



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**
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JULY 2017

Greetings 518 Family Members,

I wanted to thank you all for entrusting me with the position of Commander for the upcoming year. I will try to work hard for our Post and to represent Post 518 positively in the community. I do not have one large project for the year, but hope to continue some of the smaller projects we have been working on the past couple of years.

I would like to thank all of the new officers who have joined the board this year, I look forward to working with them all.

Thanks to all of the people who worked on the inaugural Post 518 Garage Sale. The ladies did a nice job organizing the event and we raised over \$800, which is great for our first time out!

I want to close by thanking Commander Tom for the last three years of service and leadership that he provided. Our Post is a strong, if not stronger, than it has ever been thanks in no small part to Tom's hard work. I wish him the best of luck in his new District position and look forward to working with him as our Children and Youth Coordinator.

We have posted sign-up sheets for Blues on Belgrade (July 22). We can use all the help we can get. This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year. Please sign up early!

Jeff Frye
Commander, Serving Veterans and Community
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AUXILIARY

We can all tell summer has arrived—warmer temps and humidity!!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the garage sale, helped set-up, helped during the sale or helped with clean-up. We had a great work crew! The sale itself went well. Maybe we will do another garage sale in the future??!!!

Thanks to those who donated food or worked at the June 16th meal. We did o.k. for a busy, summer, Friday night. Please remember to support ALL Friday night meals so we can continue to help OUR veterans.

ATTENTION: Could you please check your cake pans to see if you might have one “etched” on the side with the name Kathy Woods? She has the cover but the pan is missing. Just drop off at the legion if you find it. Thanks for checking.

July 4th is just around the corner. Remember to fly the flag and enjoy some of the many celebrations that day. Our color guard marches in the St. Peter and the Elysian parades that day. Go cheer them on. As always stay safe.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please call, text or email me. Always looking for new ideas. See you at the next meeting on July 20th.

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

SAL

Hello All,

Sounds like the Legion Garage Sale was a success!!! Thank you all that brought items down and to those that helped out with the event. Reminder that our SAL meetings have moved to the third Thursday of the month to coincide with the Legion and Auxiliary meetings. We are in the basement with a 7:00 start. **Please be a few minutes early so as to not disrupt their meetings.** Keep an eye on the calendar and Facebook for upcoming events. If you would like to be added to a weekly Legion e-mail, along with our monthly newsletter, get your e-mail address to Deb.

Enjoy your summer, stay safe in your travels and hope to see you around "The Club"

Bruce Defries, SAL Commander. (507)340-7265

COLOR GUARD / VETERAN OF THE MONTH

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday June 3rd VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of **Army Staff Sergeant Dalaine Baade**. We honored **Air Force Sgt Forrest Gillson** by raising colors in his honor for the month of June. We will honor **Army Tec-5 Howard E. Hager** on Saturday July 1st @ 10am **At the West end of Wheeler Park.**

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

*****We have just 1 opening 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 Roger "Pete" Stierlen on Wednesday, June 14th by 7 of Post 518 members & help from 7 MAVMS members. We served in Military Honors for 4 area Veterans with the Memorial.

Our Color Guard performed ceremonies on Memorial Day at area War Memorials and cemeteries on Monday May 29th. Two Legion members and 3 Auxiliary members went to Oak Terrace for their Memorial Day observance on May 30th and performed the POW/MIA table ceremony, gave a short speech, had a sing-a-long and socialized.

Our Color Guard and Firing Squad participated in ceremonies at Centennial Park for the Elks Club Flag Day ceremony.

Parade Time!! We marched in the Friendship Days in Nicollet and have 2 parades coming up on July 4th (St. Peter & Elysian), Fun Days in North Mankato and Paddlefish Days in Madison Lake.

Brian Wall is donating the use of his trailer for parades – Thanks Brian

Still needed – 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

Wishing everyone a wonderful 4th of July. There are many events coming up this summer. Our Legion Family needs your help to make the upcoming events a success. Please step up and ask What you can do for your Legion Family Events. 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 your help; whether you are Membership, Auxiliary, or SAL we need to come together to organize our year round events. Let us know you are interested. Let's keep Post 518 events fun and worthwhile.

Freedom Sings - Presented by the Riverblenders "A Salute to America & It's Veterans"

June 28th 7 PM - The Church of St Peter – 1802 West Broadway, St Peter

June 29th 7 PM - Christ the King Lutheran – 22 Pfau St Mankato

July 6 – 9 - North Mankato Fun Days. Fun Days Parade July 6. We are looking to add a float to the parade also, for 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 in the back room 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.

If you have a 3/4 ton or bigger pickup and are interested in driving loads to Rochester, contact Mike Forliti.

Service Officer – We need to replace some wheel chairs. If you know of any wheelchairs in "Good Condition", please see Tom Maus.

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 Thurs. of the month – then we start the jukebox at 9 pm). **BUCKARAOKE:** Second Thursday of each month from 7 to 10 pm. **July 13th 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: Have Begun offering E Tabs , IN ADDITION TO our Paper Tabs.

**Thanks Curt S. for the bar stools by the dart board
and thanks for the Generous Individual Donation for all the stools
at the bar and 2 large tables!**

You know who you are!

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NORTH MANKATO, MN
JULY 2017

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Meat Raffles on hold over summer		JUNE 30 HOT DISHES salad, desserts CLUB BUILDER	1 VOM 10AM Howard Hager BINGO 6PM
2	3 BINGO 6PM	4 NO TRIVIA **4TH** **OF** **JULY**	5	6 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM Fun Days start	7 TACO BAR Desserts Commander's Choice	8 PARADE 11 am BINGO 6PM
9 Fun Days End	10 BINGO 6PM	11 NO TRIVIA	12	13 BUCKARAOKE 7 - 10 PM CAPTAIN'S CHOICE	14 Meal To be determined	15 BINGO 6PM
16	17 BINGO 6PM	18 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	19	20 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 ALL Meetings BAR CLOSED 6:30PM - 8:30PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	21 Meal To be determined Honk A Billy	22 BLUES ON BELGRADE NOON TO 11 PM NO BINGO
23 News Letter Deadline	24 BINGO 6PM	25 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	26	27 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	28 SLOPPY JOES CHIPS, SALADS DESSERTS COLOR GUARD	29 BINGO 6PM
30	31 BINGO 6PM					