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Legion  
Legion Riders  
Forty and Eight

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# American Legion Post 225 Forest Lake, MN



## Commander's Comments

### Greetings from Post 225

In Memoriam: Commander Pat Silovich

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our beloved Commander, Pat Silovich. Pat truly epitomized a life of service—service to his country, to his beloved wife Cindy, children Luke and Colee, his grandchildren, his patients, his community, and to the American Legion, where he served faithfully for many years.

Pat touched countless lives with his gentle voice and intentional, curious heart. He built relationships that mattered and leaves behind a legacy that many of us aspire to—a legacy of kindness, leadership, and selfless giving. The depth of our grief speaks to the incredible amount of love he shared with all of us. It was an honor for so many to call him friend.

Our prayers and deepest gratitude go out to Cindy, Luke, Colee, and the entire Silovich family for selflessly sharing Pat with us. His impact will be felt for generations.

Matthew 25:21 "His Master replied, 'Well Done, good and faithful servant!'"

### Post Updates & Upcoming Events

The Post 225 website continues to operate smoothly, thanks to the hard work of Ashley Venburg-Buschette. Please check it regularly for live updates and new event listings. A big thank-you also goes to Krista Goodyear for maintaining our Facebook page and to Paul Barry for putting together our newsletters.

### Community Highlights:

- **Broadway Avenue Rehabilitation** is finally complete—just in time for our Fourth of July Parade and Celebration!
- On **June 14**, we celebrated the **Army's 250th Birthday**, thanks to the planning and execution by **Mary Jo York**.
- The same day, we held a **Flag Retirement Ceremony** at the Disabled Veterans Rest Camp, retiring over **20,000 flags**.
- Our **Father's Day Brunch** served approximately **100 attendees**, with heartfelt thanks to the **American Legion Riders**.

### Looking Ahead:

- **Fourth of July Parade:** Final planning is underway. **Bob and Colleen Detmer** have graciously accepted the honor of being our **Grand Marshals**. Volunteer support is always welcome—please reach out via phone or in person.
- **New Officer Installation:** Scheduled for Sunday, July 27.
- **Department Convention:** Taking place in Willmar, MN, July 10–12. Representing Post 225 will be **Donny Scow, Terry Larson, and Ashley Venburg-Buschette**.
- **National Night Out:** Join us on **August 5**, hosted by the Forest Lake American Legion. Details coming soon on the website and Facebook page. A magician and other fun activities are planned!
- **Blood Drives:**

July 17 at the Forest Lake VFW

September 15 hosted by Forest Lake American Legion

## Commander's Comments (continued)

### Membership Milestone:

We're proud to announce our membership has reached **670**, surpassing our ambitious goal. Kudos to **Terry Larson** for his dedicated leadership in achieving this.

### Facility Improvements:

The **Forest Lake Area Veterans Memorial Project** and the **roofing replacement** are progressing. Construction will begin in mere weeks, with a new uniform roof peak being installed over Hall D, the back bar, and hallway. When complete, all exposed roofing—including Hall A, the kitchen, the main bar, and Hall D—will have been upgraded to a durable metal roof.

### A Final Word

As always, let us remember what binds us together: We are Legion Family. The Post, SAL, Auxiliary, and Riders share a unified mission—to support our veterans, their families, and our community. Volunteerism remains a cornerstone of our strength and camaraderie.

So please, when you see a veteran, say thank you. Let us continue Pat's legacy by lifting each other up, staying healthy, and taking care of one another.

**On behalf of Commander Pat Silovich – Todd Paddock  
American Legion Post 225, Forest Lake, MN**

**"Some people want it to happen, Some wish it would happen, others make it happen." - Michael Jordan**

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## Legion Riders Report

Wow, the warm weather hit and now summer seems to be flying, there is so many organized club rides, we can be riding almost every day with our brothers and sisters. Can't complain about the weather or lack of ride opportunities. Here are a couple of upcoming rides.

IGYSIX, St Francis Legion July 12 10am  
Christmas in July, North Branch Legion July 19 9am  
Throttle Up Veterans Ride, Pine City Armory July 26 9am  
Ride for Joes, Momento Mori, Aug 16 9:30am

Our monthly breakfast went well, Father's Day is always a great day to have breakfast out, THANKS to all for helping make it a success. Our next breakfast will be on July 20th, 9am til noon.

We have the celebration of Independence Day and we ride in the 4th of July Parade and then we also have our Vodka Lemonade Stand to run from July 3rd -July 5th, if you would like to help us we have a link to sign up. <https://volunteersignup.org/DWCTK>  
We have a few riders out of town or out of state for the 4th so if you have a few hours of free time and would like to help you can sign up or stop by the booth and volunteer.

New \*\* Motorcycle Lane Filtering \*\* starts July 1 st, what is it? What is legal? A simple explanation of it is:

You may operate a motorcycle and overtake and pass another vehicle in the same direction of travel and within the same traffic lane if the motorcycle is operated:

- (1) at not more than 25 miles per hour; and
- (2) no more than 15 miles per hour over the speed of traffic in the relevant traffic lanes.

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety has the information on their website. <https://ldps.mn.gov/divisions/ots/safe-driving-information-and-laws/mn-motorcycle-safety-center>

Enjoy the warmer weather and be safe while out riding, text or call a fellow rider and invite us to go riding if you're out riding. We all enjoy company when riding.

Ride Safe

Leroy Willis, Post 225 ALR Director

## PROCLAMATION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF COMMANDER PAT SILOVICH

**WHEREAS**, the City of Forest Lake pauses to recognize and honor the life and legacy of Pat Silovich, Commander of the Forest Lake American Legion Post 225; and

**WHEREAS**, Commander Silovich was a respected veteran who honorably served as an Air Force Traffic Controller, and later continued his commitment to public service through leadership and advocacy for veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat led the American Legion Post 225 with quiet strength, deep compassion, and an unwavering dedication to honoring and supporting veterans and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, through his leadership, integrity, and commitment to service, Pat brought distinction to the American Legion and to the City of Forest Lake, embodying the core values of patriotism, service, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, Commander Silovich was a constant presence in the Forest Lake community, participating in parades, ceremonies, and civic events, and selflessly giving his time to coach youth in football, basketball, and baseball; and

**WHEREAS**, Pat Silovich leaves behind a legacy of leadership, compassion, and selfless service that deeply impacted the lives of many and strengthened the fabric of our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the Forest Lake City Council extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of Pat Silovich, his fellow Legionnaires, and all who had the privilege of knowing him; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the City of Forest Lake does hereby honor Commander Pat Silovich with deep respect and lasting gratitude for his dedicated service to our nation and our community; and

**BE IT FINALLY PROCLAIMED**, that Friday, June 13, 2025, is hereby declared Commander Pat Silovich Day in the City of Forest Lake in recognition of his extraordinary service and legacy.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Forest Lake to be affixed this 9th day of June, 2025.



Mayor Blake Roberts  
City of Forest Lake

# Sunday thru Saturday Happenings

Times and Dates Subject to Change

<b>Our Dance Place</b>	<b>Mondays</b>	<b>4 PM to 9 PM</b>	
<b>S.I.N. NIGHT</b> (Service Industry Night) for people in the "Industry"	<b>Mondays &amp; Tuesdays</b>	<b>9 PM to Midnight</b>	
<b>Beetle Bazaar</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	
<b>Food Trucks and Market .... Live acoustic most</b>	<b>Tuesdays</b>		
<b>Karaoke with Reina Starr</b>	<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>9 PM – 12:30 AM</b>	
<b>Line Dancing Lessons - \$5</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>7 PM - 8:30 PM</b>	<b>Hall D</b>
<b>Open Line Dancing to follow</b>			
<b>Ladies Night – Drink Specials</b>	<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>9 PM to Midnight</b>	
<b>Live Entertainment</b>	<b>Fridays &amp; Saturdays</b>	<b>9 PM – 12:30 AM</b>	

