



American Legion Post 518 Commander's Newsletter



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JULY 2016

Hello Legion Family,

I hope all my fellow Post 518 members are well and in good spirits. July is our busiest month by far, so let's all join together and make it a great month. For example, Fun Days and Blues on Belgrade, for which we can always use volunteers and the Color Guard, which has three parades, and can always use cheering from the crowd. It helps a lot to have extra volunteers and there's something for everybody. We get it done as a FAMILY of members from Legion, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion (SAL). Please see Adjutant write-up for FUN DAYS signup.

For example, in the 7 days prior to our last meeting, we had about 20 volunteers for over 120 service hours which included funeral honors, clothing pickups, community event meetings, vets in need, and family support. I apologize if I ever forget to thank someone from our Post who goes out of the way to help out around the Post and at events, but it is so hard to list everyone by name.

Thanks again for electing me Commander; I will always try to do what is best for our Post. 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

Summer has arrived with the heat and humidity--yuk! Stay safe and remember to hydrate during these summer days. Memorial Day went well for the Legion and Auxiliary. Had a beautiful day to honor our deceased Veterans. On June 7th, several Auxiliary members traveled to the Hastings Veterans home to make a donation to their recreation area. Our tour of the home was very informational. We had a fun day seeing what all goes on at the home on a daily bases. My vehicle just happened to stop at a Dairy Queen on the way home!!

The Auxiliary will be serving the Friday, August 12th meal. More info in the August newsletter.

There is a need for volunteers to help with meat raffles on Sat. before bingo and volunteers for Fun Days food booth. Please consider helping with one of these volunteer opportunities by signing up by the popcorn machine. Both jobs are fun and there is training.

We will be ordering t-shirts with Auxiliary Unit 518 on them. We will be making our decision at the August meeting. If you would like to order a shirt come to our meeting or call me. We will have the prices at the Aug. meeting.

I am looking for Auxiliary members to "chair" a couple committees: Poppies and the Bake Sale in November at Madison East. I have info from the previous years. You can call me or come to a meeting for more details. Thank you in advance.

We will NOT have a meeting in July but hope to see you at the August meeting. Thanks for all the support we get from our Auxiliary members.

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

Hello All,

Welcome New Members: David Frye and Jeffrey Skuzocek

First I would like to congratulate our newly installed SAL officers, Darrin Hendley: 1st Vice, Dennis Kleinow: 2nd vice, Kim Sward: Adjunct and Travis Defries: Finance. I know you will all do great and help our club to grow.

North Mankato Fun Days is just around the corner and volunteers are needed. There is a sign-up sheet next to the popcorn machine at the club.

Our Post 518 Color Guard is also still looking for volunteers. Talk to Mark Conrad.

We're in the full swing of Summer with lots going on around the club so keep an eye on the calendar and our Facebook page. Stay safe in your travels and see you around "The Club".

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

COLOR GUARD / VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Greetings,

Veteran of the Month

In our June 4th VOM ceremony, Post 518 retired Navy Storekeeper 1st Class Archie Menk's Colors & honored Marine Corporal Thomas Lewer by raising his Colors for the month.

In our upcoming VOM ceremony on July 2nd, we will retire Marine Corporal Thomas Lewer's Colors & honor Army Sergeant First Class Robert Cheever by raising his Colors for the month of July. Robert was a 1991 graduate of Mankato East & served 18 ½ years in the US Army until his passing.

Thank you to our Honor Guard members that perform these ceremonies. Thank you to our SAL and Auxiliary for their support, which enables us to honor these deceased veterans. We have a great Legion Family!

Our October ceremony will be 100 ceremonies since we started!

Color Guard

This past month has been busy again. Thanks to our many volunteers (43 event volunteers).

Memorial Day was busy and turned out well in our effort to honor our deceased veterans. Thanks to our Auxiliary for providing food and refreshments for our Color Guard during breaks in the day – It was much appreciated.

We were ready for Flag Day ceremony, but it seems that the weather had other plans giving us lots of rain & storms! The Mankato Elks Club brought food to the club with the donations going toward rolls & coffee for our Vet of the Month events.

Color Guard members participated in 7 funerals with the Memorial Squad this past month. We also participated in a Memorial Day observance at Monarch Meadows where we performed the POW/MIA table ceremony, recited a Veteran's poem and stayed for a patriotic sing along with the residents.

Parades! We just finished the Friendship Days parade on Sunday, June 19th in Nicollet. We have 2 parades on July 4th (St. Peter & Elysian), Fun Days parade in N. Mankato on Saturday July 9th & Paddlefish Days in Madison Lake on July 23rd.

Vets for Vets,

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ADJUTANT

Summer is here and the club has a busy summer ahead. Be sure to come and join in any of the many events Post 518 is involved with this summer; the many parades in the cities/towns in the area, Fourth of July events, North Mankato Fun Days and Blues on Belgrade, just to name a few. Come down to the Club to cool off and have a cold drink. Wishing you a wonderful summer.

