

SILVER STAR JOURNAL

Silver Star American Legion Post 428
Waite Park, Minnesota

August 2024 - September 2024

2024 – 2025 OFFICERS

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Commander's Corner

Greetings,

June 13th, 2024 marked the dedication and the opening of the Vet Center in St. Cloud at 330 Hwy. 10 South in St. Cloud. The Center will serve veterans and families throughout central Minnesota.

I went to visit the Vet Center (was a little difficult to find with all the construction) although they are new to the community and just getting set up. They are a branch of the Anoka Vet Center. I was able to pick up some information that will help answer some of the questions I receive on the Legion phone.

What Are Vet Centers?

Vet Centers are located in the community. Vet Centers help vets and their families to build meaningful connections and develop tools for achieving success in both your military and civilian lives.

Services They Offer

Counseling: They provide individual, group, couple and family counseling to talk through problems, brainstorm solutions, discuss what resources are available and work with you to create effective and practical plans for your personal growth.

Referrals: They provide medical, benefit, employment, and other VA community referral services to help you and your family navigate time consuming tasks, like applying for VA benefits or finding a job.

Community Engagement: Vet Centers help connect with your community by working with local partners and using their resources to advocate for your needs. Ultimately, this allows them to create a greater support system for veterans and their families.

After visiting the Vet Center and the Veteran's Resource & Enrichment Center (501 17th Ave. N. – St. Cloud), they both meet the needs of Veterans and serve their part in continued support for veterans.

I still believe that the Veteran Service Officer (VSO) is the best place to start. I have been working with the local Stearns County VSO office and I will give them high marks in support and follow up.

As always, if you have a question or need some information regarding OUR Post, please reach out to me.

In closing, I would like to mention Bob Mace, who recently passed away, and recognize Bob for All the support and all the things that Bob did to support the post. Bob you will be missed and we have some big shoes to fill. THANK YOU BOB FOR ALL YOU DID FOR THE POST.

Respectfully,
Joe Cordie
Commander, Waite Park Legion Silver Star Post 428

NOTE: Legion & SAL meetings are the 1st Thursday of each Month – SAL & Legion Exec Meeting at 6:00 pm – Legion Regular Meeting 7:00 pm



Adjutant's Notes

ADJUTANTS NOTES: The 2025 Membership cards are Now available. You will be receiving notices in the mail to pay your 2025 Post – Auxiliary and SAL dues. Legion dues are \$50.00

WAYS TO RENEW – Renewal options: **Online** – mylegion.org / **Post Phone** 320-252-7880 / **Attend Post Meeting / Mail** to Waite Park Post 428, PO Box 421, Waite Park, MN 56387.

- If you renew online there is an option to renew for (3) years.
- PUFL (Paid Up For Life) option has to be done online – Contact Adjutant Tom with questions

We have some members who have been elected to Department (State) officer positions. Veronica Fernlund was elected as Dept of MN American Legion Vice Commander for 2024-2025. Steve Dircks was elected as Grand Chef de Gare for the 40 & 8 for 2024-2025. Congratulations them on their new leadership positions!

Post membership meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Moose Lodge. Attend a meeting to learn more about activities our American Legion Family support throughout the year. Our Post-Auxiliary-SAL 428 members are very active in our organization and community – Thank You for your continued membership!!

*****Important resource to learn about veteran and veteran family benefits:**
CORY VASKE-Stearns County Veterans Service Officer: (320) 656-6176 or e-mail cory.vaske@co.stearns.mn.us. ****Your 1st stop before applying to the VA!**

Tom Fernlund
Post Adjutant



Commander's Message

Greetings Fellow SAL,

SAL Membership Cards for 2025 are NOW available – TIME TO RENEW! Membership dues are \$15.00. This is the start of the New Membership Year – Keep your continuous years going. Attend SAL meeting to pay or mail to:
Douglas Bible
5602 West Oakes Drive
St. Cloud, MN 56303

Reminder of who we are: Male of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the U.S. military and were eligible for American Legion membership. The SAL has study programs recommended for younger members. One of the programs is called "The Ten Ideals". The program teaches the elements of patriotism, health, knowledge, training, honor, faith, helpfulness, courtesy, reverence and comradeship. Completion leads to another program called the "Five-Point of Service". This program covers patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership and legionism. The SAL's mission is to strengthen the four pillars of The American Legion. Get to know more about being a Sons of The American Legion member and get involved with your Waite Park Silver Star Squadron 428.

Camporee is scheduled for September 5-7, 2024 at Legionville, north of Brainerd. Attend the next meeting to find out more about this fun camp experience of the MN American Legion Family.

For God and Country
Michael Fernlund
Squadron SAL Commander

Waite Park Legion Rifle/Color Guard Squad

President's Message

Greetings,

Summer is off to a wonderful swing; I hope that everyone is able to enjoy it and are spending some time with family and friends.

Our new membership year is beginning. This past year we lost 9 members to death. I am hoping that we can maybe gain a few new members to come on board. Let's look at our own families. Who is the veteran you joined under? Are there other family members who could also join? We would love to have them join us and then we could be more productive in our programs and events. Keep your eyes open!!

If and when you are paying your dues, you do so by mailing to our American Legion Auxiliary Unit #438 - PO Box 393 - Waite Park, MN 56387. Please mark Attention: Membership so we know who should open that mail. If you choose to pay your dues in person you can do so at a meeting or at the Membership Dinner on October 5, 2004 at the Moose Lodge. Look for more information on the Membership Dinner in this bulletin.

Our fundraiser of selling the coupon books for Coborn's/Cash Wise is still going on. The coupon book costs \$20 and it has 40+ coupons for a total of over \$100 off of groceries and services. Contact me if you are interested. Karen Foss at 320-241-0682. We will also have them available at the Membership Dinner.

Legionville Camp-O-Ree will be held at the Legionville Camp on North Long Lake on September 5-8, 2024. If nothing else, come up and visit for the day on Saturday the 7th. The 6th District Fish Fry starts at 11 am. Free will offering. Meet Legion Family members from other districts and see old friends. Good times.

Our meetings will be held at the Scout Building on Third Street across the street from the Moose **on the 2nd Monday of the Month**. Executive Committee meeting at 6:00 pm and regular meeting at 7:00 pm. ***Note that the new day and times!***

Karen Foss
Unit President

NOTE: Auxiliary meeting is the 2nd Monday of each Month at the Boy Scout Building on 3rd St. - Exec Meeting at 6:00 pm - Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

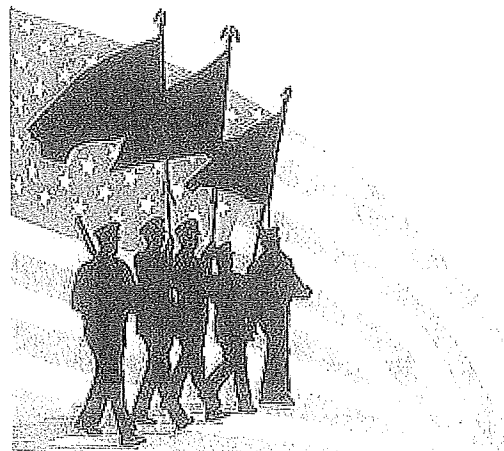
Waite Park Legion Rifle/Color Guard Squad has been active!!

Going back to Memorial Day we did five events during that weekend. As of July 1st we have been involved in nine Military funerals. We had ten people march in the fun Days parade in Waite Park. Three of our Vets marched in the St. Cloud Granite City Day parade. We were involved in the Flag Presentation at the Grand opening of the new Vets Center in east St. Cloud.

We also presented the Colors at the opening ceremony of the Blue Sox Baseball tournament at Whitney Sports Complex in St. Cloud. That tournament had sixty one teams involved from throughout the Country and Canada.

We mourn the loss of our longtime Color Guard Squad Leader Bob Mace. Bob was involved over FIFTY years and we miss him. At the recent Post meeting three people came forward to fill the shared position of Color Guard/Rifle Squad leader. They are Bill Jones, Ray Theis and Ken Bauer. Thank you gentlemen for stepping forward to do this job! We currently have twenty-six members on the squad and do our best to keep everybody involved.

Dennis Shiffler
Squad Leader



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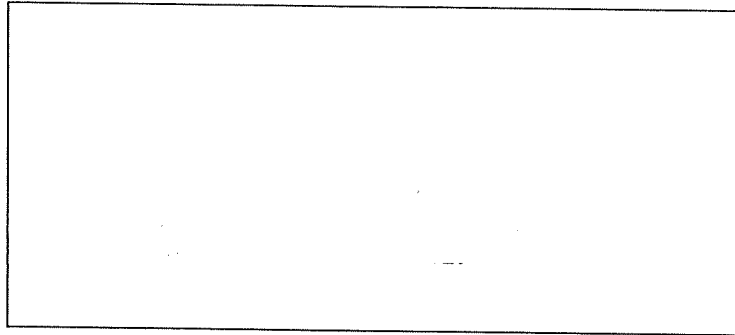
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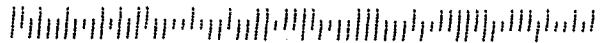
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Thank you for keeping our records up to date and letting us know your preferences in receiving this newsletter by email or by US mail. We'd appreciate if you could also know if any of the below apply to you:

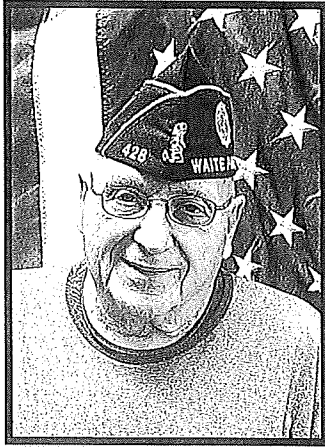
- If you are a snowbird and want to give us seasonal addresses with start & stop dates
- If you have a change of physical address or email address
- If you have dropped your landline and have a cell phone number
- If this newsletter is going to a member who is deceased

Email your info to: marsha.bible@gmail.com or tavfern@gmail.com and mark the subject as **Post 428**.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Aug 1 Legion Exec Board Meeting 6 PM
- Aug 1 SAL Squadron Meeting 6
Post Meeting 7 PM – **Moose Lodge**
- Aug 12 Auxiliary Exec Comm Meeting 6:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM – **Scout Building**
- Aug 23-29 National Convention – New Orleans, LA
- Sept 2 Labor Day
- Sept 5 Legion Exec Board Meeting 6 PM
SAL Squadron Meeting 6 PM
Post Meeting 7 PM – **Moose Lodge**
- Sept 4-8 Camporee – Legionville
- Sept 9 Auxiliary Exec Comm Meeting 6:00 PM
Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 PM – **Scout Buildi**
- Sept 11 9/11 Patriots Day
- Sept 27 **Deadline to RSVP for Membership Dinner**
- Oct 5 Post 428 Membership Dinner – **Moose Lodge**
Sign In & Pay Dues – 12:00 – 12:30 PM
Dinner – 12:30 PM with Program to Follow

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WAITE PARK AMERICAN LEGION
SILVER STAR POST 428

COMMANDER JOE CORDIE

WELCOMES OUR
AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS
POST - AUXILIARY - SAL

TO OUR ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP DINNER

Saturday Oct. 5, 2024

Sign-In & Pay Dues 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Dinner 12:30 pm

Program to Follow

LOCATION - Moose Lodge 1400
1300 Third St N, Waite Park, MN 56387

MUST RSVP BY SEPT. 27, 2024

CALL DENNIS SCHIFFLER AT 320-252-0813

DINNER IS FREE FOR 2025 PAID MEMBERS
\$15.00 FOR GUESTS

