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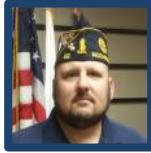


William T. McCoy Post #92 American Legion Family Newsletter

December 2019

## COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Greetings all,  
It was another busy month. Our Post #92 Legion Family accomplished a lot of good things (That's not surprising).



On Veterans Day, we dedicated our flagpoles and building. Thank you to everyone who was involved or attended the ceremony. The place looks amazing with the flags in front! We celebrated the 100th Birthday of the American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you to HyVee South for their generous donation of cupcakes and a sheet cake! The same day, we also provided a free S.O.S. meal to veterans. Thanks to those veterans who stopped in.

In November, we saw the S.A.L. give out flags on Veterans Day. That was a great fundraiser for them. Good job, Morey, Dave, Chuck, and Donnie. Fruit trays were purchased by the Post and delivered to veterans in nursing homes or care facilities. Thank you to Evelyn, Bill, Chuck, Mary, Donna, Chris, Sharon, Reid, Shirley, Morey, and anyone else that helped. We also saw the Auxiliary celebrate American Education Week by providing apples to teachers in Rochester. Too many names to mention, but great job!

I was able to attend the Allied Charities Gambling Convention/Expo in Rochester. A lot of information was gained. Thanks, Roger.

A couple of weeks ago, I spoke to past Post #92 Chaplain, Jerry Barnhart. He is doing very well. Jerry, if you read this...it was great talking to you! If anyone would like to have his phone number, contact me.

As we go through the holiday season, please try to do a little extra for those who are less fortunate. As always, if you ever want to talk, feel free to contact me. I'm always willing to listen to your suggestions and discuss our Legion Family.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Stay safe.  
Semper Fi,

—Tony Loecher, Commander  
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## AUXILIARY UNIT #92

Hello, Family!



My wish for you is a calm, joyful, and white Christmas season.

Fill the bin! We are accepting personal care and cold weather items through the end of the year at The Legion 92 club. Shop for a veteran in need while you're out shopping for family and friends.

No "official" Unit Meeting this month, however ...we will get together at the club on our regularly scheduled night for some holiday cheer. Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies, order an appetizer or two to share, and we'll enjoy each other's company. See you Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00 pm!

Whether you're a member or a guest, you are welcome at our Unit Meetings.

**NEXT OFFICIAL UNIT MEETING:** Tuesday, January 21st at 7:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Our meeting format will change because we will conduct an Initiation of Members. If you have not been initiated and would like to, call or email me. We need to know how many to plan for. We'll keep the rest of the meeting short, so we can welcome and socialize with our guests and "new" members.

In the spirit of Service Not Self,

—Sue Lee, President Auxiliary Unit 92  
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...HAVE YOU VOLUNTEERED YET???**

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## 2019 - 2020 OFFICERS

### WILLIAM T. MCCOY POST #92

ELECTIONS: MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR JULY 1ST - JUNE 30TH

Commander.....Tony Loecher  
 1st Vice-Commander.....Joe Brown  
 2nd Vice-Commander.....**Open Position**  
 Adjutant.....Jeffrey Van Galder  
 Finance Officer.....Jay R. Anderson  
 Chaplain.....R.J. Oelslager  
 Historian.....**Open Position**  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Bill Born  
 Service Officer.....**Open Position**  
 Judge Advocate.....R.J. Oelslager  
 Past Commander.....Joe Brown  
 Executive Committee Directors:  
 Term Ends 2020.....Lou Behrens, George Petersen  
 Term Ends 2021.....Roger Vangness, **Open Position**  
 Term Ends 2022.....Byron Collins, Bill Ulrich  
 Gambling Manager.....Roger Vangness  
 Club Manager.....Bill Ulrich  
 Office Manager.....Tony Loecher

### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT #92

ELECTIONS: MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP & FISCAL YEAR AUGUST 1ST - JULY 31ST

President.....Sue Lee  
 1st Vice-President.....Chris Higgins  
 2nd Vice-President.....Carol Johnson  
 Secretary.....Sharon Kingsley  
 Chaplain.....Donna Fritsch  
 Historian.....Evelyn Lyke  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Shirley Oberle  
 Treasurer.....Tammy Grendahl  
 Junior Past President.....Shirley Oberle  
 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.....Don Vavra  
 1st Vice Commander.....Joe Brown  
 2nd Vice Commander.....Jim Behr  
 Treasurer/Finance.....Morey Meyer  
 Membership.....Dave Bilderback  
 Adjutant.....Morey Meyer  
 Historian.....**Open Position**  
 Chaplain.....Brad Oberle  
 Sgt-at-Arms.....Chuck Oviatt

### 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.....



No more,  
shall they come through our door...



Rollin E. Miller  
05-26-2019

Check out our new billboard located on Highway 14 East, just past the intersection of Marion Road. This will be up for the next 14 weeks.



Our nation's missing personnel:

WWII.....	72,634
Korean War.....	7,603
Vietnam War.....	1,587
Cold War.....	126
Gulf Wars.....	5
El Dorado Canyon.....	1
	<u>81,956</u>

As of 11-29-19, more than 81,900 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.).

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>DAILY SPECIALS</b> Hot Beef Sandwich \$9.00 Bloody Mary \$3.00 Game Day Special Bucket of 5 12oz Domestic Bottles \$12.00	<b>DAILY SPECIALS</b> Hot Ham and Cheese \$6.00 NFL Football Special Domestic Pitchers \$7.00	<b>DAILY SPECIALS</b> 2 Tacos \$5.00 Nachos \$7.00 Taco Salad \$7.00 Corona/CoronaLT Modelo/Dos Equis \$3.50 Tequila \$3.00	<b>DAILY SPECIALS</b> All Burgers \$1.00 OFF <b>BURGER NIGHT</b> All Burgers \$2.00 OFF from 5-8 PM	<b>DAILY SPECIALS</b> Reuben or Rachel \$7.00 NFL Football Special Bud Light Platinum Bottle \$2.75	<b>DAILY SPECIALS</b> Philly Cheese Steak \$8.00 <b>FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY-DAY</b> \$2.00 OFF Fish / Shrimp Dinners from 5-8 PM	<b>DAILY SPECIALS</b> Country Fried Steak and Eggs \$8.00

**BEER of the MONTH** Busch Light (Bottle)      All events, times, and prices subject to change.      **SPIRIT of the MONTH** Phillips Vodka

1 	2  Vikings @ Seahawks 7:15 PM	3 NATIONAL DAY OF GIVING Executive Committee Mtg 7 PM at Main Office <b>#GIVING TUESDAY</b>	4 <b>Senior Dance</b> Dave Kiral 1 PM - 5 PM <b>BURGER NIGHT</b> 5 - 8 PM	5 Cowboys @ Bears 7:20 PM	6 <b>Karaoke</b> Good Vibrations 8 PM - 12 AM <b>FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY</b> 5 - 8 PM	7  <b>Live Entertainment</b> Five Finger Discount 8 PM - 12 AM
8 Lions @ Vikings 12:00 PM Seahawks @ Rams 7:20 PM	9 Giants @ Eagles 7:15 PM	10 WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY <b>BURGER NIGHT</b> 5 - 8 PM	11 <b>Karaoke</b> Mainstream Music 6 PM - 10 PM <b>BURGER NIGHT</b> 5 - 8 PM	12 Sons of the American Legion Mtg 6 PM at the VFW Jets @ Ravens 7:20 PM	13  <b>Karaoke</b> West Central Entertainment 8 PM - 12 AM <b>FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY</b> 5 - 8 PM	14  <b>1 PM</b> <b>Live Entertainment</b> Nite Shift 8 PM - 12 AM
15 BILL OF RIGHTS DAY  Vikings @ Chargers 3:05 PM	16 Colts @ Saints 7:15 PM	17 Auxiliary Unit #92 Christmas Gathering 6 PM at The Legion 92 Post #92 Membership Mtg 7 PM at The Legion 92	18 <b>BURGER NIGHT</b> 5 - 8 PM	19 American Legion Riders Mtg 7 PM at The Legion 92 <b>Senior Dance</b> Top Notchmen 1 PM - 4 PM	20  <b>Karaoke</b> Mainstream Music 8 PM - 12 AM <b>FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY</b> 5 - 8 PM	21  <b>Live Entertainment</b> Colt 45 8 PM - 12 AM
22 Chiefs @ Bears 7:20 PM	23 <b>HAPPY FESTIVUS!</b>  Packers @ Vikings 7:15 PM	24 CLOSING @ 4 PM 	25 CLOSED 	26	27 <b>Karaoke</b> Mainstream Music 8 PM - 12 AM <b>FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY</b> 5 - 8 PM	28 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DAY  <b>1 PM</b> <b>Live Entertainment</b> The Great Girls with Denny & the DC Drifters 8 PM - 12 AM
29 Bears @ Vikings 12:00 PM	30 	31  <b>Live Entertainment</b> Colt 45 8 PM - 12 AM	January 1, 2020 CLUB HOURS 11 AM - 7 PM 			

**PULL TABS - ELECTRONIC TABS - SCRATCH TAB MACHINE AVAILABLE DAILY**  
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**THE LEGION 92 CLUB NEWS**

Greetings Legion Family, grace and peace to you and your families.

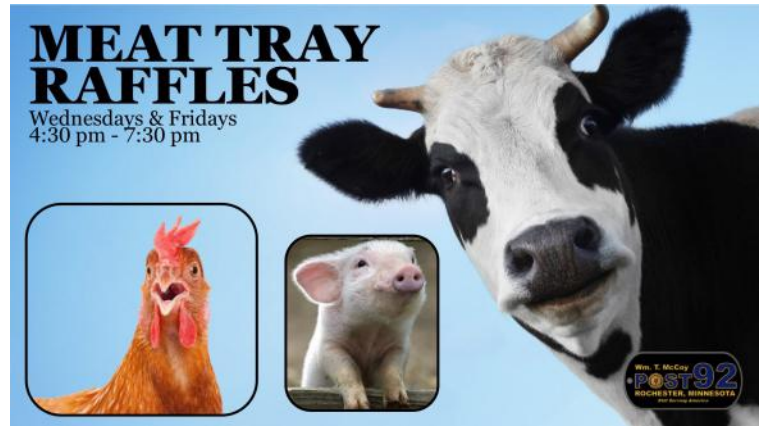


December is upon us and the snow is beginning to fall in the area. As I write this, we are expecting 5" of snow to fall before Thanksgiving Day. Butch and Rose are here at the club mixing up the batter for our Tom & Jerry drinks. If you don't know what that is (like I didn't know either), it is rum and/or brandy in a glass, a special egg batter made by Rose, and boiling water on the top. I am told you are not supposed to stir this drink under no circumstances. We are selling these for \$3. We have our Thanksgiving Day meal to make. It is free for anyone to come partake in the feast. We are open 11am-7pm on Thanksgiving and operating with volunteers.

Some changes are coming at the Legion that I want you all to be aware of. We are adjusting our hours a bit effective December 1st, 2019. We will now be open the following hours:

- Mondays 9am-11pm
- Tuesdays 9am-11pm
- Wednesdays 9am-11pm
- Thursdays 9am-11pm
- Fridays 9am-Midnight
- Saturdays 8am-Midnight
- Sundays 8am-7pm

We had a great month of entertainment in November, You will see we have 2 Senior Dances scheduled, several karaoke opportunities on Wednesday or Friday nights, and several live music Saturdays from some very talented local bands. Keep in mind we have BINGO on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays each month starting at 1:00 pm. Don't forget about Tuesday 12/31/19 New Year's Eve with live music from COLT 45! Let's bring in the New Year with a Bang!



Thank you to all of you for coming to eat, drink, and have fun with us here at the club. I want you to know that my team and I here at the Legion know that we are not perfect. We make mistakes and do our best to learn from them and grow. We want you all to know that we appreciate all of you and want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! With a crisp hand salute I am singing off for now!

NOTE: We will be closed on Christmas Day.

God Bless You All!


—Bill Ulrich, Club Manager

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RLTW-Sua Sponte!





## IN FLANDERS FIELDS

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

December 8, 1915 | John McCrae



# RENEW YOUR DUES TODAY!

DON'T LET THE GRINCH STEAL YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

**SAL SQUADRON #92**

The next membership meeting will be December 12th at 6 PM at the VFW.



We have 110 paid up members as of November 14. Please pay your dues and sign-up new members.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving even with the current snowfall. Christmas is right around the corner, so enjoy the Holiday season.

We also have shirts with the Sons of the American Legion emblem on them for sale. Would be a great Christmas gift. If interested in purchasing one, contact Dave Bilderback 507-250-1057 or Morey Meyer 507-282-2600.

This past Veterans Day we had a group from the SAL pass out flags at HyVee south. Chuck Oviatt, Morey Meyer, Donnie Vavra, and David Bilderback. Sure met alot of veterans there.

Hope all have a Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please remember our vets during this holiday season.

—Don Vavra, Commander SAL Squadron 92  
Phone: 507-358-8355



**COMMUNITY DONATIONS**

At the November membership meeting, the following lawful purpose, charitable gambling donations were approved:

- Purchase from Silver Lake Foods fruit trays for veterans in nursing homes: \$926.25
- Veteran in Need (Daniel Kropp): \$200
- Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign: \$300
- JM Senior Class Party: \$200
- Tee It Up for the Troops: \$500
- MN American Legion Foundation Fund 53 Hospitalized Veterans Fund: \$200
- MN American Legion Foundation Fund 65 Pheasant Dinner: \$300
- Hiawatha Homes Festival of Trees: \$300
- National Fire Safety Council: \$300
- Christmas Anonymous: \$200



Chuck Oviatt, Morey Meyer, Donnie Vavra, and David Bilderback passing out flags on Veterans Day.

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS CLUB**



Don Lloyd, Rollie Shanks and Cy Kubista, ringing bells for the Salvation Army. The Korean War veterans were at Hy-Vee on West Circle Drive. Photo Credit: Andrew Link-Post Bulletin

Korean War veterans, from left, Rollie Shanks, Cy Kubista, Don Lloyd, Swede Anderson and Pete Peterson ring bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign  
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**Here's a list of veterans and their spouses who need a hand with snow removal this winter.**

**Please let their fellow military service families know of this opportunity to lend a hand.**

500 block of 7th Street SE	corner lot with sidewalks, double driveway	Army spouse
300 block of 55th Street NE	steps and path from front door to street	Army
500 block of Zumbro Drive NW	driveway and sidewalks	Army
1400 block of 4th Ave SW	single driveway, sidewalk	Army spouse

**To volunteer to help out these veterans and spouses contact Jessica at 507-287-2010 for more information.**

# January 2020

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			<b>BURGER NIGHT</b> All Burgers \$2.00 OFF from 5-8 PM		<b>FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY-DAY</b> \$2.00 OFF Fish / Shrimp Dinners from 5-8 PM	

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					 <b>FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY 5 - 8 PM</b>	
			 <b>BURGER NIGHT 5 - 8 PM</b>	 	 <b>FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY 5 - 8 PM</b>	 
			 <b>BURGER NIGHT 5 - 8 PM</b>	 <b>NATIONAL GET TO KNOW YOUR CUSTOMERS DAY</b>	  <b>FISH &amp; SHRIMP FRY 5 - 8 PM</b>	
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**FLAGPOLE DEDICATION**

On Veterans Day, we held a flagpole dedication ceremony and 100th American Legion Auxiliary Birthday Celebration. It was attended by about 60 people. The American Flag and POW/MIA Flag was raised by Oakie Brumm, the Legion flag by Reid Oberle, the Auxiliary flag by Lucy Phelps, the SAL Flag by Joe Brown, and the Riders flag by Bob Grinhaus.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Planning has begun for an annual memorial golf tournament to honor and remember all those whom have served and died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Not only is this tournament being established to bring our community of veterans together for this solemn holiday, but also as a fundraiser to help support all the programs and benefits our Legion provides for our community and beyond as the oldest and largest veterans service organization. Volunteers are needed to help with the planning and administration of this tournament. We're also looking for donations of prizes and a wide variety of sponsorship opportunities and volunteers to help solicit for these. If you are a golfer, please save the date and start putting together your foursome and stay tuned for more details. If you can help, please contact me for information. Thank you.

—Jeff Van Galder  
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**HOW TO KILL A POST**

- Don't Participate—THEN complain you have no voice.
- Decline all offices—THEN offer advice on how things should have been done.
- Don't attend meetings or submit new ideas—THEN play "Devil's Advocate"
- Don't Volunteer—THEN gripe that you are never asked.
- If by chance the Post grows and is successful, in spite of your non-help—BRAG to all who will listen about how hard it was for you to build up the Post.



**The American Legion Family**



Recent Rochester Eagle Scouts

Julien A. Allison  
Troop 82

Holden E. Brown  
Troop 496

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACHIEVEMENT!**

**THANKSGIVING**

We hosted a FREE Thanksgiving Day meal. This was open to the public. We served about 65 to 70 people. We heard nothing but sincere compliments from those who attended. There were several people from out of town who were extremely grateful for the family atmosphere and meal. Next year, we hope to double the number of meals served.



**HYVEE REUSABLE BAG PROGRAM**

Post #92 was nominated and selected by HyVee on West Circle Drive as the December 2019 beneficiary of their reuseable bag program.



This means that every reuseable bag that is sold at HyVee #4 during December, \$1 will be donated to Wm.T. McCoy Post #92. Tell your friends and family to go buy a bag during December. They would make a great stocking stuffer, gifts for those who have everything, and

you'll help protect our environment from all the plastic bags causing chaos to our oceans & waterways.

**SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN**

Post #92 American Legion Family will be ringing bells raising money for the Salvation Army on Friday, December 20. We are looking for volunteers to help from 9am until 5pm (2 hours shifts). We will be in the entryway to HyVee South (Crossroads). If you can help, please sign up at The Legion 92 Club or contact 507-282-1322.



The flag that we first flew at our new building has been put in a case and is displayed in the club.



**GIFT CARDS**

Christmas will soon be here. Give that special someone a gift card from The Legion 92. Gift cards can be used for food, beverages, even membership dues.

These make great stocking stuffers. Cards can be loaded with whatever amount you want on it. Come in today and support your local Legion.

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

November 18-22 was American Education Week. Every year, Auxiliary Unit #92 donates apples for every teacher at every school in Rochester.



This year, the Auxiliary partnered with HyVee for the 20 bushels of apples needed. The evening of Nov 18th, the Auxiliary and some Legion Family members gathered to split the apples into bags for each of the schools. With many hands, the task is completed in short order.



**THANK YOU TO OUR TEACHERS!**



**HAPPINESS IS YELLING BINGO**

**BINGO at The LEGION**  
 Monthly 2nd & 4th Saturdays  
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 \$1000 BLACKOUT Game: \$2 for 2 plays  
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