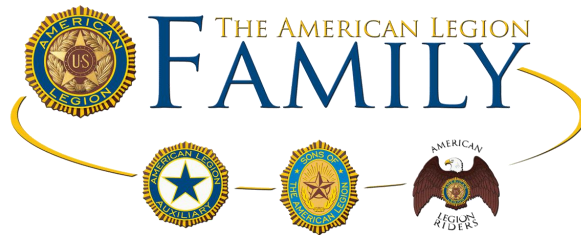


The Bugle



William T. McCoy Post #92 American Legion Family Newsletter

April 2023

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Family,

Ah... here comes my favorite part of living in Minnesota. You get in the car in the AM to go to work and blast the heat, and then when you get in the car to go home, you quickly have to turn on the AC. Then the cycle begins again the next day as you hurriedly change the AC back to heat. I personally can't wait for the day I get to burn my legs on those hot leather seats! What a life we have chosen. I see that the Legion's patio furniture has started to creep back out. It shouldn't be long before we get to see the cornhole boards out there, or possibly another snow blizzard. You never know.

I went out of town the other day and attempted to visit their local post. It was locked with a sign showing the daily hours as Saturday and Sunday only. It was very heartbreaking to see. So many of the posts across the US have had to reduce hours or turn in their charters all together. COVID-19 certainly affected us all. Being the 3rd largest city in Minnesota has zero effect on our post if the members don't show up. We are not protected. We too could suffer the same fate. During the warmer months we tend to see less visitors at the Legion. I ask that before you leave for your weekend getaway or your long awaited vacation, come in and visit. Once you get back with your nice tan and tacky souvenir shirt, come back in and tell us all about it. Even more importantly, go visit another post. We all need you.

They say that the average person does not join a VSO like the Legion until 21 years after their service. They are busy working, going to college and/or raising a family. We need them to join now more than ever so that we can have a stronger voice when it comes to legislation and votes. When I see people wearing their affiliated branch baseball cap or motto bumper sticker(s) on their car, I converse with them about the Legion. I constantly hear that the Legion is not for them because those places are for the "combat guys." We all wrote a blank check made payable to The United States of America for any amount up to and including our lives. We all deserve to be a part of something larger than ourselves. We all deserve to be a part of the American Legion.



Thank you for all those that continue to step up and ensure that we, the Legion, are better than we were the day before.

Semper Fi

Gilmore
Commander
Wm. T. McCoy, Post #92

WELCOME TO THE NEW POST #92 CHAPLAIN



Commander Gilmore (right) Post #92, conducts installation ceremony for new Post #92 Chaplain, David Crawley (left) while the Post #92 Sergeant-at-Arms, Bill Born (center) watches.

#RALLYAROUNDTHEFLAG

A 1967 FLAG-STUDY MANUAL EXPLAINED THAT THE BLUE IN THE U.S. FLAG REPRESENTS TRUTH, LOYALTY AND FIDELITY.

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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.....	David Crawley
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: Two Open Positions	
Term Ends 2023.....	Reid Oberle
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.....	



Leo L. Haubenschild
03-01-23



Howard Wagner
02-19-23



David E. Fenske
03-19-23




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AUXILIARY UNIT #92



Happy Spring to all. St. Patrick's Day was a hit at the club. I am so glad to see so many out and about.

The Executive Board met in March and reviewed the applications submitted for our scholarship programs. We are pleased to announce the following winners of the Unit 92 Community Scholarships. Ella Hardtke will be attending Winona State University. Olivia Ott will be continuing at University of Wisconsin – Superior. Abby Smith will be continuing at Iowa State University. Thank you for sending in your application's and best of luck to you next year!

A thank you to Carol and the gang for supporting the scholarship program.

Our next meeting will be on April 18th at 6:00 pm at the Legion Office. We are discussing Poppy Days and elections for positions for the 2023-2024 Auxiliary year. All members are welcome to attend and participate in our discussions. Poppy Days will be during the month of May. If you have a place for a donation can and a place to put poppies, please let us know.

I have gotten some American Legion Auxiliary patches that have magnets to attach them to your clothes. If interested, please let me know. If we can bring awareness to our Auxiliary in our community, it will strengthen our organization.

I am meeting with the Memorial Association to form a plan for the Memorial Day Program at Soldier Field this May. This is a great organization to be a part of and it is a worthwhile cause. Please contact me if you would like to participate.

