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Commander's Comments

Greetings from Post 225

I hope this month's newsletter finds you all well. May saw days of unusual warmth and typical Minnesota cold days. However, it did provide us with much needed rainfall. This spring has been exceptionally busy at the Club. Our Legion Family rose to the occasion, and we collectively sent many patrons and event attendees home smiling.

I want to pass on to all an update of the status of our Post website. It has been up and running for a couple months now. Updates and changes are being made in a timely manner, and we are all enjoying the new look. Keep checking it from time to time, as there are many events coming up that will be listed. A big thank you to Ashley Venburg for the website, Krista Goodyear for Facebook and Paul Barry for our newsletters.

The old saying, "we have two seasons, winter and road construction," holds true. In fact, the disruption is literally on our doorstep. The Broadway Avenue Rehabilitation Project started mid-April and is set to run through late May. While great progress is being made, there are still obstacles to overcome. Westbound Broadway traffic is limited to one lane. Fourth Street remains open, and our patrons are finding their way to us via alternate routes. May has been a busy month like many others. With the Kentucky Derby, Brewers Bash fund raiser, Mothers Day brunch, 3rd District Convention and Memorial Day to highlight a few.

We served approximately 150 attendees for the Mother's day brunch. We received very favorable feedback regarding our hosting of the 3rd District Convention. A ton of appreciation goes out to all who volunteered to make this a great experience. Specifically, Cavalene Goodyear and Ashley Venburg. Memorial Day for many signify the beginning of summer. While we wish you all enjoy this wonderful time of year, please take special note of the significance. And, perhaps for a moment or two may we remember all those who have served our great country giving the ultimate sacrifice to protect our persons, freedoms and liberties. The Poppy is the symbol for the remembrance of those fallen service members.

June 14th marks the Army's historical 250th birthday! We will have a celebration at the American Legion. Please join us as you are able to commemorate this special day.

Additionally, we have Flag Day on June 14th. A ceremony by our color guard will commence at noon at the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp to honorably burn old flags. I encourage all to attend. It is quite the event.

June 15th, There will be a Fathers Day breakfast hosted by the American Legion Riders.

Planning continues as we inch closer to the Fourth of July celebration. Volunteers are very welcome. Volunteerism is a cornerstone of the success and comradeship of our post, club, community, and events. Please stop in and ask a staff member or simply call to get more information.

Again, please refer to the website for further details.

Pat Silovich
American Legion Post 225
Forest Lake, MN

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." Helen Keller

Legion Riders Report

Well Riding season is here! Along with a lot of summer functions that the Riders are involved with. We had Chad and Leroy that are now trained as road guards for the State of Minnesota.

We had a great May breakfast! Lots of folks came out to eat! Thanks again for everyone support! Our monthly meeting was afterwards and we got lots of things covered and still looking for ways to get our membership to grow. Looking at getting the ALR pamphlets to have each member having a couple, but, they are currently out of stock. Donnie is going to help organize a 3rd district ALR gathering so we can determine who has riders and how we can organize better. We are looking at a mid July ride to meet up somewhere in the middle of the district.

We have Flag Day, June 14 along with the Army's 250th birthday celebration. The Army birthday starts at 5pm, it has limited seating and reservations are required. there is a big function out at the Veterans campground. Where they will retire old US Flags, it is open to the public, the ceremony will start at noon so be early!

The biggest event is the 4th of July weekend where will ride in the parade and there we support the color guard with water when then stop for their break.

Will also do the whole weekend Fundraiser by selling Vodka and Rum Lemondade mixed drinks. We've done this for a few years. We will put out a text with the link to sign up for a couple of shifts!

If you want to ride or are going on a ride, shoot out a text to the other riders in our group, it is always fun to ride in small groups as well the organize larger rides.

Ride Safe, Leroy

Hello from the SAL

We hope you are well and had a wonderful Memorial Day, the SAL would like to thank all veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Don't forget to get your meat raffle tickets from your SAL, we are also helping our sister post 98 St Paul Park SAL ,sell raffle tickets for a 4 wheeler.

4 of July celebration is just around the corner make sure to stop in the bingo tent and say hi and play some bingo.

Also Sal meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 stop in and be a part of what the SAL does.

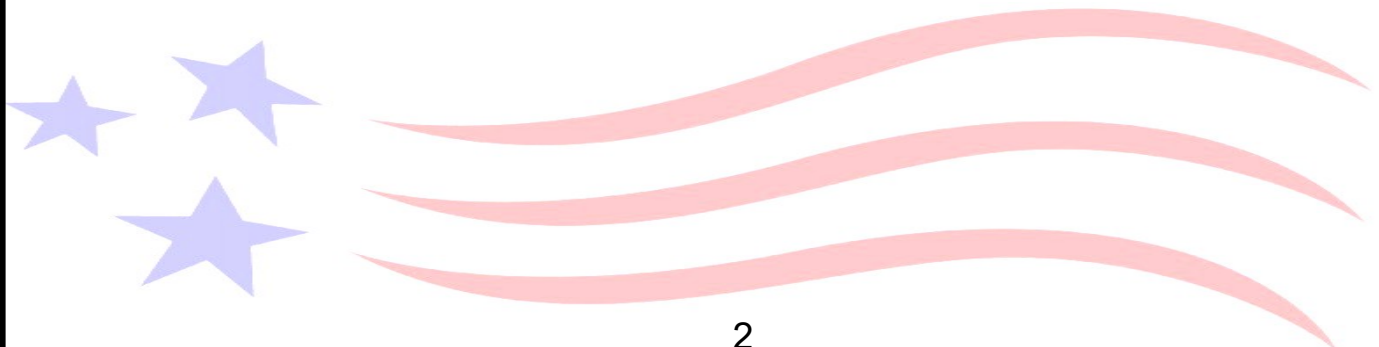
Thank you

Glen Neville, SAL Commander 225

Poppy Report

Thank you to all who responded to our poppy program and the poppy which was enclosed in the April newsletter. All donations to the poppy fund go to the programs for veterans. It is never too late to send in your donation so we will be awaiting to hear from you.

Judy Hanna, Poppy Chairman



A photograph showing a field of numerous small American flags planted in a green field, with many red poppies scattered among them. The text is overlaid in yellow on the top part of the image.

WOW – We managed to get through the 3rd District Convention. Now on to a summer filled with Memorial, Memories, and Family time!

May was a meeting filled with much information to share.

Post 225 hosted the 3rd District Convention in May this year with over 165 Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders attending. We have 4 members from the Post that will be representing the 3rd District Family for the 2025 – 2026 year. Ashley Venberg will be Chairing the History Committee on the Legion Side, Cavaleone was elected to 1st Vice, Wendy Arend was elected 2nd Vice, and Sherri Neville was elected as Member at Large for the Auxiliary. Forest Lake Unit 225 also accepted a couple of awards – first the Forcica -Dixon Memorial Plaque was given for Membership, congratulations to Sherri Neville and all the women that brought in new members and encouraged old ones to continue. Next was a plaque for History, congratulations to everyone that helped pull the year end reports together at the end of them and to Wendy and Courtney for completing our History Scrapbook. We also have SAL members from Post 225 that will be representing our 3rd District. Congratulations to everyone.

Thank You to everyone that helped and will continue to help with the Poppy distribution this year. Over one thousand poppies were sent out to the members of the American Legion Family Post 225, and we appreciate the donations to assist us in helping our Veterans programs. Along with that Joy, Wendy, Diane and Paul, Coleen and Cherie, Judy and many of our members went to the streets for donations. Great Job Everyone!

One of the services provided by Unit 225 in Forest Lake is to offer help when there is a loss of a Veteran or a family member. Nancy D and Coleen have updated the information for the Funeral services provided by the Auxiliary and that can be found on our Post 225 website or by calling the Post. Thank you, ladies, for taking care of this program. Also, a huge thank you to Nancy D for taking care of the meals for Camp Gratitude in June at the Veterans Camp.

We are looking for members to fill the Committee Chairs for our Unit in the coming year, if you have a special talent or there is something you are interested in, let us know.

