



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
 COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**
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 North Mankato American Legion Post 518



February 2018

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Just sitting here during the great blizzard of 2018 trying to put some thoughts to paper.

I want to thank everyone who supported this year's Toys for Tots campaign by bringing in a toy, supporting the meal we served in December or were kind enough to make a cash donation. This year Toys for Tots served 3,468 children in the Mankato/North Mankato/Waseca area.

We will be closed Mon. & Tues. February 19th and 20th to do some much needed work to our back room. We will be putting in a new floor and wall coverings and are also getting some quotes to refinish the bar.

The Vikings season is done and it was a fun year. I want to thank all of those who came down and enjoyed the camaraderie and of course all of the great football food. We will be having food, prizes and specials for the Super Bowl even though our home team isn't there. It's still a MINNESOTA event!

We had some new faces and new input at our January meeting; it is always refreshing to get a new point of view or opinion. This is your post home and your thoughts and concerns are very important to make sure that you continue to enjoy and support Post 518. Our February meeting will be on the 15th at 7pm. I hope to see you there.

I am available at 507-340-0831 or jefffrye927@gmail.com

Ooh-Rah
 Jeff Frye
 Commander, Serving Veterans and Community

AUXILIARY

This has been a crazy winter—very cold, mild, very cold, mild.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Auxiliary's meal on January 12th.

The fruit sale has started—don't forget to pick up your sheet at the bar. If you don't want to sell, please consider buying fruit.

The Auxiliary is going to Hastings Veterans Home February 12th. If you want to go along or if you can drive, call Donna Beck. The veterans, there, love the company.

Again, we are asking you to PLEASE pay your 2018 dues. We want to continue doing things for our veterans—we NEED you!! FYI: Dues will be going up to \$25 NEXT YEAR (2019) Currently at \$20.

Consider coming to our next meeting February 15th at 7 p.m.

Any questions or comments, give me a call.

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!**

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

USE OTHER LANES ONLY AFTER HOURS

SAL

Hello All,

Reminder that our SAL meetings are the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM with the opening ceremony in conjunction with all the Legion families.

We are going to be a little busy around here this month with our backroom remodel and volunteers are needed. We will be emptying out the back room Sun night Feb 18th and then moving back in the morning of Wednesday the 21st. Help will be greatly appreciated. The club will be closed Monday and Tuesday the 19th & 20th.

The Fruit sale has started and sales sheets are available at the bar.

Post 518 will be hosting a children's Easter egg hunt with a visit from the Easter Bunny March 24th at 11:00. Location to be determined and there is a sign-up sheet posted next to the popcorn machine.

Please keep our active service members in your prayers for a safe return to their family's and loved ones.

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 January 6th VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of **All Veterans on Oahu during the attack on Pearl Harbor**. We honored **All POW?/MIA's** by raising colors in their honor for the month of January. We again had the honor of having Pearl Harbor Survivors Charles Sehe & Vic Paradis attending. It was great having them here. We will honor **The Four Chaplains** on Saturday February 3rd @ 10am **Indoors at Post 518 (corner of Range and Belgrade in North Mankato)**.

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

*****We have 2 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 5 area veterans with the Memorial Squad

We continue to present Colors at MSU sports events

Total Color Guard/VOM & Legion Family volunteer hours = 40 Hrs

We continue looking for help on our Color Guard – Auxiliary, SAL & Legion. We are reaching out to our retired folks to help us provide Military Honors 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.

Mark Conrad 507-380-8405 lefty48597@gmail.com

ADJUTANT

We wish to thank everyone that has been providing food for the Legion Club events. We truly appreciate everything everyone does for our Club. We will continue to need volunteers to help around the Post to make our Club successful throughout the year. Thank you for stepping up and we hope for continued help at our Legion Family events. We need YOU to make our Post successful.

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 soups for you to try. Come on down and vote to support our Legion Post.

February 9th Friday evening meal, fundraiser for the Veterans Disabled Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake. Meal Lasagna, salad, garlic bread & desserts. We will start serving at 5:00PM.

March 24th - Children & Youth Easter Egg Hunt. Please sign up Legion family children next to popcorn machine. We will need a count of how many children we will have attending so we have enough Easter eggs and prizes, so please sign your kids up. Location TBD.

Our Annual Fruit Sale is here. If you want to buy your favorite case of fruit, beef sticks or cheese sticks order sheets are behind the bar or many members have order sheets and would love for you to order from them.

3rd District Upcoming Event

February 3 - Nicollet American Legion Post 510 Fish Fry 11 am – Until Gone

German and American Potato Salad, Cole Slaw ~ Coffee ~ Milk

Adults \$12 ~ Children Under 12 \$6

February 3 - Sweetheart Rally in at North St Paul Post 39. Tickets are \$15.00 and need to be purchased by Jan 31.

Contact Commander Gene if interested. He will also have them at Mid-Winter in Le Center.

February 6th National Commanders Tour at Bay Port Post 491.

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.

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. 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 help deliver the clothes to Warehouse in Rochester or the Twin Cities contact Mike. 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) February 8th 7 – 10 pm

BANDS: The Campground Band Feb 9th, JamBoyz Feb 23rd

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

The Bartenders

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEBRUARY 2018 CALENDAR				1 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	2 MEAT LOAF DINNER (Deb Paulson) Women of Today	3 VOM 10 AM The 4 Chaplains MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
4 SUPER BOWL 5:30		6 BINGO 6 PM		8 BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM	9 VET'S CAMP Lasagna, Salad Dessert Campground Band 8 PM	10 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
		13 BINGO 6 PM	14 Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day	15 5:30 Board Meet 7:00 Leg, Aux, SAL BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX 9PM	16 MEAL TO BE DETERMINED	17 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
18 Closing at 10 pm	19 CLOSED	20 NO BINGO CLOSED		22 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	23 CASSEROLES salads & desserts Color Guard JamBoyz 8 pm	24 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
		27 BINGO 6 PM		March 1 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	2 MEAL TO BE DETERMINED	3 VOM 10 AM Sullivan Bros MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM