



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

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I don't have a lot for this month; summers tend to be a little slower around the Post although those who worked Blues on Belgrade might disagree. We had another very successful Blues and I would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who made it go so smoothly.

I have been seeing a lot of new faces in and around the Post and I would like to welcome you all to Post 518. I hope that you find it as welcoming and friendly as I did when I first walked through the doors in 1990.

I do not have a single specific Commander's Project this year. I do plan on raising funds for our service officer Tom Maus to be able to get some more medical equipment and for Tom Paulson's Children and Youth programs. I do have a jar behind the bar if you like to contribute to these great causes.

Lastly due to the popularity of last years event we will be having another golf tournament this year. I am working on particulars but tentatively have set aside Sunday September 10th for the event. Look for the signup sheet at the post by the popcorn machine.

Next meeting is August 17th at 7:00 pm, hope to see you there.

Any questions or concerns I am available at 507-340-0831 or jeffrye927@gmail.com

Jeff Frye
Commander, Serving Veterans and Community
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AUXILIARY

Summer is half over already—maybe we will have cooler temps soon.

The Legion Color Guard had a float in three parades—St. Peter, Elysian and Fun Days. Several of our Auxiliary and Legion members rode on the float and had a GREAT time. Maybe we can get more members of the Legion Family to ride next year. Also thanks to Brian Wall the use of the pickup and trailer and to Phil and Lori Sommers for driving the float. Nice job Legion Family!!!

We will be going to the Hasting Vet Home this fall to serve a meal, sing karaoke (not me), and visit with the veterans. Some of these veterans have few or no visitors so they really enjoy our visits. We will also “adopt” a couple Hasting Home Vets for the Christmas season. Hope we can put a smile on the faces of these veterans.

Until our August meeting—if you have any questions or comments please contact me.

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

SAL

Hello All,

First, I would like to thank Darrin Hendley for chairing our meeting in my absence last month and the SAL members that made the meeting. A reminder to all SAL members that our meetings are the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 in conjunction with the Legion and Auxiliary meetings.

The SAL will be having a meal August 18th of quarter pound Ball Park Franks along with sloppy-joes (coney dogs) potato salad and Bushes Baked Beans. Big shout out to Dave Frye for suppling the ingredients !!!

Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events around the club and as always, Stay safe in your travels. 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 July 1st VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of **Air Force Sgt Forrest Gillson**. We honored **Army Tec-5 Howard E. Hager** by raising colors in his honor for the month of July.

We will honor **Army SP4 Bradley Besel** on Saturday August 5th @ 10am **At the West end of Wheeler Park**. ---Come & help us honor his memory on Saturday August 5th----

PLEASE NOTE

***We have 2 openings 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 our Color Guard:

Served in Military Honors for 4 area Veterans with the Memorial Squad.
Marched in 4 parades; Nicollet, St. Peter, Elysian, Fun Days & Madison Lake
Posted Colors for the Riverblenders patriotic concert at Christ the King Church

A big "Thank You" to Brian Wall for fabricating flag holders, etc. and donating the use of his trailer and pickup for 3 parades

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

August is already here, this summer is sure going fast. We still have a lot going on this year. Our Legion Family needs your help to make upcoming events a success. Please step up and ask What you can do for your Legion Family Events. Come on down, get involved, meet friends, make new ones and make a difference.

Blues on Belgrade had a great turn-out, there was really good music, good food and good fun. We hope you were able to come and enjoy another great blues fest. Thanks to all who helped.

*** We are looking for interested members to help with our Promotions/Events Committee. We have a lot of events throughout the year, we can really use your help. If you are interested in helping to organize the events around the post; whether you are Membership, Auxiliary, or SAL let any of our officers know you are interested. Lets have some fun!

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 ¾ ton or larger pickup and are interested in driving loads to Rochester, contact Mike Forliti.

Service Officer – We are needing 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

We welcome more new faces behind the bar: Amanda, Pam and Sonja.

We bid Jenny goodbye on the 20th.

*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. **Aug 10th**

BANDS ARE DONE FOR THE SEASON AND WILL RETURN IN THE FALL.

The Bartenders ☺

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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
		1 MEAT RAFFLE ON HOLD OVER SUMMER	2	3 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	4 TO BE DETERMINED	5 VOM 10 AM Bradley Besel BINGO 6PM
6	7 BINGO 6PM	8 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	9	10 BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM	11 SUBS Salad, Desserts Auxiliary	12 BINGO 6PM
13	14 BINGO 6PM	15 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	16	17 Captain's Choice 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 Leg, Aux, SAL BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	18 Coney Dogs, Potato salad, beans, dessert SAL MSU Psych Class Karaoke/Nachos 8 pm	19 BINGO 6 PM
20 News Letter Deadline JENNY LAST DAY	21 BINGO 6PM TOTAL ECLIPSE Peaks 1:05 pm	22 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	23	24 JUKEBOX 7PM	25 Hot Dishes Salads, dessert Color Guard	26 BINGO 6PM
27	28 BINGO 6PM	BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	30	31 JUKEBOX 7PM	SEPT 1 TO BE DETERMINED	Sept 2 VOM 10AM BINGO 6PM