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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Greetings and Salutations American Legion Family,



If you haven't already heard, Mark Maloney and Phil Johnson resigned from the Executive Committee. On behalf of the Post #92 members, I thank each of them for their time serving our Post. We're now looking for two Legionnaires to serve on our Executive Committee. If you want to be involved in Post operations, and leading our Post, please contact me. We need people who believe in the mission of the American Legion and are committed to this Post. Being an Executive Committee member is not just attending a monthly meeting.

We are making a small change to our Screening Committee. We will now meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month, the same night as the Executive Committee meeting. The main reason for the switch is we aren't getting enough support from the membership. Secondly, it allows some time in between the Screening Committee meeting and the regular membership meeting.

Many people get hung up on the idea that the American Legion is a bar. While we do have the club to help us generate charitable gambling income, the club is not why we exist. As Legion members, we all need to focus on the programs of the Legion and our mission. I found this short poem that expresses what we should be focusing on.

For God and Country, to do and dare;
That's why I'm a Legionnaire.
To make my community a better place,
And meet my neighbor face to face,
Help distressed comrades their cross to bear;
That's why I'm a Legionnaire.
To face with courage the coming day,
To teach my children how to pray,
To make our flag a symbol rare;
That's why I'm a Legionnaire.
And at last, when Taps are sounded,
And I climb that golden stair,
To face my Lord and Maker;
That's why I'm a Legionnaire.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Christmas will soon be upon us. Please try helping those less fortunate than yourself. If you are trying to come up with Christmas gifts for friends and family, consider giving them a membership to the American Legion, Auxiliary, or the S.A.L.

Lastly, join us as we shut down the current Post on New Year's Eve. Have a safe and joyous Christmas/holiday season. We'll see you in 2019!

—Tony Loecher, Commander

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AUXILIARY UNIT 92

Hello, Family!

No "official" Unit Meeting this month, HOWEVER...



We will get together at the Club on our regularly scheduled night for some holiday cheer and blanket making. Bring a plate of your favorite Christmas cookies, I'll bring a festive drink, and we'll enjoy each other's company as we cut and tie blankets together. See you Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 pm!

My wish for you is a calm, happy, restful, rousing, and joyous Christmas season.

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

NEXT OFFICIAL UNIT MEETING: Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00 pm. CHANGE IN LOCATION – We will meet at the VFW (2775 43rd St NW).

In the spirit of Service Not Self,

—Sue Lee, President Auxiliary Unit 92

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MOVE UPDATE:

We have some unfortunate news regarding our move. Rochester's building permit approval process has been extremely slow, which has delayed our renovations. We do not anticipate being able to move in to the new Post until about March 1. As unfortunate as this is, in the end, it'll all be worth it. Even though our move is delayed, we still must vacate the current Post no later than January 15. We are still shutting down the current Post on New Year's Eve.



ATTENDANCE DRAWING

American Legion Post #92 members who attend our monthly membership meeting are eligible for a chance at winning \$599. That's right...\$599!!! You need to show up to see how. There are only two rules: 1) you must be current on your dues, and 2) you must stay for the whole meeting. We'll see you at our next meeting. Good Luck!

—Reid Oberle, Adjutant

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WM. T. MCCOY POST 92**

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TAPS

Sympathy cards have been sent to the families of the following, No more shall they come through our post door...



Edward "Ted" B. Waldo
 (07-26-2017)



Gerald F. "Jerry" Jarvis
 (11-06-2018)

POST 92 HONOR GUARD RENDERED MILITARY HONORS TO THE FOLLOWING VETERANS WHO WERE NOT MEMBERS OF POST 92:



Robert J. Smith
 (11-07-2018)



Dean E. Peterson
 (11-10-2018)

AS A COST SAVING MEASURE WE ARE ONLY PRINTING 150 COPIES OF THE BUGLE. IF YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER PLEASE READ THE NEWSLETTER ON-LINE AT OUR WEB SITE: WWW.ROCHESTERMNLEGION.ORG

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER? SIGN UP AT ROCHESTERMNLEGION.ORG OR CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 507-252-1659.

POST 92 CLUB HOURS

CLUB HOURS.....Monday - Thursday 10 am to 11 pm, Friday - Saturday 10 am to Midnight, Sunday 12 noon to 7:00 pm

DECEMBER 2018 *ALL EVENTS AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>GOODBYE! to our downtown post home. Thank You for the Memories!</p>			<p>Weekly Cash Drawing 5 PM</p>
<p>VIKINGS VIP CLUB Vikings @ Patriots 3:25 PM NO POTLUCK</p> <p>2</p>	<p>KWVC Breakfast at Grandma's Kitchen 8 AM</p> <p>Community Mtg. 4-10 PM</p> <p>Gulf War Veterans Mtg. 7 PM</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Executive Committee Mtg. 7 PM</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Meat Trays 4:30-7:30 PM</p> <p>Karaoke Hooked on Music 6-10 PM</p> <p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY</p> <p>Meat Trays 4:30-7:30 PM</p> <p>Live Entertainment Country Ladds 7-11 PM</p> <p>7</p>	<p> BINGO! 1 PM</p> <p>Weekly Cash Drawing 5 PM</p> <p>Karaoke Gary Lusk 5-9 PM</p> <p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>KWVC Breakfast at Grandma's Kitchen 8 AM</p> <p>10</p>	<p>40/8 Promenade 40/8 Rendezvous 6:30 PM</p> <p>11</p>	<p>HANUKAH BEGINS</p> <p>Meat Trays 4:30-7:30 PM</p> <p>Karaoke by Gary Lusk 6-10 PM</p> <p>12</p>	<p>S.A.L. Mtg 6 PM</p> <p>Marine Corps League Auxiliary Mtg 7 PM</p> <p>13</p>	<p>Meat Trays 4:30-7:30 PM</p> <p>Live Entertainment Jukebox Cruisen 7-11 PM</p> <p>14</p>	<p>BILL OF RIGHTS DAY</p>  <p>Weekly Cash Drawing at 5 PM</p> <p>15</p>
<p>NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY 1636</p>  <p>Club Opens Early 11:30 AM</p> <p>VIKINGS VIP CLUB Dolphins @ Viking 12 PM POTLUCK</p> <p>16</p>	<p>KWVC Breakfast at Grandma's Kitchen 8 AM</p> <p>17</p>	<p>American Legion Mtg. 7 PM</p> <p>American Legion Auxiliary Non-Mtg. 7 PM</p> <p>18</p>	<p>Meat Trays 4:30-7:30 PM</p> <p>Karaoke by Hooked on Music 6-10 PM</p> <p>19</p>	<p>OPERATION JUST CAUSE BEGINS 1989</p> <p>American Legion Riders Mtg 7 PM</p> <p>20</p>	<p>FIRST DAY OF WINTER</p>  <p>Meat Trays 4:30-7:30 PM</p> <p>Live Entertainment DC Drifters 7-11 PM</p> <p>21</p>	<p>SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING 10 AM-8 PM</p> <p> BINGO! 1 PM</p> <p>Weekly Cash Drawing 5 PM</p> <p>NO KARAOKE</p> <p>22</p>
<p>23 Club Opens Early 11:30 AM</p> <p>VIKINGS VIP CLUB Vikings @ Lions 12 PM NO POTLUCK</p> <p>Club Opens Early 11:30 AM</p> <p>VIKINGS VIP CLUB Bears @ Vikings 12 PM POTLUCK</p> <p>30</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve</p> <p>CLOSING EARLY 5 PM</p> <p>New Year's Eve</p> <p>Live Entertainment The Gopher Tones 8-Midnight</p> <p>31</p>	<p>CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS</p>  <p>25</p>	<p>Meat Trays 4:30-7:30 PM</p> <p>Karaoke by Gary Lusk 6-10 PM</p> <p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE DAY</p>  <p>Meat Trays 4:30-7:30 PM</p> <p>Live Entertainment Determined 7-11 PM</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Live Entertainment Wreckless 7-11 PM</p> <p>29</p>

PULL TABS - ELECTRONIC TABS - SCRATCH TAB MACHINE AVAILABLE DAILY

40/8



Hello Voyageurs;
 Dues are now due. Please pay \$20, by check, to Voiture 327 and send to Richard Skillestad, Box 161 Eyota, MN 55934. Please join us for our annual New Year's Day Pancakes and Sausage Breakfast. This year, we'll be at the Eyota Legion Post. Breakfast will be served from 8am until 12pm. We'll be having our Christmas Party at 1 PM on Sunday, December 16 at the Eyota Legion Post. If you want, you could bring hors d'oeuvres. Lastly, our next Voiture 327 Promenade will be at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, December 11th at Rochester Post #92.
 Yours truly,

—Richard Skillestad, 40 & 8 Correspondent
 507-250-5329

CABANE 327



Greeting Dames:
 We held our monthly Rendezvous for November and sworn in a new Dame Maggie Reed, who we are so pleased to have join our family! Maggie is a very special person, who is very full of life and willing to serve! Welcome Maggie to Cabane 327!
 Our next Rendezvous will be held on December 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the club.

We would like to thank all the people who supported our Annual Pie Sale, without you it would have not been a success!

Just a reminder: If you have not yet paid for your dues, please do so, you can send them to: Evelyn Lyke at 207 14th Ave N.E., Rochester, MN 55906.

This past month saw Veteran's Day come and pass. Veteran's Day is a great time to remember and honor those who have fought for our freedoms and safety to be here in this country. As such, our Cabane's duties to serve the vets is more vital than ever, so let this Veteran's Day be an inspiration to keep our groups' goals for the vets in mind: help out the vets wherever it is needed.

In speaking of thankfulness and gratitude, this past November also saw another Thanksgiving come and go. This Thanksgiving, let us not be too quick to obsess over Black Friday and Christmas. Let's remember to be grateful for all the good in our lives and even the bad, because it is through the hardest times we all obtain a sense of strength and wisdom that will better guide us throughout life.

—Tracy Mulholland, La Presidente, Locale

CLUB NOTES

December LIVE ENTERTAINMENT includes:

- 7th: Country Ladds 7-11pm
- 14th: Jukebox Cruisen 7-11pm
- 21st: DC Drifters 7-11pm
- 28th: Determined 7-11pm
- 29th: Wreckless 7-11pm
- 31st: The Gopher Tones 8-12am

This month's Karaoke includes:

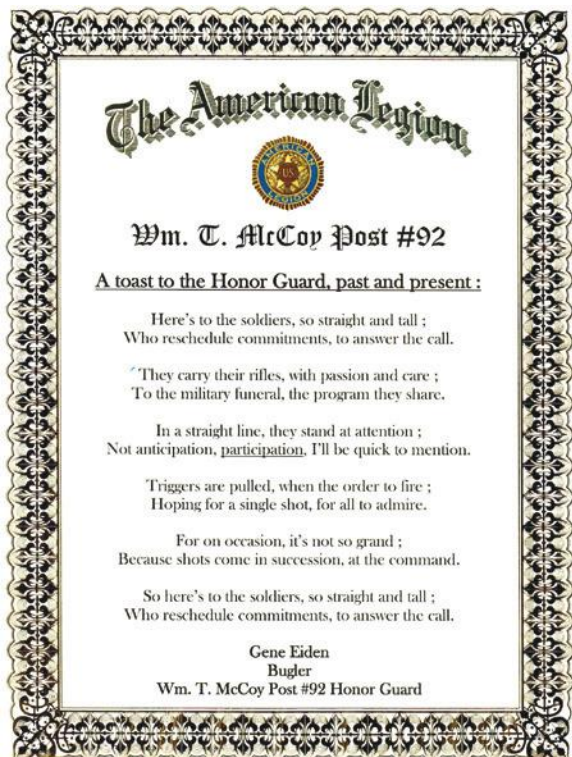
- 5th: Hooked On Music
- 8th: Gary Lusk
- 12th: Gary Lusk
- 19th: Hooked on Music
- 26th: Gary Lusk

We'll be hosting our last BINGO sessions on December 8th and 22nd. Games begin at 1 PM. Stay tuned for our BINGO schedule once we move in to the new place!

As always...Remember; this is your club! Please come in and support it. We'd love to see you and you'll have a good time.

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SAL SQUADRON 92

Winter has arrived, and Thanksgiving is in the past. Now we are counting the days for the closing of our old club. Remember all the fun and memories that have been had by all. Soon we will start a new chapter for Rochester Post 92. The next membership meeting is December 13 at 6 PM. **Just a note, our January meeting will be held at the Post 92 office on Center Street by Honkers Field.** Come join us and let your voice be heard. We are not having a Friday Dinner this month; stay tuned for more info. We had 16 people work on the ditch cleanup. Thank you all for the help with a special thank you to the Boy Scout troop, great job. Also, a big thank you to Legion Commander Tony for providing us with a great lunch. Please keep those in the military in your prayers during this Holiday season. If you've already paid your 2019 membership dues, THANK YOU. Our current membership is 102 paid. God Bless America, and pray for our military.



—Don Vavra, Commander SAL Squadron 92

Anytime you pay your dues, at the bar or in the mail, you should receive your new membership card within one week. If you don't receive it, please contact the commander or me.

We would like to verify membership information on all our S.A.L. members. Please drop a note in the S.A.L. mailbox at the Post with the following info: Full Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number(s), Date of Birth, and E-Mail Address.

Last year, we found a member with two member numbers. FYI, once you are given a member number, that number stays with you for life, no matter if you move or if you drop out of the S.A.L. for a few years.

The last thing may sound goofy, but the numbers add up. If you do **ANY** volunteer work, keep track of how much time you spent working and turn that info into the Squadron by the end of May. Just a couple of examples: shoveling your neighbor's driveway or babysitting for a veteran's spouse so the spouse can attend educational classes. All of your volunteering can be counted toward our squadron's volunteer time in the community.

May you all be safe and have the happiest holiday season and hopefully, I'll see you around.

—Dave Bilderback, Membership Director

GULF WAR VETERANS

Gulf War Veterans membership meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Legion meeting room. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Mark Maloney III at (507) 513-1582 or Dave Bilderback at (507) 250-1057.

ALR "92 RIDERS"

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in being a Rider, please join us at this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Loecher at 507-358-6389.



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THANK YOU to these sponsors for their generous donations to help us host the amazing community celebration during the 100th Department of Minnesota Convention in July.

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LEGION & AUXILIARY MEETINGS

While we are waiting for our new Post to open, we will have to hold our American Legion and Auxiliary meetings in a different location. The VFW in Rochester is graciously allowing us to use their facility. The American Legion and Auxiliary will be meeting on January 15 and February 19 at the VFW Gold Star Venue at 7 PM. Please spread the word. The VFW is located at 2775 43rd St NW Rochester, MN 55901.

THANK YOU!

Auxiliary Unit #92 sends a huge THANK YOU out to Joann Fabrics for donating fleece for making blankets. The blankets will be distributed through the Olmsted County Veterans Services Office.



BELL RINGING

We need Legion family members to help us ring bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign. We'll be ringing bells on Saturday, December 22 from 10am until 8pm at Scheels (east entrance at Apache Mall). There is a sign-up sheet at the club. Even if you don't sign up, come out and spend some time with us. Bring your kids & grandkids. The more, the merrier.

APPLES FOR TEACHERS

In celebration of American Education Week, we distributed over 16 bushels of apples to over 40 schools in Rochester. Thank you to: Sue Lee, Bill Born, Don Vavra, Evelyn Lyke, Reid and Shirley Oberle, Tony Loecher, Donna Fritsch, Emma Ott, Morey Meyer, Carol Johnson, Kim Grinhaus, and Bob Grinhaus for helping pack apples and then delivering them to the schools. We could not do the job without you.

FRUIT BASKETS FOR VETERANS

Thanks to everyone who helped with distributing fruit baskets to veterans in care homes. There were 265 fruit baskets (and 1 rose) distributed to 12 facilities. If you see Legion Family members, let them know their efforts don't go unnoticed: Carol Johnson, Dean Johnson, Evelyn Lyke, Shirley Oberle, Reid Oberle, Donna Fritsch & husband, Chuck Oviatt, and Morey Meyer. Thank you all!

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