



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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JULY 2018

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I hope that you are all having a good summer although as I write this it is raining again. I am looking forward to some sunshine eventually.

We are busy as usual in the summer months. We had a really nice turn out for the DAV Rockin' Recon Caravan. We raised \$863 dollars for DAV Chapter 10 at our post and they stopped at numerous businesses throughout the day so I am sure that it turned out to be a good fundraiser to help area veterans.

Blues on Belgrade is coming up July 28th and this is our busiest day of the year at the club. We will be looking for volunteers to help with our food stand. The sign up will be by the popcorn machine.

We had a flag retirement ceremony after our last meeting and we respectfully and properly retired a lot of flags.

I want to take this time to congratulate Sonja Frye and Darin Hendley as the new Auxiliary President and SAL Commander. I look forward to working with them. I would also like to thank outgoing President Diane Conrad and SAL Commander Bruce Defries for their tireless efforts to help make 518 the great post that it is.

Our next meeting will be July 19th at 7pm. I really hope to see you there.

I am available at 507-340-0831 or jefffrye927@gmail.com

Jeff Frye
Commander

AUXILIARY

July already? This summer is already in full swing!

Thank you to all the volunteers for riding on our float in the upcoming parades. It is a fun time and a great way to represent our Legion Family Post.

Our June 21st meeting we installed our new Auxiliary officers. Thank you to Donna Beck for installing everyone. We had a great turnout for our meeting and welcomed a few new members.

The Auxiliary will be hosting the meal on Friday July 13th. We are planning on sloppy joes, potato salad and other goodies. Please come and join us if you can!

There is a sign-up sheet by the popcorn machine to volunteer for Blues on Belgrade July 28th. Please consider volunteering and come down for some great music and fun!

I would like to thank Diane Conrad for serving as our President the last three years. I look forward to serving as President in the coming year and thank you in advance for your support of our Auxiliary.

We will NOT be meeting in July as it can be a very busy month for many of us.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime with questions, concerns and new ideas for helping our Post and our Veterans. See you all for our August 16th meeting or at the Post!

Sonja Frye Auxiliary President, sonerann71@gmail.com 507-382-8906

SAL

Hello All,

I would like to take this chance to introduce myself. My name is Darin Hendley, and I am the new S.A.L. Commander. I am extremely excited to be a part of this Post and honored to get the chance to help our Post grow and thrive. If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you, please feel free to introduce yourself if you see me at the club or out and about. I'm always happy to chat.

I would also like to thank everyone that was involved in the Flag retirement ceremony. It was a great experience to be a part of. I hope we will be able to do get even more people involved in the future.

There are a number of things coming up in July and our Post is always looking for volunteers to help out. We have three parades coming up that we will be a part of. On the 4th of July there will be two parades; St. Peter and Elysian. July 7th will be the Fun Days parade. If you or anyone you know would be willing to walk/ride in any of the parades, please be sure to get signed up. July 7th is also our Veteran of the Month ceremony. This will be held one hour earlier (9am) than normal to try and not interfere with the Fun Days festivities. Finally, July 28th is the annual Blues on Belgrade. We are still looking for people to help out with the food booth. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Have a wonderful 4th of July with your family and friends and stay safe. There are always a lot of things going on around the Club so make sure to check the calendar for upcoming events. I hope to see you around the Club.

S.A.L Commander,

Darin Hendley

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

Veteran of the Month

At our Saturday, July 7th ceremony, we will retire the Colors for Army Tec Sgt E-5 Frank Burkhardt and will honor Army Private First Class Virgil Ries for the month of July. This ceremony will take place OUDOORS at the west end of Wheeler Park **at 9 am.**

NOTE TIME IS EARLIER DUE TO FUN DAYS PARADE.

**---We have no openings left for 2018--- We are now taking honorees for 2019
Our July ceremony marks the beginning of 11 years of performing these ceremonies**

Color Guard

We have a busy parade season coming up and Tom Paulson will be helping me with the parade particulars.

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

ADJUTANT

We hope everyone has a wonderful, safe summer and the weather starts getting better. Anyone tired of the rain? We are coming full force into our summer events; it's going to be a busy summer. We continue to need volunteers to help at these events, and hope you will step up and help out.

North Mankato Post 518 40th Anniversary is scheduled for mid month **August 31, 2019**. We need to put a committee together to plan and organize the event to celebrate our Posts 40th Anniversary. Ideas and suggestions are welcomed for the 2019 Celebration. 2019 is also the American Legion's 100th Anniversary.

Fun Days Parade Sat July 7th 11:00 AM. Let Sonja know if you want to ride in the parade.

Blues on Belgrade Sat July 28th. We need volunteers for the food booth. Sign up by popcorn.

Bingo: Tuesday Bingo on hold for rest of summer. Saturdays remains the same.

3rd District Upcoming Event

July 19 – 21 Department Convention Rochester, MN

Aug 26 – 30 National Convention Minneapolis, MN

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. Volunteers are also needed to deliver or help deliver clothes to the warehouse. If you have a 3/4 ton pickup, are 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.

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

TRIVIA: Mondays @ 7 pm

BINGO: Saturdays @ 6pm, **TUESDAY BINGO ON HOLD OVER SUMMER.**

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

BUCKARAOKE: (Sing Along with Buck) ON HOLD FOR SUMMER

BANDS: Billy & The Bangers Friday July 27th from 7:30 TO 11:30 to kick off Blues On Belgrade

The Bartenders

CHANGE OF ADDRESS??? PLEASE LET US KNOW.

Or better yet, request newsletters be e-mailed to you!

FRANDSEN BANK REMINDS YOU..... PLEASE

NO PARKING IN ATM LANE OR IN FRONT OF DROP BOX

USE OTHER LANES ONLY AFTER HOURS


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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
NORTH MANKATO, MN
JULY 2018

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

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2 TRIVIA 7 PM	3 No Tuesday Bingo for Summer	4 Independence Day 	5 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	6 NO MEAL Fun Days	7 VOM 9 AM Wheeler Park VIRGIL RIES FUN DAYS PARADE 11 AM BINGO 6 PM
8 Fun Days	9 TRIVIA 7 PM	10	11	12 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	13 Sloppy Joes, P Salad, Chips Desserts AUXILIARY	14 BINGO 6 PM
15	16 TRIVIA 7 PM	17	18	19 MEETINGS 5:30 Boards Meet 7:00 Legion, SAL NO AUX MEET BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM	20 Meal to be determined	21 NO BINGO
22	23 TRIVIA 7 PM	24	25	26 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	27 Meal TDB Billy & The Bangers 7:30-11:30	28 NO BINGO 10 TH BLUES ON BELGRADE NOON TO 11PM
29	30 TRIVIA 7 PM	31	AUGUST 1	2 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	3 Meal to be determined	4 VOM 10 AM Wheeler Park BINGO 6 PM