



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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JANUARY 2019

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I hope that you all had a Merry Christmas and for that matter a good 2018. It is hard to believe another year has gone by already.

I am looking forward to another great year here at Post 518 and it's because of you, our dedicated family members, who continue to give your time and talents to make sure that we succeed. I really am proud to tell people that I belong to the North Mankato American Legion.

I hope to you all have a wonderful New Year and I will hopefully get to see you all; we could start on January 17th at 7pm as that's our next meeting.

Take Care and God Bless

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

Jeff Frye, Commander

AUXILIARY

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a Blessed Christmas!

Bells on Belgrade was a little snowy, but I think it was a good turnout despite the weather. Thank you very much to all the volunteers that could make it!

Since there was no meeting in December, I will recap what we have coming up.

Keep the postcards for the Auxiliary volunteering coming in. Lynn Rohlfing and myself hope to have a list compiled soon after the new year.

Thursday, January 17th is the next meeting night, please join us if you can! I'm looking forward to 2019 to see what we can do as a group to help our Veterans and our Post 518 Family.

Friday, January 18th the Auxiliary will be hosting a chili meal. The proceeds will go towards the anniversary celebration in the fall. Please let me know if you can donate items for this meal night.

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2019, please do so soon. If need be, ask Deb J if you paid or not. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

See you soon around The Post!

Sonja Frye sonerann71@gmail.com 507-382-8906

SAL

Hello All,

There isn't a lot of new S.A.L news this month as we did not have a meeting in December. I would like to remind everyone that we will begin meetings again on January 17th. We will also have our next anniversary meeting January 9th at 6:30 if anyone is interested in attending and joining the anniversary committee.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year with family and friends.

Be sure to keep your eye on the calendar for other happenings and events coming up around the post.

I hope to see you all around the club soon and as always feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

S.A.L. Commander, Darin Hendley (507) 317-7070 darin.hendley@yahoo.com

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

Veteran of the Month

At our **January 5th** Veteran of the Month Ceremony, North Mankato American Legion Post 518 will retire the colors for **all Veterans of Pearl Harbor**. We will honor our **Native American Code Talkers** by raising colors in their honor for the month of January as our new Veteran of the Month honorees.

This will take place INSIDE THE CLUB on Saturday, January 5th at 10 am.

We are now taking honorees for the rest of 2019 .

Thanks to ALL who help make this possible.

Color Guard

We are continuing sporting events at MSU and other events as they come up. We also have the honor of giving "the final salute" at Veterans funerals when requested, regretfully too often! Thanks to those who have been helping out when I am unavailable and all who participate in Color Guard.

Mark Conrad - Color Guard/VOM coordinator 507-380-8405 / lefty48597@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

We kicked off our 2019 membership campaign back in July. We currently have 190 members paid up for the 2019 membership year. The Legion Department of Minnesota would like us to reach our goal of 213 paid up members by May 8th, however I'm hoping we can meet or exceed that goal by mid-winter or early spring. As you think about New Year's resolutions, why not consider signing up at least one new member for the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL?! I'm proud to be a member of such an active and growing post. I'm confident we can make our local Legion family stronger, larger and more prosperous in 2019. If you have any questions on Legion membership, feel free to call me at 507-479-0389. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

James Peters, Post 518 Membership Chair

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS IF IT HAS CHANGED

IF YOU WOULD LIKE NEWSLETTERS E MAILED, LET US KNOW THAT ADDRESS

ADJUTANT

Happy New Year!! It is hard to believe how fast this year has gone by. We hope everyone had a good year and a wonderful Christmas Holiday Season. We wish to take a moment to remember those we lost this year; it has been a hard couple of years for our Legion family.

Throughout the year we have many events we need volunteers. Each year it seems we have less volunteers and the same people are always stepping up to help. Without your help we cannot continue to put on as many events and some may go away?

3rd District Upcoming Event

Jan (TBD)	District Rally	TBD	
Jan 26	Mid Winter	Pine Island Post 184	
May 17-19	District Convention	Forest Lake Post 225	
Feb 9	Sweetheart Rally	Royalton Post 137	1:00 pm

Anthony Pond Hockey Tournament is January 26 & 27. We will need several people to help with the Business on Belgrade food stand in the warming house.

We got snowed out for our Bells on Belgrade, but we had a nice turn out. It was not as big as expected though. Everyone that came down seemed to have had a wonderful time and the parade was awesome. A big Thank You to Deb Paulson for making the Christmas Cookies for our Bells on Belgrade and everyone else that helped set up and then move us inside.

North Mankato Post 518 40th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for the weekend of **September 13 - 15, 2019**. We can still use a few more volunteers to help plan and organize the event to celebrate our Post's 40th Anniversary. Ideas and suggestions are welcomed for the 2019 Celebration. Anyone interested in helping contact our Promotions committee. Our next Post 518 40th Anniversary meeting is scheduled for January 9th at 6:30.

Blue Earth/Nicollet County Van VA Hospital –Rides 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 call 507-304-4246, operates on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc). **Nicollet County** call 507-934-7871, operates on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, 6th, etc). 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.

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

DARTS: Monday and Sunday Nights

BINGO: Tuesdays AND Saturdays @ 6pm,

BUCKAROAKE: 2nd Wednesdays: Jan 9th from 6 to 9 PM

TRIVIA: Thursdays at 7 pm, followed by Music With Michelle -except meeting nights

BANDS: Select Fridays Jan 11th, JamBoyz, Jan 25th Rainkings

MEAT RAFFLES: Saturdays @ 4pm

The Bartenders

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
JANUARY 2019		1 NO BINGO New Year's Day	2	3 TRIVIA 7 pm Music with Michelle	4 Meal TBD	5 VOM 10 AM CODE TALKERS CLUB ROOM MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM	
	6	7	8 BINGO 6 PM	9 BUCKARAOKE 6 – 9 pm Anniversary meeting 6:30	10 TRIVIA 7 pm Music with Michelle	11 Spaghetti Garlic Toast SAL JAMBOYZ 8	12 MEAT RAFFLE 4pm NO BINGO Karaoke 7pm
	13	14	15 BINGO 6 PM	16	17 MEETINGS 5:30 Boards 7:00 All Family BAR CLOSED 6:30 – 8:30 PM	18 CHILI Auxiliary For Vet's Court	19 MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
	20	21	22 BINGO 6 PM	23	24 TRIVIA 7 pm Music with Michelle	25 MEAL TBD RAINKINGS 8	26 MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
	27 _____ _____ _____ _____	28	29 BINGO 6 PM	30	31 TRIVIA 7 pm Music with Michelle	FEB 1 Swedish Meatballs	2 VOM 10 AM Club Room MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM