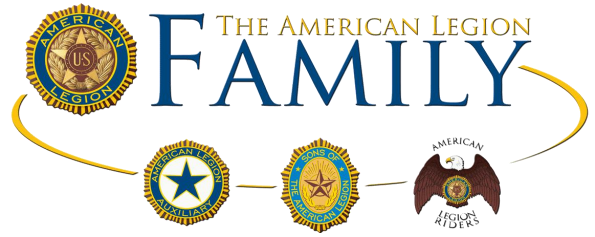


The Bugle



William T. McCoy Post #92 American Legion Family Newsletter

June 2022

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Greetings, American Legion Family,

It's now almost June as I write this, and I am struck by how fast 2022 is flying by and incredibly how quickly my time as your Commander of Wm T. McCoy Post 92 has gone from the present to the past. It has been a year of renewal in some ways as we, though not free of the remnant realities of a pandemic, are currently free of oppressive mandates and shutdowns. It has been a painful time for many lives, and the life of a business is not immune from such an impact of a microscopic invader. Our Post 92 club suffered like so many other businesses. During our "break" from operations, while working on all aspects of making our business sound, we were able to bring in a restaurant that has helped complete our offering to our membership and the public. We have been fortunate to have had the financial means to have weathered the storm and we continue to grow our business that contributes much back to the community through our donations from charitable gambling and the existence of a place where veterans, visitors, and the community we serve can come for food and fellowship. This union of veterans and the broader community is something that I am very proud of.



I am also proud to have been able to serve as your Commander for the past year. My time as Commander would have been a much different experience if not for the support of so many of you, the membership. I can't quantify adequately enough how happy I was to be able to greet so many of you in the club and at the meetings. Your support and friendship are certainly something that I will treasure for a very long time. I especially would like to express appreciation to Lee Freeman, who has worn so many hats this past year as chaplain, Adjutant, office manager, and friend. Reid Oberle, who was my first mentor when I was appointed as Adjutant several years ago, has always been a wealth of knowledge and support. Roger Vangness has taught me more than I thought I would need to know regarding charitable gambling and has been a good friend. Tony Loecher has ALWAYS been willing to take my calls and answer my texts to answer questions, and provide support for whatever I needed. Directors Schoenfelder, Leque, & O'Connell have offered continued support and counsel before and during my term. RJ Oelslager was a great teacher of parliamentary procedures even when I bucked the process. Jay Anderson was of great assistance as well. Oh yeah... there's Gilmore! The entirety of the Executive Committee was a pleasure to work with as we climbed out of a very precarious time. Thank you, especially to the membership, who have allowed me to serve you. I hope that I have done so to your satisfaction. I look forward to seeing y'all again soon.

*"From the lakes of Minnesota, To the hills of Tennessee
Across the plains of Texas, From sea to shining sea*

*From Detroit down to Houston, And New York to L.A.
Where's pride in every American heart, And it's time we
stand and say*

*That I'm proud to be an American, Where at least I know I'm
free. And I won't forget the men who died, Who gave that
right to me. And I'd gladly stand up next to you, And defend
Her still today. 'Cause there ain't no doubt, I love this land
God Bless the U.S.A."*

~ Lee Greenwood, 1984

Yours in Service,

Jeffrey Van Galder
Commander, American Legion Wm. T. McCoy Post 92



2022—2023 POST #92 ELECTIONS

RESULTS!

- ⇒ **POST COMMANDER**
 - ⇒ **C. Gilmore**
- ⇒ **1st VICE COMMANDER**
 - ⇒ **VACANT**
- ⇒ **2nd VICE COMMANDER**
 - ⇒ **VACANT**
- ⇒ **FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER**
 - ⇒ **Jay Anderson**
- ⇒ **SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**
 - ⇒ **Bill Born**
- ⇒ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DIRECTOR**
 - ⇒ **Roger Vangness**
 - ⇒ **Roger Schoenfelder**

Officers will be installed during the June 21, 2022 at 6:00PM during the regular membership meeting.



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.....



John W. Nelson
05-01-2022



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05-11-2022



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05-07-2022



Charles R. Bartholomew
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FROM THE LEGION 92 CLUB MANAGER



Howdy, folks!

Thank you to Big Jim, Kevin, Maggie, and anyone else who has helped pick up trash around the Legion Club. Also, thanks to the Boy Scouts for trimming some of the brush from the chain link fence. Your hard work looks great! I'd like to give a shoutout to Josh Davis from Woodtick Tree and Stump who donated his services and took the time to remove a large pile of brush from our Back 40. It is greatly appreciated.

On May 18th, we had our first Bike Night of the year. In conjunction, there was a fundraiser for the purchase of a specialty wheelchair for Marick Mercer. Marick is a boy from Chatfield who was in a serious ATV accident late last year. There was a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and a special burger basket where the profits were donated to the worthy cause. There were a couple hundred people here at the Legion Club, both inside and outside. The staff were busy, and a great time was had by all. Thanks to some of the volunteers to help us out that night: Brad Oberle, Sue Lee, Sharon Kingsley, Ben Schellhammer, and Jim Behr.

Our next Bike Night is set for Wednesday, June 15th from 5pm to 9pm. There will be raffles, great food, a ton of motorcycles, and some great camaraderie. Be there!

May was American Legion Auxiliary Poppy month. The Post 92 club helped our Unit 92 Auxiliary by collecting donations at the club. Thanks to everyone who donated to our Unit 92 Auxiliary.

We are conducting a similar service for our Squadron 92 SAL during June. Come into the Post 92 Club and, for a donation, receive a small handheld flag. June 14th is Flag Day, so get in here and get yourself a small flag to give to your kids, grandkids, friends, and neighbors. You'll be helping our SAL raise money for the various causes they donate to, all while helping promote Americanism. You can't ask for a much better use of a little bit of money!

The patio is officially open! Our patio has great views of nature, plenty of shade, and a quiet, peaceful feeling. Stop in and get a bucket of 5 Mix & Match seltzers for \$22, or 5 Mix & Match domestic bottle beers for \$17.50. A bucket of beverages on the patio is the stress reliever that everyone needs.

We will be placing an order for SWAG soon. If you're wanting some SWAG, you'll be able to place your order soon. Watch your inboxes for this special announcement. Information will also be posted at the Legion Club.

We would like to host a bus trip and are evaluating two ideas. One would be a Legion Tour, where people would sign up to take a bus trip to several different Legions in the area. Another idea is a bus trip to a Twins game. Watch for more info on when this will be and how to sign up.

I'm asking for donations of some games to have available for play at the Legion Club. Board games, card games, etc. We ask that games be in very good condition and not missing any pieces, etc. If you have a newer game that you don't play, or want to buy a game for us, please bring it in to the Legion Club.

We are going to take a two week break from live music on Friday nights. DJ Biggie Ben will return on Friday, June 17th, and Tom Hipps will be here on Friday, June 24th. Just a reminder to all, please stop in to **YOUR** Legion 92 Club and purchase some food and beverages. JAC's at The Legion 92 has an exceptional menu at reasonable prices. When you support JAC's, you are also supporting the Legion Club, so we both prosper. We need people supporting both of us to ensure we can continue to thrive and be a staple in our community for the next 100 years. Plus, if you use your membership benefit card, you receive some great freebies and BOGOs.

Until next month...I'll close with a quote regarding the flag. "When we honor our flag, we honor what we stand for as a Nation -- freedom, equality, justice, and hope." - Ronald Reagan.

-Tony Loecher, Club Manager
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GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

Use for food, drinks, flags, SWAG, or even membership dues.

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!



