

The Bugle



William T. McCoy Post #92 American Legion Family Newsletter

November 2022

COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Family,



When the American Legion began in March of 1919, the founding members realized that the United States was ill prepared in assisting those veterans returning from WWI. Especially those that were wounded or now unemployed. The American Legion advocated for millions of veterans within its first 100 years and helped all Americans become more mindful of the sacrifices each veteran and their family had contributed to this country.

Four pillars of the American Legion were established,

- Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation,
- **National Security**,
- Americanism and
- Children & Youth.

National Security

- The American Legion lobbied for better funding and a more efficient national system of defense.
- Helped give birth to the United States Air Force in 1947 by calling for the establishment of a separate service branch for aeronautics.
- Relentlessly pushed Congress to establish the Reserve Forces Act of 1955 creating universal military training.
- During WWII Legionnaires established and staffed thousands of local first response units and civil patrols.
- Through The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance and Family Support Network Programs, Legionnaires provided financial aid for military parents.
- In 1942 began The American Legion Blood Donor Program becoming the largest organizational blood donor to the Red Cross in the nation.
- The Blue Star Banner program was also re-established by the American Legion to recognize military families with deployed loved ones after 9/11.
- Has distributed millions of dollars in goods, games, books, music, recreational equipment, and event passes for troops and their families through a program ultimately named Operation Comfort Warriors in 2008.
- The American Legion has also stood as the national leader in the recovery and repatriation of all US POWs and MIA.

Did you also know that the American Legion provided emergency grants for members of the United States Coast Guard who had pay delays due to the January 2019 federal government shutdown?

How about how the Legion fought to protect military retirement benefits and TRICARE insurance? Being a member of the American Legion is so much more than just holding up card and saying, "I belong." We are a family. We have a voice. We have a vote. We can all do more. I look forward to seeing all of you at our membership dinner on Monday the 14th at 1700hrs.

Most people go through life wondering, why have I been placed on this earth? Have I made a difference? Have I made an impact? Gary Schoenfelder, you do not have to worry about that. You most certainly have. Godspeed Marine and Semper Fi.

Semper Fidelis,
Gilmore
Commander

#RALLYAROUNDTHEFLAG

ACCORDING TO U.S. FLAG CODE, "MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND VETERANS WHO ARE PRESENT BUT NOT IN UNIFORM MAY RENDER THE MILITARY SALUTE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR INDIVIDUALS IN UNIFORM" DURING THE PLAYING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

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
 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.....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

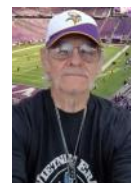
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MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

President.....
 Vice President.....
 Secretary.....
 Treasurer.....
 Sgt-at-Arms.....
 Historian/Chaplain.....



James A. Sanford
09-21-2022



Kenneth R. Vagt
10-07-2022



Dennis B. Dormady
10-22-2022



Gary Schoenfelder
10-27-2022



FROM THE LEGION 92 CLUB MANAGER



Howdy, folks!

I want to start out this month by saying goodbye to Gary Schoenfelder, a member who passed away recently. I had the pleasure of working with Gary over the last five or so years while we were both on the Post Executive Committee. We may not always have seen eye to eye, and even had a few strong words/names to each other, but I always respected him and thought of him as my Marine Brother. He was an almost daily patron at the club who usually sat at the same spot and parked in the same spot. Gary gave me a briefcase he carried for many years when he was still working. He said he didn't need it anymore and thought I could use it. I have been using the briefcase ever since then. Gary, you may be gone, but you will not be forgotten. I will miss you and Thank You for this fine briefcase.

I should try to set the record straight on a major rumor. Yes, Jac's owners are no longer operating the restaurant in The Legion 92 Club. No, the restaurant did not/is not closing. The Legion Club took over operational control of Jac's at The Legion 92. There may be some "behind the scenes" changes happening, but as far as any member or customer is concerned, there is no change. We'll still be putting out the same great food and service. To maintain simplicity and continuity for the near future, we are keeping the Jac's name and menu (with some requested changes).

Well, we're halfway through the NFL season. Our purple and gold continue to win games, making gamedays and SKOL NATION a fun experience. Come in on gamedays for food and drink specials, as well as some exciting camaraderie. Don't forget to watch the calendar for the Bloody Mary Bar.

November has some great live entertainment. This month's lineup includes Denny and The DC Drifters on the 6th. Nancy Tobiason-Kramer and Dan will be the headliners on Veterans Day. The 18th, Kid Dakota will be back for a 2nd time. Finally, we close out November on the 25th with DJ Biggie Ben.

Reminder: The Legion 92 Club will be closed on Monday, November 14 as we prepare for the Membership Dinner being held that evening.

We now offer a Weekday Lunch Loyalty Card. Come in for lunch during the week between 11 AM and 2 PM and for each meal purchased, get your card stamped. Receive 8 stamps on your card and the 9th meal is FREE!

Please stop in to YOUR Legion 92 Club and spend some of your hard-earned money at a place that makes a difference. The Legion 92 has an exceptional menu at reasonable prices. We need people supporting The Legion 92 Club to ensure we can continue to thrive and be a staple in our community for the next 100 years.

We've had some members express interest in having a weekly cribbage day at the Legion. We're thinking of having this on either Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays in the early afternoon. If this is something that interests you, please contact the club and let us know. Once we get a few suggestions on day/times, we'll kick this off in December.

In honor of all our veterans, I close with this: "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." -- John F. Kennedy

-Tony Loecher, Club Manager
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Email: clubmanager@rochesternlegion.org

DONATE TO OUR RELAXATION AREA

Beli Jones is a Boy Scout in Troop 186, in which Post 92 is their troop charter organization. Beli is working toward his Eagle Scout Award by spearheading the construction of a Relaxation Area in the grassy area behind our Post 92 Club. The Relaxation Area consists of a fire pit surrounded by pavers and a seating area. The fire pit will be used for Flag Retirement Ceremonies, as well as for relaxing evenings sitting by a fire by our patrons. Beli needs to raise considerable funds for this project. Please consider donating to Beli's project, and toward his dream of becoming an Eagle Scout.

Donations accepted at the bar. We can even include a donation on your tab.

RELAXATION AREA

Boy Scout Eagle Project

- Fire ring - 36 inches
 - allows for Flag Retirement
- Pavers on access path and around fire ring
- 2 - Wheelchair access Picnic Tables
- 4 - Benches
- Gravel underlay
- 4-6 months completion time
- \$3,500 - \$5,000



AUXILIARY UNIT #92



November is one of the American Legion families' busiest months. We honor our Veterans on Nov. 11th, and it is education month. In the past we have given apples to our teaching staff, flags to the first graders and fruit baskets to our shut-in veterans. Today, we do visit veterans in nursing homes and work alternative programs to keep up with our service to veterans and communities. Please reach out if you have projects and we can get try to help make it happen. Our monthly drawing winner is Joan DeWitz! She is a new member this year and has signed up under her father who served in the Army. We are pleased to have her as a member and hope she enjoys a visit to the Legion to use the gift card.



Donna F. (right), Auxiliary Unit #92, Rochester providing Jennifer Schumaker (left), Veteran Service Officer \$2,000 in HyVee Gift cards to be given to veterans in need during the holidays.

If you have chosen to attend the upcoming dinner on Nov. 14th you will have the pleasure to meet Tonia Betterman who is serving her second year as District 1 President. Tonia lives in Owatonna and is very busy visiting area posts. Our Minnesota Department President Mary Kuperus from New London, MN will be attending as well. Looking forward to the visit and hearing their messages. I hope you do come to this event! Have a good month and keep our service members and community in your thoughts and prayers.

Sharon Kingsley - President
507-206-1885
auxiliarypresident@rochestermnlegion..org

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

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.....	72,271
Korean War.....	7,525
Vietnam War.....	1,582
Cold War.....	126
Gulf Wars.....	5
El Dorado Canyon.....	1
	81,510

As of 10-24-22, more than 81,500 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.).

