



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**
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APRIL 2018

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

It's officially Spring as I write this but it's still looking a lot like winter outside but I am staying optimistic that the warm weather will be here soon.

We are entering a busy time of year for the post; lots of parades and events for the color guard. We have a very active color guard here at Post 518 and they represent us very proudly and professionally in the community. We are always happy to have new members from the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL so if you have any interest our color guard orientation/pot luck will be April 26th at 5:30 or you can contact Mark Conrad at 507-380-8405.

Speaking of spring we have a Spring Cleaning date set for April 21st from 8am – 11am. We are going to be doing some deep cleaning in the basement and some small repairs around the post. If you are interested there will be a sign up sheet by the popcorn machine.

Thursday, April 5th at 7:00 is the new member orientation. If you are a new or transferred member stop down for a drink and some pizza and meet the officers and key personnel from the Legion, Auxiliary and the SAL and learn about the programs we are active in.

The Veteran's Banquet is scheduled for Sunday April 22nd at noon. This meal is free to any current member of Legion Post 518; there is a small fee for a guest. Please sign up by the popcorn machine.

Elections are just around the corner and we will be starting nominations at our April meeting which is April 19th at 7pm. See you there.

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

Jeff Frye

Commander, Serving Veterans and Community

AUXILIARY

Finally the days are warmer and the day light is longer—yeah!!

We are in need of volunteers for our Saturday afternoon meat raffles. It takes place before bingo and it really is lots of fun. If you aren't sure how it works, someone will teach you. You do not need to work every Saturday afternoon. Thank you for considering this project.

On Thursday evening at 7:00 all New members and Transfers are invited to a New Member Orientation. Enjoy some pizza and a drink on us! Get to know your Officers and Club.

On Saturday April 21, 8 a.m.-11 a.m., we will be having clean up day at the club. If you are able to help, just show up that day. We have a fun time plus the club looks nice afterwards.

Our annual Veteran's Banquet is Sunday April 22 at 12 noon. This is free for our Post 518 Veterans (with current membership) and one guest. The guest pays \$5.00. Please sign up by the popcorn machine. This is a sit-down dinner served by your Auxiliary members.

A big thank you to those who donated food items for our March 23 meal.

It's that time again—ELECTIONS. If you are interested in running for an office, give me a call or let any Auxiliary member know so we can put you on the ballot or come to elections in June. Thanks for your consideration.

Our next meeting is April 19th. Hope to see you then.

Have a Happy Easter.

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

SAL

Hello All,

Spring is finally here and looks to be a busy one around the club.

Thursday April 5th at 7:00 there will be a new member & post transfer informal orientation to meet our officers, learn what our club is all about and ask questions. Hope to see you there.

I would like to thank Phil & Lori Sommers for putting on delicious meals the last couple of months on the SAL night.

At our next meeting we will be having our officer nomination for the 18/19 year. It's a great way to become more involved in YOUR club. Keep an eye on the calendar and watch Facebook for up-coming events and happenings.

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

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

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

Veteran of the Month

At our February Veteran of the Month ceremony we retired the Colors for "The Four Chaplains" and honored "The Sullivan Brothers" for the month of March. At our Saturday, April 7th VOM ceremony, we will honor either a submitted or a historical nominee – At this time, I have heard of people working on the profile to submit for April but as of March 27, I will have to go ahead with a historical nominee to be able to get the article into the Free Press. This ceremony on April 7th will take place **OUTDOORS** at the west end of Wheeler Park at 10 am. -----We have only 2 openings left for 2018---

Color Guard

Due to being on vacation, I'm including events starting from our January 18 th meeting. Since then, our Color Guard have participated in: Memorial Squad funerals for 12 area Veterans 2 Veteran of the Month ceremonies St. Patty's Day parade in LeCenter – Thanks to Ron Griebel for taking charge of this event. 91 Total volunteer Hours since our January 18 meeting Memorial Day, Flag Day, Parades & other events are soon upon us, so there are plenty of activities to help with. Our annual Color Guard meeting & potluck will be Thursday, April 26th at 5:30. Thanks to our "Legion Family" (SAL, Auxiliary and Legion members) for making these events possible with their volunteer work.

Veterans for Veterans,

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

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USE OTHER LANES ONLY AFTER HOURS**

ADJUTANT

The weather is getting a bit warmer, but there is still a chill in the Spring air. We have a lot of events coming up. It takes everyone coming together to make our Club events a success. We would like to thank everyone for all of their hard work making our Club as wonderful as it is. We 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.

New Member Orientation Thursday, April 5, 7:00 PM New Members come on down and meet our Legion Officers, tour the Club, have a few pieces of pizza and a drink on us. Find out what the Legion has to offer and how you can get involved in our Club. Welcome new members!

Post 518 Cleaning Party: Saturday April 21st 8 AM – 11AM

Elysian Post 311 will be having a Post Everlasting Ceremony on April 9th. Please contact the post for more information. This is a very moving ceremony that takes our deceased Legionnaires and aces them in the Post Everlasting.

2018 ROTC Military/Award & Commissioning Banquet: Thursday May 3, 2018. Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut. Anyone interested in attending please contact Paula Anzures, NLT April 7th.

Mark your calendars for Bookin' on Belgrade May 19th. More information to come.

3rd District Upcoming Event

Apr 2018	Dept Spring Rally	TBD
Apr 14	District Commander Testimonial	Red Wing Post 54
Apr 21	Dept Commanders Testimonial	Jackpot Junction
Apr 28	Dept Presidents Testimonial	Wilmar Post 167
May 18-20	3 rd District Convention	Silver Lake Post 141

Paddle Wheel: We need people to run the Saturday Paddle Wheel/Meat Raffles. Sign-up sheets 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. Volunteers are also needed to help 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. Thank you volunteers for your 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) April 12th 7 – 10 pm

BANDS: Campground Band April 6th, JamBoyz April 20th

The Bartenders

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 April 2018 EASTER Open as usual	2	3 BINGO 6 PM	4	5 New Member Orientation 7pm MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:30	6 <i>Meal To be determined</i> CAMPGROUND BAND	7 VOM 10 AM Wheeler Park MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
8	9	10 BINGO 6 PM	11	12 BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM	13 Hot & Chili Dogs & fixins' For Back Pack Program	14 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
15	16	17 BINGO 6 PM	18	19 5:30 Board Meet 7:00 Leg, Aux, SAL BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX 9PM	20 TACO BAR For Alzheimer's JAMBOYZ 8 pm	21 Club Cleaning 8 am MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
22 POST 518 VETERAN'S BANQUET NOON	23	24 BINGO 6 PM	25	26 Color Guard Meeting/Pot Luck 5:30 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	27 TACO MEAL & DESSERTS Color Guard	28 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
29	30	MAY 1 BINGO 6 PM	May 2	May 3 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	May 4 Meal to be determined RANKINGS	May 5 VOM 10 AM MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM