

# Rosetown Memorial American Legion Post 542



**The American Legion Family**

**January 2023 Newsletter**

## Commander's Corner

On December 3rd, we had a big problem at the Post. A hot water pipe burst in the kitchen, which sprayed hot water on the fire sprinkler system, which flooded us out even more. The kitchen and half the club had about a half-inch of standing water that poured into it. The fire department helped clean up most of the water. We had Service Master come in and do some cleanup. We may have to replace most of the kitchen equipment. The carpet and some of the walls were soaked with water. We have a contractor working with our insurance company; so, we should know by December 27th what the insurance will cover. Right now, the kitchen is down until we can get everything cleaned and repaired.

The Bar is still open, and we do have great Pizzas. If anyone has any extra Christmas money left over and wants to make a donation to the Post, it would be a saving grace and greatly appreciated!!

Membership has been coming in very good, we got a little behind for a time; our membership guy had some health issues. The clothing drive for Veterans has been doing great. The last two times Tom came by to make a pickup, we filled his car up to the brim, even including the front seat. So, if you have clothing to donate bring it down. Men's and women's clothes are needed, and winter clothing is needed now. The Color Guard is still looking for some new members, but we have not been very busy. As of late, it's been getting cold at the graves for funerals. Remember; if a Vet is being buried at a local cemetery...call us, if you would like Post Color Guard there, no charge. I prefer you wait till summer, its cold out there, but we will still show up. SO, come on down and enjoy your club room. The kitchen will, hopefully, be open in a few weeks and we can get back to normal.

**Pat Van Reese – Commander, Post 542**

## Post Manager's Report

Hello!

First and foremost, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Karla Joyce (Past Rosetown Auxiliary President) and I took over the General Manager position this past August. Together with Lindsay Hentges, I am working hard to make Rosetown as successful as possible.

Unfortunately, we were dealt a bit of snag in our plans when, on December 3, we had a pipe break and flood our club. Thanks to the fast-acting Roseville Firemen, our Legion friends and Dan from ServiceMaster, we were able to mitigate some of the damage! But many of you may have noticed that our kitchen has been closed since that day. Unfortunately, the pipe was in our kitchen right over our appliances and our kitchen was closed by the MN Department of Health until all the repairs and replacements are completed. We are working as fast as possible to get everything done so that our kitchen can open as soon as possible! (I know everyone is missing our Broaster Chicken!) Until then, we have Pizzas at the bar.

Thank you, again, to all our Legion friends and family who have helped me jump feet first into this role and educate me on the running of a bar/restaurant! (Truthfully, Lindsay has been doing much more of the "heavy lifting" on both the flood situation and overall operations! I am just in charge of the money side and organizing our finances.)

I hope you will stop in to see our club after the unexpected "facelift" is completed! Especially if it has been a while since you came in. I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised at some of the changes! If we haven't met, please introduce yourself. I have met many new friends since August, and I hope to meet many more! I appreciate every one of you and the support you have given Rosetown over the years! We could not have the club we have without all our faithful Rosetown Family members!

Sincerely,

**Karla Joyce**

**General/Financial Manager**

**Rosetown American Legion Social Club**

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***Taps: Robert Kane; Howard Schilling; Edward Fenton; and Betty Davison***

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmd'r - Membership & Finance

I fell somewhat behind in getting membership cards out this year because of some health issues. But now, all the memberships are caught up. There will be additional membership renewals coming in through June 30, 2023. This is due to the American Legion's fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

The Post's finances are doing well. There were some financial difficulties in the past that Karla has organized and brought up to date. We were profitable, showing monthly profits from August, until the flooding crisis on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll know more about the resolution of this problem around the end of December 2022.

Financial report as of 12/13/22 –  
General fund                 \$3,254  
Post Loan                     \$110,384  
Savings Bonds               \$20,000

Membership report as of 12/13/22 –  
Goal = 439, Members to-date = 329 (75% of Goal)

### Jeffrey Proud – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Cmd'r, Finance, & Membership

#### Auxiliary

"The Auxiliary enjoyed the holidays by helping veterans at the VA Home with a gift shop on December 7 & 8. We also delivered poinsettias to some of our home bound members to let them know we are thinking of them and accepted donations of hats and mittens which were given to the YMCA for needy young people. We continue with monthly volunteer opportunities like our Lake Owasso Bingo for the residents at the North Owasso home, collecting clothing for veterans and food for the Keystone Food Pantry. We are still receiving membership dues and hope to collect from all our current members. Thanks to all who help throughout the year."

**Happy New Year,  
Sue Sinsioco, President (rotating)**

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, 2/20/23 – Presidents Day 11am-5pm  
Roseville VFW Post 7555  
1145 Woodhill Dr (across from the Fire Station)  
Roseville MN 55113  
651-483-5313

**Give Blood, Give Life!**

### Post & Unit 542 Membership

## Membership Renewal

We hope you will re-up with us! Please pay online - saving you and the American Legion mailing and postage. You can update your American Legion DD214 at the same time.

Legion members: [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)

Auxiliary members: [www.legion-aux.org/renew](http://www.legion-aux.org/renew)

SAL members: online available soon.

Membership team:

Post: Jeffrey Proud 612-770-3019 Dues \$44

Auxiliary: Sue Sinsioco 630-229-9883 Dues \$30

SAL: Steve Pennig 612-308-5887 Dues \$25

**\*\* Use [RosetownLegion@gmail.com](mailto:RosetownLegion@gmail.com) to get to anyone at the Post. We'll forward it! \*\***

### *The Fabulous 4th and the Fighting 5th Districts*

are gathering for the 2023 Joint Family Midwinter Conference. Pass the word to your Legion Post, Unit, Squadron, Riders, and Auxiliary Family Members, and make it a great day!!

We are halfway through the Legion year since our District Conventions, and it's time to gather and catch up!

An opportunity to connect, learn, and socialize!

Highlights:

- County Veteran Service Officer – onsite
- Brain Science Foundation presentation
- Don Patton, Col USA Retired – 27 Years Managing War II Museum
- And more ...

When: Saturday, January 7, 2023, 9am (doors open at 8, Coffee & Doughnuts – 8:30)

Where: North St. Paul Post 39

2678 7th Ave E

North St. Paul

Registration deadline (12/31/22) has passed BUT please stop by to hear the speakers. Questions?

[legion39news@gmail.com](mailto:legion39news@gmail.com) or call 651-647-1834

Registration is \$15 and includes the world-chef inspired lunch menu!

- Post -				- Auxiliary -			
Commander	Pat	Van Reese	651-239-7978	President			
1st Vice Cdr & Mem. \$44	Jeffrey	Proud	612-770-3019	1st VP & Membership \$30	Gwen	Holets	651-470-0818
2nd Vice Commander				2nd Vice President			
Finance Officer	Jeffrey	Proud	612-770-3019	Secretary	Gwen	Holets	651-470-0818
Adjutant	Ken	Semling	651-766-0446	Treasurer	Sue	Sinsioco	630-229-9883
Chaplain	Mike	Byrne	651-247-0622	Chaplain	Lucy	Calguire	651-415-1240
Sgt At Arms				Parliamentarian	Donna	Miller	651-771-0445
Service Officer				Historian			
Color Guard Cdr	Ken	Gibson Jr	651-636-3899	Sgt At Arms	Meri		
- Club -				Past President	Gwen	Holets	651-470-0818
General/Financial Manager	Karla	Joyce	651-295-5095	- SAL -			
Bar Manager	Lindsay	Hentges	651-483-3535	Cdr & Finance Officer	Al	Hernandez	612-366-0270
Gambling Manager	Mike	Byrne	651-247-0622	1st Vice Cdr & Mem \$25	Steven	Pennig	612-308-5887
Digital Media	Tom	Teresi	612-275-1330	2nd Vice Commander	Jack	Hansen	651-481-7291
Social Media	Sue	Gabrielson	651-484-9242	Adjutant	Steven	Pennig	612-308-5887
Calendar	Pat	Janey	651-636-5419	Sgt At Arms	Butch	Caswell	651-631-2772
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