



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**
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January 2018

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I hope that you all had a happy and safe holiday season.

We had a decent turnout at the December meeting, which was nice to see but outside of our normal committee reports it was pretty uneventful. In all of our meetings, we start off with the Auxiliary and the SAL; it is a great way to start meetings. Come check it out January 18th at 7pm.

I wanted to touch on a couple of things as we wrap up 2017. This year we added a lot of new staff and they are doing really well. We also have added electronic pull tabs and a dart board and with it 3 dart teams that call Post 518 home. We are continuing our fundraisers on Friday nights and throughout the year and are trying to have as much entertainment as we can. As a result, 2017 has been our most successful year financially in quite some time.

It's been a hard year as well. As I write this we have lost 12 members this year, the most that we have ever lost in a single year. That is a huge for us and they will all be missed. Let's pray and hope that we don't lose any in 2018.

We have recruited a lot of new members and transfers so we continue to grow despite our losses and I hope that all of our new members feel welcome here at Post 518.

I want to thank everyone who has helped make 2017 such a great year to be a member of 518 and I look forward to all of us making 2018 an even better year.

Have you noticed we now have Marine hats in addition to the other branches? Check them all out and get one.

I am available at 507-340-0831 or jeffrye927@gmail.com

Ooh-Rah

Jeff Frye

Commander, Serving Veterans and Community

AUXILIARY

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful and safe Christmas.

January 12th the Auxiliary will be serving the Friday night meal. We will have a variety of soups, ham or turkey sandwich and of course DESSERTS. Please come and support this meal and allow the Auxiliary to continue serving our veterans.

On February 12th, the Auxiliary will be traveling to Hastings Home to visit the veterans and eat lunch with them. Also a few games of BINGO will be played. Some of these veterans of the Hasting Home for Veterans have no visitors. They always enjoy these visits. If any Legion member or Auxiliary member would like to go along or drive the Auxiliary members to Hastings, please let me know. It really is fun and rewarding!!!!

If you haven't done so already, please pay your dues now. Without your support, we would not be able to help our VETERANS. Thank you.

Happy New Year—have a fun and safe New Year.

Any questions or comments—please call or email me.

Diane Conrad, President 507-381-2771 dianeC432@gmail.com

CHANGE OF ADDRESS??? PLEASE LET US KNOW.
Or better yet, request newsletters be e-mailed to you!

SAL

Hello All,

Well another year has passed !!! Hope your holiday season was safe and joyous.

I would like to thank all the members that did so much behind the scenes for our club and veterans in the past year. If it wasn't for you, Post 518 wouldn't be as strong as it is. Our next meeting is January 18th at 7:00.

Reminder to take care of your SAL dues if you have not done so.

Stay safe in your travels and see you around "The Club"

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Bruce Defries, SAL Commander. (507) 340-7265

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday December 2nd VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of Marine Pvt 1st Class James Dennis Labelle. We honored All Veterans on Oahu during the attack on Pearl Harbor Labelle by raising colors in their honor for the month of December. We had the honor of having Pearl Harbor Survivors Charles Sehe & Vic Paradis attending. It was great having them here. We will honor POW/MIA's on Saturday January 6th @ 10am Indoors at Post 518 (corner of Range and Belgrade in North Mankato).

---Come & help us honor their memory on Saturday January 6th-----

Charles Sehe & Vic Paradis (Pearl Harbor Survivors) have indicated that they will attend our January 6th ceremony so we're looking forward to having them here with us again.

****We have 6 openings for our 2018 outdoor season ceremonies –**

Please contact me at 380-8405 or email at lefty48597@gmail.com if you have someone to honor.

COLOR GUARD

Since our last meeting our Color Guard participated in Military Honors for 2 area veterans with the Memorial Squad & performed Military Honors for Post Members Dagnie Schulz and Delmont Syverson. These honors are very important for these veterans and their families – Thanks to all that give their time to make this possible.

We continue to present Colors at MSU sports events & marched in the Bells on Belgrade parade Can You Help??? We continue looking for help from our Auxiliary, SAL & Legion for our Color Guard. We are also reaching out to the retired folks to help us provide Military Honors, (No Marching Involved) especially during the week when our younger members are unable. Those that are still employed can help us with parades, Colors presentations, Special ceremonies and Funeral Honors when they can. Please don't be concerned that you don't know how – We will show you!

Hope you had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year,

Mark Conrad Color Guard/VOM Coordinator **507-380-8405** or email at lefty48597@gmail.com

**FRANSEN BANK REMINDS YOU..... PLEASE
NO PARKING IN ATM LANE OR IN FRONT OF DROP BOX**

USE OTHER LANES ONLY AFTER HOURS

ADJUTANT

Happy New Year to you and your family, we hope everyone had a good year. It is hard to believe how fast this year has flown by. We will continue to need your help around the Post to make our events successful throughout the New Year. Volunteers are needed to help out with our Promotions Committee. Please step up and help out our Legion Family events, we need you to make our Post successful.

New Years Eve Party December 31. Come join the Legion Family and ring in the New Year. There will be plenty of snacks and munchies, party favors, door prizes and champagne at midnight. Sign up by pop corn machine if you need a ride to the club.

January 27th 4th Annual Soups for Troops Soup Cook Off, sponsored by the Mankato Elks Lodge at the Loose Moose Saloon. Come on down and enjoy dozens of delicious soups and Silent Auction. All proceeds to the Mankato Elks Veterans Projects. Our Post 518 membership and DAV will have entries. Come on down a support our Legion Post.

February 9th Friday evening meal, fundraiser for the Disabled Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake. Meal to be determined.

Blue Earth/Nicollet County Van VA Hospital – If you need a ride to the Minneapolis VA Hospital, call to make a reservation for a ride. Through collaboration between Nicollet and Blue Earth County, this program serves Blue Earth County and Nicollet County Veterans. Blue Earth County operates on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc), Nicollet County operates on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, 6th, etc) please call 507-304-4246 (odd days) or 507-934-7871 (even days). When scheduling transportation, please contact either office no later than 2 pm the day prior to your appointment.

If you need Veteran Affairs Burial Information call 1-800-827-1000 for assistance.

Paddle Wheel: We are looking for people to run the Saturday Paddle Wheel/Meat Raffles. The sign-up sheet is on board next to the popcorn machine.

3rd District Upcoming Events

Jan 3, 2018 Family Gathering Winsted Post 407

Jan 20, 2018 1st & 3rd Fishing Contest Montgomery Post 179

Jan 27, 2018 3rd Dist Mid-Winter LeCenter Post 108

February National Commanders Tour

Clothing Drive: Contact Mike Forliti if you can help volunteer to pick up clothes a couple times a month from area thrift shops and other locations. It takes less than a couple of hours a month. Volunteers are also needed to deliver clothes to the warehouse. If you have a 3/4 ton pickup and are interested in driving loads or to help deliver the clothes to Rochester or the Twin Cities please let him know. We are always in need of clean, used clothes. Drop off at the Legion if you have any to donate. We would like to thank our volunteers for their hard work and help.

News letters Deadline: The Sunday, after the Monthly Legion meeting.

Check the calendar for upcoming events and meals

Paula Anzures, Adjutant

MORE GOOD STUFF

BAR AND ENTERTAINMENT

BINGO: Tuesdays and Saturdays @ 6pm,

MUSIC With MICHELLE: Thursdays @ 7pm (except meeting nights - then we start at 9 pm).

BUCKARAOKE: (Sing Along with Buck) January 11th 7 – 10 pm

BANDS: Billy & The Bangers Jan 12th. Edge to Edge Jan 26th

DARTS LEAUGES: Here or away Sunday afternoon & evening and Monday evenings.

The Bartenders

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
NORTH MANKATO, MN
JANUARY 2018

BIRTHDAYS:
Please be sure to stop in for a free drink during your Birthday Week!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY OPEN AT 11:00	2	3	4 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	5 Meal To be determined	6 VOM 10 AM POW/MIA MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
7	8	9 BINGO 6 PM	10	11 BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM	12 SOUPS, Sandwiches & Desserts Auxiliary BILLY & The BANGERS 8pm	13 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
14	15 MLK Day	16 BINGO 6 PM	17	18 5:30 Board Meet 7:00 Leg, Aux, SAL BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX 9PM	19 DARTS FUNDRAISER PORK DINNER	20 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
21	22	23 BINGO 6 PM	24	25 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	26 HOTDISHES, DESSERTS COLOR GUARD EDGE TO EDGE 8 pm	27 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
28 ----- Feb 4: Super Bowl 5:15 kickoff	29	30 BINGO 6 PM	31	FEB 1 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	2 Meal to be determined	3 VOM 10 AM The 4 Chaplains MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM