

# The Bugle



William T. McCoy Post #92 American Legion Family Newsletter

April 2022

## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Greetings American Legion Family,

As I write this, Spring indeed seems to have sprung! Even though we as Minnesotans know that there is more winter lingering around, this muddy season is a great time, except for those of us with dogs!



As I close, I find myself humming the tune to Free Bird by Lynyrd Skynyrd and wishing you a blessed and safe month!

Yours in Service,

—Jeffrey Van Galder, Commander  
Email: [commander@rochestermnlegion.org](mailto:commander@rochestermnlegion.org)

When contemplating what I wanted to write this month for the Bugle, I thought of something that I learned in Scouts, and even though I did not become an Eagle Scout, this message has always resonated with me in my approach to anything I am tasked with or undertake by my own volition. "Always leave the campground cleaner than you found it." If you discover your campsite is a mess, clean it up regardless of whom made the mess. Intentionally improve the environment for the next group of campers. (Actually, the original form of that rule for Scouts, written by Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell, the father of scouting, was "Try and leave this world a little better than you found it.")

A simple message, right? You arrive at your campsite to find it was left in poor condition; you will leave it better for the next camper with a little extra effort. Maybe simpler in camping than in our professional and personal lives. As leaders and followers, it is very easy and common to chastise and criticize others for the condition of the "campsite" rather than simply making it better with whatever is within our control. This simple rule or motto really should be how we judge all our endeavors, involvements, professions, relationships, and our own lives. Did we add or take away value? Did we improve things or simply exist? Did we pull a rug over problems or actively try to solve them? The adherence to this simple rule can make everything that follows just that much better for those that follow us and then, in turn, those that follow them, etc. I have learned that this is a rule that has been adopted in manufacturing and programming for constantly making incremental improvements in processes and outcomes. A rule that has endured from ancient Roman times through modern-day programming must have some significant merit in one form or another.

What does that mean to us, as a family of Legionnaires? We, as members, by association, are part of something bigger than ourselves. I pay my dues as the basic cost of entry to the organization, but am I picking up any additional litter at the campsite? I volunteer my time in service to the organization by holding a leadership position and fulfilling a role, but am I contributing to the betterment of the organization? I challenge myself to leave my campsite cleaner than I found it.

## AUXILIARY UNIT #92



Hello all! So glad to be able to reach our membership and keep them informed! Scholarships were due into the office by March 1, 2022. We are pleased to announce that the following will receive the **Susan Byer Brereton Scholarship**: Abby Smith and Olivia Ott. The **Unit #92 Community Scholarship** has been awarded to Emily Eberhart. Our unit takes great pride in supporting our Veteran families and our community. Thanks to all that applied. A big thank you to Carol Johnson, Julie Eberhart, our members, and non-members that helped supply baked goods for our Scholarship fundraising.

I am also pleased to announce our monthly membership winner is Shirley Theobald. Shirley is a 30-year member of our Unit. Thank you, Shirley, for your years of support of our Veterans!!!

Girls and Boys State will be coming up. Have not gotten all the applications in yet. Will keep you posted. This is an opportunity for juniors in High School to attend a weeklong training on government and legislative processes.

Marching on we will be having our Unit meeting on April 19th, 2022, at 6 pm at the Legion Office. We will be working on our Poppy mailing to our members. We will be looking to fill offices within our unit and deciding on new projects.

Memorial Day is around the corner. If anyone is interested in being involved with the Memorial Association and helping with the planning of the ceremony at Soldiers Field, please let us know.

Again, our next meeting will be April 19, 2022, at 6 P.M. at the Legion office. The last meeting of the year will be in June.

Your support reaches far and wide and it is much appreciated.

Sharon Kingsley  
Secretary Auxiliary Unit 92

## 2021 - 2022 OFFICERS

### WILLIAM T. MCCOY POST #92

ELECTIONS: MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

Commander.....Jeffrey Van Galder  
 1st Vice-Commander.....C Gilmore  
 2nd Vice-Commander.....**Open Position**  
 Adjutant.....Lee Freeman  
 Finance Officer.....Jay R. Anderson  
 Chaplain.....Lee Freeman  
 Historian.....**Open Position**  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Bill Born  
 Service Officer.....Clark Montgomery  
 Judge Advocate.....R.J. Oelslager  
 Past Commander.....R.J. Oelslager

Executive Committee Directors:  
 Term Ends 2022.....Roger Vangness, Charles O'Connell  
 Term Ends 2023.....Reid Oberle, Tony Loecher  
 Term Ends 2024.....Steve Leqve, Gary Schoenfelder

Gambling Manager.....Roger Vangness  
 Club Manager.....Tony Loecher  
 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.....Shirley Oberle  
 Secretary.....Sharon Kingsley  
 Chaplain.....Donna Fritsch  
 Historian.....Evelyn Lyke  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Shirley Oberle  
 Treasurer.....Sharon Kingsley  
 Junior Past President.....Sue Lee  
 Executive Committee.....Mary Oviatt, Evelyn Lyke

### 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.....



Harold E. DeWitz  
02-27-2022



Lloyd R. Nelson  
03-24-2022



Kenneth H. Kalk  
03-29-2022



**FROM THE LEGION 92 CLUB MANAGER**

Howdy, folks!



March was an exciting month for us. Each Friday Fish Fry surpassed the previous week, so we must be on to something good. The prime rib on Saturdays still gets great compliments.

St. Patrick's Day at The Legion brought us a day to remember. All day long, we had a steady flow of patrons partaking of the corned beef and cabbage meal. Mmmm Mmmm Mmmm. Good Stuff! That evening, the Rochester Caledonian Pipe Band stopped in as part of their yearly Pub Crawl. There was not an empty seat in the house! The bagpipe and drum corps gave us an amazing performance. A couple of the band members were up on the bar as they played "It's A Long Way To The Top" by AC/DC. Following the Pipe Band, DJ Biggie Ben rocked the house for the rest of the night. The green beer flowed, the Shanky's Whip tipped back, some rugs were cut and a great time was had by all!



**Rochester Caledonian Pipe Band at Wm. T. McCoy Post 92**

BOGO Burger Mondays have been cancelled because meat prices are just too darn high. JAC'S now offers \$1 off Signature Burgers on Mondays. Taco Tuesdays have been changed, too. Tuesday evenings now feature a New York Strip Steak for \$17.99, with a shrimp add-on for \$4.99. This is a great value on a not-so-busy night.

The patio tent is up, but we aren't quite ready for outdoor seating. The temps are still a little chilly, plus we need to get the area cleaned up. We may have been a little hopeful to get the tent up already. We must remember it's only the beginning of April.

Now that warmer weather is upon us, please watch for our friends on motorcycles. We all need to share the road and be courteous to each other. With that said, I can segue into Bike Nights. Every 3rd Wednesday from May through September, we will have Bike Nights hosted by the Steel Horse Militia. This will be our third year of Bike Nights.

The past two years have been huge, so we can only guess what this year will bring. Come on out and check out all the bikes. It's an amazing sight seeing as many as 200 motorcycles parked in front of The Legion.

We are still working out some details for future events. Stay tuned!

Until next month...don't take life too seriously, you will never get out of it alive.

-Tony Loecher, Club Manager  
Phone: 507-516-6389  
Email: clubmanager@rochestermnlegion.org

**SAL SQUADRON #92**



Please welcome our 2 newest Dual Members Eric Smith and Jeff Van Galder. Eric has been a member of Squadron 92 for 6 years and is eligible to be a son because of his Dad, Eric Smith, who served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps. Eric became a Dual member by joining our Legion Post 92 on March 8 having served in the U.S. Army during Desert Storm. Jeff is our current Post Commander having served in the U.S. Navy during the Persian Gulf War. Jeff became a dual member on March 8 by joining SAL Squadron 92 and is eligible to be a son because of his. Dad, Michael Z. Schmidt, who served in the USMC during the Vietnam War, and his Grandfather, Lester J. Olson, who served in the USMC during WWII.

Our current membership stands at 74. By being a member of the S.A.L. Squadron 92 and joining as a direct descendant of a loved one who served our country in the Armed Forces during the Great Wars, you are honoring their service. Also, your SAL 92 membership card is good at all American Legion Clubs and allows you to enter those Legion Clubs that are for members only. Therefore, carry your card with you when you travel.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm at the American Legion Post 92, 915 21st Ave SE. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

If your membership card is for 2021, it is past due. Membership dues are: \$24 for a Regular membership, \$13 for a Dual membership for those who are both a Legion and SAL member, and \$13 for a Junior membership for those under 18. You may pay your dues at our Post 92 Club, or just show up at one of our meetings. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Take care and thank you for your service to the American Legion.

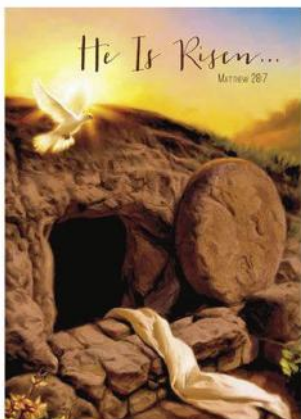
For God and Country.

Joe P Brown Sr  
SAL Squadron 92 Advisor and a Dual Member  
Email: Brown49tex@charter.net  
Phone Cell: (507) 990-1347

**CHAPLAINS CORNER**



Here it is April and Spring has Sprung! This is a time of renewal as nature springs back to life, the birds sing more, the plants and flowers blossom, and the warm sunshine brings us comfort and calm. April is also the month that Christians celebrate Easter, considered the holiest time of the church year. While many may celebrate with Sunday brunches, easter egg hunts, and family gatherings, the message of Easter can get lost at times. Why Easter is so important to mankind is it's a time of remembrance of how Jesus paid the price for all our sins; past, present, and future, on the cross. He died a horrible death on the cross and paid the price of our sin because He loves you and me, even while we were still in sin. The Apostle Paul reminds us that, *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ."* (Romans 3:23-24 NIV). We could and never can earn God's grace through good works or trying to be "good enough." Receiving God's forgiveness is only possible through repenting of our sin and believing that Jesus is the Son of God. It is believing that Jesus paid the price of our sins, died, and was resurrected, claiming victory over sin, death, and the devil. Jesus, who was preparing to resurrect a dear friend that had passed away, told those listening who He is and also asked them a question: *"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die, and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"* (John 11:25-26). It is my hope and prayer that you find peace through Christ Jesus this Easter Holiday. This is a peace that surpasses all our human understanding and is only available from God through Jesus. If you have not received God's grace yet in your life, seek Jesus through prayer and He will draw near to you. Consider speaking with someone in the Church body to discuss further. Moreover, consider reading the Book of John in the Bible with an open heart and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Just remember, we all need God's grace through Christ. Also remember God promises eternal life to those who do believe in His Son, Jesus; that is the Good News of the Gospel! And don't forget this Easter, He has risen! He has risen indeed!



- Lee Freeman, Chaplain  
 Email: chaplain@rochestermnlegion.org



**UNVEILING AND DEDICATION CEREMONY**  
**GOLDSTAR FAMILIES' MEMORIAL MONUMENT**  
 June 25th, 2022  
 1pm  
 721 Main Street North  
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 Please join us in honoring Goldstar Families

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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



Our nation's missing personnel:

WWII.....	72,352
Korean War.....	7,544
Vietnam War.....	1,584
Cold War.....	126
Gulf Wars.....	5
El Dorado Canyon.....	1
	<b>81,612</b>

As of 03-02-22, more than 81,600 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.).

# April 2022



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

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 	2 <b>EVERY SATURDAY</b> 
3 <b>EVERY SUNDAY</b> 	4 <b>EVERY MONDAY</b> 	5 <b>EVERY TUESDAY</b> 	6 <b>EVERY WEDNESDAY</b> 	7 <b>EVERY THURSDAY</b> 	8 <b>EVERY FRIDAY</b> 	9 
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## UPCOMING POST #92 ELECTIONS

Post 92 elections will be held during our regularly scheduled Membership Meeting on **May 17, 2022**, 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](mailto: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 above: July 1, 2022—June 30, 2023
- ⇒ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTOR** (Two Positions; Elected)
  - ◇ Terms for above: July 1, 2022—June 30, 2025

## POST 92 SCOUTING TODAY

Greetings from Boy Scout Troop 98!

We are excited to be heading toward spring and the resumption of a more complete set of outdoor activities.

We have made reservations to attend Boy Scout summer camp during the last week of June 2022 at Camp Wilderness, near Park Rapids, MN. This will be our eighth consecutive year there, and we are proud that we were able to maintain that streak during the pandemic.

We are also excited to resume our service project work in earnest, which has been somewhat limited over the last couple of years, due to COVID19 restrictions. Troop 98 has a strong history of service work, including many years of assisting the Sons of the American Legion with trash pickup on their “Adopt a Highway” section near the Olmsted County History Center. We also participate in Olmsted County’s “Litter Bit Better” programs and Channel One’s “Scouting for Food” campaign.

We appreciate everything that Post 92 does to support Troop 98. We would like to extend a special thanks to members and friends that purchased popcorn from us this past fall. This money is used to pay our annual registration dues with the national Scouts BSA organization. The Post’s financial support and its encouragement and service opportunities for our Scouts goes a long way toward their success and confidence.

We are always looking for more ways to serve and for new boys ages 11 to 17 to join us in that service. Please let us know how we can be of more and increased service to Post 92 and its members!



## COMMUNITY DONATIONS

The following lawful purpose, charitable gambling donations were recently approved/distributed:

- Steel Horse Militia \$2,500
- MN Fighting Lions Beep Baseball \$200
- With the Grain Woodworking (flag cases) \$713.63

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**MEAT RAFFLE**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Don't forget to renew your 2022 American Legion membership! You can pay on-line (noted below) or you can come to the American Legion Club and pay in-person either by cash, check, or credit. Lastly, you can also mail a check to the American Legion Office at 403

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**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE**

American Legion Post #92 has several wheelchairs and a walker available to those in need! If you or someone in your family could benefit from one of these, please contact the American Legion Office at (507) 252-1659 to make arrangements to picking up. This is a first come first serve offer so don't delay, call today!



**HAPPINESS IS YELLING**

**BINGO**



**IT'S 4 LAUGH**  
 PRODUCTIONS

**Did You Hear About The Accident at the Army Base?**

**– A tank ran over a box of popcorn and killed two Kernals!**



If you have a favorite joke you would like to submit for consideration, please email to [officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org](mailto:officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org).



# VETERANS DAY ON THE HILL 2022

**WHEN:**  
**APRIL 20TH , 2022**

**DAV of MN Presents:**  
**Free Veterans and Supporters Lunch**  
**Doors Open @ 10:00AM FOR COFFEE**  
**LUNCH @ 11:00AM**

(This event is a free catered lunch to discuss our priorities and all lawmakers have been invited, please let yours know you will be there)

**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 at the Capitol 1:00-2:00pm**

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

\*PLEASE NOTE THIS YEAR WEATHER PERMITTING THE ACTUAL RALLY WILL BE ON THE FRONT STEPS OF THE CAPITOL\*

## 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:

- ENSURING THE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF OUR BLUE WATER NAVY HAVE ACCESS TO PROPERTY TAX RELIEF
- ENSURING THE LONGTERM STABILTY OF SERVICES FOR VETERANS ACROSS MN
- INCREASING ACCESS TO THE OUTDOORS FOR OUR DISABLED VETERANS!
- FUNDING FOR HOMELESS PROGRAMS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION



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