After we complete our Memorial Day service at the Lake along with the VFW, we will move on to the annual Unit Garage and Bake Sale – Yes, this is one of our biggest fundraisers for the year. June 10th through the 14th. Donations can be brought in Tuesday and Wednesday 10th & 11th. and the Sale will start the 12th. If you can help with Baking please contact Pearl Hummel, Nancy Zak or one of the Auxiliary women at the Post. Baked goods need to be brought in on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

June 14th is the 250th Birthday of the US Army. Post 225 is hosting a dinner celebration on June 14th at 5:00 in Hall A. You do not need to be an Army Veteran to participate, let us get behind our Army Veterans and make this a celebration of their service. More information contact Mary Jo York or check out the Post 225 web site.

Onward and upward – the 4th of July Buttons are ready, and we have started selling them in May. The medallion Hunt is happening again before the festivities begin early July. You can contact the Post for more information.

Our next meeting will be June 16th at 6:30 PM – we will be doing something fun, so bring a friend – I look forward to seeing all of you there. 😊

May you all be blessed with miracles in the coming months and May God Bless You and your Families.

Sunday thru Saturday Happenings

Times and Dates Subject to Change

Our Dance Place	Mondays	4 PM to 9 PM
S.I.N. NIGHT (Service Industry Night) for people in the "Industry"	Mondays & Tuesdays	9 PM to Midnight
Karaoke Contest	Tuesdays	Sign-up 8:00 PM
Karaoke with Reina Starr	Wednesdays	9 PM – 12:30 AM
Line Dancing Lessons - \$5	Thursdays	7 PM - 8:30 PM Hall D
Open Line Dancing to follow		
Ladies Night – Drink Specials	Thursdays	9 PM to Midnight
Live Entertainment	Fridays & Saturdays	9 PM – 12:30 AM

Coming soon: **Music Bingo on Mondays**
 Tuesday Night Market at the Legion

Special Events at the Club

Sat	June 14	250th Army Birthday Celebration see the flyer on page 7	5 PM start
Sun	June 15	FATHER'S Day BRUNCH	9 AM – 1 PM
Fri	June 20	Senior Dance - Chuck Bethke Band	1 - 4 PM
June 17-20 <u>PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</u>			
Sun	June 22	<u>Legion AYCE Breakfast</u>	9 AM – Noon
Fri	June 27	LIVE MUSIC – "BLIND DRIVER"	8:30 PM- Midnight



Monday thru Friday at the Club

Rush Hour 10 AM - Noon

Happy Hour 3 – 6 PM 1/2 price drinks on Rails and Smirnoff, Absolut, Captain, Bacardi, Windsor, Cuervo, EJ and select domestic beers

Weekly Happenings at the Club

SUNDAY	Chef's Choices BINGO Open Jam Session	ALL DAY 2 PM 6 PM
MONDAY	Burger Night – 6 oz burger and fries - \$7.99 – ALL DAY "Our Place Dance" - Special Needs Dance 4 PM – 9 PM	
TUESDAY	Taco Special – Deep-Fried Tacos \$8.99 for 3 – ALL DAY -- Soft Shell \$6.99 – ALL DAY Taco Salad \$10.99 – ALL DAY	
WEDNESDAY	Bible Study Meat Raffle BINGO \$.75 Wing Special Karaoke with Reina Starr	8 AM – 9 AM 5 PM 6 PM ALL DAY 9:00 PM – 12:30 AM
THURSDAY	\$2 Pabst Tallboys Chefs Choices FREE Pool Ladies Night	ALL DAY ALL DAY 6 to 11 PM 9:00 PM – Midnight
FRIDAY	Surf and Turf Meat Raffle Texas Hold'Em Live Entertainment - DJ	\$21.95 (after 5 PM) 6 PM 7 PM 8:30 PM
SATURDAY	BBQ Ribs 1/2 rack of Ribs, veggie and potato Meat Raffle Live Entertainment - DJ	\$14.99 (after 5 PM) Noon 9 PM

Monthly Meetings:

1st Monday	5:30 PM	House Committee (June 2)
2nd Monday	6:00 PM	Gambling Committee (June 9)
2nd Monday	6:30 PM	Executive Board (June 9)
2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	Sons of American Legion (June 10)
3rd Sunday	after breakfast	Legion Riders (June 15)
3rd Monday	6:30 PM	Membership & Auxiliary (June 16)
3rd Thursday	1:00 PM	40/8 Cheminot & Promenade (June 19)

Chaplain's Report

The VFW was the lead this year for our joint 9 AM Memorial Day Service at Lakeside Memorial Park. We did the usual joint color guard and rifle squad to the 5 local cemeteries and the Wyoming Vets Memorial.

Prayers for the families of these veterans:

We did funeral honors for member **Dale R. Perreault**, Navy, (age 73), May 2nd, Neptune Soc, @ Legion and member **Donald A. Kotchen**, USMC, (age 90), May 28th @ the Legion, (Roberts FFH Fort Snelling June 18th). Also funeral honors for Edward J. Coleman, Air Force, (age 92), May 9th, Cremation Soc, Faith Lutheran; and Patricia A. Boyd, Navy, (age 81), May 5th, Mattson FH Calvary Cem; and Donald J. Anderson, Air Force, (age 87), May 29th, Mattson FH.

Area veterans who passed away recently with funerals were: Leo Lexington Byrne, Jr, Army, (age 88), May 17th, Mattson FH: and James M. Gregoire, Army, (age 74), May 21st.

Dwight Dupey is at senior living, 1801 Gervais Ave, Maplewood, MN, Apt 301.

Members at Amira Choice (3rd St): Allan Evgen Apt 109, Art & Joanne Jensen Apt 205, Mrs. Coleman Apt 217, William Alexander, Apt 223, Wayne Thole Apt 303, Daryl Voss Apt 312, Richard Doyle Apt 313, and Jerry & Darlene Peltier Apt 411.

At the Arbors is Rich Kowarsch Apt 314.

At The Meadows, Wyoming; is Dan Jaeb, Apt 305.

At Point Pleasant (Chisago City) residents are: Chuck Tollefsrud Apt 303, Carl Tangen Apt 302, Darlene Dent Apt 307, and Cliff Becker Apt 314.

Harold & Gloria Tangen moved to Ecumen N. Branch Apt 302 (651-243-5330) and William Flanagan is Apt 22.

Up to nine veterans are in three VA medical foster homes of the Colleen (651-464-8674) and Gary Orde family at 8503 178th Ln, Columbus; and 4855 261st St, Wyoming; and 7332 Wyoming Trail, Wyoming.

Come to a Bible Study of Acts at the Legion on Wednesday mornings from 8 AM to 9 AM with Chaplains Ron M and Jerry Peltier. Men and women of our Legion families are encouraged to come.

Need a ride to the VA for an appointment? The DAV van is available for appointments scheduled between 9 AM to 1 PM work days. Call Gary at: 612-467-2768. They need more drivers. **Also available** and flexible are Lee Neumann (651) 402-9032 and Carver Graham (651) 447-3220.

The Post receives many wheelchairs, crutches, canes, bathtub seats, etc. If you or a friend need something, come and receive one free.

Prayers and concerns especially for all above.

Ron Miller 651-464-5549

There is a Veterans Crisis Line by calling 988, listen to the prompts and then pressing 1.



Army's "250th" Birthday Celebration



Come join us at the Forest Lake American Legion on June 14th, starting at 5 PM to celebrate the Army's 250th Birthday.

Dynamic Guest Speaker - Retired General Joseph Kelly.

A light dinner will be provided free of charge, with an opportunity to give a free will donation. Any money collected will go to support veteran's programs.

Reservations are REQUIRED and limited to the first 150 people (with a one guest limit per attendee)

Please call or text Mary Jo York, 651-399-7712. I do not answer unknown numbers, so please leave your name, if you are planning on bringing a guest – their name and a phone number where you can be reached.

You do NOT need to be an Army veteran to attend, though the program will be celebrating the Army and its history.

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"It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be a jolly sight harder for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad."

C. S. Lewis

Post 225 Breakfast - 9 AM until noon.

All you can eat for \$15, kids 5-10 \$8, 4 and under free.

Best in Forest Lake!

Scrambled Eggs, made to order Omelets, Sausage, Bacon, Potatoes, Biscuits and Gravy, Toast, Fruit, and French Toast ... yum!!

Sponsored by the Legion Riders on the **3rd Sunday** of the month and by the Post on the **4th Sunday** of the month. Volunteers serving at both.