



## Post Talk

North Branch Post #85

*October 2023*

Membership Meeting: Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

Auxiliary Meeting: Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

SAL Meeting: Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

Legion Riders Meeting: Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM

Coffee Talk with the CVSO: Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM

### *Michelle Still, Auxiliary President:*

Happy Fall!

National Make a Difference Day is October 28th. You can make a difference in someone's day! Some ideas are: making a phone call to a veteran or elderly person, send a card, offer a ride to an appointment. These are just a few ideas. Be creative and remember someone. And this can be a good way to start a new habit.

Our American Legion Family is once again sponsoring Santa Day! This year it's on December 9th. This has been a big success in the past and this year promises to be better. More details will follow, but if you would like to help that day, please let me know at 651-295-7260.

### **Randy Koivisto, Sgt at Arms:**

Veterans' Memorial Project – We are currently shifting from the design/engineering phase of the project to the Marketing/Fundraising phase. The city and WSB, which is the cities engineering firm, are putting the finishing touches on our plans and now it's time to gear up the fundraising effort. We are in search of members to help out with the different aspects of the upcoming campaign. If you have any background in marketing, or just want to join in on this important project, please come to our next membership meeting on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. We need your assistance to get our memorial completed.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Our next blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 9am to 3pm. A call has gone out from all blood collection agencies due to lack of donations this summer. It only takes a few minutes from your day to make a contribution. Please schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS, or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Depending on the workload at the time, it might be possible to take you as a walk in. Volunteers to work the event would also be appreciated. We served in the military and made a difference. You can make a difference again.

Honor Guard- We have been very busy providing funeral honors as of late. I wish to thank all of our honor guard members for stepping up and paying tribute to our fellow veterans. A thank you also to the SAL members for helping fill the ranks of our small group. What we do means an awful lot to those families that have lost a loved one. God bless you!

Art Project - We are in search of any artists in our group, or know of one, that would be willing to come up with a design and completion for a mural on the west facing exterior wall of our hall. It's a big blank slate and after having had that surface recently painted, it would be a good time to come up with a design that is appropriate and eye catching. We have had discussions in the past, but funding was an issue. Our gaming operation has been very successful as of late, so it allows us to get serious about completing this project.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, to any of the above please feel free to contact me at [rkoi@midco.net](mailto:rkoi@midco.net), or 612-718-5609

### **Mike Johnson, Gaming Manager:**

Football numbers for all Vikings games are available in the bar/pulltab booth.

Our annual widow's weekend Designer Purse Bingo is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, November 4th. Please check our Facebook page for presale tickets and any updates.

Thank you!

### **Charlie Hult, SAL Commander:**

SAL- We just finished up our omelet breakfast we had 108 adults, and 5 kids thank you for everyone that helped and made the event a success. Upcoming events:

- Tailgate party- Minnesota Vikings vs. Green Bay Packers. We will be have more information next month.
- Veterans dinner November 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Ron Rollins, Adjutant:**

Fall Conference:

Register for the Fall Conference which is the weekend of October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. If you want overnight accommodations they go very quickly and call to reserve your room.

### **Upcoming events:**

- Oct 12-15<sup>th</sup> Minnesota Legion College- Camp Ripley
- Oct 27-28<sup>th</sup> Department Fall Conference- St Cloud
- Blood Drive- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 9am-3pm, North Branch Legion
- Dec 9<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Rally- Paynesville Post 271- Social hour 11am, meal 12pm, Program 1pm.
- Dec 7<sup>th</sup>- **Pearl Harbor Day**
- Dec 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve- Legion is closing early.
- Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day- Legion is CLOSED.
- Dec 31<sup>st</sup>- New Year's Eve.
- **2024**
- Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> District Midwinter Conference- Anoka Post 102
- Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Department Sweetheart Rally- Forest Lake Post 225
- Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> District Sweetheart Rally (SAL Sponsored)- Princeton Post.
- April 6<sup>th</sup> Membership Rally (ALR Sponsored)- TBD
- June 1<sup>st</sup> 10 District Convention-TBD

Next month an article will be published about a guitar program will be explained and created by our Chaplain, Louis James.

Stay cool on these hot day and prepare for the change coming soon!!

***“Remember,  
YOU Are the Legion”***

Ron Rollins, Adjutant

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