



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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JUNE 2017

Greetings Legion Family,

I hope everyone is ready for a busy summer. The Color Guard will be busy with the parade season starting soon. Thanks to everyone who helps out especially Mark Conrad for all he does organizing and getting everyone ready. We can always use more help with the parades. June 17th is our First Legion Garage Sale. We need help setting up, selling and with cleanup in order to make it fun and profitable. I hope the weather cooperates. I want to personally congratulate all of the new officers that have been elected (Legion, SAL & Auxiliary) to represent the legion family. I'm sure they will do an excellent job if we all continue to work together. I hope everyone has noticed our new flag pole. Thanks to everyone who was involved in getting it done as we can now properly display our nation's flag.

This is my last newsletter as your Commander of Post 518. It has been an honor serving as your Commander for the past 3 years. It has really gone by fast. I appreciate all the trust and support that I have received. Your words of encouragement have helped me to do my best during my term. I know Jeff Frye will do an excellent job as your new Commander.

I am continuing my legion service by accepting the position of 3rd District Public Affairs Chairperson. I hope I can use the knowledge that I have obtained these past 3 years as your Commander to good use in my district position.

In closing I want to thank my wife Deborah for her understanding, continued support and help in my past and future legion duties.

Thanks once again for my Post 518 Legion Family.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Jeff Frye, your incoming commander.

Strong Support = Strong Post

Sincerely,
Post 518 Commander
Tom Paulson

AUXILIARY

We had elections with the following results: President-Diane Conrad, 1st Vice and membership-Deb Joerg, 2nd Vice and SGT at Arms-Vicki Tortorella, Secretary-Deb Maus, Treasurer-Sonja Frye, Chaplin-Char Giese. Congratulations to all the officers.

We will be having our garage sale June 17th. Please bring good, useable and MARKED items to the club mid week of the sale—no sooner, please. We also need help—set up, manning the sale and clean up. Call any of the officers of the club and let them know if you can help. Thank you in advance for your help.

Poppy distribution went well. Thanks to everyone who helped from the Legion, Auxiliary and ABATE.

If you know of an Auxiliary member who is ill or passes, let Char Giese know so a card can be sent.

We are missing a 9x13 pan with the name---Kathy Woods on the side of the pan. If you find it in your cupboard, please drop it off at the club. Thanks for checking.

We are looking for Auxiliary members to chair any of the following:

1. Veteran of the Month coffee hour—1st Saturday of each month
2. Friday eve meal—3-5 per year
3. Memorial Day—lunch @ noon or help at Kern's Cemetery
4. Oak Terrace and Monarch Meadows—visit with the veterans and serving coffee and a treat
5. Poppy Month
6. Veterans Banquet—at our club
7. Bake Sale at Madison East Center

A full explanation of these projects will be at our next meeting. Come on down and see where you can help. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please shoot me an email or give me a call.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

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

SAL

Hello All,

The SAL had their officer elections last month and the results were that all last year's officers remain in position. Myself SAL Commander, Darren Hendley 1st Vice, Travis Defries Treasurer, Kim Swarm Adjunct, Jeff Tiediken Membership and Tony Giese Chaplin/Sargent at Arms. Thank you all for your service the past year and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year for our post.

I would also like to thank Tom Paulson, our outgoing Legion Commander for his service and assistance the past 3 years. Congratulations to Jeff Frye the new incoming Commander; I look forward to working with you

Reminder that we voted on moving our meeting night to coincide with the Legion and the Auxiliary's meetings. **They will be the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 PM. Our next meeting will be June 15th.**

There are a lot of things going on around the club so keep an eye on the calendar on the back of this newsletter and posts in the Club. 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 May 6th VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of **Army PFC John Klaseus**. We honored **Army Staff Sergeant Dalaine Baade** by raising colors in his honor for the month of May.

We will honor **Air Force Sgt Forrest John Gillson** on Saturday June 3rd @ 10am **At the West end of Wheeler Park.**

---Come & help us honor his memory on Saturday June 3rd----

****We have just 1 opening left for our outdoor season ceremonies – Please contact me at 380-8405 or email at lefty48597@gmail.com if you have someone to honor.**

COLOR GUARD

Since our last meeting, we had Military Honors for post member James Sawyer on April 24th by 11 of Post 518 members & help from 3 MAVMS members. We had no Military Honors for area Veterans by the Memorial Squad.

We had our Color Guard practice Tuesday May 16. We brushed up on Marching, Manual of Arms & Firing Squad practice.

Need – Rifle cleaning volunteers!

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

Congratulations to our New Legion Membership, SAL & Auxiliary Officers. There are many events coming up this summer at our Legion Post and Our Legion Family needs all the help it can get. Step up and find an event or project you can get involved with. Come on down, get involved and make a difference with your Legion Family.

*** We are looking for interested members in putting together a Promotions/Events Committee. If you are interested in helping with the events around the post, we can use you; whether you are Membership, Auxiliary, or SAL. Let us know you are interested. Let's keep Post 518 events fun and worthwhile.

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

July 6 – 9 - North Mankato Fun Days. Fun Days Parade July 6. We are looking to add a float to the parade and any members interested in riding in the parade.

July 13-15 – Department Convention Mahnomon, MN.

July 16th - Moon Dogs Military Appreciation Night; there will be discounts for the Dog Pound.

July 17th – Minnesota Lake, 11th Annual Motor cycle run for Veterans.

If you need Veteran Affairs Burial Information call 1-800-827-1000 for assistance.

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.

If you have a ½ ton pickup and interested to volunteer driving loads to Rochester, contact Mike Forliti.

YMCA is looking for Big Brothers/Big Sisters; if you are interested becoming a Big Brother/Big Sister contact our local YMCA.

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

*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. **June 8th**

BANDS ARE DONE FOR THE SEASON AND WILL RETURN DURING BLUES ON BELGRADE AND IN THE FALL.

The Bartenders ☺

PLEASE NOTE

MEAT RAFFELS: Beginning in June they will be on hold over the summer. Will resume in Fall.

E- TABS: We will begin a trial using E Tabs soon. , IN ADDITION TO our Paper Tabs.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		MEAT RAFFELS ON HOLD OVER SUMMER		1 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	2 CHEESEBURGERS P. SALAD, MALTS Child (Leah) Leukemia Fund	3 VOM 10 AM John Gillson Bookin' on Belgrade 7-10 am BINGO 6PM
4	5 BINGO 6PM	6 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	7	8 BUCKARAOKE 7 - 10 PM	9 BRATS & CHILI DOGS Salads, Desserts Children's Xmas	10 BINGO 6PM
11	12 BINGO 6PM	13 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	14 FLAG DAY	15 <i>5:30 Board Meeting</i> <i>7:00 Leg, Aux, SAL</i> BAR CLOSED 6:30PM - 8:30PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	16 TBD OPEN	17 RUMMAGE SALE 8 am - 2 pm NO BINGO
18 News Letter Deadline FATHER'S DAY	19 BINGO 6PM	20 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	21 SUMMER	22 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	23 HAMB & HOT DOGS Baked beans, Desserts Color Guard	24 BINGO 6PM
25	26 BINGO 6PM	27 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	28	29 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	30 TBD OPEN	JULY 1 VOM 10 BINGO 6PM