



American Legion Post 518 Commander's Newsletter



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AUGUST 2016

Hello Legion Family,

Congratulations Post 518! We made it through our busiest month and boy was it busy. Thanks to our whole Legion Family for making it happen. We had amazing volunteers for both Fun Days and Blues on Belgrade. Volunteers behind the scenes were just as important as those out and amongst things. We could not have done it without YOU! Our Color Guard had a full month as well. Way to go guys and gals. It was a hot, busy month and we pushed through.

We will be having a Legion Family New Member meeting on September 1st at 7:00. Any new member as of January 2016 for either Legion, SAL or Auxiliary can come on down and meet some key members, tour the post and meeting rooms and enjoy some pizza and a drink on us! Find out what we are all about and the many ways you can make a difference in the club as well as the community!

Everyone has known for a while that we have been talking about putting signs on the side of our building. I am proud to say that our SAL has stepped up and will make it happen SOON. Thanks guys

PLEASE NOTE: On our Aug 18th meeting night there will be a kickoff of the New Bumpers on Belgrade (formerly the Car Roll in at Busters) which is planned for EVERY Thursday thru Sept. Belgrade will be partially closed so parking will be limited from 5 to 8, so come early, find a parking spot and enjoy the cars before the meetings. We WILL be closed as usual during the meetings.

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 is half over already, can you believe it? Since we did not have a July meeting not much news.

August 5th is a cancer fundraiser for the Friday night meal. Come down and support this meal to help a family with medical bills.

August 12th the Auxiliary is hosting the Friday meal to help our Veterans. We will be serving Reuben sandwiches OR grilled ham and cheese sandwiches along with salads and desserts. Please support our meal so we can continue to support our Veterans and our Post 518.

Hope to see you at our August 18th meeting. As always, we meet upstairs so everyone has access to our meetings. Thank you again for all your help.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to give me a call or an email.

Diane Conrad—Auxiliary President 507-381-2771

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SAL

Hello All,

Thank you to everybody that helped with the food stand at the North Mankato Fun Days, it is greatly appreciated. Summer is a busy time around the “Club” so make sure you keep an eye on the calendar and our Facebook page for events and up-dates. There is a sign-up sheet by the popcorn machine for anybody interested in S.A.L jackets. They will be the same color as the Legion jackets with the SAL logos on them. The SAL Softball Team will be having pulled-pork sandwiches and beans on the 19th. Come on down. Contact me with any questions, concerns or if you want to get on the SAL text reminder list. Stay safe in your travels and see you around “The Club”

Bruce Defries, S.A.L. Commander

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COLOR GUARD / VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Greetings,

Veteran of the Month

In our July 2nd VOM ceremony, Post 518 retired USMC Corporal Thomas Lewer's Colors & honored Army SFC Robert Cheever by raising his Colors for the month. We had a great turnout!

In our upcoming VOM ceremony on Aug 6th, we will retire SFC Cheever's colors & honor Army Tec5 Addis Anderson (Wayne Anderson's father) by raising his Colors for the month of August. Robert was a 1991 graduate of Mankato East & served 18 ½ years in the US Army until his passing.

Come to Wheeler Park for the ceremony!

Our October ceremony will be 100 ceremonies since we started!!

Color Guard

This past month has been busy again. Thanks to our many volunteers (42 event volunteers).

Color Guard members participated in 2 funerals with the Memorial Squad this past month. We also participated in opening Vet's Fest in the Twin Cities and marched in parades in St. Peter & Elysian on July 4th, Fun Days in North Mankato and Paddlefish Days in Madison Lake.

NOTE- If you want a Legion jacket, Bruce DeFries has a signup sheet by the popcorn machine.

Vets for Vets,

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

ADJUTANT

We hope you are staying cool on these extremely hot days and having a wonderful summer. If you need a place to cool off, come down to the Club to cool off and have a cold drink. We hope you will join us in any of the many events Post 518 is involved with this summer.

The Marine Corp League took on a HUGE commitment to help with the St. Peter Car Show in Sept. They need volunteers in 2 hour shifts from 0600 to 1400 to help man the entrance gates and their food stand. Get in touch with Pete Hagert as soon as possible if interested, so he can start filling up some of these rosters. Again, ALL funds raised from their food stand will be donated to the Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sundberg Marching Band for their trip to Pearl Harbor to represent our great state of Minnesota at the 75th Anniversary ceremonies. So contact Pete Hagert via phone, email or in person and let me know when you are available to help!

Watch the calendar for the Monthly Brunch - the third Sunday of the month. The proceeds will go towards designated veteran services or other worthy causes.

Sunday Brunches: Aug 21 – Building Fund, Sept. 18 - Miracle Field. Oct 16 – Veterans Campground.

Heads Up!!!! Vikings Game Day Potluck coming soon at “The Club!!! Proceeds help fund our New Year's Eve Party.

No pets allowed inside the club. Service Animals only are allowed inside the club. Please bring your own water bowl and not use any of the plastic bowls from the kitchen.

Legion Jackets: We need 6 requests to place an order for jackets. Each LEGION/SAL/Auxiliary jacket combines to make the 6. Check on sign-up board by popcorn machine.

New Legion Family T-shirts, Men's & Women's should be coming to the Club in the near future, great colors and styles.

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 on that day, but you may the next day. The volunteers spouse cannot participate in the raffle, 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.

Newsletters Deadline: The Sunday, after the Monthly Legion meeting.

Check the calendar for upcoming events and meal.

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 9 pm).

SING A LONG WITH BUCK: Second Thursday of each month from 7 to 10 pm.

Bands will begin again in September with the Rain Kings on Sept 16th and Malpractice on Sept. 30th.

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

The Bartenders ☺

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

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

- T-shirts & Hats – POW shirts and POW hats available for sale.
- We will have new short sleeve shirts soon.
- **CHECK OUT THE NEW POST 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

**Condolences to Vicki & Dom Tortorella & Family
for the passing of Vicki's Father, Dick Savick.**

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – SUNDAY, AUGUST 21st

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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
	1 BINGO 6 PM Alexander Pohlman	2 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM Dave Haack	3	4 JUKEBOX JENNY 7 PM Donald Stemper	5 CANCER BENEFIT FOR JOYCENE HAYAT Sloppy Joe, Chips, Salads & Desserts Kristine Rykhus	6 VOM 10 AM MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
7	8 BINGO 6 PM Bob Taylor Rosetta Tischer	9 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	10	11 SING ALONG WITH BUCK 7 – 10 PM Michael Creech	12 Reubens or Grilled Ham & Cheese, salads, desserts AUXILIARY	13 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM Mike Masica Michael Rosin
14 Jonathan Hewitt	15 BINGO 6 PM SAL MEETING 7:30 PM	16 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM Clark Diel	17	18 <i>5:30 Board Meeting</i> <i>7:00 Legion</i> <i>7:00 Auxiliary</i> BAR CLOSED 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9 PM	19 Pulled pork Sand. Beans Softball Team KARAOKE 8 – 12 PM. MSU STUDENTS REUNION With Nacho Bar Darrell Spencer	20 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
21 BRUNCH 10 am to 1:00 pm \$7.00 donation Building Fund	22 BINGO 6 PM	23 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM Susan Johnson	24 Earl Von Holt LeAnn Sieberg Sharon Taylor	25 JUKEBOX JENNY 7 PM	26 TACO BAR Salad, Desserts COLOR GUARD	27 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM Paul Taylor Matthew Robinson
28	29 BINGO 6 PM Eugene Braam Barb Muellerleile	30 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	31 Kari Eckstein	Sept 1 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 7 PM JUKEBOX JENNY 7 PM Denice Vollbrecht IVY LEWIS	Sept 2 CORNBY BRATS. Coleslaw or P. Salad, chips, dessert Commander's Choice Robert Olson	Sept 3 VOM 10-AM MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM