



American Legion Davis-Darrow-Meyer Post 112 Elk River, Minnesota

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IN MEMORY OF Sharon Mendenhall You are greatly missed!!



Commander's News September – October 2025

Tom Kulkay has resigned from the position as Commander; his recovery is not going as he had hoped. We continue to pray for his recovery.

1st Vice Commander

Hello Legion Family and Friends,

We made it through another Fair Season. We have an awesome group of volunteers that we can't thank enough. Thank you to everyone. Thank you to Ann for all of her work and making sure our bills are getting paid on time.

Our Manger Lisa is doing a fantastic job with our staff and dealing with vendors and the overall function of our post as a business.

Rib Fest is coming on Saturday October 4th. Let Todd or me know if you would like to help in any way or show up and help support this event. Lisa has a list of Posts that have already registered to compete.

The patio furniture from Home Depot is a hit. We also replaced all of the lights in the Post with LED lights. Thank you to all the Associates from Home Depot that did most of the work. Also, thanks goes to Keigh, Greg Crow, Shawn and Bill for their time and expertise.

That's all for now. Take care and be safe.
Vaughn

Adjutant

Summer is flying by:

Hello Everyone. I will start by expressing our deep sadness after the untimely loss of Sharon Mendenhall. It took us all by surprise and she will be greatly missed. We all hope for the best for Tom as he works through this time of sorrow.

And now for the project that has taken up many people's time, the front door to our building. It's been installed and looks great. The addition of the handicap opener was long overdue. Keith and Vaughn are heading up this project along with several other building improvements. All the Hall lights have been converted to LED and we need to thank Home Depot for their help.

By the time you read this the Smokin Tractor pull beer tent and the Sherburne County Fair Beer tent events will be history. We can't thank all the helpers enough. These are some of our key Legion events that help support our budget. The next event we are planning is the Ribfest in Oct. If you would like to, help sign up at the bar. There are a lot of moving parts to make it happen.

Again, I need to thank all the members of The Honor Guard for everything they have done funerals and sporting events. They recently helped with the dedication of a Civil War soldier at Orono Cemetery. The Honor Guard is always looking for a few good Men [and Women] to fill our ranks so if you might be interested let us know. On that

note we would like to welcome Clarissa McNew our newest and maybe first female honor guard member. It's a very rewarding experience and doesn't take as much time as you think.

Our Membership for 2025 reached our goal of 307plus 2. And almost immediately we started our 2026 membership drive. As a reward for our hard work our new goal is 310. It's our members that keep us strong.

As always good place to learn how to get involved would be to come to our donuts with the commanders on Saturday mornings at 8:30. It's a good way to meet people and see what's going on. We wish Commander Tom all the best as he continues to recover from his knee surgery.

Stop on by the post to say hello and sign the book.
Gregory Crow (G2)
Post Adjutant

Auxiliary

Hello, Fellow Auxiliary Members,
Hoping everyone had a nice few months off, but we are getting ready for a new year starting September 4th. We have the Membership dinner on September 14th. See the calendar for more events coming up. I want to thank all of you who volunteered for the Smoking Show and County Fair at the beer garden and event tents. It is so greatly appreciated. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.
7:00pm

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Unit 112 President
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Auxiliary Membership

If you have not paid your dues for 2025 they are due by December 31st, 2025. Dues are \$40.00 per year. They will be considered delinquent after that date.

The 2025 Fall Craft, Vendor, and Bake Sale is October 25th. Please Mark your calendar.
We have sixteen (16) crafters and vendors. You can also start thinking about what you might want to bake for the bake sale,

If you have any questions, you can reach me at 702-235-8741 or dianetelfer491@gmail.com

Welcome to the Auxiliary Nancy Bynum and Lyndsey Tripp.

The Auxiliary membership goal for 2025-2026.
Condolences to the families of Dilly Oleson and Sharon Mendenhall who both passed away in July 2025.

Diane Telfer, Membership Chair

Post Chaplain

The following is my 19 JUN to 16 AUG 2025 summary of Post Chaplain duties performed:
204 Personal Visit, Assisted Living
102 Messaging, Text, Phone
62 Chaplain Support AL Events, Spiritual Counseling
3 Letters of Condolences
American Legion Chaplain's Calendar: TAL
National Convention 22-28 AUG, V-J Day 2 SEP, Labor Day 1 SEP, Citizenship Day/Constitution Day 17 SEP, POW/MIA Day 20 SEP, Department Chaplain Conference OCT, and Columbus Day 13 OCT
Continuing weekly and monthly vet visits and Sunday Worship services at the Roger's Wellstead Assisted Living Centers. Continuing, weekly and monthly vet visits to five local Guardian Angels Campuses, the BeeHive, Elk River, and CentraCare, Monticello. Currently have 89 total vets to visit at least monthly at these four Independent Senior and Assisted Living Centers. Provided pastor care support and "Last Respects" with two veteran families during end-of-life hospice treatment the past two months.
Officiated Sharon "Sam" Mendenhall's Memorial Service and Celebration of Life. Finalized Magnus Veterans Foundation vetting and orientation as a volunteer chaplain. I have begun performing chaplain requirements with weekly office hours.
Condolences to the family and friends and please pray for Greg and Cathy Artman, at the passing of Cathy's father, Leo Christenson, Tom Mendenhall after the passing of Sharon 15 July, Ramona Doebler after the passing of Raymond "Ray" 35 Year Post 112 Member 8 August, Paula

Donnelly after the passing of Patrick "Pat" 16 Year Post 112 Member, and the family of Douglas and Joann Stillwell's at their passing. Please pray for past Commander Tom Kulkay as he continues knee rehabilitative care at home.

Paul Deneson, Chaplain

Post Service Officer

2 Personal Visits

5 Messaging, Text, and Phone

2 Coordinated Vet request for personal support

Paul Deneson, Chaplain and Post Service Officer

SAL (Sons of American Legion)

How to be eligible: All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion Veteran or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service.

The SAL help veterans, honor guard, riders and help with the post.

Riders

Greetings from the Post 112 Riders. We are excited about our upcoming Ribfest on October 4th. We worked hard for the first Ribfest last year with a big assist from members of the Zimmerman Legion and they will be helping us again this year. Our Bar Manager Lisa has already been working on our permits from the city to have this event outside and we will be using different fencing that will be borrowed from the County Fair. There will be another adult beverage wagon raffle and other games throughout the day. Put this date on the calendar and

The Riders are also participating in a Ducks Unlimited (DU) raffle that includes firearms

and many other recreational prizes. D U has set up raffles for two winners to be picked after 120 tickets are sold and then we start another 120 tickets to pick two more winners. This is a great change from other raffles that sell a large number of tickets and the drawing is out a few months from the purchase. The Riders have completed one set of tickets with two winners. The Riders will be selling the D U tickets in the upcoming weeks on Friday evenings.

This November 2nd the riders will be having our November breakfast and partnering with the Elk River High Trap Shooting Team. This is a couple weeks earlier than our regular third Sunday for the Breakfast. We wanted to have this event before the Minnesota deer opener. This breakfast will regular third Sunday for the Breakfast. We wanted to have this event before the Minnesota deer opener. This breakfast will have our regular Bingo and include a silent auctions and probable raffles for hunting and outdoor items. The Riders are looking forward to this inaugural event to work with another community organization. The Riders have worked with the Legion Baseball Team the last two January breakfasts and are scheduled to work with them in January 2026.

Some of the Riders participated in a IGYSix ride out of the St. Francis Legion in July. A few of our riders were also out in Sturgis this year. A few of us are able to ride in the Black Hills every year. The sights, sounds and motorcycle community never disappoints.

Post 112 Riders Director, Todd Jagodzinski

September Post 112 Events

09-04 Post, SAL & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm
09-11 Remembrance Day
09-11 Riders Meeting 7:00 pm
09-12 DJ/Karaoke 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
09-14 Membership Dinner 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
09-21 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm

Meat Raffle Friday & Sunday 5:00 pm

Bingo every Wednesday 6:30 pm

**Horse Race the 1st Thursday of the Month
at 6pm**

October Post 112 Events

10-02 Post, SAL & Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm
10-11 Junior Fun Day at Wendy Archery
10-09 Riders Meeting 7:00 pm
10-10 DJ/Karaoke 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
10-16 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 pm
10-25 Craft and Bake Sale 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Meat Raffle Friday & Sunday 5:00 pm

Bingo every Wednesday 6:30 pm

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November Sneak Peak

11-1 Comedy Show
11-2 Riders Breakfast Bingo, Bloody Mary
with Elk River Trap Team

Civil War Veteran Recognized Aug 16th our Honor
Guard and the Civil War Reenactment Team



New Handicap front door at the Post