

The Bugle



William T. McCoy Post #92 American Legion Family Newsletter

August 2022

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Family,

An abundant number of articles in the Bugle throughout the years have started off by saying, "I can't believe that it is already_____." And as I sit here writing this, I can't believe that it is already August. The Legion should start picking up again, now that people are returning back from their summer adventures. I can't wait to hear all the stories about the fish you caught... or the one that you had, but the line broke just as you were pulling this enormous monster into the boat. Or how you were just inches away from finally getting that hole in one on a Par-4. What I really can't wait to hear, are the interesting ideas you may have after visiting other Legions or while speaking to other Vets. Anything other than, "At my Post in Phoenix..."

I have found myself recently running around all over Minnesota. I have tried to visit multiple Legions in my travels. It is a very sad thing to see Legions that won't open until after 5, or are only open on the weekends or sadly, no longer open at all. Being the 3rd largest city in Minnesota will not solely protect our Legion from sharing the same fate. We need you. We need your participation. So, please come in, have a meal, watch the game, share in some outlandish stories and if you must, go ahead and tell us about the post in Phoenix.

This is not just my Legion; this is our Legion. Together as a team we can make this post prosper. I can't wait to meet you all.

Semper Fi

Gilmore

POST #92 POSITIONS STILL OPEN!

The following Post #92 roles remain open and need someone to fill to help ensure the continued success of the Post:

- 1st Vice Commander
- 2nd Vice Commander
- Chaplain
- Historian

If interested call Post #92 Office at (507) 252-1659 or email: officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org.



ADJUTANT UPDATE

Your CONTINUOUS YEARS are SAFE! The American Legion at the National level has sent 2023 membership renewal notices that state "member since 2022." IF you have been paying your dues every year, ignore this as it is in error and your continuous years are secure.

Renew early for 2023 and secure your Post #92 Club Member Discount card! You can pay your 2023 dues at the Post #92 Club; mail a check to the Post #92 Office at 403 East Center St., Rochester, MN 55904; or renew on-line at: <https://mylegion.org/renew>.

If you have questions on how to become a member of the American Legion or questions regarding your membership in general, feel free to contact me at the Post #92 Office at: 507-252-1659.

Lee Freeman
Post #92 Adjutant
adjutant@rochestermnlegion.org



#RALLYAROUNDTHEFLAG

"THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING WE SAW WAS THAT AMERICAN FLAG. IT WAS THE FIRST THING YOU SAW. WE WERE ALL A LITTLE DAZED, BUT THERE WERE A HELL OF A LOT OF WET EYES AT THE SIGHT OF THAT FLAG."

KOREAN WAR POW
LLOYD PATE

REFLECTING ON HIS AUG. 19, 1953
RELEASE FROM CAPTIVITY



THE AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS STRENGTHENING AMERICA



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.....	Open Position
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:	
Term Ends 2023.....	Reid Oberle, Tony Loecher
Term Ends 2024.....	Steve Leqve, Gary Schoenfelder
Term Ends 2025.....	Roger Vangness, Roger 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.....	Chris Higgins
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.....	



Keith W. Peterson
07-10-2022



Orland E. Thoreson
07-11-2022



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07-21-2022




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FROM THE LEGION 92 CLUB MANAGER



Howdy, folks!

Every month I say Bike Night was a huge success. July was no different. Fortunately, the weather always cooperates with us. Again, I thank our friends and partners, Steel Horse Militia, for giving us the opportunity to have such a big event here. I've included a few photos from the July Bike Night. Our next Bike Night is set for Wednesday, August 17th from 5pm to 9pm. Be here for it!

Friday Fish Fry continues to have a good turnout. We serve some of the best fish around. Saturday night Prime Rib dinner is also a favorite of many. Heck, all the food we serve is great!

Friday night live music is a staple at The Legion 92 Club. This month, we have Tom Higgs, Hayden Ashworth, and Nancy Tobiason-Kramer & Dan playing. We will also host an open jukebox night where you can play the songs you want to hear. Check the calendar for the schedule.

Football is Back! It may only be pre-season games, but it's still football. Come enjoy the games at your favorite home away from home. Great food and great fans.

With summer quickly coming to an end, that means school will be starting soon. During August, we are trying to help our local young students by collecting school supplies. We are asking for new packages of the following items:

- Dry Erase Markers
- Crayons
- Loose Leaf Paper
- One Subject Notebooks
- Folders

You can also make a cash donation at the bar and the money will be used to purchase these items.

It's time to renew your Post 92 American Legion Family memberships. Renew your membership at the club and receive a free drink. Once you renew, you'll receive a Member Benefit Card in the mail. That card is good for discounts and free food at the Legion 92 Club. It is over a \$150 value.

A huge number of people in the community believe you must be a member, you must be a veteran, or that there is some secret handshake to come into The Legion 92 club. To help us reach these people, we

have a new Buy One Drink, Get One Drink Free dog tag. Ideally, this dog tag will help us attract people to The Legion 92 Club who have never been here before. The dog tag will be available to hand out to friends, neighbors, business colleagues, etc. Since these dog tags are a marketing item to attract new people here, we will not honor the BOGO if you are a "Legion Regular" trying to use it. Remember, we need this club to be profitable if we want it to thrive.

I said it last month and I'll say it again this month. 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.

I'll close with a little spin on this famous quote, "Ask not what your Legion can do for you - ask what you can do for your Legion."

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

STEEL HORSE MILITIA BIKE NIGHT AT WM. T. MCCOY AMERICAN LEGION POST #92 (Pictures of July 20, 2022 Event)



AUXILIARY UNIT #92



Hello all! August 1st is the beginning of Unit #92 Auxiliary 2022-2023 year. You should be receiving information regarding membership. Once I receive your dues, I will be sending a membership card, a Legion/Jac's punch card, and place your name in for the monthly drawing for a Legion/Jac's gift card.

Our unit is a part of a large National organization. Locally we are part of the First District and family to Legion, Legion Riders, and Sons of American Legion. I am proud to say that we are still one of the larger units in Minnesota and we have done well to maintain membership and work our many programs.

Our unit approved a motion to donate to Preston for the Veterans Home which will be completed in 2023. This is another project that will service our area Veterans.

Cathy Christensen is our June winner for the Legion/Jac's gift card. Cathy has just begun her journey with Unit #92, and we welcome her and thank her for her support for our Veterans and families.

We will be having our Executive Board meeting August 16th, 2022, at 4 pm at the Legion Office. Executive Board consists of Sharon Kingsley, Shirley Oberle, Mary Oviatt, Evelyn Lyke, and Sue Lee with Chris Higgins in a non-voting position. Unit members can attend with the understanding that board members will be making budget and other decisions. Any proposals for the upcoming year will be presented to the unit at our September meeting for a vote.

The new year officers are:

- President-Sharon Kingsley
- 1st Vice- President – **OPEN**
- 2nd Vice -President Shirley Oberle
- Secretary – Chris Higgins
- Chaplain – Donna Frtsch
- Historian - Evelyn Lyke
- Sgt -at-Arms – Shirley Oberle
- Treasurer – Sharon Kingsley
- Junior Past President – Sue Lee
- Executive Committee – Mary Oviatt, Evelyn Lyke

I want to the above committee members for their ideas, inspirations, and helpfulness. If someone is interested in filling the open position, please reach out to me or another board member.

Have a safe summer and keep our service families in your thoughts.

Sharon Kingsley
 President Unit #92
auxiliarypresident@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.



Our nation's missing personnel:

WWII.....	72,308
Korean War.....	7,538
Vietnam War.....	1,584
Cold War.....	126
Gulf Wars.....	5
<u>El Dorado Canyon.....</u>	<u>1</u>
	81,562

As of 07-22-22, 81,562 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.).

August 2022



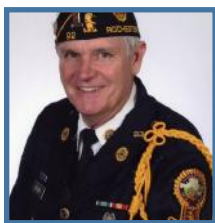
Legion 92 Club Hours: Mon - Thu: 11am - 11pm / Fri & Sat: 11am - 12am / Sun: 11am - 8pm
 JAC's at The Legion 92 Hours: Mon - Sat: 11am - 9pm / Sun: 11am - 7pm

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 	2 	3	4 	5 Music @ 7pm Tom Hipps FISH FRY Every Friday Night Starts at 5:00 PM Today is International Beer Day #IntlBeerDay	6 PRIME RIB DINNER Every Saturday Night Starts at 5:00 PM
7 	8	9 SAL Squadron 92 Meeting 6pm	10 Agent Orange Awareness Day	11	12 Music @ 7pm Hayden Ashworth FISH FRY Every Friday Night Starts at 5:00 PM	13 NATIONAL Prosecco Day PRIME RIB DINNER Every Saturday Night Starts at 5:00 PM 1:00 PM BINGO
14 Navajo Code Talkers Day VJ Day SKOL NATION AT SUNDAY AUG 14 3:25 PM	15	16 Post 92 Membership Meeting 6pm NATIONAL AIRBORNE DAY August 16 5 - 9 pm STEEL HORNS BIKES BIKER NIGHT	17	18	19 Music @ 7pm Nancy Tobianson-Kramer & Dan FISH FRY Every Friday Night Starts at 5:00 PM	20 PRIME RIB DINNER Every Saturday Night Starts at 5:00 PM SKOL NATION AT SATURDAY AUG 20 6:00 PM
21	22	23	24	25 Celebrate National Whiskey Sour Day 	26 Music @ 7pm Open Jukebox FISH FRY Every Friday Night Starts at 5:00 PM NATIONAL DOG DAY!	27 PRIME RIB DINNER Every Saturday Night Starts at 5:00 PM SKOL NATION AT SATURDAY AUG 27 8:00 PM 1:00 PM BINGO
28	29 Happy Birthday! MARINE CORPS RESERVE	30	31 National Eat Outside Day DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER	Drink Responsibly Call for a ride! 	back to School HELP US PROVIDE SCHOOL SUPPLIES Accepting cash donations or supplies for school children. Drop off at the bar.	

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

SAL SQUADRON #92

Pictured below are Roger Vangness and Bob Grinhaug, the first dual-members to renew their 2023 membership in the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 92.



Roger Vangness

Bob Grinhaug

Dual-members are those who are members of both the Legion and S.A.L. Roger has been a member in Squadron 92, 14 years and Bob has been a member for 9 years. Bob is actually a triple-member belonging to the Legion, S.A.L. and the Legion Riders.

Also, our Squadron has 2 new members Brandon Cook and Larry Johnson a 37-year member who transferred from the Owatonna squadron. Others renewing their membership for 2023 and the number of continuous years of membership are Dave Arch 32 years, Brian Joselyn 4 years, Dennis Sybrant 17 years, Justin Theel 4 years, and Charles Von Wald 5 years.

Please note that we have not received the new 2023 membership cards due to a card stock shortage. As soon as we get them, we will mail them to you. In the meantime, your 2022 membership card is still good, and when you renew your membership for 2023 you will receive a letter stating the same and receive a discount punch card coupon good at the Post 92 Club. July 1st is the start of the 2023 membership year, and you may pay your 2023 dues at the Legion Club 915 21st Ave SE. 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. Our current membership for 2022 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, August 8th at 6pm at the American Legion Post 92, 915 21st Ave SE. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6pm.

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

For God and Country.

Joe P Brown Sr
SAL Squadron 92 Advisor and a Dual Member
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**EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
5:00PM TO 7:00PM**

MEAT RAFFLE

IT'S 4 LAUGH
P R O D U C T I O N S



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



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50-YEAR AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER



William T. McCoy Post #92 (Rochester) Commander Gilmore (right) presents Richard J. Dahl (left), U.S. Army Veteran, his American Legion 50-year Certificate and Pin.

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!

SCOUTING



Scout Troop 498 has had an active summer. The camping season started off in April with the Gamehaven Spring Camporee. It was a soaker, and not only did the scouts survive the wet weather, three scouts were selected as ordeal candidates for the Order of the Arrow (Scouting's 'honor society'). In May, two scouts earned their Brotherhood membership in the Order of the Arrow, and the troop held its spring court of honor. The court of honor is where we recognize rank advancements and merit badges earned by the scouts in the preceding months. We awarded many merit badges and recognized several rank advancements, including two scouts who earned the Life rank. Life rank is the rank immediately preceding the Eagle rank, which means the troop has two scouts currently working on their Eagle rank (and Eagle projects).

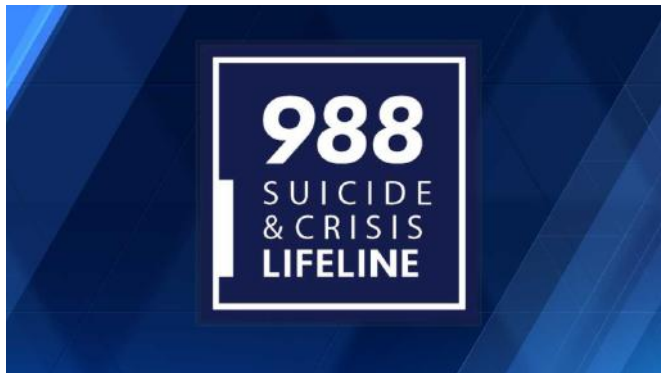
In June, a group of the older scouts (and adult leaders) departed for a 12-day backpacking trip at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The group backpacked on average between 3 and **18** miles each day; each scout (and leader) logged close to **100** total backpacking miles for the trip! This trip brought the group near the UTE Park Fire (2018) area where they performed conservation work to restore access to an isolated staff camp. The group succeeded in summiting Black Mountain (10889 ft) and Mt. Phillips (11736 ft) and were able to utilize their bouldering skills to scale the Tooth of Time. Weather affected the group quite a bit as the trek overall was quite wet, this included multiple occasions for hail (including some quarter sized) and torrential downpours. Preparations to require each member of the group to put their gear into dry bags really paid off.

The troop's next adventure will be summer camp where the whole troop will spend a week in northern Wisconsin at Camp Tesomas, which is a favorite among the scouts in troop 498.

Lou Behrens
Post #92 Scouting Representative

HAPPINESS IS YELLING
BINGO

NEW SUICIDE & CRISIS HOTLINE NUMBER



Now, "988" is the three-digit, nationwide phone number to connect directly to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline. By calling or texting 988, you'll connect with mental health professionals with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Veterans can press "1" after dialing 988 to connect directly to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline which serves our nation's Veterans, service members, National Guard and Reserve members, and those who support them. For texts, Veterans should continue to text the Veterans Crisis Lifeline short code: 838255.

Post-9/11 Veteran Service Bonus Now Available

The 2022 Legislature passed and Governor Walz signed the first-ever Veterans Omnibus Bill that included funding for a service bonus payable to eligible Veterans who served from 9/11/01 to 8/30/21. The Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) is honored to facilitate this program for eligible Veterans, currently serving service members or Veterans' beneficiaries.

WHEN: The application period began on July 7, 2022. The last day to apply is June 30, 2024, unless the funds have been exhausted before then.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE: Veterans, currently serving service members, Veterans' beneficiaries, or Veterans' guardians, conservators or legally appointed personal representatives. Veterans in Minnesota are defined under Minnesota statute 197.447. Visit the website for more details.

AMOUNT: There are three tiers of the Post-9/11 Veteran Service Bonus: \$600, \$1,200 and \$2,000. Visit the website for more details.

HOW TO APPLY: The online application is located at VetServiceBonus.mdva.mn.gov.

For more information or to apply, visit:
MinnesotaVeteran.org/ServiceBonus

For additional questions contact your local County Veterans Service Officer at MACVSO.org or call LinkVet at **1-888-LinkVet**.

