



Post Talk

North Branch Post #85

August 2023

Membership Meeting: Aug 8th @ 7:00PM

Auxiliary Meeting: No Meeting this month

SAL Meeting: Aug 15th @ 7:00PM

Legion Riders Meeting: Aug 3rd @ 7:00PM

Coffee Talk with the CVSO: Aug 15th @ 9:00AM

Rick Hals, Commander:

This is going to be short, have great remainder of the summer. The next meeting is August 12th, 7:00 PM, see you there.

Michelle Still, Auxiliary President:

Just a reminder that the auxiliary is having a school supply drive. Attached to this newsletter is a list of suggested items to donate. Your items can be left at the Legion. Or, if you prefer to donate funds, they can be left with the bartender. Thank you for your support for our local students!

[Preview attachment 2023 School Supply Drive flyer.pdf](#)



[2023 School Supply Drive flyer.pdf](#)
230 KB

Michelle Still, President
Unit #85

Kelly Fedun, Auxiliary Membership Director:

Did you know our unit pays the dues for Gold Star members? Also, at the request of the member, dues will be paid for those who are over 75 years of age and who have been a dues-paying member for at least three years. Dues will also be paid for members who are in a care facility if we are notified.

Please contact me if any of these circumstances pertain to you.

Kellyfedun74@gmail.com

612-803-7717 (call or text)

Austin Doll, Legion Riders Membership Director:

Hello, my name is Austin Doll. I am 22 years old and I am the Membership Chairman with the North Branch American Legion Riders (ALR).

I joined the ALR back in early 2021 with Camille Wentz, and from there we have gotten to the point of having over 30 members. I joined the riders because there isn't much better than riding motorcycles and supporting veterans while doing it.

We go on dinner rides every Wednesday during the summer with Forest Lake ALR and Lino Lakes ALR As we put in the work on our Christmas in July ride it continues to be more successful every year.

If interested in joining the riders please Email me at Austind.alr@gmail.com or text or call me at 763-250-8856. No yearly dues all we ask is a fee for patches. Thank You! Enjoy the rest of the summer!



Joe Scaramell, Guest Writer:

Veteran's Memorial:

The North Branch Beautification Association and the Veterans Committee are proud to announce that on Tuesday, July 25th the city, after many months of study and communication back and forth have approved the Veterans Memorial in Central Park.

This was voted on unanimously by our City Council. I can't be more proud of the Veterans Committee, the Beautification Association, the City, and the whole community for sticking with our vision during this long and tedious process.

Good things are worth waiting for, and now we can march forward as a community and get this built. In the next month or two, we will be rolling out our comprehensive plan and fundraising campaign. Please spread the word and keep an eye on the upcoming announcements.

I personally am proud to have been able to help in this process and look forward to putting our Veterans front and center as they are so deserving of all their sacrifice and commitment to our country.

Thank you!!!

Sincerely

Joe Scaramell

Ron Rollins, Adjutant:



A little about the Legacy Run I attended last weekend. After a great kickoff party at the North Branch American Legion on Wednesday night we began the run at 0800 on Thursday morning led by our own Road Captain, Andy Specht. We tracked to many different Legion Posts on our way to Walker, MN, to include Pine City, and Onamia in the Mighty 10th as well as Aitkin, Pequot Lakes, Pine River, and Walker in the 6th District.

From Walker it was on to Middle River where we were warmly greeted by their community and received great donations for the Legacy Scholarship Fund. After several other stops we ended Friday in Thief River Falls.

Saturday was traveling the highways and byways of Minnesota and meeting many new Legion Family members and coming to rest in Moorhead for the evening. Sunday was our final day to travel and after stopping in Detroit Lakes, Wadena, and Long Prairie we pulled into Spicer American Legion where we conducted our ending party.

North Branch ALR was well represented with 13 riders from North Branch to Walker and more than half of them went on to Spicer.

In total the American Legion Riders raised \$136,469.54 on the ride!!

If you would like to help us reach a goal of \$210,000 so please donate if you can.

We will accept all personal checks and corporate sponsors until August 10.

Write a check and put "FUND 84" in the memo and send it to:

American Legion Department of Minnesota

20 West 12th St #314

St. Paul, MN. 55155

The new membership year has begun as of July our goal has been determined to be 202. So far we have turned in 76 memberships which is 38% of our goal. We need 126 more to reach goal. Please mail your memberships or go onto MyLegion.org and do them online.

Upcoming events:

- Sept. 7th-10th- Camporee at Legionville
- Sept 14th-17th - MNALR Romp- Legionville
- October 12-15th Legion College- Camp Ripley
- October 26-28th Department Fall Conference- St. Cloud

“Remember, YOU Are the Legion”

Ron Rollins, Adjutant
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