November 2022



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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	R.E.D. FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Our kitchen is once again operated by American Legion Post 92</p> <p>Same Great Menu, Same Great Service, Same Great Legion Family</p>		1	2 Happy WING WEDNESDAY	3 NATIONAL SANDWICH - DAY -	4 EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT @ 5 PM FISH FRY Friday! Music @ 7 PM Denny & The DC Drifters w/ Anne	5 EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT @ 5 PM PRIME RIB NIGHT Gophers at Nebraska 11:00 AM
6 Bloody Mary Bar 11 AM - 3 PM national nacho day SKOL NATION AT WW SUNDAY NOV 6 12:00 PM Daylight Savings Ends	7 BUCK OFF MONDAY \$1.00 OFF ALL BURGERS & BEER Ravens at Saints 7:15 PM	8 IT'S NATIONAL HARVEY WALLBANGER DAY Election Day Go Votel Today SAL Squadron 92 Meeting 6 PM	9 Happy WING WEDNESDAY	10 UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY	11 FROM IT VETERANS DAY HONORING ALL WHO SERVED FISH FRY Friday! Music @ 7 PM Nancy Tobiason-Kramer & Dan	12 1:00 PM BINGO Chicken Soup Day for the Soul Northwestern at Gophers TBD
13 Bloody Mary Bar 11 AM - 3 PM SKOL NATION AT SUNDAY NOV 13 12:00 PM	14 CLUB CLOSED MEMBERSHIP DINNER Social: 4:00 PM Dinner: 5:00 PM	15 Post 92 Membership Meeting 6 PM	16 Happy WING WEDNESDAY Korean War Veterans Club Luncheon 11:30 AM	17	18 FISH FRY Friday! Music @ 7 PM Kid Dakota	19 PRIME RIB NIGHT Iowa at Gophers TBD
20 SKOL NATION AT SUNDAY NOV 20 3:25 PM	21 BUCK OFF MONDAY \$1.00 OFF ALL BURGERS & BEER 49ers at Cardinals 7:15 PM	22	23 Happy WING WEDNESDAY NATIONAL JUKEBOX DAY	24 HAPPY THANKSGIVING Come in WE'RE OPEN SKOL NATION AT THURSDAY NOV 24 7:20 PM	25 BLACK FRIDAY FISH FRY Friday! Music @ 7 PM DJ Biggie Ben	26 1:00 PM BINGO PRIME RIB NIGHT MAKE A BIG IMPACT SHOP SMALL SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY Gophers at Wisconsin TBD
27	28 BUCK OFF MONDAY \$1.00 OFF ALL BURGERS & BEER Steelers at Colts 7:15 PM	29 NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING #GIVINGTUESDAY	30 Happy WING WEDNESDAY	<p>WM. T. MCCOY POST 92 MEMBERSHIP DINNER</p> <p>Monday, November 14, 2022 Social Hour: 4:00PM - Dinner: 5:00PM</p> <p>All paid 2023 American Legion Post 92, Auxilliary Unit 92, and SAL Squadron 92 members eligible.</p> <p>FREE for member and one guest. RSVP no later than November 7th.</p>		

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



THE SALVATION ARMY

THANKS GIVING Dinner

NOVEMBER 24
COMMUNITY MEAL SERVED
FROM 11:30 - 12:30 P.M.

THE SALVATION ARMY
 115 FIRST AVE. NE
 ROCHESTER, MN 55906
 507-288-3663

ROCHESTER GRIZZLIES MILITARY APPRECIATION GAME 2022



Date: November 5, 2022
Time: Puck Drop 7:00pm
Who: Free Admission for all Active Duty, Reservist, and Military Veterans!
Place: Rochester Recreation Center
 21 Elton Hills Drive NW
 Rochester, MN 55901

Military Kids Pre-Game Party & Skate! Our Military Kids Skate is back! We have been missing our Military Families and we want to show our appreciation for your family's sacrifices to our Nation. Beyond The Yellow Ribbon SE MN will be hosting a Qdoba Mexican Eats buffet prior to the Military Appreciation Game.

If interested, please RSVP by Thursday, 11/1/22 at Craigdugl@gmail.com for final information. This RSVP will get you and your family into the game for free. If you are not interested in attending the pre-game event but still want to come to the game, gates will open at 6:15pm, but only Active Duty, Reservists, and Military Veterans will receive free admission, with proper ID.

IT'S A LAUGH PRODUCTIONS



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

POST #92 TEMPORARY OFFICE CLOSURE

The American Legion Post #92 Office located at 403 East Center St, Rochester Minnesota will be closed on **November 10th and 24th**. Sorry for any inconvenience. Enjoy the Holiday!!



DJ BIGGIE BEN
BIGGIE ENTERTAINMENT

Weddings, Birthdays, Private Parties, Graduations, Etc.

Professional DJ
 507-601-7220
benschellhammer@gmail.com
 Stewartville, MN

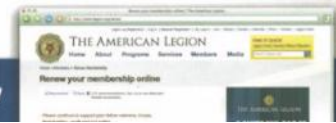


RENEW ONLINE NOW!

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.



www.legion.org/renew



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:

- December 19, 2022
- March 16, 2023
- 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.



VETERANS DAY EVENT— ROCHESTER

There will be a program and free breakfast, open to the public, on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 2022 at the International Event Center, near the airport in Rochester, Minnesota. There will be a free breakfast served, courtesy of Powers Ventures, from 8:30 to 10:00 followed by the program from 10:30 to 11:30. The program is meant to honor and remember our Veterans so we never forget the sacrifices they have made to protect our freedoms. The program main speaker will feature Dave Senjem, charter member of the Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial and soon to be retired State Senator, Chad Stowers, retired 23 year Army Veteran as emcee and well known singer, Brad Boice, along with others, including several Color Guards. The public is encouraged to attend.

- Thanks to Wayne Stillman (Past President Soldiers Field Veterans Memorial) for this information.



**2022—2023 ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION POST #92
WM. T. MCCOY MEMBERSHIP DINNER**



WHEN: November 14, 2022
SOCIAL HOUR: 4:00PM
DINNER: 5:00PM
WHERE: Post #92 Club
 915 21st Ave SE
 Rochester, MN 55904
WHO: Open to all paid-up Post #92 American Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members

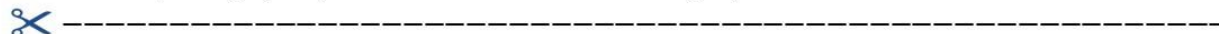
Program will include all expense paid dinner for all 2023 members of American Legion Post #92, Auxiliary Unit 92, and SAL Squadron 92 plus one guest. **As seating will be limited, members are asked to RSVP No Later Than November 7, 2022 to reserve a spot.** You can reserve your dinner spot for you and your guest (if applicable) through following means:

- CONTACT Post #92 Club at 507-282-1322
- EMAIL: officemanager@rochestermnlegion.org
- Complete FORM below and mail to: American Legion, 403 East Center St, Rochester, MN 55904.

When reserving a spot, be prepared to provide your full name, contact number, guest name (if applicable), and dinner choice for you (and guest). Dinner choices are listed on form below. Single seating will be available.

Expected guests to attend include American Legion Minnesota Department Commander Jennifer Havlick, District 1 Commander Mary Hanson, and District 1 Auxiliary President Tonia Bettermann.

If responding by mail, send form below to: American Legion, 403 East Center St. Rochester MN 55904



Member Name: _____		Contact#: _____
Guest (one only): YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input type="checkbox"/>		
DINNER CHOICES INCLUDE: (Choose one for member and one for guest)		
Member	Guest	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	STEAK: 12 oz Beef Strip Loin Steak
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	PORK: 8 oz Pork Ribeye w/gravy
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	CHICKEN: 7 oz Breaded Chicken Breast a la Kiev
All dinners include: Garlic mashed potatoes, California mix vegetables, dinner roll, and desert		