



American Legion Post 518
Commander's Newsletter
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North Mankato American Legion Post 518



MAY 2017

Greetings to everyone in the Post 518 Family,

Spring/Summer is finally here; I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and enjoy the great weather. Nominations were held in April and the nominees are as follows: Jeff Frye for Commander; Dom Tortorella for 1st Vice Commander. We still have a few openings and nominations will continue through May. Please come on down to our May meeting on the 18th to run for office or just to vote. The Third District Convention will be held in New Prague this year May 19-21. I will be there on Saturday the 20th. Anyone who is interested and wants to car pool over, let me know. I would like to welcome all new members to our Post. I hope you all enjoy our Post and call it a home. Please keep in mind we are having our 1st annual garage sale on June 17th. Look for more information; it will be posted on the bulletin board by our popcorn machine.

Thanks again for everyone's continued support of Post 518
If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me.

Strong Support = Strong Post

Tom Paulson – Commander, Post 518 507-381-6024 tompaulson73@hotmail.com

AUXILIARY

With the nice spring weather, comes more children playing outside. Please drive carefully when children are present. Have a safe spring and summer.

Thank you so much for those who helped serve apple pie at Monarch Meadows and Oak Terrace. The veterans at these apartments enjoy the visit from the Auxiliary and the Legion members.

Nominations are open until our elections at our May meeting. All offices are open but especially President and Treasurer. Membership will also be available. If you are considering running for an office and have questions, please give me a call. 507-381-2771

Remember the legion family is having a **Garage Sale on June 17th**. Things can be brought to the legion MID WEEK of the sale (no large items until Fri. 16 or day of sale). PLEASE DO NOT BRING items sooner. Also HAVE THEM PRICED 25 cents and up. We do not have man power to mark all items brought in. We also need help with manning the sale.

REMEMBER—May is Poppy Month. We will have “cards” you can donate to in “honor of” or in “memory of” at the club starting May 1st. Again we will hang them on the wall by the T.V. Lets fill more than one wall(we did last year). Our Club will be distributing poppies at Fleet Farm in Mankato and Walgreens in upper N. Mankato, May 19-20. Please support our Poppy Month so we can continue our support of our Veterans locally and in the District. THANK YOU in advance for your support.

Memorial Day ceremonies will be held throughout Mankato and N. Mankato May 29, starting at 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Consider attending one of these ceremonies to honor our deceased veterans.

Thanks for another great meeting. Please join us May 18th for our next meeting and vote.

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

SAL

Hello All,

Our next meeting is May 15th and we will be having our officer elections for the “17/18” year. Nominations will still be open before the vote. **Also we will be voting on moving our meeting night from the 3rd Monday of every month to the 3rd Thursday of every month.** The thought behind this is that the Legion and Aux have their meetings on that night also and it would put all the legion families together on the same night. The Legion has their meetings upstairs, ours would be in the basement and the Auxiliary uses the back room. If there is any information to be shared between families it can be done at that time instead of waiting a month to do so.

The SAL ditch clean-up along Hwy 22 S. is put on a 2 year hiatus by the state because of road construction. The highway department will notify us when we can resume.

Our meal for May will be the prime rib sandwiches with fry's and a salad on the 19th. Help support the SAL meals as the proceeds go to help our veterans programs and the club. **To give you an idea of some of the things the SAL has contributed to in the last year is the new shed behind the club, ceiling fans on the patio, fire extinguisher in the kitchen, LED lighting in the bar, contribution to the new flag pole, remodel of the bar area for placement of the dart board and numerous veterans programs.**

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 April 1st VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of **The Sullivan Brothers**. We honored **PFC John Nicholas Klaseus** by raising colors in his honor for the month of April. We had a great turnout from the Klaseus family & friends!

We will honor **Army Staff Sergeant Dalaine Baade** on Saturday May 6th @ 10am **At the West end of Wheeler Park.**

---Come & help us honor his memory on Saturday May 6th----

****We have just a couple of openings for our outdoor season ceremonies – Please contact me at 507-380-8405 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 2 Veterans by the Memorial Squad. Also, since our last meeting 3 of our members went along with our Auxiliary to Monarch Meadows & Oak Terrace when they provided pie for the veterans at those places and enjoyed talking with them.

We held our annual Color Guard Meal & Meeting on April 13th – Lots of good food. We set our Color Guard practice for Tuesday May 16 @ Wheeler Park – 6pm. We'll be brushing up on marching, Colors and Manual of Arms. We now have the 5 Service Branch flags and will soon receive Post 518 banner for parades, funerals, etc.

We are in need of another bugler who is able to play taps at funerals during daytime hours. We also need people to clean rifles prior to Memorial Day. Please let me know if you are able.

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?-----

Vets for Vets,

Mark Conrad

Color Guard/VOM Coordinator **507-380-8405 or email at lefty48597@gmail.com**

ADJUTANT

Wow, did the month go by fast! Mother's Day is around the corner and on her heels is Memorial Day. There are 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 here. We hope you will step up and find a project or event near and dear to your heart, you can get involved with. Come on down, get involved and make a difference with your Legion Family.

*** If you have a not turned in your Post 518 Volunteer Survey, we really would like to know what are you interested in around Post 518. Please fill it out and turn it in, any thoughts or ideas are welcomed. Extra surveys are by the front door.

*** We need to get our Promotions Committee together, if you are interested in helping with the events around the post, we can use you; whether you are Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL. Let us know you are interested. Let's keep Post 518 events fun and worthwhile.

May 19th-21st Third District Convention New Prague, MN. Anyone interested in attending please contact one of our Board members to let us know.

June 16 - 18, 2017 - Nicollet American Legion Post #510, Friendship Days.

July 6 - 9 - North Mankato Fun Days. Fun Days Parade July 8. We are looking to add a float to the parade also, for any members interested in riding in the parade?

Clothing Drive: We are always in need of clean, used clothes. Drop off 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.

Saturday May 6th: Need volunteers to help bag & load clothes at St John's Episcopal Church. If you are interested in helping let Mike Forliti know, Time TBD, most likely early afternoon. Should only take a couple of hours. Will also need volunteers to load clothes at the end of May for delivery to Savers.

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 meetings.

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. **May 11th**

BANDS ARE DONE FOR THE SEASON AND WILL RETURN IN THE FALL.

The Bartenders ☺

BACK PARKING LOT

**It has been requested that we do not block, box in cars in the new, back city lot; especially Friday nights in the two horizontal stalls.
Hopefully this will prevent any towing of vehicles.**

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
NORTH MANKATO, MN
MAY 2017

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 BINGO 6PM	2 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	3 I & O CLASS NACHOS & Karaoke 8 pm	4 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	5 BRATS N' FIXINS Salad, desserts Commanders Choice	6 VOM 10 AM Dalaine Baade MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
7	8 BINGO 6PM	9 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	10	11 BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM	12 HOT DOGS/CHILI Salads, Desserts Plumbing Fundraiser	13 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
14 MOTHER'S DAY	15 BINGO 6PM SAL Meeting 7:30	16 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	17	18 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 Aux & Legion BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	19 PRIME RIB SANDWICHES, Fries, Salad, Desserts SAL	20 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM ARMED FORCES DAY
21 News Letter Deadline	22 BINGO 6PM	23 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	24	25 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM CAPTAIN'S CHOICE	26 TBD????	27 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
28	29 NO BINGO MEMORIAL DAY	30 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	31	June 1 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	2 CHEESEBURGERS P. SALAD, MALTS MEMBERSHIP	3 VOM MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM BOOKIN' ON BELGRADE 8–10AM