



# American Legion Post 518 Commander's Newsletter



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**JUNE 2016**

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Hello Legion Family.

I hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer. Thank you all for electing me as Commander again. I will continue to work hard for you and Post 518. Congratulations to all newly elected officers the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary. I look forward to working with you all.

I attended the Third District Convention this past month it was a lot of fun meeting fellow Legionnaires from other Posts. The 2017 Convention will be held in New Prague. I hope a few others will be attending since it is a little closer to home. I spent the weekend at the Vet's Camp on Big Marine Lake and it was a great place. I encourage all Vets to check it out; you will have a great time. Remember to check the bulletin boards around the Post for upcoming events. Thanks for your support and donations. We are helping a lot of fellow Legionaries and their families.

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

*Strong Support = Strong Post*

*Tom Paulson – Commander 507-381-6024*

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## **AUXILIARY**

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We certainly are having beautiful weather so hope everyone gets out and enjoys.

Elections were held on May 19th. The officers stayed the same. Diane Conrad, President; Char Giese, 1st Vice; Deb Joerg, 2nd Vice & Membership; RaeAnn Kozitza, Treasurer. Thank you to everyone for your support!

I cannot find the words for thanking our 9 Auxiliary members and 3 Legion members who helped distribute poppies on Fri., May 20th and Sat., May 21st. Thanks to the helpers and the public. We sold out of poppies and raised enough monies to help our VETERANS. Way to go!!! I've always said, "We have the best organization at Legion Post 518!!" Please consider helping next year.

The Club is in need of volunteers for meat raffles on Sat. afternoons, before bingo. If you have time to volunteer a few Saturdays a year please contact the club. You will get training.

The Auxiliary is ordering shirts for Auxiliary members so if you want to get one see me or another Auxiliary member. More info at the June meeting.

Again, thank you to the entire Post for donating to the Poppy Cards and Poppies and to the businesses who donated for Poppy Cards. Without your generosity, we would not have the funds to help our Vets.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call or an email. Hope to see you at the June meeting.

*Diane Conrad—Auxiliary President 507-381-2771*

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# SAL

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Hello All,

The SAL had their officer elections and we now have some new people taking over in some of the positions. It's great to see new people getting more involved with the club!!!

Commander: Bruce Defries, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Darrin Hendley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Dennis Kleinow, Adjunct: Kim Sward, Sargent at Arms: Tom Paulson, Finance Officer: Travis Defries, Chaplin: Tony Giese and Membership: Jeff Tiedeken. Congratulations gentlemen and it is going to be nice to get to work with you in support of the club and our Veterans.

North Mankato Fun Days is coming up and volunteers will be needed to help out with the food stand. Please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

Summer is a busy time around here so keep an eye on the calendar and our Facebook page for up-dates.

The Color Guard is still looking for volunteers. 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

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## COLOR GUARD / VETERAN OF THE MONTH

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Greetings,

Color Guard members went to Monarch Meadows to help with Armed Forces Day/Memorial Day observances on May 24<sup>th</sup> and to meet with the Veterans and family members of Veterans at this facility.

Thanks to all Color Guard members that are giving up their time to help with **Memorial Day honors on Monday, May 30**, at the War Memorials and the cemeteries that Post 518 and other Service Clubs perform Honors.

### **Color Guard Events for June**

Flag Day Ceremony – Tuesday, June 14 @ Centennial Park (at the west end of Belgrade Ave) 6:00pm

---Will be needing volunteers (Color Guard & Firing Squad) for this event.

Friendship Days parade in Nicollet, MN – Sunday, June 19 @ 1:00pm

### **Veteran of the Month**

At our May Veteran of the Month ceremony, Post 518 retired colors for Army Tech 5 Vernon Erickson & honored Navy Storekeeper 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Archie Emil Menk (Charlotte Giese's father) by raising his colors for the month. At our June 4<sup>th</sup> ceremony, we will honor Marine Corporal Thomas Lewer 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,*

*Mark Conrad*    507-380-8405    [lefty48597@gmail.com](mailto:lefty48597@gmail.com)

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## *NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – SUNDAY, JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>*

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**Newsletter by email instead of mail? – let us know at**  
**[americanlegion518@yahoo.com](mailto:americanlegion518@yahoo.com)**  
**and there are always newsletters at the post.**

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## ADJUTANT

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Congratulations to our Membership Officers Elected for 2016 – 2017. Officers and appointed members will be installed June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Commander** –Tom Paulson; 1st **Vice** - Jeff Frye; 2<sup>nd</sup> **Vice** - Dominic Tortorella;

**Finance Officer** - Ivy Lewis; House **Committee Chair** - Ivy Lewis.

Employee/Officer Appreciation Party - Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. There are a few things to look into for next year, hoping to make it better. We hope everyone had a wonderful time.

### Up Coming Events:

- June 4<sup>th</sup> Bookin' on Belgrade
- June 26<sup>th</sup> **Motivational March & Rally to Stop Veteran Suicide.** A 23 mile March from N.Mankato to New Ulm. The March is to represent the 22 Veterans and 1 Active Duty Service Member that takes their own lives **every day**. ETA departure 4 AM. Rally at Riverside Park New Ulm 12-4PM. Our post is planning to do a hydration station & snack along the route in support of this event.
- July 21-23, Department Convention, Rochester, MN

### Legion Meals:

- June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Chili Dogs and Malts, ROTC Scholarship
- June 10<sup>th</sup> – Nacho Bar – Commander's Choice
- June 17<sup>th</sup> – THREE Kinds of Chicken, Hospice Fundraiser
- June 24<sup>th</sup> – Build a Burger, Color Guard
- July 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> – No Meals
- Monthly Brunch - will be served, on the third Sunday of each month. The proceeds will go towards designated veteran services. **Exceptions:** June 12<sup>th</sup> brunch - ROTC Scholarship and we will not have a brunch in July. August 21<sup>st</sup> – Building Fund, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Campground

**Name Tags:** If you are interested in obtaining a name tag, a sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board. If there are enough 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 Legion/SAL/Auxiliary jacket needs to be ordered separately for an order. Let Mark Conrad know if you're interested.

**Paddle Wheel:** We are looking for people to run the Saturday Paddle Wheel/Meat Raffles. Volunteers for the Paddle Wheel cannot Play BINGO or Pull tabs that day but you may the next day. The volunteer's immediate family cannot participate in the raffle that day, but they are able to Play BINGO, Pull tabs, and other gambling. The sign-up sheet is on 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

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## MORE GOOD STUFF

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### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month – then we start the jukebox at 9pm).

No bands month of June but in July for "pre Blues on Belgrade" we will have the Porchlights on Fri., July 22nd

Sun. June 12, 10 am Brunch for ROTC Scholarship - \$7 per person please

Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> the meal will Benefit Mayo Hospice and Palliative Care! THREE kinds of chicken!

*The Bartenders ☺*

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

- T-shirts & Hats – POW shirts and POW hats available for sale. **CHECK OUT THE NEW CAN KOOZIES**
- Aluminum cans – drop off donations at post anytime to add to recycling and defray newsletter costs
- Clothing - drop off clothing, purses and shoes for our Clothing Drive. Proceeds benefit Veterans.

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NORTH MANKATO, MN  
JUNE 2016

**Birthdays:**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>MEMORIAL DAY –</b> Breakfast Hosted by VFW 950 at Post 11 6:30 to 7:30 am Korean War Memorial 8 am, consolidated units Rapidan Ceremony 9 am Kerns Cemetery Ceremony 10 am WWI Memorial, Sibley Park 11:30 am consolidated units Vietnam Memorial 12:10 pm consolidated units WWII Memorial, Wheeler Park 1 pm, consolidated units, Post 518 Hosts Swedish Cemetery Ceremony 2 pm			<b>1</b>  Kim Sward John Olson	<b>2</b> JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	<b>3</b> Chili Dogs & Malts for ROTC scholarship  Suzanne Kelly	<b>4</b> BOOKIN ON BELGRADE 830 AM VOM 10AM MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Jean Sik
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> BINGO 6PM  Jeremy Horkey	<b>7</b> BAR TRIVIA 7PM  Constance Cousins	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	<b>10</b> Nacho Bar for Cmdr's Choice  Nanci Meyers	<b>11</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
<b>12</b> Brunch 10am-1pm \$7 for ROTC Scholarship	<b>13</b> BINGO 6PM	<b>14</b> Elk's Flag Day Ceremony at 6 pm, Centennial Park BAR TRIVIA 7:30PM (Note time change!!!) Jerry Plakke	<b>15</b>  Donald Olsen	<b>16</b> 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 Aux & Legion BAR CLOSED 630PM – 830PM Daniel Lorentz Charles Fleming	<b>17</b> Chicken Choices for Hospice/Palliative Care	<b>18</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Dean Kent Charles Hauser
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> BINGO 6PM SAL MEETING 730PM John Cedergren Elvin Burchill	<b>21</b> BAR TRIVIA 7PM Marge Rengstorf Lowell Reedstrom Keith Ward	<b>22</b>  James Theissen	<b>23</b> JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM  Tim Jones Edwin Mellstrom Shari Schemmel	<b>24</b> Build a Burger for Color Guard	<b>25</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Harold Hartwell Jared Gohr Ronald Szallar
<b>26</b> Veterans March for Suicide Awareness  Matthew Smisek	<b>27</b> BINGO 6PM	<b>28</b> BAR TRIVIA 7PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM  Maranda Carlson Angella Robbins	<b>July 1</b> No Meal Scheduled	<b>July 2</b> VOM 10AM MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Tony Giese