



American Legion Post 518 Commander's Newsletter



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APRIL 2016

Greetings to everyone in the Post 518 Family,

I would like to start out by thanking everyone who helped with Legion Cleanup. The basement is looking good. I also want to thank the Auxiliary for the wonderful Veteran's Appreciation Meal they prepared and served; it was delicious. Congratulations to everyone who helped out with the fruit sale; we made a nice little profit. On Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00 we will be having our New Member Orientation for any and all new members since our last orientation this past October. I'm hoping for a good turn out. Keep in mind we are having our First Ever Family Garage Sale on June 17th from 8:00 to 2:00. There will be more information to follow. We are no longer taking aluminum cans so please find another way to dispose of your cans. The cans are just too messy and stink up the basement. Please keep in mind that nominations are in May so come on down to the next meeting and show your support.

Thanks again for everyone's continued support of Post 518

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me.

Strong Support = Strong Post

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AUXILIARY

Hopefully spring temps will be here soon.

ATTENTION: We are asking all those who have not paid their dues for 2016, please do so now. We need to send in to State soon. If you or you know a member who is not receiving the newsletter, please contact Deb Joerg at djoerg@hickorytech.net

We will be having nominations at our April meeting so please come to our meeting and nominate someone for office or run for an office. Up for election are the following offices: President, 1st and 2nd Vice President and Treasurer. Come and get involved.

Remember two upcoming events: Our visit to Monarch Meadows on March 28th at 2 p.m. and OUR Veteran's Banquet on April 3rd at 12 noon.

May 6th the Auxiliary will be serving hot dishes, salad, rolls and dessert for the Friday night meal. The profits will go to our VETERAN'S projects. Thank you in advance for your support!!

Remember May is Poppy Month. We will be seeking donations at some of our North Mankato businesses and at the Club. ALL proceeds go to Veteran's projects.

Hope to see you at the April meeting on April 21st at 7 p.m.

If you have any questions or comments, please give me a call or send an email.

Diane Conrad—Auxiliary President 507-381-2771

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Newsletter and Updates – I apologize for lateness of newsletter – no one to blame but me as too much going on after the meetings. Please welcome Deb Joerg as daytime assistant manager at the Legion effective April 4th. She'll be doing office

hours 9 am – noon, Mon – Fri to keep our club paperwork and inventory in order. Dezi is moving on, so no longer employed by Post 518 as of March 31st but will be assisting us in transition. I will continue as House Committee Chair in charge of employees, scheduling and complaints. And for May, we should have the newsletter out timely as Deb will be adding it to her duties after a little training. Meetings are late this month, so PLEASE be sure to have newsletter items in by Sunday, April 24th, including meals written onto calendar in office.

Thank you, Ivy

SAL

Hello All,

It looks like spring is here and there will be lot's of activities coming up, please keep an eye on the calendar and our Facebook page for updates and if you'd like to be put on the SAL text reminder list let me know at 340-7265.

In April, we will be having nominations for officer's positions from treasurer thru commander. If you or someone you know is interested in an officer position now is the time to step up. It's a great way to help our post and our veterans.

Big thank you to all that helped with our meal last month and to all that came out and supported it. Remember that all proceeds go to our various veterans programs. I and our Veterans appreciate it.

We will be having Bacon Cheese Burgers w/fries on April 15th for \$ 7.00. There is no legion poker and our next meeting is April 18th at 7:30. Thanks!!!

I can be contacted thru phone calls, text or e-mail at 340-7265 & 25sprint@gmail.com. Stay safe in your travels and see you around "The Club"

Bruce Defries, S.A.L. Commander 507-340-7265

PROMOTIONS

We're back in April with Pork Chops, Baked Potato, Veggies, and Salad. Then we'll be off for the summer.

Dan, Jerry, and Nancy

COLOR GUARD / VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our last Veteran of the Month ceremony, Colors were retired for the Four Chaplains and we honored the Sullivan Brothers for the month of March involving 10 volunteers. We will be honoring the Tec 4 Vernon Erickson on Saturday April 2nd at our ceremony in Wheeler Park.

Since last meeting, we participated in 3 funerals with the Memorial Squad involving 7 volunteers and marched in the St. Patty's Day parade at LeCenter involving 5 volunteers. All totaled, including Vet of the Month, these events involved 22 volunteers. Thanks to all those that give their time to represent our post so well.

Are there any that would like to order American Legion garrison caps? Also, how many of us need/want Legion jackets – Let me know so we can get an updated count. We need to have a minimum of 6 of each kind to place an order, so need to know Legion, Auxiliary or SAL too. Please let me know by phone or email.

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Vets for Vets,

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ADJUTANT

Veteran Campground on Big Marine Lake Fundraiser was a wonderful success. We received a letter from the Veterans Campground Board of Directors, thanking everyone that came out and supported the Veterans Campground. Char Giese and I also wish to thank everyone that helped, supported us, and donated time and funds to make this happen. We hope you will visit the campground to see and enjoy everything your donations have done for the Veterans Campground.

The Annual Fruit Sale!!! We wish to thank everyone that helped support this year's Legion Fruit Sale. Delivery was March 25th with over \$1000 profit for Vets in Need Fund.

Commander Tom and a few Legion members attended the Maverick Battalion Army ROTC Military Ball and award ceremony, on April 1st. Post 518 presented a \$250 scholarship at this ceremony.

On April 30th, Elysian Post 311 will be having a **grand re-opening**. They have been doing some extensive remodeling. Come on in and take a look...What they have done looks beautiful!

Local and District Up Coming Events

Apr 9, 2016	Veterans Support Walk 8:30-11:30 am in Spring Lake Park hosted by SCC Students
Apr 9, 2016	High Ground Festival – live music 2pm-midnight fundraiser for veterans
Apr 9, 2016	Dept Commanders Testimonial Adams
Apr 17, 2016	Brunch fundraiser at Post 518 10 am – 1 pm hosted by SCC Students for MACV
Apr 19, 2016	Career Fair at Mankato Armory with early access to Veterans at 2 pm, others 3-5pm
Apr 30, 2016	Dept Spring Rally TBD
May 7, 2016	3rd Dist Commander Testimonial Forest Lake
May 20-22, 2016	3rd Dist Convention Forest Lake
Jul 21-23, 2016	Dept Convention Rochester

Paddle Wheel: We are in need of people to run some of the Saturday Paddle Wheel/Meat Raffles, please sign up on the board next to the popcorn machine and contact Ivy if training is needed.

Clothing Drive: We are always in need of clean, used clothes. Inquire at the Legion if you have any to donate. We wish to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work in helping with clothing drive pickup and deliveries.

Newsletter Deadline: The Sunday, after the Monthly Legion meeting.
Check the calendar for upcoming events and meals

Paula Anzures, Adjutant

MORE GOOD STUFF

Bar/Entertainment:

*As always... BINGO on Mondays and Saturdays @ 6pm, Bar Trivia on Tuesdays @ 7pm, and Jukebox Jenny on Thursdays @ 7pm (except meeting nights the 3rd Thursday of the month – then we start the jukebox at 9pm).

We will be hosting live music on the following dates:

Fri, April 1st, High Strung
Fri, April 15th, Warren Sts
Fri, April 29th, Malpractice

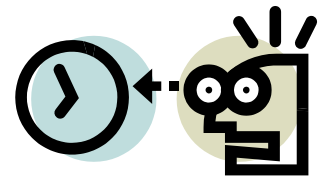
We will also have Karaoke and nacho bar on Wednesday, May 4th starting about 8 pm.

Stop in for some camaraderie and a cold beverage, we look forward to seeing you!

The Bartenders ☺

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE,

Sun, April 24th



ONGOING PROJECTS – please contact Commander Tom for details if needed:

- T-shirts & Hats – the bar has POW shirts and POW hats available for sale
- Clothing fundraiser – we want clothes, shoes, purses and linens for DAV clothing drive
- Aluminum cans – drop off donations at post anytime to add to recycling and defray newsletter costs
- Newsletter by email instead of mail? – let us know at americanlegion518@yahoo.com and there are always newsletters at the post

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NORTH MANKATO, MN
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Birthdays:
Please be sure to stop in for a free drink on your birthday!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>If your birthday was before the newsletter came out, please stop in at your convenience and let the bartender know to still get your free drink. Thanks!</p>					<p>1 Pulled Pork for Bldg High Strung 8 pm Barrie Evans</p>	<p>2 VOM 10AM MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Joshua McNamara Gary Spiess</p>
<p>3 Aux 518 hosting a 518 Veteran's Meal at noon Tom Maus</p>	<p>4 BINGO 6PM Janna Vorlicek</p>	<p>5 BAR TRIVIA 7PM Dennis McCabe</p>	<p>6 Anton Dittrich Steve Robbins</p>	<p>7 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM Ron Meissner</p>	<p>8 Pork Chop Dinner By promotions Sheila Boushek</p>	<p>9 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM</p>
<p>10 Arnie Marshall</p>	<p>11 BINGO 6PM</p>	<p>12 BAR TRIVIA 7PM Michael Becker</p>	<p>13 Aysha Duryea</p>	<p>14 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM Fun Days Meeting 6:30 pm Bruce Holmgren Leo Anzures</p>	<p>15 Bacon Cheeseburger with fries by SAL Warren Sts 8 pm Larry Schmidt</p>	<p>16 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Tom Norris James Dauffenbach</p>
<p>17 Brunch 10am-1pm by SCC students For MACV Kathy Woods</p>	<p>18 BINGO 6PM SAL MEETING 730PM Dean Johnson</p>	<p>19 BAR TRIVIA 7PM</p>	<p>20 Dave Peterson</p>	<p>21 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 Aux & Legion BAR CLOSED 630PM - 830PM Todd Nelson</p>	<p>22 Hot Beef Sandwiches By Color Guard Jeremy Evans</p>	<p>23 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Duane McVenes</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>25 BINGO 6PM</p>	<p>26 BAR TRIVIA 7PM Irene Hammerschmidt</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM Dave Franke Donald Duehring Kyle Kitt</p>	<p>29 Italian Sausages for Flag Project Malpractice 8 pm</p>	<p>30 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Edward Sheely Gary Braam</p>