CHAPLAINS CORNER



Greetings, I pray this finds you well and if not, I pray the Lord will bless you and keep you in His peace. My term/role as Chaplain is coming to an end. We have just completed a round of elections among our American Legion family. As officers end their terms, renew their terms, or just begin their new roles, we owe the officers that have served a debt of gratitude for their service and commitment. And for the continuing or new officers, we owe them our support and encouragement.

At times like this, I think of the Apostle Paul and the encouragement he showed in his letter to the new church in Thessalonica. As you read Paul's words below, consider the officers that have served and are serving in the American Legion and how you can show that support:

"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else."
 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15 (NIV).

Those who serve us often do good works that we don't see nor can appreciate. While considering how you can support the employees, employers, and officers that provide us great service and support, consider the words below that the Apostle Paul wrote to a newer church leader, Timothy, in the Church of Ephesus:

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people."
 1 Timothy 2:1-5 (NIV).

It is my hope and prayer that those in service this upcoming year are blessed and encouraged by others in their duties. Where I may have been of service, all glory be to God! Where I may have fallen short, I pray for the Lord's forgiveness and yours. I leave you with the following benediction:

*May the road rise up to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sun shine warm upon your face,
 And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the hollow of His hand. Amen.*

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



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 public welcome food available



Our nation's missing personnel:

WWII.....	72,337
Korean War.....	7,544
Vietnam War.....	1,584
Cold War.....	126
Gulf Wars.....	5
El Dorado Canyon.....	1
	81,597

As of 05-23-22, 81,597 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.).

June 2022



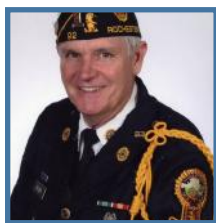
Legion 92 Club Hours: Mon - Thu: 11am - 11pm / Fri & Sat: 11am - 12am / Sun: 11am - 8pm
 JAC's at The Legion 92 Hours: Sun: 11am - 7pm / Mon - Sat: 11am - 9pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVERY SUNDAY 	EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 	EVERY TUESDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 	National Olive Day 	EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 	National Doughnut Day 	National Cognac Day! 
	D-DAY 		NATIONAL BEST FRIENDS DAY! 		EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 	1:00 PM BINGO 
		14 SAL Meeting 6pm The Legion 92 Club 			Music @ 7pm DJ BIGGIE BEN 	EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM JAC'S PRIME RIB NIGHT 
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 	NATIONAL American Eagle Day JUNE 29 	Auxiliary Meeting 6pm The Legion 92 Club Post 92 Meeting 6pm The Legion 92 Club NATIONAL SELFIE DAY! 	NATIONAL ONION RINGS DAY 		Music @ 7pm TOM HIPPS 	1:00 PM BINGO 
	P.T.S.D. AWARENESS DAY BUT ALL WOUNDS ARE VISIBLE 		EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5:00 PM 			

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

SAL SQUADRON #92

Greetings to "A Band of Brothers"



At our last meeting in May, elections were held. Those elected are: Commander. Ben Schellhammer, 1st Vice Commander Jim Behr, Treasurer/ Finance Joe P. Brown Sr, Membership/ Adjutant Brad Oberle, and Sgt-at-Arms Ryker Wellner. Also, we have 3 open positions 2nd Vice Commander, Historian, and Chaplain. If you would like to be an officer, show up at the next meeting.

Our current membership stands at 78. 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, June 14 at 6pm at the American Legion Post 92, 915 21st Ave SE. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

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.

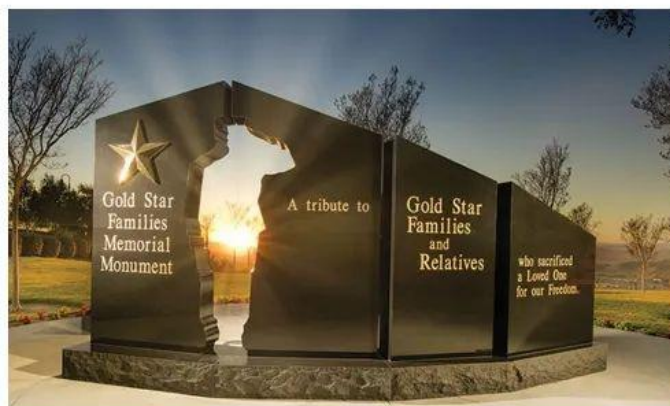
Hope to see you all at the meeting. Take care and thank you for your service to the American Legion.

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

**OFFICE CLOSURE
6 - 14 JUNE 2022**

The **Post #92 Office** located at 403 East Center St. Rochester, MN will be temporarily closed from June 6 -14 June, 2022. If you require assistance during this closure period, please contact Commander Van Galder at 507-513-0887.



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GOLDSTAR FAMILIES' MEMORIAL MONUMENT
June 25th, 2022
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HAPPINESS IS YELLING
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COMMUNITY DONATIONS

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

- Post #92 Club Roof Repairs—\$17,576.11
- MN Boys State Sponsorship—\$310.00



SCOUTING

Troop 186 Historian Update
 Date- April 1, 2022
 Location- Rochester MN
 Historian- Kian

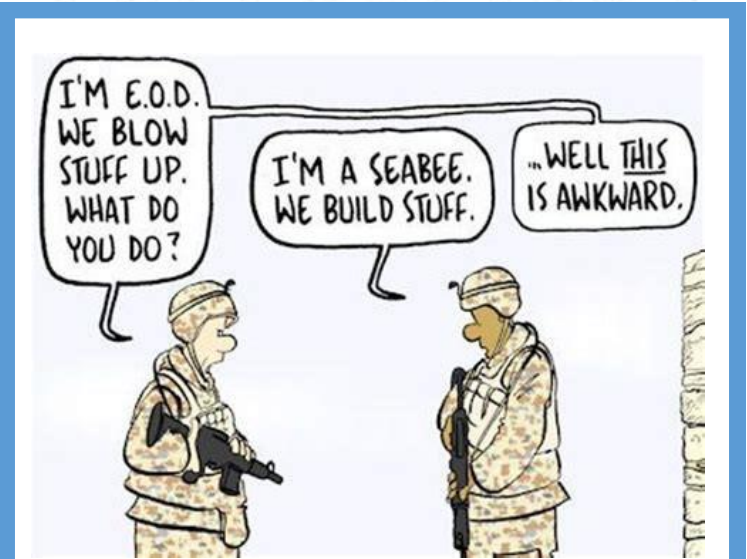


Throughout the year of 2021- 2022, Troop 186 has been on countless exciting adventures and campouts. To name a few, the aviation campout in Marion, the biking campout on the Sparta trail, the hiking campout at Forestville State Park, and the swimming and physical fitness themed campout at the Rochester Rec Center. Wherever we go, whatever we do, we always make sure to find time to do three things on every campout. We make sure to do advancements, service projects, and to find time to have fun as a group. This helps us move forward in ranks to get us closer to becoming an Eagle Scout. It helps us bring a positive impact on the campgrounds we are staying on, and leave it better than we found it. And it brings memories of all the fun things we did on the campouts.

Our last two campouts were the snow themed campout in camp Phillipo, and the swimming and physical fitness themed lock-in at the REC center. At camp Phillipo we found time to do advancements to grow our understanding of what it takes to be an Eagle Scout. We found time to do a service project by walking around the many trails around the campgrounds and clearing out and chopping away brush and buckthorn that covered the path. And we found time to have fun ourselves by cross country skiing, and digging shelters in the snow mounds. At the REC center we helped some scouts that just joined get some requirements done. Our service project was to clean the windows and scrub the walls of the ice rink. And we enjoyed skating around the rink and playing hide and seek throughout the building. These last two years with Troop 186 have been a complete blast, and there are so many more adventures planned in the future!



IT'S A LAUGH
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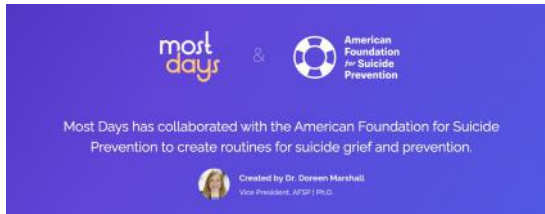
If you have a favorite joke you would like to submit for consideration, please email to officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org.



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

NEW FREE MENTAL HEALTH APP



The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is excited to announce a collaboration with **Most Days**, a daily routine app that helps people change their behavior to improve their mental health and well-being through different routines, as well as support through the app’s community network. “Most Days is among the apps available today which offer users content that is created by licensed psychologists, practicing physicians and scientists. Having quality guidance and support for the public is of the utmost importance,” said Dr. Doreen Marshall, AFSP’s vice president of mission engagement. Most Days doesn’t replace professional mental health services, but it does provide access to help and connection to a supportive community. Dr. Marshall, who is a licensed psychologist, drafted four routines for the app related to suicide prevention:

- ◆ Thoughts of Self-harm or Suicide
- ◆ Healing After Surviving a Suicide Attempt
- ◆ Supporting Others Who May Have Thoughts of Self-harm or Suicide
- ◆ Grieving Loss of a Friend or Family Member from Suicide

Currently the app is available only for Apple operating systems and will be available on Android phones by the end of the year. It’s free to use and does not sell user information to third parties.

When reporting on suicide, please include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline number (1-800-273-TALK), which provides 24/7, free, and confidential support or the Crisis Text Line (text TALK to 741741).

AUXILIARY UNIT #92



Greeting to all! So good to see many of you out and about. Your support at the Legion Club is much appreciated.

I have enclosed a photo of some of our Bingo Bake sale volunteers. Such a sweet group supplying the sweets to us at each Bingo. They recipes that you will satisfy any taste. Please drop by the 2nd and 4th Saturday to try them out. Better yet, donate one of your favorite baked goods to help raise money for our scholarship funds.

We have another winner for the April monthly membership drawing. I would like to congratulate Patricia Dison, winner of a \$25.00 gift card to Jac’s/American Legion Club. Thank you, Patricia for your 58 years of support to this wonderful organization.

AUXILIARY UNIT #92 (CONT.)



Shirley Oberle, Julie Eberhart, Bonnie Haines, Carol Johnson working the Bingo Bake Sale.

Several Auxiliary members attended a 90th birthday party for Chris Madsen. A great time to share stories and reflect on her many accomplishments. She is known by many for her 38 years of active service with the Auxiliary and her incredible knowledge of the processes that govern the American Legion Auxiliary.

The Girl and Boy state will be happening soon. We wish them all the best on this adventure. Can not wait to hear from them when they return.

Many of us have been creative ways to conduct our Poppy Drive. Sue Lee and I helped with the Wednesday night Bike night. What started as an effort to get donations for poppies turned into a night of bartending and helping where we could. What fun! Please if you are looking for a night out with good food and fun, come to the Bike Night and check it out. I saw old friends and made new ones.

Chris Higgins will be setting a can and poppies at a Chiropractic office, Tony and the wait staff have been offering poppies to patrons, Shirley Oberle had gone around at Bingo, Julie Eberhard made poppy cookies, and we sent a mailer out to our members asking for donations. Thanks to all.

June 21st will be our next meeting at the American Legion Club. We hope to hear from the returning girls and boy coming back from State. We will then meet on the patio for the rest of our meeting.

There will be the Memorial Program on the May 30th at Soldiers Field. The procession will start at the tennis courts at 10:00 am and the program to follow at 10:30. Please try to attend this worthwhile program.

Keeping our veterans, families, and friends in our thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Kingsley
Secretary Auxiliary Unit 92