SILVER STAR JOURNAL

Silver Star American Legion Post 428

Waite Park, Minnesota

October 2026 - November 2026

2025 – 2026 OFFICERS

AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	Joe Cordie
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	Dorothy Scherer
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SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	Michael Fernlund
1st Vice Cmdr	Tom Fernlund
2nd Vice Cmdr	Open
Adj/Finance	Doug Bible
Chaplain	Open
Historian	Open
Sgt At Arms	Open

AMERICAN LEGION

Commander's Corner

GREETINGS:

I HOPE EVERYONE IS DOING WELL!

First off, I would like to thank the many members of the Legion and the Auxiliary for their support and for stepping up and helping out with our Corn Boil in August. Because of your help from husking corn to setting up and serving, IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! The numbers were a little bit lower than what I was hoping for. We ended up serving a total of 115 which was outstanding.

We ended up going through over 50 dozen ears of corn. The morning crew husked and prepped 45 dozen ears of corn in about an hour. Mary Traut gave us an outstanding deal on the corn. She supports veterans for what they do and may have done and continues to do.

A special Thank You goes out to Bob Prom for bringing two large cooking pots that made cooking the corn a breeze.

A Thank You goes out to the Moose Lodge for helping us to host the event.

I'm looking forward to our Corn Boil in 2027 and continuing a tradition ~ may our numbers increase.

August 1st, we had a good representation for the city of St. Stephen and their Legion Post's 250th celebration where we held several demonstrations on folding the flag. Thank You to the members that attended and helped with the demonstrations of flag etiquette in folding our American flag and its meaning.

Several members of our post were at the ribbon cutting for the new 40,00 sq. foot new Minnesota Military and Veterans Museum near Camp Ripley. We were able to view the museum before the actual dedication ceremony. The museum has a lot to offer – everyone's

Take on it will be a little bit different. I encourage everyone to check it out.

OUR COLOR GUARD REMAINS VERY ACTIVE WITH FUNERALS AND REQUESTS FOR PRESENTATION OF COLORS (Please see Color Guard report in this newsletter)

UPCOMING DATE TO REMEMBER:
Membership Dinner is October 17th. We continue planning and putting together our membership dinner. Please see the Membership Dinner flyer in this newsletter.

The dinner is FREE for all members of the Post, Auxiliary and SAL with their dues paid up to date for 2027. We are keeping the cost for your guest to attend at $15. The table decorations are already being worked on for our membership dinner.

Something new this year, I'm asking any member that may have a talent/hobby of making items if they would consider donating an item for the drawing at the dinner to show off their talent. Please consider this and let me know. I will also reach out to the businesses in our community again.

PLANNING AHEAD FOR 2027
I'm thinking about a summer Legion Family Picnic in July 2027 at a park in Waite Park. If you would like to help with the planning of this event, please let me know. I'm open to suggestions on the date to hold the Legion Family Picnic so I can reserve the date for the shelter.

Respectfully,
For God and Country and our Members
Joe Cordie, Commander
Waite Park Silver Star Post 428

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

AMERICAN LEGION

Adjutant's Notes

Our new National American Legion Commander for 2027-2027 is Jay Bowen from Colorado; National American Legion Auxiliary President is Dr. Coral May Grout from Massachusetts and National SAL Commander is Thomas "Thom" Skelley from Texas. October 17, 2026, Post 428 American Legion Family Members with 2027 paid membership are invited to the annual Membership Dinner at the Moose Lodge. You can pay your 2027 dues at the door. The Department Fall Conference is October 22-24, 2026, in St. Cloud at the Kelly Inn. All American Legion Family members are welcomed to attend - $20 for early registration. Veterans Parade is scheduled for Sunday, November 8, 2026, and Veterans Day Ceremony will be Wednesday, November 11, 2026 at the St. Cloud VA building 8 starting at 1:00 p.m. RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP – we need 122 more members to make our goal for 2027 – let's make our 100% goal!!!

Tom Fernlund, Post Adjutant

Post 428 Color Guard News

Since our last newsletter, our Squad participated in seven Military funerals and five presentation of flag ceremonies. Events included: Chamber of Commerce, Moose Convention, MN Family Fest and the grand opening of the Military Museum at Little Falls. On Friday

On Friday Sept 18 we had three events on the same day. We participated in the 911 ceremony on Sept 11 at the St Cloud Police building. Thank you to Tom Mace (Bob's brother) for spending time with us to train on cleaning and maintaining our M1 rifles. We had a full house for the training lesson. Thank you to our Squad members for patriotic duty and continuing to serve our community! The door is open for you Veterans of our post to join our squad, believe me when I say it is very self rewarding to be involved. Call me or any of our squad leaders Ken Bauer, Ray Theis, or Bill Jones to get involved. We have a uniform for you!

Dennis Schiffler
Rifle Squad Chairman

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Commander's Message

Greetings Fellow SAL,

Our new SAL National Commander is Thomas "Thom" Skelley from Texas. The Department Fall Conference is October 22-24, 2026 in St. Cloud at the Kelly Inn. Make plans to attend while the conference is in St. Cloud – learn more about your SAL organization at a fun conference.

The **2027** SAL membership cards are available now – plan to renew early and sign up 1 new member. Membership dues are $15.00.

Membership Dinner is Saturday, October 17, 2026. The meal is free for **2027 paid members** – you can pay at the dinner – RSVP by October 10, 2026.

Attend the SAL meeting to pay or mail to:

Douglas Bible
5602 West Oakes Drive
St. Cloud, MN 56303

For God and Country,
Michael Fernlund, Commander
Sons of The American Legion Squadron 428

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

President's Message

Greetings to Waite Park American Legion Family

At the 2026 National Convention of the American Legion, they made changes to the Auxiliary eligibility.

1. Grandparents, parents, siblings, spouse and direct or adopted descendants within 2 degrees of members of the American Legion, and
2. Grandparents, parents, siblings, spouse and direct or adopted descendants within 2 degrees of all service members who served during April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918 and anytime after December 7, 1941 who being a citizen of the United States at the time of their entry therein served on active duty in the Armed Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during their eligibility periods or dies in the line of duty or after honorable discharge:
3. Grandparents, parents, siblings, spouse and direct or adopted descendants within 2 degrees of all service members who were in the Armed Forces of the United States during either of the following times, April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918; and any time after December 7, 1941, who served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during either eligibility period and died in the li9ne o0f duty or after honorable discharge; and
4. To those women who of their own right are eligible for membership in the American Legion.

2 degrees means if the Veteran is mother/father then it is their descendants and grandchildren. 2 generations. So great grandchildren would not be eligible under that veteran.

Membership Dinner is going to be on Saturday, October 17. Please make your reservations if you plan on attending. I am sure it will be a great time for all who attend.

At the Membership Dinner, the Auxiliary will have 2 tables to check out. We have been looking for some kind of fund-raising event and have decided to try a "No Bake, Bake Sale". Way easier way than to have to do the actual baking. When it comes to making donations on behalf of the Auxiliary for community or school things, we can not use Poppy Funds, so we need to grow our donation monies. Please consider stopping by and helping us out.

Also, we will have a table set up for attendees who would like to purchase a Veterans Wreath for the State Military Cemetery near Little Falls. We are helping "Wreaths Across America" by offering wreaths for sale. The cost will be $17.00 per wreath and you can specify if you want your wreath to go to a specific person.

Last but not least – have a safe and fun Halloween and a very blessed Thanksgiving from my home to yours.

Karen Foss
Unit President

Auxiliary meetings are the 2nd Monday of each Month at the Boy Scout Building – 307 15th Avenue North – Waite Park.

Executive Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
Regular Meeting 6:30 pm

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We Need Your Help!

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 would appreciate it 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.

2027 DUES ARE NOW DUE

American Legion

Dues - $50.00

Online – mylegion.org
Post Phone – (320) 252-7880
Attend Post Meeting/ Mail to Waite Park Post 428
PO Box 421 - Waite Park, MN 56387

Checks should be made payable to **Waite Park American Legion Post 428**

Sons of The American Legion

Dues $15.00

Attend the SAL meeting to pay/mail to
Douglas Bible -5602 West Oakes Drive - St. Cloud, MN 56303.
Checks should be made payable to **SAL Squadron #428**

American Legion Auxiliary

Dues $50.00

Pay by phone (317) 569-4570 with your membership number ready M-F 8AM – 4:30 PM EST
Online – info on renewal notice you received
By Check - ALA Unit 428- PO Box 393- Waite Park, MN 56387
Checks should be made payable to **ALA Unit #428**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct 1	Post Meeting Membership Meeting 7pm - Moose Lodge
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Oct 12	Auxiliary Exec Comm Meeting 6:00 PM Unit Meetings 6:30 PM ~ Boy Scout Bldg
Oct 15	Exec Board Meeting 6pm Post 428 Office Bldg. (414 Lincoln)
Oct 15	METROVETS Meeting – VFW Post 428, 7pm
Oct 17	**Post 428 MEMBERSHIP DINNER** - @Moose Lodge- for 2027 American Legion Family Paid Members- Social 12pm – Dinner 1pm – **RSVP by Oct 12 to: Dennis Schiffler 320-828-2392 or Post Phone 320-252-7880**
Oct 22-24	Dept Fall Conference – St Cloud MN – Kelly Inn
Nov 3	Election Day – Remember to VOTE
Nov 5	Post Meeting 7pm - Moose Lodge
Nov 5	SAL Squadron Meeting 6pm - Moose Lodge
Nov 8	Veterans Parade – St Cloud
Nov 9	Auxiliary Exec Comm Meeting 6:00 PM Unit Meetings 6:30 PM ~ Boy Scout Bldg
Nov 10	American Legion Auxiliary 107th Birthday
Nov 11	Veterans Day Ceremony - St Cloud VA Bldg 8 - Starts 1:30 pm
Nov 18	METROVETS Meeting – St Cloud Standdown Bldg., 7pm
Nov 19	Exec Board Meeting 6pm Post 428 Office Bldg. (414 Lincoln)
Nov 26	HAPPY THANKSGIVING