



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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AUGUST 2018

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Well, we're already heading into August which means summer is nearing an end and we're heading into fall, which means back to school. We are currently collecting new school supplies for local children in need for the upcoming year. The box is near our POW/MIA table to the front of the club room.

What a great summer; lots of parades for the color guard and of course Blues on Belgrade. I would like to thank the all of the volunteers that helped put on this great event. It is our busiest day of the year and we wouldn't be as successful without all the help we get.

It's a new year for membership and our membership director, James Peters, is doing a great job. Please keep in mind James has a full time job and at this time of the year we get a lot of renewals turned in so it might take a week or two for you to get your card. Thanks in advance for your patience.

I don't have much more for this month. Our next meeting is August 16th at 7 pm; hope to see you there.

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

Jeff Frye
Commander

AUXILIARY

Are we ready for August?

As you know we did not have a July meeting.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a Friday night meal on August 10th with a BAKED POTATO BAR! Please come and enjoy good food and time with your Legion Family while supporting our Auxiliary and Post!

Thank you to ALL of the volunteers for Blues on Belgrade. Our Legion Family is the BEST!

Looking forward to seeing you all around the Post and at the August 16th meeting.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or new ideas for our Auxiliary.

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

SAL

Hello All,

I would like to open this newsletter by taking a moment to ask everyone in the Post 518 family to keep Bill King and Courtney Frye in their thoughts and prayers. They were in a motorcycle accident and we pray for a speedy and full recovery. I can't wait to see them both around the club again soon.

On August 11, the Le Center S.A.L will be hosting their 4th annual fishing tournament. Tournament will run from 7:00AM to 2:00PM on the German Lake/Jefferson chain. The contest is \$150 per boat, with a 2-person maximum per boat. It is also limited to the first 50 boats to sign up. Entry fee includes a steak and shrimp dinner. There is a list of great prizes and should be a great time. For more information or to register, please contact Mike Thelemann at 952-201-9382 or Dan Tousley at 507-317-4377. There will also be information up by the popcorn machine at the Legion.

Reminder; we will be having the Veteran of the Month ceremony the first Saturday of every month at 10:00AM. This is a wonderful event that I encourage everyone to take part in at some point. If you go once, you will certainly want to attend again.

Jeff Tiedeken, who helps with the Veteran of the Month for our legion, needs some help. We are looking for volunteers to help load supplies (chairs, podium, ect.) set up and tear down. As we as enjoy the Veteran of the Month ceremony . Anyone willing to help is asked to contact Jeff at 507-317-3501.

I hope everyone is enjoying the Summer and getting out to take advantage of some nice weather now that the rain has stopped. Remember to keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events. I hope to see you all around the club.

If you need anything at all, don't hesitate to call. I am always available at 507-317-7070.

S.A.L Commander,
Darin Hendley

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

Veteran of the Month

At our Saturday, August 4th ceremony we will retire the Colors for Army First Class Virgil Ries and will honor army Private Herman Bartsch for the month of August. This ceremony will take place OUDOORS at the west end of Wheeler Park at 10 AM.

---We have no openings left for 2018--- We are now taking honorees for 2019 .

Our July ceremony marked the beginning of 11 years of performing these ceremonies.

Thanks to ALL who help make this possible.

Color Guard

We had a busy parade season. Thanks to Tom Paulson, Jeff and Sonja Frye and Brian Wall for helping me with the parade particulars. More events to come.

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

ADJUTANT

It sure seems summer is rushing by pretty fast, I for one would like to see the days slow down. We still have a number of events coming up so please join or volunteer with our Promotions Committee to help with our events throughout the year. We hope you will step up and help with our Legion Family events. I would like to Thank Everyone that helped bring together and donated to our Children's & Youth Back to School Fundraiser for our needy North Mankato Students.

North Mankato Post 518 40th Anniversary is **August 31, 2019**. We will schedule a celebration it for mid month next August and will need volunteers to help plan and organize! Ideas and suggestions are welcomed for the 2019 Celebration. Anyone interested in helping contact our Promotion members Dwain Frazee or Diane Conrad to volunteer. 2019 is also the American Legion's 100th Anniversary.

3rd District Upcoming Event

Aug 26-30, 2018 National Convention Minneapolis MN
Nov 30, 2018 Christmas Decorating (3rd Dist) Hastings Vets home

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.

Bingo: Tuesday Bingo on hold for rest of summer. Saturday Bingo remains the same at 6 pm.

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).

Karaoke with Fish: August 9th from 7 to 10 PM

BANDS: On hold thru Summer

Hank requested that his celebration of life be held at his home away from home, Post 518. Let's gather on Saturday August 4th for friendship and stories of Hank from noon to 4:00.

The Bartenders

CHANGE OF ADDRESS??? PLEASE LET US KNOW.
Or better yet, request newsletters be e-mailed to you!

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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
		No Tuesday Bingo for Summer	1	2 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	3 TBD	4 <u>VOM 10 AM</u> Wheeler Park HERMAN BARTSCH Hank Celebration of life 12 - 4 BINGO 6 PM
5	6 TRIVIA 7 PM	7	8	8 KARAOKE WITH FISH 7 - 10 PM	10 Baked Potato Bar Desserts 5:30 AUXILIARY	11 BINGO 6 PM
12	13 TRIVIA 7 PM	14	15 Captains Choice →	16 MEETINGS 5:30 Boards Meet 7:00 Legion, SAL And Aux BAR CLOSED 6:30PM - 8:30PM	17 TBD	18 BINGO 6PM
19	20 TRIVIA 7 PM	21	22	23 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	24 Cold/Hot Dishes, salads & desserts 5:30 Color Guard I & O Sing it Now KARAOKE 8 PM	25 BINGO 6 PM
26	27 TRIVIA 7 PM	28	29	30 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	31 HOSPICE BENEFIT MEXICAN FIESTA 5:30	SEPT 1 <u>VOM 10 AM</u> Wheeler Park BINGO 6 PM