



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

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

It seems that spring has finally arrived and that means that summer is just around the corner and our busy time of year will kick in again with parades and community events. If you would like to become involved there will be plenty of opportunities available.

Elections are next month and we do have a slate of candidates but nominations are open until we vote in May, so if anyone is interested in running for an office let me know.

Thank you to all that helped with our spring cleanup on Saturday April 21st, we had a great turn out and got a lot of things done in a very short period of time.

Thank you to the Auxiliary for the wonderful Banquet on the 22nd, the meal was fantastic and I know that everyone at my table went home full and content.

We are really getting great turnouts at our monthly meetings and that is awesome. New and different perspectives are always welcome, and this kind of support is how we are going to continue to prosper. The next meeting is on Thursday May 17th at 7pm, I sincerely hope to see you there.

We will once again be having Trivia. Join us Monday evenings beginning at 7:00. First night is May 7th! I am available at 507-340-0831 or jeffrye927@gmail.com

Jeff Frye
Commander, Serving Veterans and Community

AUXILIARY

I believe spring has arrived??!!!!!! Get out and enjoy the nice weather.

Friday May 11th, the Auxiliary will be serving beef or turkey commercials!. Please come and support this meal. Tell your friends and neighbors to “come on down”. We use these funds for various projects from high school graduation parties, veterans, back pack for schools and children and youth—just to mention a few.

Don't forget May 18th & 19th are poppy days at Walgreens (upper north Mankato) and Fleet Farm (Mankato). Also, we have the poppy cards at the club. Please consider making a donation to this project. 100% of money collected for poppies is used for VETERANS only. If you are interested in helping with poppy distribution call Mavis Anderson 507-388-8951, Jami Goettl 507-779-5141 or Diane Conrad 507-381-2771.

I would like to thank the committee who cooked and served the Veteran's Banquet April 22nd. It was delicious!!!

At our May meeting, we will vote for officers. It is not too late to get your name on the ballot—we accept nominations through the night of voting. So far those on the ballot: President: Sonja Frye, 1st Vice: Diane Conrad, 2nd Vice: Lynette Rohlfing, Treasurer: Deb Joerg.

May 28th is Memorial Day—please remember our deceased veterans. If you are able, attend one of the services at a memorial or cemetery. Our color guard is part of these ceremonies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for three GREAT years as Auxiliary President. We have awesome women who were always there to volunteer. Also thanks to the Legion and SAL for their assistance and support and all members and patrons for their help during my reign. Way to go Post 518 Family.

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

SAL

Hello All,

Well it's a little late but spring is finally here and the snow is finally gone!!! After doing some yard work make sure to stop down to the club for some liquid refreshment.

A reminder that at our next meeting May 17th. If you have not made a meeting in a while it will be a good one to attend. SAL had their officer nominations last month and we will be electing our new officers at the May 17th meeting. Nomination will be accepted prior to the vote. The SAL meal for May will be once again the Nathan chili dogs with coleslaw. All proceeds from our meals go to our various veteran's programs and club improvements.

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

Hello to all of our Legion Family,

Spring seems to finally have shown up (I hope)! I would like to thank our Auxiliary for the fine "Veteran's Banquet" on Sunday, April 22nd. I think I speak for all veterans that received this tribute, that we are grateful to be honored with this great meal.

Veteran of the Month

At our April Veteran of the Month ceremony we retired the Colors for "The Sullivan Brothers" and honored Medal of Honor Recipient Army SFC Robert Pruden for the month of April. At our Saturday, May 5th ceremony, we will honor Sgt Arlo Sandvig for the month of May. This ceremony will take place **OUDOORS** at the west end of Wheeler Park on May 5th at 10 am. -----**We have only 1 opening left for 2018**---

Color Guard

Since our meeting on Jan 18th we have participated in a Memorial Squad funeral for 1 area Veteran. We are coming up on a busy summer with Memorial Day coming up soon, Flag Day ceremony and several parades.

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

NOTE FROM MEMBERSHIP

I'm proud to report our membership campaign for 2018 has been very successful. Currently, we have 204 paid up Legion members at Post 518. This is an all time high for our membership! I want to thank everyone that has made our post such a welcoming atmosphere to guests and new members. While it is exciting to sign up new members, I think it is equally important to make sure our current members see value in their involvement with our organization. July is just around the corner, when I will be kicking off the campaign for the 2019 membership year. There are currently 16 of us that are at risk of their membership lapsing in the next couple of months. I will be following up with them to try to get everyone current. A lot of people take pride in having many years of continuous membership through the American Legion. If you are unsure of your membership status or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 507-479-0389 or via email at jdpeters1855@gmail.com

James Peters, Membership Chairman

ADJUTANT

What a beautiful day it is today, it looks like Spring is here. It's going to be a beautiful summer. There has been a lot of events going on at the Club. It takes everyone coming together to make our Club events a success. 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. We would like to thank everyone for all their hard work making our Club as wonderful as it is.

2018 – 2019 Officer Nominations. We nominated the following members at our April meeting.

Commander: Jeff Frye, **1st Vice Cmdr:** Mike Frazee, **2nd Vice Cmdr:** Paul Wingert and **Finance Officer:** Keith Eilbert. The following are Appointed Positions: Adjutant, Chaplain, and Sergeant of Arms. Contact one of our past Commanders if you are interested in any one of these positions. Nominations open till Elections at the Membership meeting in May. Installation of officers will at the June meeting.

North Mankato Post 518 40th Anniversary August 19th, 2019. Tentatively it will be scheduled for the weekend, mid-August, NEXT year. Ideas and suggestions are welcomed for the 2019 Celebration.

3rd District Upcoming Event

May 18-20 3 rd District Convention	Silver Lake Post 141
July 19 – 21 Department Convention	Rochester, MN
Aug 26 – 30 National Convention	Minneapolis, MN

Anyone interested in reading books to children at Hoover School, contact Dan Kamphoff; 507-388-5202.

Paddle Wheel: Ends for the summer May 19th, starts up again Sept 8th.

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. It takes less than a couple of hours. If you have a 3/4 ton pickup OR interested in driving loads OR help deliver the clothes to Warehouse in Rochester or the Twin Cities, please let us know. We are always in need of clean, used clothes. Drop off at the Legion if you have any to donate. We would like to thank our volunteers for their 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.

Newsletter 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

TRIVIA: Mondays @ 7 pm **First night is May 7th**

BINGO: Tuesdays and Saturdays @ 6pm,

MUSIC With MICHELLE: Thursdays @ 7pm (except meeting nights - then we start at 9 pm).

BUCKARAOKE: (Sing Along with Buck) May 10th 7 – 10 pm (Last of the season)

BANDS: RainKings May 4th (Last of the band season)

Check out our NEW beverages: Modelo, Corona, Bearfoot Pink Moscato, Bell's 2 Hearted Ale and Mad Butcher.

We are transitioning to Heggie's Pizza, a Bar Favorite !

The Bartenders

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1 BINGO 6 PM	2 I&O CLASS KARAOKE 8 PM	3 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	4 Meal to be determined RAINKINGS (last of season)	5 VOM 10 AM Wheeler Park Arlo Sandvig MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
6	7 TRIVIA 7 PM	8 BINGO 6 PM	9	10 BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM (last of season)	11 Beef/Turkey Commercials Auxiliary for Parade fund	12 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
13	14 TRIVIA 7 PM	15 BINGO 6 PM (1 ST HALF PROPERTY TAXES DUE)	16	17 MEETINGS 5:30 Board Meet 7:00 Leg, Aux, SAL BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX 9PM	18 NATHAN CHILI DOGS Coleslaw SAL	19 BOOKIN' ON BELGRADE 8-11 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM (LAST ONE) BINGO 6 PM
20	21 TRIVIA 7 PM	22 BINGO 6 PM	23	24 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	25 NO MEAL	26 NO MEAT RAFFLE BINGO 6 PM
27	28 MEMORIAL DAY LUNCH FOR COLOR GUARD	29 BINGO 6 PM	30	31 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	<i>June 1</i> Meal to be determined	<i>June 2</i> VOM 10 AM BINGO 6 PM