



APRIL 2017

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. Thank you to the SAL for the shed out back to hold our extra chairs. It will be so much easier than dragging them downstairs. 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 pm we will be having our New Member Orientation** for any and all new members since our last orientation. Stop down for a few pieces of pizza and a drink while meeting the officers and other new members, touring the club and finding out what we are all about. 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

Will spring ever get here?? Hopefully by the next news letter we will have warmer temps.

I want to thank the four legion, one SAL and three auxiliary members who helped with cleaning day on March 11th. So much was accomplished. Looking good!!

Please consider running for an office for the coming year. We love new ideas and some of us are running out. Most offices are open so please call me with questions or if you want to run for an office.

On March 29th the Auxiliary will be going to Monarch Meadows to serve pie to the Veterans living there. On April 10th we will go to Oak Terrace. They seem to enjoy these visits.

The Veterans Banquet for Post 518 went well. I would like to thank co-chairs, Cindy Jones and Char Giese for organizing it and I would also like to thank the other auxiliary members who helped with serving and clean up—Audrey Radel, Sonja Frye, Mavis Anderson, Deb Maus. Great job!

Thanks to everyone who attended our St. Patrick's Day dinner Fri. March 17. Had a good turn-out. I think we will be asking Jeff O'Frye to make his corned beef and cabbage again next year.

Hope to see you at the next Auxiliary meeting, April 20th.

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

SAL

Hello All,

Spring is here and with it comes lots of activities around the club so keep an eye on the newsletter calendar, Facebook and your email. If you would like to have your newsletter e-mailed to you and be added to the weekly reminder list get me your e-mail address. April 12 will be our **New Member Orientation night** starting at 7:00. If you are or you know of a new member let them know about it. We will have beverages, pizza and an introduction to the post officers. The Post 518 garage sale is set for June 17th. We will start set-up Friday night and a reminder to price your own items please. Next month at our SAL meeting we will be having nominations for our new officers. Attendance will be greatly appreciated.

The SAL will be hosting a pork chop meal April 21st with thick cut tender pork chops, cheesy hash browns, green beans, garlic toast, salad bar and dessert. All proceeds go to help our various veterans programs and post.

As always stay safe in your travels and hope to see you around "The Club"

Bruce Defries, SAL Commander (507-340-7265) or 25sprint@gmail.com

COLOR GUARD / VETERAN OF THE MONTH

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday March 2nd VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of The Four Chaplains. We honored **The Sullivan Brothers** by raising colors in their honor for the month of March.

We will honor **PFC John Nicholas Klaseus** on Saturday April 1st @ 10am **At the West end of Wheeler Park** – This will be the first outdoor ceremony of the season.

---Come & help us honor their memory on April 1st----

****We have just a couple of openings for our 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 4 Veterans by the Memorial Squad. We also presented colors for 2 MSU events and marched in the St. Patty's Day event in LeCenter.

--32 Total VOM/Color Guard event volunteers since last meeting---

Color Guard Meal & Meeting: April 13th 5:15pm meal with meeting afterward. We will be contacting members to bring potluck items. Please plan on attending - spouse/guest welcome to the meal.

As always - Thanks to the Legion Family Volunteers for these Color Guard & VOM events!
-----Any Legion, SAL or Auxiliary interested in being Part of our Color Guard?-----

We are in need of a few retired members to help with Military Honors at funerals

Vets for Vets,

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

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

- T-shirts & Hats – POW shirts, Post Shirts, POW hats, Branch of service Hats available for sale.
- Clothing - drop off clothing, purses and shoes for our Clothing Drive. Proceeds benefit Veterans

ADJUTANT

Spring is just around the corner. We have many events coming up this year at our Legion Post. We need everyone to see if there is anything you can do to help out around the post. We hope you will step up and find a project/event you can help with. Come on down, get involved and make a difference with your Legion Family.

The Maverick Battalion Army ROTC be will having their Military Ball and award ceremony Banquet Friday, April 7th at 1700 hrs. Post 518 will be presenting scholarships totaling \$500 to four Cadets at this ceremony.

Elysian, Post 311, Post Everlasting Ceremony April 10th starting at 7:30 pm. If you have never seen this ceremony, it is quite impressive and worth the time.

New Member Orientation open to all new Members will be Wednesday, April 12th at 7:00.

3rd Dist. Commander Mike Maxa's Testimonial Hosted by Post 79 Montgomery, MN. April 29th, 5-6 pm Social Hour, 6:00 pm Dinner and Program.

Third District Convention, May 19th, New Prague, MN. Anyone interested in attending please contact one of our Board members to let us know.

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 pick-up and deliveries. Volunteers are always appreciated loading trailers; contact Mike Forliti if interested.

Veterans Honor Flight - If you know of any World War II Veterans that have not been on an Honor Flight, please encourage them to apply at: <http://honorflighttwincities.org/>. They are trying to find them all! Honor flights help World War II Veterans and now Korean War Veterans have a day in Washington D.C. at no cost. A waiting list is starting for Korean War Veterans as well.

Help welcome the next Twin Cities Honor Flight home when they arrive back in MN.

WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2017. Arrives at Terminal 2 Baggage Area by 10PM. Flight typically arrives about 10:20-10:30PM.

WHERE: Terminal 2 (previously called the Humphrey Terminal) Minneapolis Airport, 7150 Humphrey Drive, Minneapolis, 55450

Meet in Baggage Area, No need to RSVP, just show up! Bring signs and cheers!

Paddle Wheel: We need individuals to run one the Saturday Paddle Wheel – Meat Raffles. If you are interested, please sign up on the board next to the popcorn machine.

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

*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 9 pm).

BUCKARAOKE: Second Thursday of each month from 7 to 10 pm. **April 13th.**

Bands for APRIL: Billy & The Bangers on the 7th and The Rain Kings on the 21st

The Bartenders ☺

Our dart machine up and running anytime now. We will be forming leagues for the upcoming season. If interested, contact Bruce Defries.

We always have need for fill in, very part time bartenders for either the day or evening shifts. If you know of anyone, send them our way!~

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NORTH MANKATO, MN
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BIRTHDAYS:
Please be sure to stop in for a free drink during your Birthday Week!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 VOM 10AM John Nicholas Klasues MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
2	3 BINGO 6PM	4 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	5	6 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	7 Open for meal BILLY & THE BANGERS	8 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
9 PALM SUNDAY	10 BINGO 6PM	11 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	12 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 7:00	13 COLOR GUARD Pot Luck & Meet 5:15 BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM CAPTAIN'S CHOICE	14 NO MEAL GOOD FRIDAY	15 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
16 EASTER	17 BINGO 6PM SAL Meeting 7:30	18 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	19	20 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 Aux & Legion BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	21 PORK CHOPS Cheesy hashbrowns, Gr. Beans, salad, desserts SAL RAIN KINGS	22 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM EARTH DAY
23 News Letter Deadline ----- 30	24 BINGO 6PM	25 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	26	27 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	28 TACO BAR Rice, Beans Cole slaw, desserts COLOR GUARD	29 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM Employee Party 7:00 NO BINGO