



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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North Mankato American Legion Post 518



SEPTEMBER 2018

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Wow, where did the year go? It is hard to believe that it is already September. That means fall and of course a lot of things going on at the post. We will be hosting Vikings football games with lots of food, fun and prizes. September sees the return of Bingo on Tuesdays, meat raffles on Saturdays and bands are also back on select Fridays. Keep an eye on the calendar for specifics.

A new large screen TV was donated by Pat Anton, Ginger Weber's Dad, just in time for football games! Thanks Pat. On the 16th, before the Vikings/Packers Game, we will have a brunch from 10 to noon. Sign up by popcorn.

Fall also means the return of sports at MSU Mankato. We provide colors for a number of MSU sports throughout the year. Jason Kelly coordinates the MSU events for the Color Guard so he might reach out for some help. If this sounds like something you might like to do and aren't a member of the Color Guard let me know and we can get you a uniform.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the clothing drive is discontinued. There are bins around town you can drop clothing off that benefits the DAV.

Just want to put out a quick reminder that the newsletter is available in paper form and electronically via e-mail. If you would like to get the newsletter electronically drop your information off at the post or e-mail Deb at americanlegion518@yahoo.com. Deb also sends out a weekly reminder of things going on at the post and it goes out to the same list.

We are getting a great turnout and great ideas at our monthly meetings. In August we had Tammy Mason from Vets Court and Nathan Tish and Gerry Dotson from the Nicollet County Veterans Service Office. We got lots of great information from our guests. Our next meeting will be September 20th at 7pm, I hope to see you! 40th Anniversary Meeting is Sept. 12th at 6:30 pm. Any one interested is welcome to attend.

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

Jeff Frye, Commander

AUXILIARY

Happy Fall!

Thank you to everyone that made it to our August meeting. We donated \$200 of food and gas cards to Vets Court for Veterans going through the Vets Court program. We also gave \$272 to children and youth for school supplies.

Keep an eye out for a post card of some sort to ask your interests in volunteering for our Post and Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a meal on Friday September 28th of burgers, sides and desserts. Come on down for good food and a fun time with your Legion Family.

Paddle wheel/Meat raffle starts back up Saturday September 8th. Sign up to volunteer by the pop corn . It takes about an hour and it's a fun way to get involved and see your fellow Post 518 family members. There are other volunteers who have done this in the past who are more than happy to show you the ropes!

40th Anniversary Meeting, Wed., Sept. 12 at 6:30. All are welcomed to attend!

We hope to see you at our next meeting Thursday September 20th at 7pm!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. See you all around the Post!

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

Reminder: 2019 dues will be going up to \$25.00. A raise due to increased State & National costs.

SAL

Hello,

I would like to thank everyone that helped make Blues on Belgrade a success this year. As we get closer to Fall, we will have a few things starting back up around the club. September 8th, we will start doing our meat raffles. If you are interested in helping with these, you can sign up by the popcorn machine. September 11th will be the start of Tuesday bingo again and bands will start back up on September 7th.

We are in desperate need of some help for the Veteran of the Month ceremonies the first Saturday of every month. Jeff Tiedeken has been struggling at the last minute to try to get someone to help him set up and take down and would really like some volunteers to help him out. If you would be interested or have a half hour on a Saturday morning to help and enjoy a wonderful event, please contact Jeff (507) 317-3501.

August 31st, 2019 will be our Post's 40th anniversary. We are hoping to get a committee together to plan the event and start having meetings next month so there is plenty of time to get everything set up and plan entertainment. If you would like to be on this committee, please feel free to contact me for more information. The 40th Anniversary meeting is Wed., Sept. 12 at 6:30pm. All are welcomed to attend.

On September 21st the S.A.L. will be serving a Pork Chop dinner at 5:30. Come down for a Great Feed!

I hope everyone is having a good month and enjoying what little bit of summer we have remaining. Remember to watch the calendar for up coming events and I hope to see you all around the club. If you have any questions or need anything, feel free to contact me by phone (507) 317-7070 or email darin.hendley@yahoo.com.

S.A.L Commander,

Darin Hendley

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

Veteran of the Month

At our **September 1st** Veteran of the Month Ceremony, North Mankato American Legion Post 518 will retire the colors for **WWI Army Private Herman Bartsch**. We will honor **WWII Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Richard Christensen**, by raising colors in his honor for the month of September as our new Veteran of the Month honoree. This will take place at the west end of Wheeler Park on Saturday, September 1st at 10 am.

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

Thanks to ALL who help make this possible.

Color Guard

We had a busy parade season this summer and there are a few events left, plus sporting events at MSU.
Mark Conrad - Color Guard/VOM coordinator 507-380-8405 / lefty48597@gmail.com

**FRANSEN BANK REMINDS YOU..... PLEASE
NO PARKING IN ATM LANE OR IN FRONT OF DROP BOX
USE OTHER LANES ONLY AFTER HOURS**

*** vettixs.org good web site for cheap to free tickets**

ADJUTANT

We still have a number of events coming up and throughout the year. We need volunteers to help with our events; plan, organize and help during the events. Contact one of our Promotions Committee members if you are interested in joining or volunteer. We can't keep doing these events without your help. Please step up and help with our Legion Family events.

Bier on Belgrade:- Sept 22nd, noon – 10:00 PM. We need volunteers to help at ticket/wrist band booth.

STAND Down For Veterans 2018: Saturday October 20th 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Verizon Wireless Center 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN. Free Services available: Meals, VA Benefits, clothing housing public benefits, haircuts employment assistance, Legal assistance. Additional information contact MACV (507) 345-8258.

3rd District Upcoming Events:

Sept 5	District Rally	St Paul Park Post 98
Sept 8 3:00 PM	Harvest Rally	Legionville
Oct (TBD)	District Rally	TBD
Oct 26-27	Department Fall Conference	Marshall
Nov 30	Christmas Decorating (3rd Dist)	Hastings Vets home

Clothing Drive: Unfortunately, our Clothing Drive is discontinued. We ask that you do not drop clothes or other items at the Legion any more. There are bins around town you can drop them off at. We thank everyone that participated and helped with this cause.

North Mankato Post 518 40th Anniversary is August 31, 2019. We need volunteers to help plan and organize an event Next August to celebrate our Post's 40th Anniversary. Ideas and suggestions are welcomed for the 2019 Celebration. Anyone interested in helping contact Dwain Frazee or Diane Conrad to volunteer. 40th Anniversary Meeting, Wed., Sept. 12 at 6:30. All are welcomed to attend.

Blue Earth/Nicollet County Van VA Hospital –Rides 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 call 507-304-4246, operates on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc).

Nicollet County call 507-934-7871, operates on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, 6th, etc).

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.

NICOLLET CO. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS: at 622 S. Front St., St. Peter

NATHAN TISH 507-934-7870 OR GERALD DOTSON 507-934-7871

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: TUESDAY Bingo starts up again Sept. 11 @ 6 pm and Saturdays @ 6pm,

MEAT RAFFLES: begin again Saturdays Sept 8th at 4pm

MUSIC With MICHELLE: Thursdays @ 7pm (except meeting nights)

BUCK'S MUSIC: 2nd Thursdays: Sept. 13 from 7 to 10 PM

BANDS: Start up again September 7th. Camp Ground Band at 8:00

The Bartenders

CHANGE OF ADDRESS??? PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Tues BINGO & meat raffles return AS SHOWN	Join us for VIKINGS Games Door Prizes, Fun, Jello Shots!	Bands Begin Again		1 VOM 10 AM Wheeler Park Richard Christensen BINGO 6 PM
2	3 NO TRIVIA LABOR DAY	4	5	6 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	7 RIBS IN COUNTRY VETS CAMPGROUND BAND 8 PM	8 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM
9 VIKINGS SF 49ers Noon	10 TRIVIA 7 PM	11 BINGO 6 PM	12 40 th Anniversary Meeting 6:30	13 BUCK'S MUSIC	14 SLOPPY JOES P. Salad, desserts Color Guard	15 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
16 VIKINGS at Green Bay Noon Brunch 10 -12	17 TRIVIA 7 PM	18 BINGO 6 PM	19	20 MEETINGS 5:30 Boards Meet 7:00 Legion, SAL And Aux BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM	21 PORK CHOPS SAL JAM BOYZ 8 PM	22 BIER ON BELGRADE Noon – 10 pm NO MEAT RAFFLE NO BINGO
23 VIKINGS Buffalo Bills Noon 30 BYE	24 TRIVIA 7 PM	25 BINGO 6 PM	26	27 Captain's Choice VIKINGS At LA Rams 7:20	28 BURGERS, Slaw, chips, desserts AUXILIARY	29 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM