



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

Greeting fellow Legionnaires,

Summer is ending and I hope that you all had a great summer. We had another productive and busy summer with a lot of parades and ceremonies for our color guard, another successful Blues on Belgrade and our inaugural garage sale to name a few. With fall coming we are going to stay busy with meat raffles starting up Saturday September 9th, bands starting up again in September and Vikings Games. We are starting Dart Leagues and we have room for some more teams in the men's, women's and co-ed divisions; if you are interested there is some information on the bulletin board by the dart board.

One of the things that keeps us going strong is continued participation from all of our members, from Mike Forliti manning the clothing drive (and he is looking for a few volunteers to help pick up clothes) to Tom Paulson working with our two elementary schools in North Mankato to the Ladies Bake Sale to the mighty Legion Softball Team (who notched a victory this year). We will continue to look for a variety of opportunities for people to get involved.

We have been opening our meetings jointly with the Auxiliary and the SAL and everyone seems to really enjoy it. I think it really promotes a sense of community and togetherness. Our next meeting Thursday September 21st at 7pm, stop in and see if you agree.

New Member Orientation will be October 5th at 7 pm. It is open to all new members. Stop in for a few pieces of pizza, a drink, meet your officers and see what we are all about.

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 **Oct 8th** for the event. Look for the signup sheet at the post by the popcorn machine.

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

Jeff Frye
Commander, Serving Veterans and Community

AUXILIARY

Fall is just around the corner—enjoy the rest of the summer.

On November 18th we will have our Annual Bake Sale at Madison East. The co-chairs are Sonja Frye and Margaret Frazee. More details to follow next month.

New Member Orientation will be October 5th at 7:00 pm. Hope to see our new auxiliary members that evening.

Have a great rest of the summer and please watch for the school children as they head back to school.

Any questions or comments, please call or email me.

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

SAL

Hello All,

The Post 518 SAL has once again reached our 100% goal for membership year 2016-2017, Thank you Jeff Tiediken for all your hard work.

October 5th at 7:00 pm will be our New Member Orientation at the Post.

Fall dart season is just around the corner and we have a couple of slots open yet if anybody would like to have a team shoot out of the club. There is a sign-up sheet next to the dart board or you can contact me on the details.

September 15 will be the SAL hosted Friday meal consisting of Spaghetti & Meatballs with garlic toast, build your own salad and dessert !!!

Fall is just around the corner and its getting busy around the club. 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

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At our Saturday July 1st VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of Army Tec-5 Howard E. Hager. We honored Army SP4 Bradley Besel by raising colors in his honor for the month of July. We will honor Marine Corporal Phillip H. Hodapp (father of Phillip H. Hodapp from Post 11 who lives in Cleveland, MN) on Saturday August 5th @ 10am **At the West end of Wheeler Park.**

---Come & help us honor his memory on Saturday August 2nd-----

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:

Performed Military honors for 4 of our own Post members with help from the Memorial Squad.

Helped with honors for 2 Area Veterans with the Memorial Squad

Served in Military Honors for 4 area Veterans with the Memorial Squad.

Marched in the Madison Lake parade

Presented Colors at the Nicollet county fair in St. Peter

Jeff Tiedeken's Family had a dedication ceremony for a park shelter named after Jeff's grandfather on Sunday August 20th at 2pm. KEYC TV covered the event. Several of our "Legion Family" attended.

Volunteer Hours at Color Guard / VOM events since last meeting – **110 Hrs**

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**

CHANGE OF ADDRESS??? PLEASE LET US KNOW.

When returned we must pay postage (again).Or better yet, request newsletters be e-mailed to you!

WANTED: Morning cleaning person on Sundays and occasional fill ins. Contact Jeff

ADJUTANT

We still have a lot of events coming up this year; Bier on Belgrade, Vikings Football, Thanksgiving, Bells On Belgrade, Children's Christmas Party to name some. Our Legion Family needs your help to make upcoming events successful. Please step up and ask What you can do for your Legion Family Events?

Bier on Belgrade is coming up Sept 23rd there will be a lot happening good music, good food and good fun. We hope you will come and enjoy another great BusinessOnBelgrade Event.

Promotions Committee - We are looking for interested members to help to organize and put together Legion events. We have a lot of events throughout the year, we can really use your help. If you are interested in helping, whether you are Membership, Auxiliary, or SAL contact one of our officers for more information.

If you need Veteran Affairs Burial Information call 1-800-827-1000 for assistance.

3rd District Upcoming Events

Sept 7-10 Camp O Ree.Harvest Rally, Legionville

Sept 17 Camp Ripley Open House, Military Museum 10 – 2 See flyer on bulletin board.

Sept 30, Family Gathering (Rally) Cleveland Post 207, 10:30am light lunch - free will offering

Oct 21, Lakeville Post 44 at The Heritage 5pm, light lunch served—free will offering

Nov 15, 2017 Bayport Post 491 7:30pm. Post 491 burger night that night from 5-7 pm lunch is on your own

Clothing Drive: We are always in need of clean, used clothes. Drop off at the Legion if you have any to donate. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated to pick-up clothes at thrift shops and help with deliveries. If you have a 3/4 ton pickup and are interested in driving loads to Rochester, contact Mike Forliti. We wish to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work and help.

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

BINGO on Mondays and Saturdays @ 6pm, (thru Sept, see notes below)

MUSIC With MICHELLE 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. **Sept. 14th**

BANDS ARE BACK! Sept 15: HighStrung 7-11, Sept. 29: RainKings 8-12

TRIVIA IS DISCONTINUED

MEAT RAFFLES BACK SEPT. 9th! SEE SIGN UP SHEET BY POPCORN.

MON. & SUN. DART LEAGUES BEGIN IN OCT.

MONDAY BINGO MOVES TO TUESDAYS OCTOBER 3rd.

The Bartenders ☺

SPECIAL EVENTS:

SNOWMAN MAKE AND TAKE on Sunday, October 8th from 4 to 6 pm. We will painting a large wooden snowman to take home! All craft materials and snacks provided in the yet to be determined cost. More details to be posted.

VENDOR FAIR on Sunday, November 5th from 1 – 4 pm. Looking for Vendors to set up booths for early Christmas shopping (or for self). No booth fee, but ask for a portion to be donated back to Post 518. Contact Deb J, Cindy J., Sonja, Jami or Vicky if interested in having a booth. More details to come.

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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
		MEAT RAFFLES BACK BEGINNING SAT., SEPT 9			1 TO BE DETERMINED	2 VOM 10 AM Phillip Hodapp BINGO 6PM
3	4 NO BINGO LABOR DAY	5	6	7 JUKEBOX 7PM	8 INDIAN TACOS Desserts Commander's choice	9 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6PM
10	11 VIKINGS 6:10 BINGO 6PM	12	13	14 BUCKARAOKE 7 - 10 PM	15 Spaghetti & Meatballs SAL HIGH STRUNG 7-11	16 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
17 VIKINGS NOON	18 BINGO 6PM	19	20	21 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 Leg, Aux, SAL BAR CLOSED 6:30PM - 8:30PM JUKEBOX 9PM	22 FALL STARTS SMOKED OR BAKED CHICKEN Cole Slaw, dessert Color Guard	23 BIER ON BELGRADE 2 - 8 NO MEAT RAFFLE NO BINGO
24 News Letter Deadline VIKINGS NOON	25 BINGO 6PM Next month Bingo moving to Tuesdays	26	27	28 Captain's Choice JUKEBOX 7PM	29 BBQ'S COLESLAW, FRUIT, CHIPS, DESSERTS 2YR OLD CHANCE BRAIN CANCER RAINKINGS 8-12	30 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6PM