



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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MARCH 2018

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I started writing this and I realized wow this is already the March newsletter. Where does the time go?

I want to take this time to welcome Paul Wingert to the executive board. He will be taking the 2nd Vice position and Mike Frazee is moving up to 1st Vice. Paul will handle building issues for us and Mike will be the new House Committee Chair and will handle all issues concerning the bar. I want to thank both of these gentlemen for stepping up, I really appreciate it.

The new floor in the back room is in and the bar has been refinished. Both look fantastic thanks to everyone who helped get things moved around and cleaned back up. Once again a nice effort from the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL.

Speaking of working as a Legion Family, Past Commander Tom Paulson reported at our last meeting after attending the 3rd District Mid-Winter Conference that a lot of posts don't have the strong Legion Family commitment that we do. He stated that in quite a few posts the different groups really don't communicate at all and that he was very proud to be a part of Post 518 and the atmosphere that is fostered here.

We are going to try some Sunday afternoon entertainment over the next few months. Our first one will be Lisa Murphy the Singing Cowgirl on Sunday March 11th from 3-5. I have talked to a few people and she sounds very entertaining.

The next meeting will be on March 15th at 7pm. Hope to see you there.

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

Jeff Frye

Commander, Serving Veterans and Community

AUXILIARY

I don't know about the rest of you but I'm sick of winter. Looking forward to spring.

The Auxiliary and two Legion members traveled to Hastings to have lunch with the veterans and play bingo. They had a fun time and we hope to do this again.

If you haven't paid your dues yet, PLEASE do so now so you can keep your number of "continuous" years.

On March 23rd, the Auxiliary will serve the Friday night meal of hors d'oeuvres, munchies and desserts. Please come and support us so we can continue our veterans projects. Also, you may get a call for a donation for this meal. Thank you in advance for your support!

In May, we will be starting "Poppy month". We will have the cards (we hang them by the large T.V.) and the individual poppies. As always, it's all donations for the cards and poppies—100% of the money collected, goes to veteran's projects. Last year we did an awesome job—this year we want to do better. We hope all patrons and members will donate to this project. Thank you.

April 22nd, we will have our 4th Annual Veteran's Banquet starting at 12 o'clock noon. This is for ALL POST 518 LEGION members (must have dues paid) and one guest (\$5.00 for guest dinner). This is a free dinner for Legion members. To sign up, there will be a sheet by the popcorn machine or give Sonja Frye your name. Come and have fun visiting with your fellow 518 members.

If you have any questions about this article or about the Auxiliary, please give me a call. Likewise, if you have any comments or suggestions, call or email me.

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

SAL

Hello All,

The backroom remodel looks great!! Thanks to the SAL members that helped with moving equipment around.

I would like to remind everyone of the Veteran of the Month ceremony that takes place the first Saturday of every month. It starts at 10:00 am and is a very nice ceremony. I would like to let our SAL members know that your ideas and opinions matter greatly and the best way to convey them and support your club is to attend our meetings. They take place the 3rd Thursday of every month and start at 7:00 with the opening ceremony taking place with the entire Legion family.

Stay safe in your travels and hope to see you around “The Club”

Bruce Defries, S.A.L. Commander

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

Greetings to our Legion Family,

I would like to start by thanking Tom Paulson for handling our VOM & Color Guard duties while we were on vacation.

Veteran of the Month

At our February Veteran of the Month ceremony we retired the Colors for “All POW/MIA’s” and honored “The Four Chaplains” for the month of February.

At our Saturday, March 3rd ceremony, we will honor “The Sullivan Brothers” – This will take place INDOORS at the post at 10 am.

Starting Saturday, April 7, we will again have our ceremonies outdoors at Wheeler Park.

-----**We have only 2 openings left for 2018---**

Color Guard

I don’t have all the details yet but there were quite a few funerals we participated in while I was gone – will update you in the next newsletter.

I’ve received 2 parade entries already, with the 1st one in LeCenter for the St. Patty’s Day Parade.

Thanks to Donna Beck and Jamie Goettl for handling the Color Guard meals & also to all of those that have donated money / food used to prepare the meals!!

Veterans for Veterans,

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

CHANGE OF ADDRESS??? PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Or better yet, request newsletters be e-mailed to you!

**IF YOU ARE TEMP AWAY FOR WINTER, WE HAD TO REMOVE YOU FROM MAILING LISTS
BECAUSE THEY GET RETURNED TO US AND WE MUST PAY RETURN POSTAGE**

Please provide us with an e mail address

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

USE OTHER LANES ONLY AFTER HOURS

ADJUTANT

It is great seeing all of the upgrades and renovations to our Club. It takes everyone coming together to make all of these changes happen. We would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work making our Club as wonderful as it is. We will continue to need volunteers to help around the Post to make our Club successful and we hope for continued help at our Legion Family events. We need you, to make our Post successful.

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 any number of members have order sheets and would love for you to order from them. We will be turning in our sheets by March 1st, fruit pick up is scheduled for Saturday March 24th.

New Member Orientation: Thursday April 5th at 7pm. New Members come on down, meet our Legion Officers, tour the Club. Find out what the Legion is about. Welcome new members!

3rd District Upcoming Event

March 10 Dept Appreciation Rally Buffalo Post 54.

Apr 2018 Dept Spring Rally TBD

Apr 14 Dept Commanders Testimonial Red Wing Post 54

Apr 28 Dept Commanders Testimonial Wilmar Post 167

Paddle Wheel: We are needing people to run the Saturday Paddle Wheel/Meat Raffles. Sign-up sheet are on bulletin board next to the popcorn machine.

Clothing Drive: Contact Jim Kulseth 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. 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.

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.

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) March 8th 7 – 10 pm

BANDS: Billy & the Bangers March 9th, Rainkings March 23rd **NEW Sun., March 11** Singing Cowgirl 3-5

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
MARCH 2018 CALENDAR				1 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	2 Grilled cheese, (can add cheese) tom soup, chili For Kid's Easter Egg Hunt	3 VOM 10 AM SULLIVAN BROTHERS MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
4	5	6 BINGO 6 PM	7	8 BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM	9 Meal to be determined BILLY & THE BANGERS 8 PM	10 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
11 Move clocks ahead SINGING COWGIRL 3 – 5 PM	12	13 BINGO 6 PM	14	15 5:30 Board Meet 7:00 Leg, Aux, SAL BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX 9PM	16 DART FUND RAISER MEAL	17 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM ST. PATRICK'S DAY
18	19	20 BINGO 6 PM SPRING BEGINS	21	22 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	23 APPETIZERS Munchies & desserts AUXILIARY RAINKINGS 8 pm	24 EASTER EGG HUNT 11 AM MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
25 BABY SHOWER FOR DEZI & ? 1-3 pm PALM SUNDAY	26	27 BINGO 6 PM	28	29 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	30 NO MEAL GOOD FRIDAY	31 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM