



American Legion Post 518 Commander's Newsletter



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Hello Legion Family,

Summer is just about here which begins our busy time of the year. I would like to thank our SAL for purchasing new LED light bulbs I'm sure they will brighten the post quite nicely. The color guard is having a meeting on the 5th of May and anyone interested in joining, please come on down.

Don't forget we are having our officer nominations and voting this month so come on down and support those who are running.

Anyone interested in a poppy card get a hold of an Auxiliary member thanks ladies. Keep in mind that Memorial Day is this month (every day should be Memorial Day) so take some time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

Thanks again for everyone's continued support of post 518.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns or complaints.

Strong Support = Strong Post

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AUXILIARY

Spring has sprung!!! The flowers are blooming and lawns need to be mowed. It's also a busy time of the year for our legion family. If you have some extra time, please consider asking one of the officers if they could use some help. I know the answer will be yes.

Our Veterans Banquet was another success. We served about 27 veterans and about 6 guests. Thank you to all the auxiliary members for their help and the two veterans who helped set up.

Our trip to Monarch Meadows was enjoyed by the veterans residing there. Thanks to our Post 518 veterans who joined the Auxiliary members for the visit. Great job!

May 6th the Auxiliary will be serving hot dishes, salads, rolls and desserts. Our proceeds will go to Veterans projects. We would like to invite everyone to come to the club and support our meal.

May is Poppy Month. Please consider donating to one of our poppy projects. All monies go to support veterans and their families. If you can help distribute poppies at a business (about 2-4 hour shifts) it would be awesome. We need YOUR help. Thank you in advance.

If you have not paid your 2016 dues, please send the to Deb Joerg.

Nominations were held at our April meeting: President Diane Conrad 1st Vice Char Giese 2nd Vice Deb Joerg Treasurer RaeAnn Kozitza. We will accept nominations at our May meeting before voting. Please consider running for an office or come to the meeting to vote.

On Memorial Day, the Auxiliary will be serving lunch for those involved with the days activities at the memorials, cemeteries and parks.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at one of the following.

Diane Conrad—Auxiliary President 507-381-2771

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SAL

Hello All,

Our next SAL Meeting on May 16th we will be having our officer's elections and pizza!!!

We had our nominations in April (and they can still be made at the next meeting before elections) and they are
Commander: Bruce Defries/Darrin Hendley, 1st Vice: Dennis Kleinow/Travis Defries, 2ndVice: Stan Defries,
Adjutant: Kim Swarm, Finance Officer: Travis Defries/Dennis Kleinow, Sargent at Arms: Tom Paulson, Chaplin:
Tony Giese. Hope we can have a full house for the elections (and pizza)

I wish to thank the members that helped with last month's meal and a big thank you to those who attended.
Remember that all proceeds go to help the club and various veterans' programs. Our next meal on May 20th will be
the delicious grilled Prime Rib sandwiches' and french fries.

Pease keep an eye on the newsletter calendar and the clubs Facebook page for upcoming events as its getting to be
a busy time of the year.

Also the Color Guard is looking for volunteer's, Please contact Mark Conrad for more information.

Any questions or concerns I can be reached at 507-340-7265. Please stay safe in your travels and hope to see you
around "The Club"

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

COLOR GUARD / VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Greetings,

Members of our Color Guard performed funeral honors with the Mankato Area Veterans Memorial Squad for **8 funerals** since last meeting involving 16 Post 518 volunteers. Thanks to all that serve to provide these honors. We have participated in 15 MAVMS funeral honors so far this year. I also want to mention that a couple of Post 518 members participate in these honors that do so as members of the VFW.

All veterans deserve military honors and the Mankato Area Veterans Memorial Squad, which is made up of American Legion Post 11, Post 518, VFW 9713 Morson Ario & 950 come together to see that Honors are performed for veterans that are not members of a service organization or when a service organization is unable to do honors on their own.

We will be having our annual **Color Guard meeting / Potluck on Thursday May 5th** to lay out our Memorial Day schedule and the parades to follow. We will be calling Color Guard members to request dishes to pass. We will meet at the Post for the meal at 5:30pm on the Thursday, May 5th & at 6:30 we will have our meeting. Looking forward to seeing all of you again.

I want to welcome Dom Tortorella to our Color Guard. We look forward to working with him along with the rest of our members!!

We will have our annual Color Guard practice at a date following the Color Guard meeting.
Are there any more that want Legion Jackets?? Please let me know.

Veteran of the Month:

At our April Veteran of the Month ceremony, Post 518 retired colors for AN William Wilkinson and honored Tech 5 Vernon Erickson (this involved 7 Legion members, 2 Aux members & 3 SAL members). Our Saturday, May 7th VOM ceremony will honor Navy Storekeeper 2nd Class Archie Emil Menk (Charlotte Giese's father) by raising his colors for the month. As always, these ceremonies are open to the public, so we look forward to seeing you at these events that honor our deceased veterans.

Vets for Vets,
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – SUNDAY , MAY 22ND

ADJUTANT

Elections will be in May. Officers Nominations started in April and nominations are open up until we vote in May.

Currently nominated for Commander: Tom Paulson, 1st Vice Cmdr: Jeff Frye, 2nd Vice Cmdr: Dom Tortorella, Finance Officer: Ivy Lewis and House Committee Chair: Ivy Lewis. Appointed Positions: Adjutant, Chaplain, and Sergeant of Arms. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions, please contact a past Commander: Elections will be at the Membership meeting in May, and installation at the June meeting.

Veterans in Need Fruit Sale was a huge success with over \$1200 raised. Thank you everyone who helped us raise these needs funds for our needing veteran families.

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 to Cadet Magan L. J. Walstrom. At our April meeting it was voted to raise the scholarship to \$500 for next year's scholarship awards.

Up Coming Events:

- Mar 5, 2016 Dept Appreciation Rally Legionville
- 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
- 16th Annual American Legion Family Day with the Minnesota Twins! Friday May 20th at 7:10PM. Home plate view seats for \$23. Seating is limited- tickets are available on a first come first serve basis. See flyer on bulletin board for additional information.

Name Tags: A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board, if anyone is interest in ordering name tags. We need to see how many interested people we have. If there are enough people are interested, we will place an order them. Each name tag will be the individual's responsibility to pay for them.

Legion Jackets: We need 6 requests to place an order for jackets. Each type of LEGION/SAL/Auxiliary jackets need to be ordered separately for an order.

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.

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.

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/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).

No bands month of May BUT, Wed. May 4th, 8 pm, Karaoke & Nachos

Sun. May 22, 10 am Brunch for Commander's Choice - \$7 person please

Memorial Day: A full list of the day's services will be available and posted at the club after May 5th Color Guard Meeting.

Our Auxiliary will be hosting a meal on Memorial Day for those participating in the day's events with a Free Will offering. Stop in for some camaraderie and a cold beverage, we look forward to seeing you!

The Bartenders ☺

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

- T-shirts & Hats – the bar has POW shirts and POW hats available for sale
- 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
MAY 2016

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Phil Sommers	2 BINGO 6PM	3 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	4 Karaoke 8 pm with Nacho Bar Daniel Heyer	5 COLOR GUARD POTLUCK AT 530, MTG AT 630 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM Daniel Morley	6 Aux Hot Dish Meal Deb Joerg	7 VOM 10AM MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Tom Klingel
8 Wanda Schwartz	9 BINGO 6PM	10 BAR TRIVIA 7PM Duane Hoechst	11	12 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	13 Grilled Chicken, Salads and Dessert Richard Wiest	14 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Arlo Sandvig Gary Graff
15 Jeremy Volk Russ Johnson	16 BINGO 6PM SAL MEETING 730PM Jeff Henry	17 BAR TRIVIA 7PM Betty Dorn Nancy Plakke	18	19 <i>5:30 Board Meeting</i> <i>7:00 Aux & Legion</i> BAR CLOSED 630PM – 830PM George Bias	20 SAL Prime Rib Sandwich, Fries and Salad \$9 Fay Pohlman Dale Broughten	21 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
22 Brunch 10am-1pm \$7 for Cmdr's Choice	23 BINGO 6PM Dan McKinley Gary Eckstein	24 BAR TRIVIA 7PM Lois Rosin	25 Paul Peterson	26 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	27 Lasagna & Salad for Color Guard Christopher Templin William Penkert	28 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Don Benson Robert Volness
29 Jason Kelley Alexander Johnson	30 MEMORIAL DAY – MEMORIAL TIMES TO BE POSTED BINGO 6PM	31 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	June 1 Kim Sward John Olson	June 2 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	June 3 Chili Dogs & Malts for ROTC scholarship Suzanne Kelly	June 4 BOOKIN ON BELGRADE 830 AM VOM 10AM MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Jean Sik