



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**
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FEBRUARY 2019

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

The new year is fully upon us now and we had our first meeting of the new year on January 17th. It was good to see everybody again and we even had some new faces in the crowd. One new member joined the color guard and another agreed to put together our new website which when completed will be northmankatopost518.org. I think it's awesome that our club continues to grow and that we have these talented and committed members contributing. This is what we need to be a healthy post!

We had a very successful year in 2018 financially, which enabled us to do the floor and sheet rock in the back room, purchase new beer coolers and still have a pretty good amount of money in the checkbook.

Our anniversary committee is pushing forward with our 40th celebration this coming September. Look for firm details in the next month or so. Our next anniversary committee meeting is February 13th at 6:30.

We are trying something new this month for entertainment. Stop down Sunday afternoon, February 17th for snacks and to listen to Monroe Stop Sign Band from 3 to 5:30ish.

I hope that you are all having a good 2019 so far and hopefully I will get to see you all around the post or at our next Legion meeting February 21st at 7 pm.

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

Jeff Frye, Commander

AUXILIARY

Here we are already in the second month of 2019!

Our January meeting brought many new ideas. The chairs were arranged in more of a semicircle to try and open up more conversation. I think it may have helped for everyone to hear a little better as well.

We discussed ideas for more fundraising. We would like to have a larger opportunity to help our men and women Veterans.

Volunteer opportunities for our Auxiliary members will now be posted on the bulletin board in the bar. Please check it out and sign up for anything that you are able to help with!

Our next meeting is Thursday February 21st at 7:00 pm. Please join us if you can!

As always please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Post 518 Auxiliary President,

Sonja Frye

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

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. If you have not received your card, we have not received your dues.

SAL

Greetings all,

I hope everyone is having a good winter and staying warm. It is time for our annual fruit sales at the post. Sales sheets can be picked up at Post 518 from a bartender or you can just place your single order with them. You can contact Tom Paulson at 507-381-6024 with questions. This is a great fundraiser for our Post and I hope everyone that wants can get involved.

The 40 year anniversary party dates have been set for September 13, 14, and 15. The 13th will be a formal dinner at the Eagles Club. Tickets will be \$5 for members and \$10 for non-member guests. The 14th will be the big celebration at the club with food, games and plenty of entertainment. The celebration will conclude with a brunch on Sunday the 15th. There is still plenty of planning to be done. If you are interested in helping out the next meeting will be February 13 at 6:30.

Thank you for all the S.A.L members that helped out with our January meal. It is wonderful to see the group we have come together and help out. We will be having another meal on February 15th. The menu will be Chili dogs with fries and coleslaw for \$7.

Remember to keep your eyes on the boards to see upcoming happenings. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have, and I hope to see you all at the post.

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 Saturday, January 5th ceremony we retired the Colors for All Veterans serving on Oahu during the attack on Pearl Harbor and honored Native American Code Talkers for the month of January. We were fortunate to have Charles Sehe (Pearl Harbor Survivor) attend our December ceremony.

At our Saturday, February 2nd ceremony, we will retire the colors for the Code Talkers and raise colors to honor "The Four Chaplains" for the month of February.

This ceremony will take place **INDOORS at Post 518 on Saturday, February 2nd at 10 am.**

Come & help us honor these Veterans – These are open to the public

ROLLS & COFFEE SERVED AFTER THE CEREMONY!!

COLOR GUARD

Since our November meeting the Color Guard performed the following:

2 VOM ceremonies, 4 area Veterans funerals with the MAVMS, the Bells on Belgrade Parade and 2 MSC events.

Can you Help?? We always need help with funerals, Parades, Vet of the Month, Color presentations, etc. throughout the year. We know you can't do them all – but If you can help us on a few occasions, let me know – It is appreciated!!

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

LEGION MEMBERSHIP

If you have not paid your 2019 dues, please do so soon. If you have any questions on Legion membership, feel free to call me at 507-479-0389. James Peters, Post 518 Membership Chair

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ADJUTANT

We continue to need volunteers to help with upcoming events around the Post to make our Club successful throughout the entire year. Thank you for stepping up and we hope for your continued help at our Legion Family events. We need YOU, to make our Post successful.

3rd District Upcoming Events

Feb 9	Sweetheart Rally	Royalton Post 137	1:00 pm
Mar 9	Appreciation Rally	Montgomery Post 79	3:00 pm
May 17-19	District Convention	Forest Lake Post 225	

Nicollet American Legion Post 510 Fish Fry Saturday, Feb 2nd, 11 am – 8 pm
Fish, German and American Potato Salad, Cole Slaw ~ Coffee ~ Milk

Post 518 Annual Fruit Sale is here. Order your favorite case of fruit, beef or cheese sticks. Order sheets are behind the bar or place your order with any number of members. Orders need to be turned in by March 1st, Fruit delivery (tentative) March 23rd. Proceeds go to Children & Youth Programs.

March 8th Friday evening meal, fundraiser for the Veterans Disabled Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake. Beef or Turkey Commercials & desserts. We will start serving at 5:30PM until gone.

North Mankato Post 518 40th Anniversary – Our next meeting is scheduled for February 13th 6:30.
The 40th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for the weekend of **September 13 - 15, 2019**. Ideas and suggestions are welcomed for the 2019 Celebration. Anyone interested in helping contact our Promotions Committee or stop into the meeting.

VETSROLL.Org 10 Year!!! – WWII, Korea and Veterans through 1966 & Rosie-the Riveters Rolling to Washington DC May 19 – 22, 2019. VetsRoll.Org 1777 Gardner St South Beloit, IL 61080 608-207-8319
www.VetsRoll.Org

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: Feb 13th from 6 to 9 PM

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

BANDS: Select Fridays Feb. 22 Billy and the Bangers

NEW SUNDAY AFTERNOON ENTERTAINMENT: Feb 17th from 3 to 5:30 ish MONROE STOP SIGN BAND

MEAT RAFFLES: Saturdays @ 4pmbefore Bingo at 6

The Bartenders

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
FEB 2019					1 SWEDISH MEATBALLS AUXILIARY Anniversary Meal Fund	2 VOM 10 AM CLUB ROOM 4 CHAPLAINS MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM
3 SUPER BOWL 5:30 KICKOFF	4	5 BINGO 6 PM	6	7 TRIVIA 7 PM MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	8 MEAL TBD	9 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM
10	11	12 BINGO 6 PM	13 Anniversary Meeting 6:30 BUCKARAOKE 6 – 9 PM	14 TRIVIA 7 PM MUSIC WITH MICHELLE VALENTINE'S DAY	15 CHILI DOGS FRIES, SLAW S.A.L.	6 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
17 MONROE STOP SIGN BAND 3 to 5:30 ish SNACKS	18	19 BINGO 6 PM	20	21 MEETINGS 5:30 Boards 7:00 All Family BAR CLOSED 6:30 – 8:30 PM	22 HOT DISHES, DESSERTS COLOR GUARD BILLY & THE BANGERS	23 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM
24	25	26 BINGO 6 PM	27	28 TRIVIA 7PM MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	MARCH 1 Meal TBD	2 VOM 10 AM CLUB ROOM MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM