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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Greetings and Salutations American Legion Family,



You did it! You survived the 2nd snowiest winter ever. It won't be long, and in true Minnesotan fashion, we'll be complaining about the heat and mosquitoes.

Our March membership meeting was a very good meeting. Not only did we get to hear several stories about long-time Legion baseball coach, Keith Kangas, we also had several new faces in the crowd. Thank you to all our members who come to the membership meetings. Meetings aren't the most exciting part of the Legion, but they are a necessity. I am trying to make them more entertaining and engaging. If you have a suggestion, please let me know.

I need to offer thanks to the Mayo Civic Center, Tracy Austin from Experience Rochester, Mayor Norton, Council President Staver, Director Widman, Pinnacle Catering, our Post Honor Guard, the Zumbro Valley Chorus, and the players from the Rochester Redhawks. Thank you for all you did to help plan the birthday ceremony, thank you for speaking at the event, thank you for making time to recognize 100 years of The American Legion.

I am looking for two volunteers for a simple task. If you are willing to give a long-time member a ride to our membership meeting in April and back home again, please contact me. I know of two members who want to attend, but they need a ride.

March 29th was Vietnam Veterans Day. Let's all thank the Vietnam Vets for their service! Easter will soon be upon us. I hope everyone has a chance to celebrate with your families.

Soon, we'll be in our new home and continue adding to the legacy of Post #92 of supporting The American Legion's mission.

—Tony Loecher, Commander

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AUXILIARY UNIT 92

Hello, Family!



WHEN DO MONKEYS FALL FROM THE SKY? DURING APE-RIL SHOWERS! Okay, Okay. I won't quit my day job to become a comedian, but aren't you excited for Spring, too?

April is the Month of the Military Child. Take some time to reflect on and applaud our military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make, and the many challenges they overcome. Wednesday, April 10th is Purple Up for Military Kids day. I encourage you to wear purple to show your support for all military kids.

I've appointed our Unit Nominating Committee, and they want you! If you think you might want to get more involved, or want to know more about leadership positions in our Unit, please come to our April meeting. There is NO OBLIGATION, and we'd love to get to know you better. Elections will happen at our May meeting.

We will not have our Mother Daughter Banquet in April because our new Legion home is not yet completed. Next year will be bigger and better than ever.

To prepare for Poppy Month, I'll have a poppy project we can do together at our Unit Meeting. I hope to see you at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 16th for our next Unit Meeting. I'm optimistically confident that April will be the last month we have to hold our meeting at the VFW. While they have been gracious and accommodating, it will be awesome to have our meetings back at home.

In the spirit of Service Not Self,

—Sue Lee, President Auxiliary Unit 92

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LEGION & AUXILIARY MEETINGS

We were hoping to be in our new location by now, but things don't always work out as planned. VFW Post 1215 has been a great friend by allowing us to have our meetings there while we await the completion of our new home. Our next Legion and Auxiliary membership meetings will be April 16 at 7:00 pm at the VFW in Rochester. We will be recognizing a handful of 50-year members of the Legion. Please join us.

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!

**Post #92 & Auxiliary Unit #92
Membership Meetings**




**April 16th @ 7:00 PM
VFW Rochester
2775 43rd St NW**

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AUXILIARY UNIT 92

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SAL SQUADRON 92


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MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH


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No more shall they come through our door...




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(02-22-2019)



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(03-11-2019)



Thomas E. Lambert
(03-14-2019)



Gerald "Jerry" W. Brennan
(03-21-2019)

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



Leslie J. Beyer
(02-02-2019)



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(03-03-2019)



Dr. Robert W. Weinrich
(03-03-2019)



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100TH BIRTHDAY

On March 15th, we held a short ceremony at the Mayo Civic Center to celebrate the 100th Birthday of The American Legion. The ceremony was short and sweet. Mayor Kim Norton, City Council President Randy Staver, and Director of Parks and Recreation Paul Widman all offered some kind words to those in attendance. We also presented a check for \$22,000 to the youth of Rochester as we support Legion Baseball program and Rochester Youth Baseball. Several Rochester Redhawks players were on hand to accept the check. After the ceremony, guests got to enjoy refreshments and Bunny's coconut cake.



