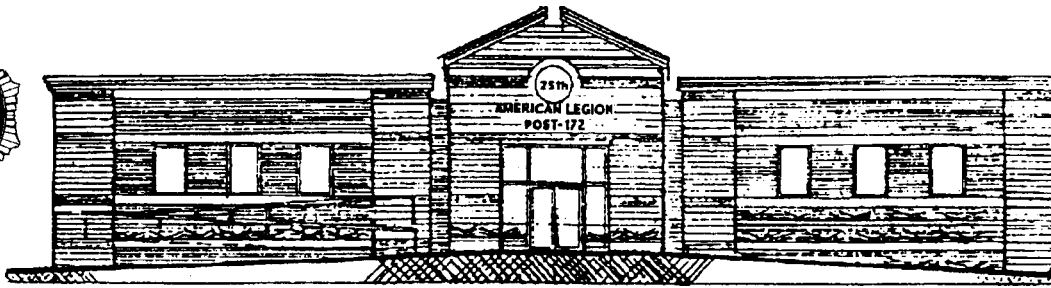




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### *Greetings from the Commander:*

I would like to thank all the Legion Family for all who have volunteered your time to help our Veterans. The Veterans thank you.

On the evening of January 21st we had a medical emergency in our building. A customer was having trouble breathing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Patty Pals, a person trained in the medical field, for her quick responses to the situation. The person was having what was a likely heart attack. People like Patty cannot be thanked enough for responding to emergencies such as this.....THANK YOU PATTY. She is also a member of our staff and we are very happy to have her working for us. After the medical emergency it was pointed out the importance of having an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). We are now in the process of purchasing an AED and training personnel to operate the equipment. (Note: see training notice elsewhere in this newsletter, the training is open to all members of our organization).

The Legion Birthday Dinner will be Sunday March 15th with social hour at 5:00 PM and Dinner at 6:00 PM. Our District Commander will be here; the menu will be roast beef. There will be a sign up sheet at the Bar.

The Legion election of Officers will be held at our April 9th meeting. If you would like to run for office please contact the Nominating Committee: John Torma, Bruce Harms, or Bill Johnson.

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### *Ladies of the Auxiliary,*

By the time you get this newsletter, the Chili Dinner and the Senior Dinner will be history. I'm sure both were a great success as usual. Thanks a bunch to all who worked so diligently on both of these projects. Please know that your efforts are appreciated.

March 15, 2009 we will be hosting a Birthday Dinner honoring the American Legion. Our 10th District President, Sue Nunnelee will be our special guest. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be a sign up sheet at the bar. You can either stop in to sign up or call and the bartender will put you on the list.

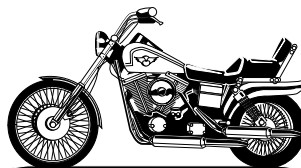
We again will be hosting a Style Show and Dinner, with a great theme on April 17, 2009. Pat Dissmeyer is the Chairman and you can read her article else where in the newsletter. We will be selling tickets in advance. If it is anything like last year, it will prove to be a very enjoyable evening.

We will also be having a "Bake Sale" in conjunction with the "Give the Post a Lift" fund raiser on April 25, 2009. The Post members are planning to put a handicap lift in the entryway and get rid of the handicap ramp, which is in major disrepair. In order to do this they must have a fund raiser to help off set the cost. Please be generous in your donations of baked goods. We will get more information out as the time draws nearer.

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## Greetings to all from the American Legion Riders.

It's that time of year again. The riders are busy getting their bikes ready for the coming season. Our ride committee is working hard on this year's rides. They welcome suggestions from everyone in our group. With the establishment of the 10th District riders we will be participating in some rides as the members of the 10th district. We are still experiencing growing pains as a group and need the input of all members so we can make this year as welcoming as possible to all members. Nothing would be appreciated more, than to have as many riders attend those functions that we have. We had 49 official functions last year and for those functions we had 640 members in attendance during those functions. Do the math and you will see that average attendance for our functions for the year was 13 members per event. This is a very good number but with 70 plus official members I would like to see that average increase this year.



We have many people past and present that have served this country proudly to insure we have the rights that we all too often take for granted. Some of those never returned home to their loved ones. Some came home with varying degrees of disabilities. I cannot stress enough what our veterans and soldiers have sacrificed to insure that this great country of ours will remain a free and democratic society.

With that being said, our nominations for officers for the 2009-2010 year will be held at the March 10th meeting. All eligible Legion Riders can run for the different officer positions. Let yourself be heard. I encourage all Riders to attend this meeting.

We have a collection barrel placed at the Legion to collect food for the Cross food shelf. This is an annual event for the riders and all food collected goes to those in need in our local communities. All Legion Riders have been asked to donate 20 lbs. of food each. Of course any and all contributions will be greatly appreciated.

10 March is our monthly rider meeting 7:00 P.M. Nomination of officers for the 2009 - 2010 term will take place at that meeting.

15 March is our famous Omelet breakfast 8 A.M. till noon.

14 April is our monthly Rider meeting 7:00 P.M. Additional nominations for officers.

19 April will be the last Legion Riders Omelet breakfast for the season. 8 A.M. till noon.

All Legions Riders are current dues paying members of the Legion, Auxiliary or Sons of the American Legion. Honor those, past and present, which served honorably in the military by renewing your membership if you have not done so already. Encourage those who are eligible to join our Legion family. I won't hold it against them if they don't have a motorcycle.

The Legion families can only function effectively if we get involved in the respective groups we belong to. Please attend your respective meetings whenever possible. It is the strength and participation by all members of the Legion families that will insure we remain a strong organization.

Respectfully,

Dan Jayson

Osseo/ Maple Grove Post 172 American Legion Riders Director  
10th District American Legion Riders Treasurer

### OSSEO AMERICAN LEGION POST 172 PAID FROM LAWFUL GAMBLING FUNDS Monthly Donations and State / Federal Taxes

#### JANUARY 2009:

State Taxes(not including payroll) . . . . . \$ 15,089.48

No Donations

Dick Kolb – Gambling Manager

### Bean Bag / Horseshoe Tournament

Sunday Mar 29, 2008 • Starts at 1PM

First prize is \$100 to the winner.

Entry Fee is \$10 Per person

#### 2008-2009 POST OFFICERS

Commander . . . . . Earl Buchan  
1st Vice Cmdr. . . . . Bill Johnson  
2nd Vice Cmdr. . . . . Harlan Anderson  
Adjutant . . . . . Richard L. Kolb  
Finance Officer . . . . . Marland A. Ronning  
Chaplain . . . . . Dennis C. Collins  
Historian . . . . . Bruce Harms  
Service Officer . . . . . Tom Scanlon  
Sgt.-at-Arms . . . . . Elmer H. Modrow  
Judge Advocate . . . . . Bob Redden  
Executive Committee Members . . . . .  
John Torma, Del Lanz, & Warren Wilken  
Jr. Past Commander . . . . . Bill Johnson

#### 2008-2009 AUX. OFFICERS

President . . . . . Erma Redden  
1st Vice Pres. . . . . Connie Ellingsworth  
2nd Vice Pres. . . . . Betty Lucht  
Treasurer . . . . . Ruth Modrow  
Secretary . . . . . Judi Kieper  
Chaplain . . . . . Marlys Aeshliman  
Historian . . . . . Gayle Buchan  
Sgt.-at-Arms . . . . . Pat Dissmeyer  
Parliamentarian . . . . . Cathy Goth  
Executive Committee Members . . . . .  
Vonnie Harms, Sharon Wilken & Elanor Bullivant

#### 2008-2009 S.A.L. OFFICERS

Commander . . . . . Terry Hieserich  
1st Vice Commander . . . . . Roger Lee  
2nd Vice Commander . . . . . Brian Regan  
Adjutant . . . . . Jason Voss  
Chaplain . . . . . Jeff Strand  
Sgt.-at-Arms . . . . . Tim Lehner  
Historian . . . . . Mike Kangas  
Finance . . . . . Jason Voss

#### 2008-2009 A.L.R. OFFICERS

Director . . . . . Dan Jayson  
Assistant Director . . . . . Dean Miller  
Run Coordinator . . . . . Barb Jayson  
Finance Director . . . . . Barb Jayson  
Chaplain . . . . . Roger Lee  
Treasurer/Secretary . . . . . Karen Rohde  
Sgt.-at-Arms . . . . . Andy Specht  
Historian . . . . . Dawn Vass  
Membership Director . . . . . Mark Esch  
Website Administrator . . . . . Mark Esch

#### CLUB ROOM HOURS

Mon. - Fri. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.  
Sundays 11:00 a.m. - to 12:00 a.m.

#### KITCHEN HOURS

Monday thru Thursday  
11:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday 11:30 am - 9:00 pm  
Saturday 8:00 am - 9:00 pm  
Sunday 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

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**Commander** continued from front page

“Give The Legion A Lift Fundraiser” will be held on Saturday April 25th. Our handicap ramp is starting to fall apart and the cost for the new lift is about \$25,000. See the list of activities regarding the fundraiser elsewhere in this newsletter.

Please don't forget our Veterans both past and present.

I invite all Legion members to attend our General Meetings. They are held the second Thursday of the month at 8:00 PM.....in our Hall.

For God and Country

Earl Buchan, Commander

**President** continued from front page

Another big project that we are engaged in is the publication of an Auxiliary Cookbook. Lola Gunderson is the Chairman and she has put a lot of research and preliminary work into this project. We hope every one of our members will submit at least one good recipe for this cause. You can read more about this in Lola's article.

Keep your eyes open for the first robin or the first tulip bud, because that means that spring is just around the corner. I have had enough of winter as I am sure all of you have.

To all our friends and members who are ill or who have had surgery, we wish you a speedy recovery. To those who have lost a loved one, please accept our deepest sympathy.

From our family to yours, have a very happy and blessed Easter. Hope to see you at our next meeting on March 12, 2009 at 7:30pm in the Club rooms.

Until next time.

Erma Redden  
President

## Give our Legion a Lift

A fundraiser to help pay for a new handicapped lift

April 24-25 2009

### Scheduled Events

Friday – April 24

*Auxiliary Bake Sale* 5:30 – 8 PM

Saturday – April 25

*Silent Auction* 11AM – 4PM

*Summer Joy Buffet* Noon - 4PM

featuring:

Polish Sausage • Hamburgers

Sauerkraut • Tuna Salad

Potato Salad • Baked Beans

( All for \$10)

*Bingo* 5 – 7 PM

*Live Entertainment* to follow Bingo



## Greetings SAL Members

Once again we are coming to the final stretch of my term as Commander for the Squadron. In April we'll be accepting nominations for new officers. We need to have more people active in the squadron and we need new people on the board. We are limited as to the types of functions and the frequency of these functions due to member participation. Please give some thought to becoming an active member in your SAL organization and bring your ideas for events you would like to see happen. We can make them happen if we have enough people to operate them. Our March meeting will be held in the downstairs meeting room on the 2nd Sunday of March at 7:00pm. The April meeting will be held on the 3rd Sunday due to holiday conflicts.

Thanks to everyone who helped with and attended the Valentine's Day Rib dinner the SAL cooked and served on Saturday Feb. 14th. We had a great turnout for this event once again. We are planning another "Herring" run bus trip on Saturday April 18th. The bus will leave around 10am – watch in the post for more information as we are still working on the details. The cost will be \$20.00 – and we will ask that you sign up and pay in advance so that we can plan more effectively. We will be looking to take 30-35 people once again this year.

At our April meeting we will be accepting nominations for new officers and we'll be electing those officers in May with new officers taking over July 1st. If you wish to run for any office, please come to the next meeting and we will get you started. If you wish, you can contact me and I'll meet with you to tell you about the available board positions.

Lastly, I regret to say that we will not be doing the All-U-Can eat fish buffet in the coming months as the banquet hall is rented and not available for our use. I'll miss not doing the fish fry, but it is a great thing that the post is busy. Fred is doing a great job booking the hall and keeping business coming in.

Remember – our meetings are held on the 2nd Sunday at 7:00pm, except for the April meeting which is on the 3rd Sunday due to holiday conflicts.

For God and Country

Terry J. Hieserich  
Commander Squadron #172



## Legion Birthday Party

Sunday, March 15, 2009

Social 5PM • Dinner 6PM

RSVP by Wednesday March 11, 2009

by signing up at the bar or  
calling 763-425-4858



## Auxiliary Cookbooks

The American Legion Auxiliary is going to publish a cookbook of recipes submitted by its members. The deadline for recipe submissions is May 31.

Submit each recipe on a separate piece of paper (Note – Print or Type).

Include the following information:

1. Name and phone number
2. Directions
3. Temperature/heat setting
4. Pan or container size
5. How much the recipe makes (dozens/servings)

Recipes can be dropped at the post or mailed to:

Rudolph Priebe Post 172

RE: Cookbook

260 4th Ave SE

Osseo, MN 55369

or

Lola Gunderson

RE: Cookbook

8447 Rice Lake Road

Maple Grove, MN 55369-8654

They can also be e-mailed to [ALA172@live.com](mailto:ALA172@live.com)



## “A Country Night Under the Stars”

**Benefit for the  
Children’s Crisis Center**

Friday April 17, 2009

*Social 6PM*

*Dinner and Entertainment 7PM*

**Featuring**

Live Music and Cloggers

Silent Auction and Door Prizes

**Tickets \$10**

For tickets please call Patricia Dissmeyer  
at 763-566-6655 or see any  
Auxiliary member.

## Club Manager

Many of you have noticed that we have made a couple of changes lately. The first being that we are now having steak fry’s on Friday’s and Sunday’s, when the hall is not rented. If you would like to know if we are having a steak fry on a particular Friday or Sunday just give me a call. Another change is our menu. No we haven’t raised the prices or changes the menu items. Rather we had new ones printed. We did this to show we are a professional organization and want everyone to see us as such. The cover on the menu displays the logos all of our organizations in our Post with the lettering stating we are a Legion family. Speaking of the Legion family I would like to thank all of the volunteers from the different organizations here, that give us their time and help us out. We are very lucky to have such great volunteers! Many other Legion Posts are not as lucky as we are!!!

Remember to tell a friend about our Post and let them know we have a hall for rent and do catering too.

I’ve got to run for now. Stop in and say “Hi”.

Loyally,

Fred Crimmins,  
Your Club Manager

## AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

If you have not paid your 2009 dues, please do so as soon as possible. You no longer are a member in good standing. Your newsletter and benefits have been discontinued. As soon as we receive your membership you will be reinstated.

Whether or not you have taken part in the activities of our Unit, your enrollment and payment of dues contributed to the achievements of the Auxiliary this past year. Renew NOW that together we may build a stronger America and give aid and comfort to those in need who served, and are serving that we might continue to enjoy the blessing of Freedom, and the Auxiliary will be there to provide them with aid and comfort.

If any questions feel free to call Ruth 763-533-9063.

## Membership

As of the date of this newsletter, our membership is at 618 members, just 10 short of our goal of 628. For all of you who have renewed and for our new members, thank you for your support. Our year is not over yet though, and we need to sign up new members whenever we can. This is so that our Legion can have a strong voice when lobbying our state and federal governments, in support of veterans.

## Attention all members

There will be a free training course on March 22nd, 2009 at 9:30 AM, on how to use our new AED heart defibrillator machine. Also included in this class will be CPR training. The training will take approximately three hours to complete and will be conducted at Legion Post 172. If you are interested please call Fred at 763-425-4858 option #1.