

# The Bugle



William T. McCoy Post #92 American Legion Family Newsletter

May 2023

## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Family,



It is amazing to see how fast time flies when you are required to draft a newsletter each month. I just did this right? What ever happened to when we were kids and the weekend felt just as long as the weekdays? We find ourselves so busy working, networking, jumping from event to event and meeting to meeting that we don't reserve enough time for ourselves, much less our fellow brothers and sisters.

For some of us the world is passing by at lightning speed and yet for some, it feels like a complete standstill. We all need to reserve time to ensure that all of us are doing well. 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. Together, we can help reduce the alarming number of veteran suicides. The American Legion's Be the One 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.

Take the time to talk with fellow veterans about how you are feeling. Ask for help when you think you need it. Know that there are millions of us ready to help you. We are all family and we care. Ask veterans in your life how they are doing. Listen when they need to talk. Please reach out when a veteran is struggling.

Together, as a family, we can fight this demon. Even the busiest of us all need to make time to listen. We are not alone.

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](http://veteranscrisisline.net)

Semper Fi

Gilmore  
Commander  
Wm. T. McCoy, Post #92



## POST #92 ELECTIONS ARE HERE!

### MEMBER PARTICIPATION IS NEEDED!

**Post 92 elections will be held during our regularly scheduled Membership Meeting on May 16, 2023, 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 all above: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- ⇒ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTOR**
  - (Two Positions; Elected)
  - ◇ Terms for above: July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026



## 2022 - 2023 OFFICERS

### WILLIAM T. MCCOY POST #92

ELECTIONS: MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

Commander.....Gilmore  
 1st Vice-Commander.....Deb Williamson  
 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: **One Open Position**  
     Term Ends 2023.....Reid Oberle  
     Term Ends 2024.....Mike Martin, 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.....



James R. "Jim" Hesse  
04-12-23



Theodore R. "Ted" Bennett  
04-18-23



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**AUXILIARY UNIT #92**

Hello Spring! May is Poppy month for us involved with the Auxiliary. Just a heads up, you will see us at the club, Fleet Farm, and Cross-roads Hy-Vee this year distributing poppies. The donations we receive will be used for our veteran programs. If you see us about, please get your poppy and display it proudly.

Our April meeting was held at the Legion office. I am sad to report that there were no applications received for Girl State this year. This program is an educational opportunity for junior students to learn about our government process in the city, state, and nation.

I am happy to report that the following people are winners of the membership drawing. They will receive a \$25.00 for the Legion bar/restaurant. (I do want to mention that the Legion has started breakfast on Saturday for those interested.)

December – Lisbeth Erdman – 35-year member

January – Ann Schwanke – 40-year member

February – Carol Johnson – 31-year member

March – Susan Postier – 20-year member

Congratulations to you all and thank you for your support and dedication to this great organization.

We will be having our last meeting of the year in June. This will be held at the Legion post on the third Thursday of the month at 6 pm. We plan on meeting on the patio.

Memorial Day program is planned for May 29th at the Soldiers Field Memorial. Program starts at 10:30 am.

Please keep our veterans and their families in your thoughts.

Have a safe spring and hope to see you soon.

Sharon Kingsley - President, Unit #92  
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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](http://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](http://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](http://veteranscrisisline.net)



**4H SHOOTING SPORTS SUPPORTED BY AMERICAN LEGION AND AUXILIARY**



With the donation from the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, the Olmsted, Dodge, Goodhue Counties 4H Shooting Sports Program was able to make a major update to their Air Discipline program with the purchase of 8 new Daisy 901 pellet guns and 4-753 pellet guns. The program is open to all Youth 3rd grade and older. This year we had 14 youth out for the air discipline program. Other 4H Shooting Sports programs offered are Archery, 22 discipline, trap, and black powder/tomahawk throwing. The Youth and 4H would like to give a (BIG THANKS) to both organizations for supporting our program and help give a much needed update to our program.

⇒ Jim Perrotti

To learn more about the 4H Shooting Program in Olmsted County and how to support it, please visit:

<https://extension.umn.edu/news/olmsted-county-shooting-sports-wildlife#air-rifle-3158510>

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**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](http://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.....	72,234
Korean War.....	7,506
Vietnam War.....	1,579
Cold War.....	126
Gulf Wars.....	5
El Dorado Canyon.....	1
	<b>81,451</b>

As of 04-25-23, 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.).