100TH AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY CEREMONY



Zumbro Valley Chorus



Mayor Kim Norton



Council President Randy Staver



Rochester Redhawk baseball players accepting a donation from Post #92 for youth baseball in 2019.

FROM THE CLUBROOM

Well it has been a busy first month for me as the new Post 92 Club Manager. I've had the distinct pleasure of collaborating with some fantastic people in the Legion. I first need to give a great big THANK YOU! To Tony Loecher, Post Commander and Office Manager, for all he has done to get me up to speed and answer my 10,000 questions. One of the tasks I completed was the Certification in Food Safety Management, which went very well. Next, I brushed up on my bartending skills by attending the Minnesota School of Bartending up in St. Paul, MN. It was a professional course that I recommend all bartenders attend if you want to learn the trade the proper way.

I teamed up with Roger Vangness, Gambling Manager, and we have been busy advertising and hiring all the new employees for all positions in the club, including kitchen staff, servers, bartenders, janitorial staff, and charitable gambling staff. Through this process Roger and I have developed a great working relationship. Thanks for your support Roger, we make a great team!

As we get closer to the opening date, we will be conducting training for all employees about our new operations including a brand-new Point of Sale (POS) system and our new facilities! We are taking the kitchen staff up to our food supplier Sysco's kitchen to work on the menu we have created. Speaking of the menu, we have designed a brand-new menu that will include breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Our new business hours will have us opening every day at 7am, where we will have fresh coffee available and fresh baked cinnamon rolls in the morning. Lunch will begin at 11am and food will be served until 10pm Monday – Saturday (Sunday until 7pm). During football season will have extended hours on Sundays open until 11pm.

We are bringing back Legion Burger Night on Wednesdays from 5pm-8pm. Friday nights from 5pm-8pm will be our Legion Fish Dinner provided by our club staff. We will have special dinners coming up each month, examples: Prime Rib Night, Taco & Margaritas Night, German Schnitzel Night, Steak and Potato Night, Shit on a Shingle, German Currywurst and Pommes Frites (French Fries), and more.

Activities we are scheduling each month include Wednesday night Bar Bingo, Friday night is our new night for Karaoke, and 2nd & 4th Saturday afternoon 1pm-4pm is our Big Bingo Game, and Saturday night is our Live Music Night with some of our favorite bands from before along with some new and exciting new talent. Once our patio is open, we will have Bean Bag Games available to play. We will have tables outside to have some food and drinks at. In the back yard area, we have a volleyball

court we plan to have some organized leagues on. Not to mention we will have pool and dart league play as well.

We have some great news about NEW SAVINGS being extended to some special people. All Post 92 Members that are current on their membership can show their Membership Card to their server/bartender and receive 10% off their drinks and food. We also have a Heroes Discount at 5% off their drinks and food (Heroes include: Veterans that are not members, Other Legionnaires from other Posts, Police, Sheriffs, Firefighters, EMTs, and Federal Medical Center workers). Also, we will have a Student Special Brown Bag Lunch that includes a Burger, Fries, and Soda for a reduced price.

Roger has been getting his charitable gambling team hired and ready for business. New for gambling operations is the brand-new Pull Tab Booth. We also have a new Pull Tab Machine so our customers can still play Pull Tab Games when we don't have staff in the booth. We are also unveiling our brand-new Bingo system on Wednesdays for Bar Bingo and Saturdays for Big Bingo Game afternoon. We have our Meat-Tray Raffle Game returning and we have a Minnesota State Lottery Game Machine.