## Special Events at the Club

Wednesday	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> of July Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Carnival open at 5p	Carnival open at noon	Carnival open at 10a	Carnival open at noon	Carnival open at noon
<b>KARAOKE</b> 9p Main Bar	<b>DJ</b> 8p - Close Main Bar <b>KARAOKE</b> 7p - 11p Hall D	<b>PARADE</b> 10a Acoustic Music 4p - 8p Main Bar <b>DJ</b> 8p - Close Main Bar <b>KARAOKE</b> 7p - 11p Hall D	Acoustic Music 2p - 6p Main Bar <b>DJ</b> 8p - Close Main Bar <b>KARAOKE</b> 7p - 11p Hall D Theory 8p Outside Stage	Acoustic Music 2p - 6p Main Bar <b>DJ</b> 8p - Close Main Bar <b>BINGO</b> 12p - 5p
	<b>SIX TO MIDNIGHT</b> 8p Outside Stage <b>BINGO</b> 5p - 10p	<b>LEGACY OF THE LOUD</b> 8p Outside Stage	<b>BINGO</b> 12p - 10p	<b>SAL Meat Raffle Drawing</b> 5:30p
		<b>FIREWORKS</b> 10pm		

Sun	July 20	Legion Riders AYCE Breakfast	9 AM – Noon
Sat	July 26	<b>LIVE MUSIC</b> "Mike LICHEY"	
Sun	July 27	<u>Legion AYCE Breakfast</u>	9 AM – Noon
Tues	Aug 5	National Night Out	TBD

# Monday thru Friday at the Club

Rush Hour 10 AM - Noon

Happy Hour 3 – 6 PM 1/2 price drinks on Rails and Smirnoff, Absolute, 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 (July 7)
2nd Monday	6:00 PM	Gambling Committee (July 14)
2nd Monday	6:30 PM	Executive Board (July 14)
2nd Tuesday	6:30 PM	Sons of American Legion (July 8)
3rd Sunday	after breakfast	Legion Riders (July 20)
3rd Monday	6:30 PM	Membership & Auxiliary (July 21)
3rd Thursday	1:00 PM	40/8 Cheminot & Promenade (July 17)

# Chaplain's Report

We did the annual Flag Retirement/Disposal Ceremony on Saturday June 14th @ noon, at the Veterans Camp on Big Marine Lake. The public was invited and there was a potluck lunch afterwards. There were over 20,000 flags on the "cremation" rack. Bring your old flags to the Legion anytime during the year. We alternate each year with the 4th District who did the ceremony last year.

Prayers for the families of these veterans:

We did funeral honors for our **Post Cdr Patrick J. Silovich**, Air Force, (age 71), Jun 13th, Mattson FH @ the Legion; and honors for James J. Helinsky, Army, (age 82), Jun 10th, Mattson FH @ Linwood Cem; and Dennis E. Hoyt, Army, (age 85), Jun 12th, Mattson FH @ Oak Park Cem; and Rod "Red" Brodersen, USMC, (age 89), Jun 22nd, @ Legion.

Area veterans who passed away were: Joseph Zerwas, Sr, Army, (age 86), Feb 14th and Maynerd C. Sandberg, Navy, (age 100), Jun 14th, Mattson FH.

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.**

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## Hello from the SAL

As we get ready for the 4th of July celebration and the parade, stop on and say hi in the bingo tent.

Make sure to see a SAL member to get your meat raffle tickets before the drawing on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

We hope everyone's 4th is a wonderful time.

Just wanted to remind our members our meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30

Glen Neville, SAL Commander 225



Cavalene Regan – Unit 225 President

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 225 PRESENTS  
THE FOURTH ANNUAL JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> MEDALLION HUNT 2025**



**Rules:**

1. Purchase an individually numbered July 4<sup>th</sup> button for \$2 from an American Legion Auxiliary member or from your bartender (Gambling #00131).
2. Register your button by completing the individually numbered slip attached to your button.
3. Decipher the clues displayed in the American Legion Post 225 daily by 8:00 am from 7/1-7/6/2025.
4. Hunt for the medallion on public land in the Forest Lake area.
5. Find the medallion and win \$500 with a registered button or \$250 without a registered button.
6. Purchasers who register their button(s) will be automatically entered into three random drawings for \$100 each. Winners need not be present to win.
7. Medallion hunt and random drawing winners will be notified by phone, announced from the Parade Grandstand during the parade (if possible), and may be posted in the American Legion.
8. Disputes will be addressed by the Parade Committee. Parade Committee decisions are final.
9. Good luck, be respectful, and have fun!



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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.