

The Bugle



William T. McCoy Post #92 American Legion Family Newsletter

March 2023

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Family,

I would like this edition of the Bugle to be about thanks. I can remember on one occasion when I was at a restaurant and an older gentleman made his way through the crowded line and thanked me for my service. It stood out to me because he had to put in a little bit more effort to say thank you. During this transition in management, several people stood up and asked, what can I do or how can I help.



Roger Vangness, who has been a member and our Gambling Manager for longer than I can count, stood up (with the aid of his walker) and not only passed out suggestions, but spent time with me and the Club Manager(s) trying to ensure a smooth transition. Mr. Vangness is going through a tough time at home with his beloved wife Karen. He should be there for her but has tried to share his time equally with her and this Legion.

- Thank you sir.

Jay Anderson, our Finance Officer, who already works a full time job, runs his own business and supports his daughter's business, came in as much as he could to help out with Payroll, Accounting, QuickBooks, etc. The day after Mr. Anderson had surgery, he came in to help continue training. I'm sure his wife appreciated his time away, and we certainly appreciate his time helping at the post.

- Thank you sir.

Terri Wilttrout, CPA, came in on multiple occasions to ensure that bills were paid and the lights remained on. She stayed with us amongst an abundant amount of frustration and continued to support us and ensure proper training.

- Thank you ma'am.

The Executive Board, Past Commander Jeffrey Van Galder and Judge Advocate RJ Oelslager, have met and discussed past operations and has done nothing but try and promote the success of our post. We may not always agree on some topics, but I can assure you that everyone has the posts best interests at heart.

- Thank you gentlemen.

Lee Freeman, Office Manager. Mr. Freeman has been right there with answers to all of my questions, no matter what time of day. He has continued to keep me informed with correspondences, and the matters that concern our office location.

- Thank you sir.

Sharon Kingsley, President of the Auxiliary. Thank you for being there to support me and the post. I can never say thank you enough to you and all of the ladies. Ms. Kingsley's only response to me has been, what would you like for us to do and when do you want us to be there.

- Thank you ma'am.

Kayla Blunt, Club Manager. Thank you for sticking with us and devoting so many hours to ensure that this post remains a success. I certainly look forward to seeing some of the changes you wish to implement.

- Thank you ma'am.

And a huge heartfelt thank you goes to each and every one of our staff. Without you this post could not exist. I know there has been some uncertainty and some turbulence along the way during this transition. But each of you has stood up and helped out in more ways than you can imagine. Thank you Lynnzy and Ben for coming in early, staying late and for all of your time, effort and suggestions. Thank you all for ensuring that the Club Manager has the knowledge and motivation to make this post better than times before.

- Thank you all.

And to our members and guests, thank you for supporting this post, our Veterans and for giving us time to learn and grow. Please take an opportunity to visit us and to thank these amazing people personally. We need all of you to succeed.

- Thank you all.

And if you think I forgot to thank you personally, I didn't, printer said that I had to stop writing or we would have to make two editions to this newsletter. Forever grateful,

Gilmore
Commander
Wm. T. McCoy, Post #92

2022 - 2023 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.....	Lee Freeman
Finance Officer.....	Jay R. Anderson
Chaplain.....	Open Position
Historian.....	Open Position
Sgt-at-Arms.....	Bill Born
Service Officer.....	Clark Montgomery
Judge Advocate.....	R.J. Oelslager
Past Commander.....	Jeffrey Van Galder
Executive Committee Directors: One Open Position	
Term Ends 2023.....	Reid Oberle, Tony Loecher
Term Ends 2024.....	Steve Leqve
Term Ends 2025.....	Roger Vangness, Roger Schoenfelder
Gambling Manager.....	Roger Vangness
Club Manager.....	Kayla Blunt
Office Manager.....	Lee Freeman

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #92

ELECTIONS: MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP & 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
Junior Past President.....	Sue Lee
Executive Committee.....	Shirley Oberle, Mary Oviatt
Past President.....	Sue Lee

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON #92

ELECTIONS: MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

Commander.....	Ben Schellhammer
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.....	Open Position
Sgt-at-Arms.....	Ryker Wellner

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER #92

ELECTIONS: MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

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



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02-11-23



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DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS OF MINNESOTA ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIP FUND



The Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota (DAV MN) is honored to announce the establishment of the Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota Scholarship Fund.

The DAV MN is establishing this scholarship because an advanced education brings a number of powerful benefits, including higher wages, increased marketability, increased employment opportunities, economic stability and greater job satisfaction to veterans.

The scholarship is open to honorably discharged veterans to include National Guard and Reserve Soldiers. DAV MN will award \$2500 in scholarship directly to the recipient. There will be up to two scholarships awarded to deserving recipients per quarter.

For more information and to apply, please visit: <http://davmn.org/dav-scholarship/>

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BINGO at The **LEGION**
Monthly
2nd & 4th Saturdays
Starts: 1:00pm
Regular Games: \$1 for 2 plays
\$1000 BLACKOUT Game: \$2 for 2 plays
public welcome food available

EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
5:00PM TO 7:00PM
MEAT RAFFLE

Veterans Services

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.....	72,250
Korean War.....	7,508
Vietnam War.....	1,581
Cold War.....	126
Gulf Wars.....	5
El Dorado Canyon.....	1
	81,471

As of 02-22-23, 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 losses, known aircraft water losses, etc.).



March 2023



Legion 92 Club Hours: Mon - Thu: 11am - 11pm / Fri & Sat: 11am - 12am / Sun: 11am - 8pm

The Legion 92 Kitchen Hours: Sun & Mon: 11am - 7pm / Tue & Wed: 11am - 8pm / Thu - Sat: 11am - 9pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>RENEW YOUR 2023 AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP (AL, SAL & Auxiliary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Receive Post #92 Club Discounts! ⇒ Help veterans and their families! ⇒ Keep the local, state and national mission to serve veterans alive! <p>Renew by phone: 507-516-6406 Mail Check: American Legion 403 East Center St</p>			<p>NATIONAL MINNESOTA DAY</p>			<p>National Anthem Day</p>	<p>NATIONAL HONOR DAY</p>
<p>Finisher's Medal Day</p>		<p>WOMEN'S DAY</p>			<p>Rockin' Hep Cats 7-10 PM</p>	<p>1:00 PM BINGO</p>	
<p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS</p>		<p>SAL Meeting 6:00PM The Legion 92 Club</p>			<p>HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY</p>		
	<p>1st Day of Spring</p>	<p>Post 92 Meeting 6:00PM The Legion 92 Club</p>			<p>Medal Honor Day</p>	<p>1:00 PM BINGO</p>	
				<p>HAPPY NATIONAL COCKTAIL DAY</p>	<p>RON BUBLITZ LIVE AT LEGION 92 7 - 10PM</p>		
		<p>NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY</p>				<p>MARCH MADNESS</p> <p>First Four: - March 14-15 First/Second Round: - March 16-19 Sweet 16: - March 23-24 Elite Eight: - March 25-26</p>	

PULL TABS - ELECTRONIC TABS - SCRATCH TAB MACHINE - ELECTRONIC BINGO MN CHARTIABLE GAMBLING LICENSE: 00254-003

AUXILIARY UNIT #92

March is here! We all look forward to many events that come with this month. Travel, basketball, St. Patrick's Day, or getting plans ready for gardens could be on your radar. I know I am looking forward to those great Fish Fries on Friday nights during Lent.

Our unit has new members and I would ask if you want to participate with our May 5 & 6 Poppy Days, please let me go know. We will be at area businesses and placing cans out in our community with poppies. Our Poppy Program is how we raise funds to support our Veterans and their families.

March 1 is the date scholarship applications need to be submitted to us. We will have our committee reviewing the applications and selecting the winners. Best of luck to all. As many of you know Carol Johnson and many others are working hard to collect donations during bingo to support the scholarship program. A big Thank You to all that help and support this worth while Auxiliary program.

Another Program that is fast approaching is Girls State. This program allows high school juniors the opportunity to spend a week at Bethel University learning about out State, County, and City government processes. Educational and fun and a venue where life long friendships are made. April 1 is the date for applications to be into us.

Thank you all that have sent in your membership. Our Unit is strong and active. Could not do it without your devotion.

Keep our Veterans, families, community, and friends in your thoughts.

In Service Not Self

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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





Veterans Corps members receive training, experience, and support in transitioning to civilian life and a career in natural resources.



Questions? Contact Scott at scott.schue@conservationcorps.org or 763-276-3493



Training: Earn industry-recognized certifications and credentials that employers look for.

Experience: Serve outdoors restoring habitat, managing natural resources, and occasionally responding to natural disasters or community needs.

Support: Attend sessions on transitioning to civilian life and connect to veteran services and resources.

Funding provided by:



www.ConservationCorps.org

This program is open to military service members and veterans, without regard to disability, race, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or political affiliation. Reasonable accommodations available upon request.

SAL SQUADRON #92



Hello everyone. Hard to believe that the month of March is already upon us. Seems like yesterday we just got over Christmas. Sorry that I didn't get my article done for the month of February. Completely slipped my mind but I will make sure that I get on the ball from here on out. There isn't much new to report from the SAL. We're still looking for ideas and such to help out with the SAL in favor of donating to random non-profits in the area. The more ideas we can get the more help we can be in the long run. It seems like the SAL is always getting put on the back burner and I hate seeing that. Just because we are Sons of decedents that served, doesn't mean we don't have a voice. I believe our voice is just as powerful as everyone else's. So please join our meetings, voice your opinions and concerns. Tell us your ideas that will help us in the future. I'm a man that listens to the voice and will help get the word out for all of us to hear. We have several members of the SAL and every meeting I attend I only see 5 or 6 that are there. I hope the message gets heard by all my SAL brothers and that they will join us at our next meeting on March 14th.

Thank you,
Ben Schellhammer, SAL Commander



ID CARDS AT THE ROCHESTER VA CLINIC

VA ID Cards may be obtained at the Rochester VA Clinic by appointment only on the following upcoming dates:

- March 16, 2023
- May 18, 2023
- July 20, 2023
- September 21, 2023
- November 16, 2023

These days are by appointment only. Please call the VA at 1-866-414-5058 to make an appointment for ID cards in Rochester. You may visit the Minneapolis VA Medical Center daily for an ID card.

Scholarships

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for 2022 American Legion and Auxiliary scholarships and the 2022 Boys State and Girls State programs are available!!!!. Please visit our website www.rochestermnlegion.org or contact our main office (507-252-1659) for more information.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS & GIRLS STATE

American Legion Boys State and the Auxiliary Girls State are among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. William T. McCoy Post #92 American Legion & Auxiliary awards Boys & Girls State Scholarships every year.

Go to rochestermnlegion.org for more information under the "In Our Community" menu tab.

Completed applications are due no later than April 1st, 2023, so apply today!!!!

IT'S A LAUGH PRODUCTIONS



"How else are we going to pay for the war?"

If you have a favorite joke you would like to submit for consideration, please email to

officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org.



VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2023

WHEN:
MARCH 30TH, 2023

DAV of MN Presents:
Free Veterans and Supporters Lunch

Doors Open @ 10:00AM FOR COFFEE
LUNCH @ 11:00AM

(One Block from Capitol at 600 Cedar Street, St. Paul)

Veterans March to the Rally @ 12:40
(Short Walk from Armory to State Veterans Service Building
20 West 12th St, St. Paul)

CTF, UVLC, and MACVSO Present:
Rally in the Rotunda 1:00-2:00pm



ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT-
TRENT@DAVMN.ORG:

NO MEMBERSHIP IN ANY ORGANIZATION REQUIRED.
ALL SUPPORTERS ARE WELCOME!



Topics Include:

PASSING A CLEAN VETERANS OMNIBUS BILL

ENSURING SURVIVING SPOUSES HAVE ACCESS TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

FIXING THE POST 9/11 SERVICE BONUS TO INCLUDE ALL CURRENT RESIDENT VETERANS

INCREASE THE AMOUNT FOR THE PROPERTY TAX VALUE EXCLUSION

