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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Greetings and Salutations American Legion Family,



My oh my, what a busy time we've had since Christmas. We had entertainment the whole weekend prior to our last day open, we held the final Vikings VIP Potluck for the final Vikings game of the year, and we shut down the old Post on New Year's Eve. The final day was busy. We provided sub sandwiches and snacks all day and evening. It was a sad farewell.

After we closed, the real work began. Sorting, organizing and packing all our Post equipment, memorabilia, and what seemed like everything under the sun that you could imagine. There was a lot of dismantling, demolition and scrapping. The basement was quite interesting. Thank you to our employees and those volunteers that helped in any way. Once we got everything packed, we had the moving company pick up all of our belongings and put it in storage until we can move into the new Post.

Tuesday, January 15 was our last official day to occupy the old Post. That evening, we conducted a Flag Retirement Ceremony to officially close our downtown home.

We are now without a home as we await the completion of the renovations on our new Post. It is an exciting time for us. I, for one, can't wait until we get into our newly renovated building. No place is perfect, and this place is no different. However, this new place provides us opportunities to really make our Legion Family be a shining star in the community. This new place has amenities we could only dream of in the downtown location. With your help and support, we can, and will, make this a great Post. Here's to our future!

—Tony Loecher, Commander

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AUXILIARY UNIT 92

I am proclaiming February as Unit 92 Membership Month. Ask every female you know and meet to join the Unit 92 Auxiliary. Eligibility is far-reaching. Being a part of a great group of women is rewarding. Doing things for others is priceless. Please do your part for just one month. Together we can do this, for our veterans and for our community.



—Sue Lee, President Auxiliary Unit 92

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SAL SQUADRON 92

Winter has arrived, and New Years is in the past with Our old Post 92 behind us. Hope everyone has some very nice memories. Soon we will start a new chapter for Rochester Post. We have been busy the last couple of months helping with the Post move out. I want to thank Morey Meyer and his son for all the heavy work they did, and to Brad Oberle for his help with listing items for sale on the web. A special thank you goes out to Morey for his expertise in selling a lot of the items and heading of this committee. It was through Commander Tony to give us this chance to recycle, sell, or trash items to help with the move and make some dollars for the SAL. Thank you Tony. The next membership meeting is February 14th at 6 PM. at the VFW club room. Come join us and let your voice be heard. We gave a check to Post 92 Auxiliary for \$200 towards fruit baskets. Please keep those in the military and our vets in your prayers. If you've already paid your 2019 membership dues, THANK YOU. Our current membership is 110 paid. God Bless America.



—Don Vavra, Commander SAL Squadron 92

LEGION & AUXILIARY MEETINGS

While we wait for our new building to be finished, we'll have to hold our meetings in a different location. The VFW in Rochester is graciously allowing us to use their facility. The American Legion and Auxiliary will meet on February 19 at the VFW Gold Star Venue at 7:00 pm. We hope to meet in our new building starting in March.

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for 2019 American Legion and Auxiliary scholarships and the 2019 Boys State and Girls State programs are now available. Please visit our website, www.rochestermnlegion.org or contact our main office for more information.



2018 - 2019 OFFICERS WM. T. MCCOY POST 92

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

Past Commander Joe Brown
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 2nd Vice-Commander
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 Finance Officer..... Jay R. Anderson
 Chaplain
 Historian
 Sgt-at-Arms Bill Born
 Service Officer..... Ashley Laganieri
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 George Petersen, Gary Schoenfelder & Roger Vangness
 Gambling Manager..... Roger Vangness
 Club Manager.....
 Office Manager..... Tony Loecher

AUXILIARY UNIT 92

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1ST - JULY 31ST

Junior Past President Shirley Oberle
 President Sue Lee
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 2nd Vice-President Mary Oviatt
 Secretary Sharon Kingsley
 Chaplain Lucy Phelps
 Historian Evelyn Lyke
 Sgt-at-Arms Shirley Oberle
 Treasurer..... Tammy Grendahl
 Executive Committee Carol Johnson, Evelyn Lyke

SAL SQUADRON 92

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

Commander..... Don Vavra
 1st Vice Commander..... Mike Hillestad
 2nd Vice Commander..... Jim Behr
 Treasurer/Finance Morey Meyer
 Membership..... Dave Bilderback
 Adjutant Morey Meyer
 Historian Gary A. Rupp
 Chaplain Joe Brown
 Sgt-at-Arms Chuck Oviatt

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MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

President
 Vice President
 Secretary.....
 Treasurer.....
 Sgt-at-Arms
 Historian/Chaplain



Sympathy cards have been sent to the families of the following, No more shall they come through our post door...



Richard M. Clugston
(01-26-2018)



LaVern H. Flury
(10-09-2018)



Richard A. Schimek
(12-11-2018)



Donald B. Skjervem
(12-21-2018)



Raymond F. Zeman
(01-16-2019)

POST 92 HONOR GUARD RENDERED MILITARY HONORS TO THE FOLLOWING VETERANS WHO WERE NOT MEMBERS OF POST 92:



Robert S. Brown
(12-15-2018)



Loren D. Gates
(12-27-2018)



Dale E. Chambers
(01-14-2019)



Ronald C. Kath
(01-24-2019)

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LEGION MEETING MINUTES & REPORTS

If members want to read our monthly meeting minutes and reports, please go to our website: www.rochestermnlegion.org. On the left side menu, click on ABOUT POST 92 > MEETING MINUTES & REPORTS. For login information, contact our main office at 507-252-1659. There are no secrets with this info. It is always available for you to view. If you don't have internet access, you can view this information at our main office.

VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2019

**WHEN:
MARCH 20TH, 2019**

**DAV of MN Presents a:
Free Veterans and Supporters
Pre-Rally Lunch @ 10:30**

(This event is a free catered lunch to discuss our priorities and how to protect Veterans benefits)

Veterans March to the Rally @ 12:45

(Join with Veterans, family members, and community supporters as we march to the Capitol)

**CTF, UVLC, and MACVSO Present:
Rally in the Rotunda 1:30-2:30pm**

(Your opportunity to hear directly from those in power and let them know we are PAYING ATTENTION and want ACTION)

WHERE:

**Pre-Rally at St. Paul Armory
One block from Capitol BLDG**

(Address: 600 Cedar St, St Paul, MN 55101)

**March to the Rally
State Veterans Services Bldg.
(20 West 12th St, St. Paul, MN)**

**NO MEMBERSHIP IN ANY ORGANIZATION REQUIRED. ALL
VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME!**

**ALL VETERANS, FAMILY
MEMBERS, AND
ADVOCATES ARE
INVITED TO RALLY IN
SUPPORT OF VETERANS
LEGISLATION**



Topics Include:

KEEPING SURVIVING SPOUSES IN THEIR HOMES!

ENSURING THE LONGTERM STABILITY OF SERVICES FOR VETERANS ACROSS MN

INCREASING ACCESS TO THE OUTDOORS FOR OUR DISABLED VETERANS!

ENSURING FULL-FUNDING FOR MDVA AND THE 3 NEW VETERANS HOMES



**ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE
CONTACT:
TRENT@DAVMN.ORG**

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Hello Voyageurs,

Dues are now due. Please pay \$20, by check, to Voiture 327 and send to Richard Skillestad, Box 161 Eyota, MN 55934. Our next Voiture 327 Promenade will be at 6:30 PM on Thursday, February 7th at VFW Post #1215 in Rochester. We will be having a Wreck at this Promenade.

Yours truly,

—Richard Skillestad, 40 & 8 Correspondent
507-250-5329



ALR "92 RIDERS"

Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 21 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be at the American Legion main office at 403 East Center Street. If you are interested in being a Rider, please join us at this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Loecher at 507-358-6389.



KIWANIS HOCKEY FESTIVAL

Between Christmas and New Years, Post #92 was a sponsor of the 26th Annual Kiwanis Hockey Festival. Our Post #92 Honor Guard posted Colors at the start of the tournament and prior to the championship game. Great job by our Honor Guard and to Post #92 for contributing to the advancement of the American Legion's Children and Youth Pillar.



GOOD DEEDS

On Dec 14, Auxiliary Unit #92 donated \$1,000.00 worth of Hy-Vee gift cards to the Olmsted County Veterans Service Office. The gift cards will be given to needy veterans and their families during this holiday season. Pictured is Auxiliary member Donna Fritsch and Olmsted County Veteran Service Officer Jennifer Shumaker.



MOVE UPDATE:

A lot has happened in the past month. Electrical and plumbing work is mostly done. Walls have been put up and drywall attached. The bar and kitchen still have a long way to go until complete. As said before, the process has been slow, but it will be worth it at the end. The goal is to be in the new place by the end of March. To watch how things are progressing, be sure to visit our website.



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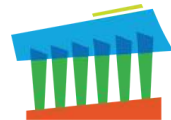
**POST FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY
- JANUARY 15, 2018**



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ATTENDANCE DRAWING

American Legion Post #92 members who attend our monthly membership meeting are eligible for a chance at winning \$599. That's right...\$599!!! You need to show up to see how. There are only two rules: 1) you must be current on your dues, and 2) you must stay for the whole meeting. We'll see you at our next meeting. Good Luck!

—Reid Oberle, Adjutant

**FOR A SHUTTLE RIDE TO THE VA MEDICAL CENTER
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FOUR CHAPLAINS SUNDAY

This Super Bowl Sunday, February 3, 2019, marks the 76th anniversary of the sinking of the USAT Dorchester and a very special display of bravery. On that day in 1943, a torpedo struck the ship reducing its time afloat on the surface of the Atlantic to only an additional 20 minutes. What happened during those few minutes is the reason we remember this day and the acts of courage and sacrifice that took place on her deck every year since.

Four first lieutenants gave the supreme sacrifice that day; each one an Army chaplain. They included Methodist minister, The Reverend George L. Fox, Reform-Rabbi Alexander D. Goode (Ph.D), Roman Catholic priest the Reverend John P. Washington, and Reformed Church in America minister, The Reverend Clark V. Poling. Their backgrounds, personalities and faiths were different. They had met at Army Chaplains School at Harvard University where they became friends as they prepared for service in the European theater, all sailing on board USAT Dorchester to report to their new assignments. All having one God as their father.

The torpedo knocked out the Dorchester 's electrical system, leaving the ship dark. Panic set in among the men on board, many of them trapped below decks. The chaplains sought to calm the men and organize an orderly evacuation of the ship and helped guide wounded men to safety. As life jackets were passed out to the men, the supply ran out before each man had one. The chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They helped as many men as they could into lifeboats and then linked arms and, saying prayers and singing hymns, went down with the ship.

“As I swam away from the ship, I looked back. The flares had lighted everything. The bow came up high and she slid under. The last thing I saw, the Four Chaplains were up there praying for the safety of the men. They had done everything they could. I did not see them again. They themselves did not have a chance without their life jackets.” — Grady Clark, survivor

On Four Chaplains Sunday, please take time to remember to honor their legacy of brotherhood and selfless service. May they be remembered for generations to come.



SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Back in December, Post #92 Legion Family rang bells in support of the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Thank you to these family members for their time helping us: Oakie Brumm, Steve Leqve, Joe Brown, Lou and Jan Behrens, Bill Born, Chris Higgins and her mom Peggy, Brett Krause, Sharon Kingsley, Sue Lee and Tony Loecher.





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