# May 2023



Legion 92 Club Hours: Mon - Thu: 11am - 11pm / Fri & Sat: 11am - 12am / Sun: 11am - 8pm  
 Legion 92 Kitchen Hours: Monday - Saturday: 11am - 9pm / Sunday: 11am - 7pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>HONOR AMERICA'S VETERANS Wear a poppy with pride. AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY</p>	<p>SILVER STAR SERVICE BANNER DAY HONORING AMERICANS WHO SERVED IN THE U.S. AND ALL SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS.</p>	<p>All Month Specials Mini Tacos for \$7.50 Margaritas for \$3! Flavors: Lemon Lime Peach Strawberry</p>	<p>May is Poppy Month Stop in and show your support by purchasing a Poppy from The Auxiliary</p>	<p>TIME TO CELEBRATE! NATIONAL ORANGE JUICE DAY!</p>	<p>DJ BIGGIE BEN "JAMMIN" SCHELLHAMMER 7-11 PM</p>	<p>THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY</p>
<p>New Weekend Special! All Day Breakfast Saturdays and Sundays</p>		<p>SAL Meeting 6:00PM The Legion 92 Club</p> <p>NATIONAL Moscato Day</p>	<p>national shrimp day</p>	<p>NATIONAL EAT WHAT YOU WANT DAY</p>	<p>TEDDY FILOTEO LIVE AT LEGION 92 7 - 10 PM</p>	<p>New Weekend Special! All Day Breakfast Saturdays and Sundays</p> <p>1:00 PM BINGO</p>
<p>New Weekend Special! All Day Breakfast Saturdays and Sundays</p> <p>Happy Mother's Day</p>	<p>POLICE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>Post 92 Meeting 6:00PM The Legion 92 Club</p> <p>Mimosa Day</p>	<p>Korean War Veterans Club Luncheon, Bazaar, Wednesday at 11:30am</p>		<p>RON BUBLITZ LIVE AT LEGION 92 7 - 10PM</p>	<p>HAPPY ARMED FORGES DAY</p> <p>HAPPY ARMED FORGES DAY</p>
<p>New Weekend Special! All Day Breakfast Saturdays and Sundays</p>	<p>NATIONAL CRAFT DISTILLERY DAY</p>		<p>Happy Brother's Day</p> <p>Cheers, Bro!</p>	<p>it's National Wine Day \$1 off any wine all day!</p>	<p>KID DAKOTA Live at Legion 92 7- 10PM</p>	<p>New Weekend Special! All Day Breakfast Saturdays and Sundays</p> <p>1:00 PM BINGO</p>
<p>New Weekend Special! All Day Breakfast Saturdays and Sundays</p>	<p>Club Holiday Hours: Normal 11am-11pm Gambling Holiday Hours: 11am-7:30pm</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>			<p><b>RENEW YOUR 2023 AMERICAN LEGION MEMBERSHIP (AL, SAL &amp; Auxiliary)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Receive Post #92 Club Discounts!</li> <li>⇒ Help veterans and their families!</li> <li>⇒ Keep the local, state and national mission to serve veterans alive!</li> </ul> <p>Renew by phone: 507-516-6406                  Mail Check: American Legion                  403 East Center St                  Rochester, MN 55904</p>		

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

**NEW AMERICAN LEGION POST #92  
1ST VICE COMMANDER SWORN-IN**



Deb Williamson (left) is sworn-in as the new 1st Vice Commander for Post #92 Rochester by Post #92 Commander, Gilmore (right) during monthly membership meeting on April 18th, 2023.

**The Twelve Points of the Scout Law**

The 12 points of the Scout Law describes a set of values, purpose, and guiding principles that every Scout must memorize, understand, and live by to become an upstanding member in their community. It is important for a Scout to advance to put the points of the Scout Law into practice. By following each of these points, a Scout acts with integrity and becomes a role model for all of those they're around.

It goes, "A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent".

After learning the points of the Scout Law a Scout is asked to explain each of the Scout Law principles. It seems simple but many can not really explain. The words are simple, but even the definition is not understood, let alone the meanings to a middle school age Scout. When learning these principles the Scout needs to realize how difficult it was to understand and apply the values in their own life. One of the journeys in Scouting is to put them on the road to uncover and live by these answers.

On the path to becoming an Eagle Scout a Scout will have learned actionable ways to incorporate the 12 Scout Law principles into their life, to succeed and become a better person. They can then use every point in the Scout Law to quickly grow into being a better family member, friend, and citizen in their everyday life.

- Submitted by Lou Behrens, American Legion Post #92 member and Post #92 Scouting Representative

**2023 FIRST DISTRICT CALL TO CONVENTION**

To: All Posts of the First District

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Legion, Department of Minnesota, I, First District Commander, Mary Hanson, do hereby call a convention of the First District to convene at Kasson, Minnesota, Saturday May 23, 2023.



The business sessions of the convention will be held at Kasson American Legion Post 333 located at 212 West Main St., Kasson, MN, commencing at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20, 2023, and will continue until adjournment.

The purpose of this convention is to elect a District Commander, four (4) District Vice-Commanders, District Chaplain, District Finance Officer, Delegates and Alternates to the National Convention and to do other business of the First District that may properly come before the Convention.

The voting strength of each Post will be, as provided in the Department Constitution and By-Laws, Article 5, Section 3 based upon the membership certification sent to the District Commander by the District Adjutant.

All Members are encouraged to attend.

Mary Hanson, Commander  
American Legion First District - Minnesota



## CONSERVATION CORPS - VETERANS



**Veterans Corps connects veterans to the outdoors and provides a continued sense of community as they transition from military to civilian life.**

Veterans participate in non-military AmeriCorps service as Conservation Field Crews restoring habitat, managing natural resources, and occasionally responding to natural disasters or community needs. The program prioritizes personal and professional growth while teaching hands-on conservation skills in the field.

Members develop technical skills throughout their term while completing challenging and impactful conservation projects. Members will be trained in a wide variety of skills and receive nationally recognized certifications and opportunities to network with professionals.

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](mailto:officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org).



**FLAG PLANTING/RETRIEVAL EVENT  
TO HONOR VETERANS FOR MEMORIAL DAY**



For those interested in volunteering in remembering those veterans who have passed on, consider helping plant/retrieving American flags at their gravesite(s).

**FIRST EVENT** - Planting the Flags

**DATE:** **MAY 20, 2023 - Saturday**

**TIME:** 9:00AM

**WHERE:** Oakwood Cemetery, 38 7th Ave NE, Rochester, MM.

**MEETING LOCATION:** See **map (opposite)**, we will meet by the area in the red circle on the map.

**DETAILS:** Flags will be provided at the meet site. Event will occur rain or shine. Only exception will be if there is lightening in the immediate area at the start or during the event.

**SECOND EVENT**- Flag Retrieval

**DATE:** **JUNE 3, 2023 - Saturday**

**TIME:** 9:00AM

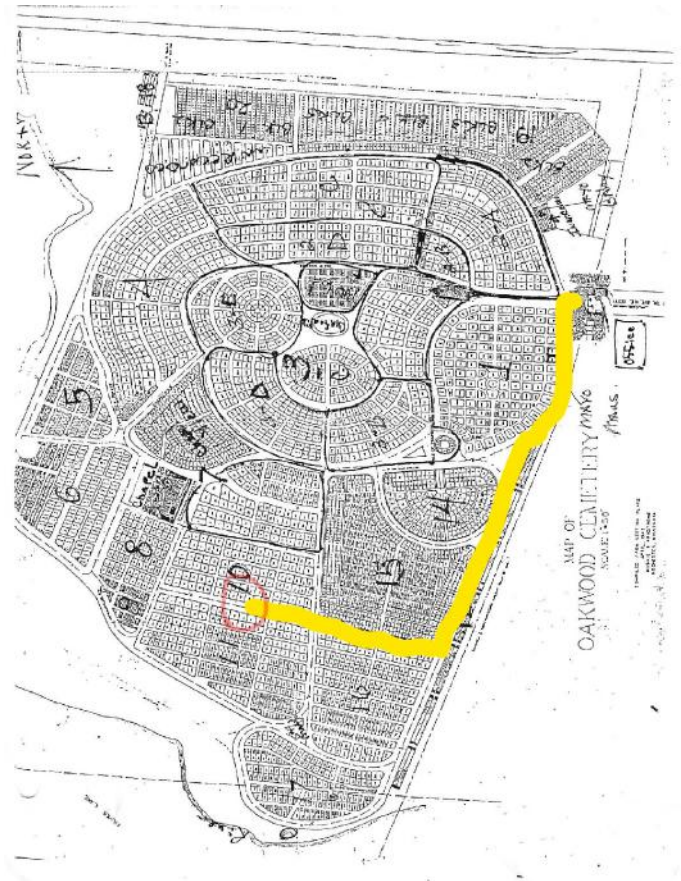
**WHERE:** Same meeting point as above.

**DETAILS:** Purpose is to retrieve flags planted previously to help preserve them for next year.

**POINT OF CONTACT:** If interested, contact Lee Freeman, Post #92, at

[officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org](mailto:officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org)

or call 507-252-1659.



**Map of Oakwood Cemetery located at 38 7th Ave NE in Rochester MN. Rally point for planting/retrieving flags is area circled in red.**

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Renew your American Legion Membership quickly and easily online! Simply visit the web address shown below, and follow the easy instructions. You can renew your membership and even print out a temporary membership card. Quick and secure credit card payment.

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**POST #92 TEMPORARY OFFICE CLOSURE**

The American Legion Post #92 Office located at 403 East Center St, Rochester Minnesota will be closed between **May 8—15th** and **May 29th**. Sorry for any inconvenience.



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