Currently, I am still waiting for Girl State applications. This event occurs in June. I will announce who have been chosen in the future articles.

Thanks for your membership.

Sharon Kingsley - President, Unit #92
507-206-1885
auxiliarypresident@rochesternlegion.org

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





SAVE THE DATE

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APRIL 20TH

5:00 PM- 8:00 PM

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 public welcome food available

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

MEAT RAFFLE



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.....	72,242
Korean War.....	7,508
Vietnam War.....	1,579
Cold War.....	126
Gulf Wars.....	5
El Dorado Canyon.....	1
	81,461

As of 03-28-23, 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.).

April 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	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</p>			<h1>BE THE ONE</h1>			
		<p>NATIONAL HUG A NEWSPERSON DAY</p>	<p>Gold Star Spouses Day</p>	<p>NEW BEER'S EVE</p>	<p>Good Friday</p>	<p>1:00 PM</p>
		<p>SAL Meeting 6:00PM The Legion 92 Club</p>	<p>GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH DAY</p>			
		<p>Post 92 Meeting 6:00PM The Legion 92 Club</p> <p>Auxiliary Unit 92 Meeting 6:00PM The Legion Office</p>	<p>Warren War Veterans Club</p> <p>Luncheon Every 3rd Wednesday at 11:30am</p>	<p>NATIONAL GET TO KNOW YOUR CUSTOMERS DAY</p>		<p>1:00 PM</p>
<p>MILITARY BRATS DAY APRIL 30TH</p>						

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WOMEN VETERAN APPRECIATION EVENT

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023

Where: LC's Venue, 316 Broadway Ave S.
Rochester, MN

Time:

4:30PM Registration

5:00 - 6:00PM Happy hour, appetizers

6:00 - 7:00PM Pampering with chair massages and essential oils

7:00 - 8:00PM Guest Speaker

Space is limited, register today!

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-veteran-appreciation-event-tickets-513295309087>

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POST #92 WILL BE HOSTING TABLE AT VETERAN APPRECIATION EVENT

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Sunday, April 23

Veteran Appreciation and Benefit

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Rochester, MN

- Military-Related Service Providers
- Prizes and Gifts
- State and National Recognized Speakers

12:00 Noon- Doors open, vendor and veteran service providers available. Complementary appetizers and munchies provided to our veterans throughout the event.

1:00 PM- National DAV Service Officers Presentations on veteran benefits available to you

3:30 PM- Encore presentation by National DAV Service Officer on veteran benefits available to you

During the event, there will be veteran-related vendors and service providers available for group and individual questions.



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Natural resources projects vary by region and crew location, but may include:

- ⇒ Invasive species management
- ⇒ Stream bank stabilization, erosion control
- ⇒ Prescribed burning
- ⇒ Trail construction & maintenance
- ⇒ Tree planting
- ⇒ Basic carpentry
- ⇒ Wild land fire suppression
- ⇒ Emergency response

Serving with our Veterans Corps program is a full-time AmeriCorps experience that requires a six-month (2022) or 11-month (2023) commitment.

For More Information, Visit:

<https://conservationcorps.org/programs/veterans-corps/>

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:

- 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.

IT'S A LAUGH PRODUCTIONS



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

officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org.





Owatonna Post #77

Cordially invites you to join us at a Testimonial Dinner

to celebrate 1st District American Legion

Commander Mary Hanson and Auxiliary President Tonia Bettermann

Saturday, April 29th, 2023

137 West Broadway Street, Owatonna, MN 55060

(This will be located downstairs of Legion and there is an elevator on the main floor to get to the room.)

Menu: Salad, Marry Me Chicken Breast, Loaded Twice Baked Mashed Potato, Candied Carrots, Waffle Cone Dessert-Oreo or Strawberry (If there are dietary needs, please contact Tonia Bettermann or Mary Hanson and we will accommodate.) Deadline for Dinner reservations is April 21, 2023.

\$20.00 per person

Social Hour 3 p.m.

Program 4 p.m.

Dinner to follow after program

Kindly reply by April 21st, 2023 with payment mailed to:

Tonia Bettermann (Check payable to Tonia Bettermann)

1625 Crestview Lane, Owatonna, MN 55060

Name(s) of Persons Attending _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed _____