As you can see, we have a lot of things going on with the new Club. We are excited to be getting closer to the opening date. We hope you all come out and support our new Club so we can support our vitally important Legion mission in our community.

That's a wrap, over and out!


—Bill Nevala, Club Manager

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POST #92 ELECTIONS

Post #92 will conduct annual elections at the Post membership meeting on May 21st. We will elect the following officer positions: Commander, First Vice Commander, Second Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Sergeant at Arms, and Two (2) Directors on the Executive Committee. The term of office is for one year, except Director shall be a term of three years. Election shall be by ballot. Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected to the office for which they are candidates. Nominations will be accepted from the floor the night of election. 2019 American Legion membership cards must be shown at the door to be eligible to vote. If you are interested in having your name on the ballot, a sign-up sheet is at our main office.

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Hello Voyageurs;

Our next Voiture 327 Promenade will be at 6:30 PM on Thursday, April 4th at VFW Post #1215 in Rochester. Please join us as we'll have a few nursing students present to conduct blood pressure checks. We'll also have coffee and cake available.

Yours truly,

—Richard Skillestad, 40 & 8 Correspondent
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SAL SQUADRON 92

As I write this letter, we had our first day of spring. Be safe and check on our elderly. The next membership meeting is April 11th at 6 PM at the VFW. Come on down and let your voice be heard. Lent is in progress. Happy Easter to everyone. We have 115 paid up members, only 17 from goal. Please pay your dues and sign up new members. We will be donating \$200 to the Auxiliary for their May Poppy fundraiser. Dave Bilderback went to the Spring Conference for SAL Sqd 92. We are checking on a date for 2019 for the spring ditch cleanup. We also have shirts on sale with Sons of American Legion emblem; contact Dave Bilderback 507-250-1057 or Morey Meyer 507-282-2600, if interested in buying one. Please pray for our Vets.



—Don Vavra, Commander SAL Squadron 92

ALR "92 RIDERS"

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 18 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.



POPPY DAYS

Auxiliary Unit #92 will host POPPY DAYS on May 3 & 4. Watch for next month's newsletter to learn how you can share the POPPY story.

MOVE UPDATE:

Thank you to everyone for your patience. Though we aren't in our new home yet, it won't be much longer. We did experience another slight delay, but we feel confident we will be done soon. Tentatively, we are planning to open our doors to Post#92 American Legion Family members on Monday, May 6th. The first week will be for our Post#92 family and their guests. This will allow members a chance to experience the place prior to John Q. Public. We plan to fully open on Monday, May 13th. If you aren't already doing so, watch the progress on our website. We add photos several times per week.

ROCHESTERFEST

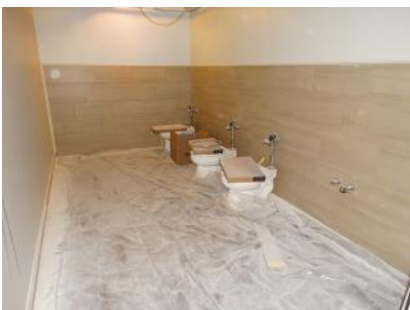
Post #92 will be participating in the Rochesterfest Grand Parade on Saturday, June 29th. We are asking for Post #92 American Legion Family members to ride on a passenger wagon and walk along the route handing out items. If you want to be a part of promoting the American Legion in our community, please contact our main office. We are also, looking for a few volunteers to help with decorating the trailer.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

We'd like to start back up our annual golf tournament. This takes effort from members from all across our Post #92 American Legion Family. If you would like to be a part of the planning committee, contact the commander.

FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION

The First District Convention will be held in Stewartville on May 18. If you plan on attending, please pre-register ASAP. Registration forms can be picked up at our main office.



In March, Post #92 presented Dave Plantin with \$1,000 to help with his medical expenses. Dave is in need of a heart transplant.

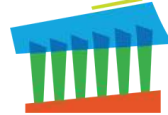


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