Up Coming Events: Check Color Guard schedule for dates and times.

- July 4th Parades St. Peter & Elysian
- **July 6-10th North Mankato Fun Days – Post 518 Food Stand at the Wheeler Park pavilion. Shift SIGNUP is by popcorn machine at the post. *Anyone that cannot work food stand but is interested in helping, contact Ivy... receive equipment & pop on July 5th, food prepping, person to run errands early AM and 4 – 5 PM on Sat/Sun and dishes too! Any help appreciated.☺**
- July 21-23 Department Convention, Rochester, MN
- July 23rd Paddlefish Days Parade in Madison Lake
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Legion Meals:

July 1st & 8th - No Meals Scheduled July 15th – Pulled Pork by softball team

July 22nd - Brats/Polish by Color Guard July 29th - Build A Burger

NO BRUNCH for July

Heads Up!!!! Viking Game Day Potlucks are coming soon at “The Club”!!! Proceeds help fund New Year’s Eve.

Legion Jackets: We need 6 requests to place an order for jackets. Each Legion/SAL/Auxiliary order is combined to meet the total. **Check sign-up board by popcorn machine.**

Paddle Wheel: We are looking for people to help run the Saturday Paddle Wheel/Meat Raffles. Volunteers for the Paddle Wheel cannot Play BINGO or Pull-tabs on that day, but you may the next day. The volunteer’s spouse 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 and we will train new volunteers.

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. Volunteers are always appreciated loading trailers. Contact Bruce DeFries or Jim Kulseth if interested.

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).

Monday Bucket Night begins from 6 to 10 pm with **5 bottles of Michelob Golden Light for \$12.00.**

The Porchlights play on Fri., July 22nd

Blues on Belgrade is Sat., July 23rd – if willing to volunteer, please contact Ivy to sign-up for specific duties.

The Bartenders ☺

COMING AUGUST 5th: Cancer Fundraiser Meal for Joycene Hayat. Sloppy Joe Dinner for \$7 donation. Funds help cover gas, food, medical expenses and travel to Rochester. Look for Posters at the Club. Joycene was diagnosed with endometrial uterine cancer in January and has gone through surgery, 3 chemos and 28 radiations. Three more chemos are scheduled for July. Gas cards and small Visa cards for parking appreciated. Hosted by Jami Goettl 507-779-5141. You can also contact Ivy Lewis 507-380-8437

MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT WITH THE MOONDOGS: Pound tickets for Vet and Family Members \$10 each. (Reg \$28) will be held July 30th at Franklin Rogers Park. See Posters at the Club. Your Legion Card will work as Military ID.

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 518 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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BIRTHDAYS: Please be sure to stop in for a free drink on your birthday! *If you want your name on the calendar, let us know so we can get it on it!*

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 NO MEAL | 2 VOM 10 AM NO Meat Raffle BINGO 6PM Tony Giese |
| 3 Robert Singelstad | 4 NO Bingo Happy Independence Day! Paul Brown | 5 BAR TRIVIA 7PM | 6 FUNDAYS | 7 FUNDAYS JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM Eilsabeth Olson | 8 FUNDAYS NO MEAL Michael Danberry Timothy Senesac | 9 FUNDAYS NO Meat Raffle BINGO 6PM Ivan Baumgartner |
| 10 FUNDAYS James Northamer | 11 BINGO 6PM | 12 BAR TRIVIA 7PM Larry Paulson David Kreuzer | 13 | 14 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM Travis DeFries Adam Bartelt Greg Tiedeken | 15 Pulled Pork Beans & salads Softball Team Christopher Schmidt | 16 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Chris Burmeister Delmont Syverson |
| 17 NO Brunch | 18 BINGO 6PM SAL MEETING 7:30PM Charlotte Giese Jeff Michel Sandra Albang | 19 BAR TRIVIA 7PM | 20 | 21 No Aux Mtg 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 Legion ONLY BAR CLOSED 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM Bill Mason Clyde Alsaker | 22 Brats or Polish Chips/ Cole slaw Color Guard PORCHLIGHTS 8:00 Debra Maus Duane Jones David Wolf | 23 BLUES ON BELGRADE NO Meat Raffle NO Bingo Donna Robbins |
| 24 July 31 Kent Schaible Brenda Michels | 25 BINGO 6PM Tina Jewison | 26 BAR TRIVIA 7PM Robbie Hellie John Pfeffer | 27 | 28 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM Rodney Stiehm Ambrose Kodet Rebecca Lewis James Ryan Teresa Graff | 29 Build A Burger Cmdr's Choice Debbie Mason Dennis Lewis | 30 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM Military Appreciation Night @ Moondogs |