meeting at the Rochester Community and Technical College on April 14th. They showed us the nursing training area. They are very appreciative of all the scholarships we have supplied, over the past 40 years. We have consistently been one of the largest contributors at RCTC for many years. Most years we have had five nurses graduate but this year we will have seven graduating nurses. We had a good crowd of Easter Egg hunters this year along with many other groups on the same day. Of course, we are the oldest sponsor with doing the hunt for about 90 years now.

We had our omelet breakfast for the American Legion Brain Science Foundation in Stewartville on April 5th. The crowd was small but we put it on anyway. We probably had more volunteer workers than customers.

We will be going to Aberdeen, SD for the Minn-Dakota conference May 1st - 3rd.

We are going to cook and serve the American Legion Auxiliary's Mother-Daughter banquet for April 28th. Sign up at the bar so we will know how many to expect.

If you are interested in becoming an officer in the 40/8, you will need to see Joe Brown, Dave Town, or Jay Anderson to get on the list of candidates. They are the nominating committee for the 40/8. We have our election in June, while the Legion has theirs in May.

We have received applications for several parades and have a new driver for the box-car. His name is Jerry Towe and he is a part-time school bus driver so he should be very capable. I will put up a list after we accept the parades to attend. One of the first ones will be Rochesterfest on June 26th at 6 PM.

I wish to thank everyone who set me a get-well card while I was in the hospital with a bout of pneumonia. I am up and about and feel great. I am back at work as a crossing guard at two different schools.

—William E. Lyke, Correspondent

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MAY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Happy Hour 11 AM-Noon & 5-7 PM Chris Hanke 7-11 PM Auxiliary Poppy Cookout 5-7:30 PM 1	Cribbage at Noon Kickback Karaoke 2-6 PM Chris Hanke 7-11 PM 2
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POST #92 CLUB - MEMBERS ONLY

Sunday 12 Noon to 7 pm
Monday - Saturday 10 am to 12 midnight

PULL TAB BOOTH OPEN DAILY

Sunday 1 to ??
Monday - Saturday 11 am - closing

VETS VISITS ON TV

Every Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. & 8:00 a.m.; Every Monday through Thursday at 6:00 p.m.;

Cable Channel 10, includes Byron, Eyota, Kasson, Stewartville & Zumbrota; WEB SITE: www.vetsvisitsontv.org

on attending the Department testimonials as well as District President Myrna's. Call me if you need information (289-2429).

A memorial service for Auxiliary members who have passed away this past year will be held at our May 19th meeting. Our Nominations Committee will present a slate of officers for next year, too. You are all invited to attend.

First District Convention will be hosted by the LaCrescent Post on May 15th, 16th, 17th. We hope to see many Auxiliary members there. For your information, in-coming 1st District President, Chris Weaver, is the daughter-in-law of Bev Jiardina. Both are of LaCrescent.

Our Unit #92 scholarship committee will review three applications received for two \$1,000 scholarships. By the time you read this, the selections will have been made. May also finds our Auxiliary presenting citizenship pins and plaques to the four high schools. Later in the month, scholarships will be presented.

Thursday evening, May 21st, the Girls and Boys State Orientation will be held at 7 PM at our club. This event is an important opportunity for candidates and their parents to address their questions regarding these American Legion Family programs. Held on a rotating-Auxiliary basis, Eyota's Auxiliary will host the Orientation. All Legion Family members may attend.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL WOMEN! "A man loves his sweetheart the most, his wife the best, but his mother the longest ~ *Irish Proverb*.

In the spirit of your faith, join me in prayers for all service men and women, our veterans and those in crisis and grief. We especially remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice on Memorial Day 2009.

See you at Post #92!!

—Karen Riess, Auxiliary President

AUXILIARY NOTICE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010

Elections will be held at the regular unit meeting at Post #92 on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 7 PM. All persons interested in running for office should contact the Nominating Committee.

MEMORIAL DAY- NEW HOURS TO PUT FLAGS ON VETERANS' GRAVES



May 18th, 4 PM to dark, May 19th, 4 PM if needed. Meet at Oakwood Cemetery American Legion Memorial Lot #11 at the flag pole. Pick up flags on June 1st at 4 PM. Call Bill Born 507-281-2560 with questions.

CABANE 327

The next Rendezvous will be held at Rochester Post #92 on May 12th at 7 PM.

It was a very interesting program at Rochester Community and Technical College on April 14th. They showed us the nurses training area and the new machine that they will be learning to use. Students spoke to us regarding their training.

Here are the prize winners from the Cabane raffle held on March 20th – 1st Prize Ellie Schmidt, 2nd Prize Kelly Melloon, 3rd Prize Earl Robinson. They are all from Rochester.

If you are interested in becoming an officer of the Cabane, you should see one of the Nominating Committee – Shirley Oberle, Barbara Stussy or Evelyn Lyke.

Some of the Dames and Voyageur attended the Grande la Presidente Chris Ronning Testimonial on April 19th at Osseo American Legion Clubrooms.

The Grand Chef de Gare Chuck Kruger Testimonial will be held on Saturday, May 23rd in Byron American Legion Post Clubrooms. The cost of dinner is \$13 per person. Send your reservations to Ken Byer, 2841 17th Ave NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Social hour at 3:30 PM and dinner at 5 PM.

—Rita Anderson, La Presidente-Cabane Locale 327

NEWS FROM JEFF

May 1st and 2nd, Chris Hanke, "The One Man Band" appearing, 7 – 11 PM

May 1st is the Auxiliary Poppy Cookout from 5 – 7:30 PM

May 7th is the Musicians Union Jam Session, 7 PM

May 9th Nash Vegas will play 7 – 11 PM

May 14th Jonny Bird will appear

Kickback is still here every Wednesday with **Burger Night**

May 16th S.A.L. Cookout

May 23rd recording artist Freddy Lee is appearing 7 - 11 PM

Thanks,

—Jeff Folkert, Bar Manager

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

I want to thank all members of the American Legion Post #92 for their support and sympathies in the passing of my wife, Betty.

Stanley E. Whiting, Past Commander, 1998-1999, 1999-2000

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, Gladys Stephan (Auxiliary) - 289-6062 or the Post #92 office - 252-1659. "We care for all our veterans."



ADDITIONAL PAVERS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial Committee announces additional pavers that will be added this year at the Veterans Memorial in Rochester will be located on the sidewalk leading to the cannons. There also will be a bench honoring and remembering the POWs and the MIAs about half way to the cannons. They expect the remaining 300 pavers to be sold by summer's end so they can be installed this fall. Participants may request their paver be placed next to another one that is ordered but not installed or be added to a group.

It was decided because of demand, pavers can be purchased for \$50 down and the balance paid at \$25 per month with no interest or carrying charges. The SFVM committee is not set up for billing so those who must use the payment terms are requested to send in the payment each month without waiting for a bill.

Anyone wishing to honor a Veteran by placing a paver at the Veterans Memorial can send a tax deductible check for \$350 to Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial, 201 4th St SE, Rm 150, Rochester, MN 55904.

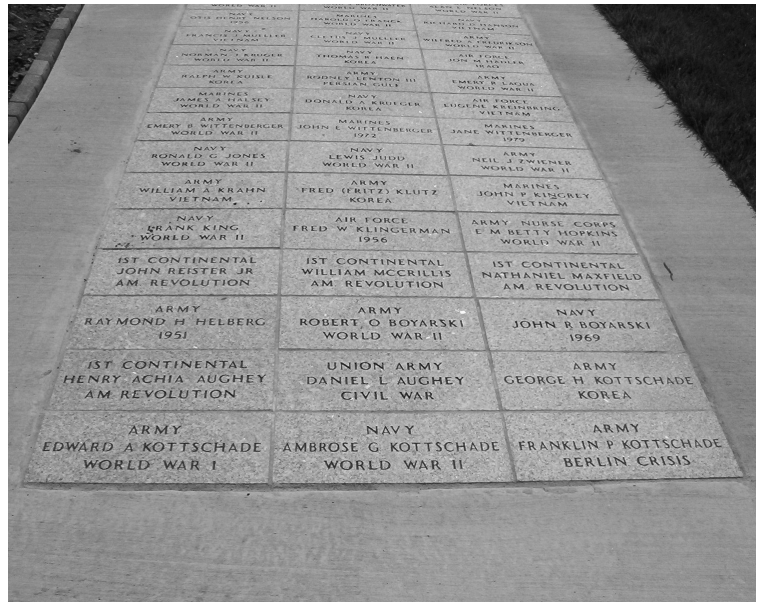
Include a printed paper with the following information:
 NAME OF THE VETERAN (ONLY ONE NAME)
 BRANCH OF SERVICE (ONLY ONE BRANCH)
 CONFLICT WHEN SERVED (ONLY ONE CONFLICT)
 IF NO CONFLICT THEN YEAR ENTERED SERVICE.

If your name, address and telephone number is not on the check please include them.

Anyone who served honorably, or is serving in the US Armed Forces or its Allies from the Revolutionary War to the present, is eligible.

Questions please call Scott Eggert at 507-536-3333 further information

—Wayne Stillman
 507-289-8981



HEAR YEA, HEAR YEA!

All Yoyageurs Militaire, Dames, Wives and Friends are cordially invited to attend the Testimonial Banquet in Honor of Chuck Kruger, Grand Chef de Gare, Grande Voiture du Minnesota. The Banquet, hosted by Rochester Voiture Locale 327 will be held at the Byron American Legion Clubroom. Social hour will start at 3:30 PM with dinner served at 5:00 PM. A short program will follow the Dinner. Sous Chef de Chemin de Fer Passe Donald Theis will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Reservations are required.

**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS
 MAY 19TH, 2009.**

—Jerry Korstad, Chef de Gare Voiture 327

**SEND BANQUET RESERVATIONS TO: KEN BYER, 2841 17TH AVE NW,
 ROCHESTER, MN 55901. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO VOITURE LOCALE
 327 – DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS MAY 19, 2009. TESTIMONIAL
 BANQUET RESERVATION – GRAND CHEF DE GARE CHARLES KRUGER**

NAME	TITLE	VOITURE/CABANE#
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ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP	#OF TICKETS (\$13 EACH)	\$	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
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GAMBLING EXPENSES

Gambling report month of March 2009

American Legion Post #92

Roger K. Vangness, Gambling Manager

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ALLOWABLE EXPENSE	AMOUNT
PAYROLL	\$5,285.69
PULL TABS	\$10,508.62
PADDLE WHEEL	\$75.01
TIPBOARDS	\$39.56
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$418.99
UTILITIES	\$176.41
ADVERTISEMENT	\$290.00
LEGAL SERVICE ACCOUNTING	\$435.00
MEAT TRAYS	\$1,200.00
SHORT BANKS	\$1,460.00
FED AND MINN PAYROLL TAXES	\$1,113.06
RAFFLE PRIZE	\$7,450.00
REPAIR EQUIPMENT	\$25.00
TOTAL ALLOWABLE EXPENSES	\$28,477.34

LAWFUL PURPOSE	AMOUNT
MN ENERGY RESOURCES	\$804.00
ROCH PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$2,038.00
US TREASURY (FORM 730)	\$12.74
DISON CLEANERS	\$5.86
YOUNG LIFE	\$500.00
VETS VISITS ON TV INC.	\$500.00
SOLDIERS FIELD VETERANS MEMORIAL	\$500.00
WITH THE GRAIN WOODWORKING	\$642.00
SING OUT LOUD	\$4,864.00
S.A. VAN DYK INSURANCE	\$630.00
WINONA LEGION BASEBALL	\$275.00
TOTAL LAWFUL PURPOSE EXPENSES	\$10,771.60

TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009 **\$39,248.94**

KOREAN WAR VETERANS CLUB

The situation concerning our need to acquire a trailer for parades has been resolved.

The trailer that member Orrin Knutson had provided has been purchased and will be available to transport our members. Our Commander did ask for contributions to

pay for the trailer and within one week's time, our members paid for the trailer with personal donations. Many thanks to all of you who donated.

On April 4th and 5th our KWVC Color Guard presented the Colors at the finals of the Northwest Youth Wrestling Association tournament.

Condolences to Stan Whiting in the loss of his wife Betty – his mate for over 60 years. Stan is a KWVC member who served both during WWII and Korea and always spoke of his love for Betty. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Stan.

Another member, who also served during both wars, is recuperating from an illness. Dick Kroska, who flew 35 combat missions as radio operator in a B17 over Europe during WWII, is now residing at Madonna Towers in the Nursing Home. He would appreciate visits from any of our KWVC members.

Our KWVC May annual meeting will once again be held at the Rochester Events Center on May 17th, 2009. Reservations must be made by Monday, May 11th, 2009 and the reservation form sent to Jim Wignes. Entertainment from 4 – 5 PM will be provided by Ted Conger and his sister playing old time music. Get your dancing shoes on! A buffet dinner will follow the entertainment and will be provided by the Canadian Honker.

TED CONGER is our newest member. Ted served in the US Army from 1952 to 1955. Welcome to the KWVC Ted. Once again, all members should get their picture and information to Merle Peterson concerning the special Post Bulletin Veterans Day supplement.

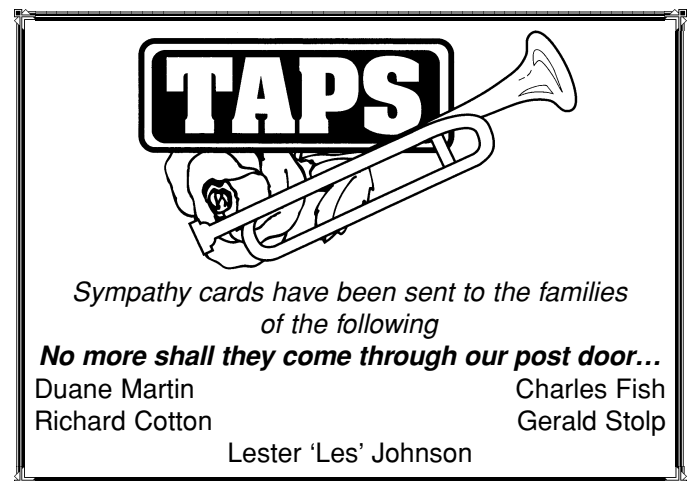
Again, we would invite any Veteran who served from 1950 to 1955 to join our Korean War Veterans Club plus join us for breakfast each Monday morning at Grandma's Kitchen 8 - 9 AM.

For information about joining the Korean War Veterans Club contact –

—Wayne Uptagrafft, Commander - 288-8350

—Ken Thamert, Adjutant - 289-0836

Korean War Veterans Club



SAL SQUADRON 92 NEWS

We would like to welcome the following new SAL members: Maurice Meyer, Tom Behrens, Mark Loechler, Fred Kappauf, William Weatherly, Todd Weatherly, and Dean Sorenson. A big thank you to Roger Vangness for his extra efforts signing up new members. Squadron 92 memberships stands at 105 members for 2009.



Squadron 92 elections are right around the corner. Please consider running for a position!! Please watch for the Election notices posted at the club. The Memorial Day Parade is coming up. SALs have been asked to handle traffic control. Please sign up at the bar or talk to Commander Jeff Folkert if interested.

Squadron 92 fish and chicken dinners have been very successful fund raisers. The proceeds go to Veteran and Community groups. Thank you to the following volunteers that made the SAL March 20th Fish and Chicken dinner successful. Sam Amundson, David and Debra Arch, Jeff Folkert, Lynda Hamm, John Janikowski, Carol Johnson, Carmen Odegarden, Daryl Odegarden, and Maurice Meyer. The tips will be donated to a worthy program. Thank you volunteers for the hard work and dedication! Our Post and community benefit from the dinners. Working the dinners is fun and rewarding

The SALs are keeping the spirit of giving and serving our community alive.

For the Good of the Legion
—David Arch, S.A.L. Squadron Adjutant



S.A.L. Squadron 92 COOKOUT, SATURDAY MAY 16th, 12 Noon- 6 PM.
Stop in and enjoy a BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich and all the fixins for \$5. This is free to a paid up SAL Member and their guest. Any member that signs up a new member gets a chance along with the new member to win an assortment of prizes.

TO ALL MEMBERS-ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009-2010

The Post Adjutant shall give notice of the annual election at least (2) weeks prior to said elections being held at the regular Post meeting for the month of May. Pursuant to the above, Election of Officers shall be for Commander, 1st Vice-Commander, 2nd Vice-Commander, Financer Officer, Historian, Chaplain, Sergeant at Arms, Judge Advocate, Service Officer, and Executive Board, which shall consist of six members. The term of office for Board members shall be three years, with two members elected at each annual election.

Election shall be by ballot. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the office for which they are candidates. Adjutant is appointed by the Commander.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor the night of election. 2009 Legion cards must be shown at the door to vote.

—Reid Oberle, Adjutant

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Joe Brown - Post Commander



Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L. Meetings
3rd Tuesday of Month.

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