



American Legion Post 518 Commander's Newsletter



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January 2017

Hello Legion Family,

Congratulations Post 518, we made it through another year, perhaps one of our most challenging ones, but we did it thanks to everyone who stood up and made it happen.

I would like to start the New Year by calling out to the whole Post 518 Family to find new and more volunteers to help out with the events we put on. We have a few members working on a list of the different events that go on at our post. So everyone who has ever wanted to volunteer please sign up. Also, we can always use new ideas. One new plan is that we are organizing a new promotions committee. Anyone interested, please contact a post officer for more information.

I would like to ask that any Legion, Sons of the Legion or Auxiliary members who have not paid their dues, to please pay up as soon as possible. The sooner we have our post dues paid, the brighter we shine at the district level.

Thanks again for everyone's continued support at Post 518, I appreciate it immensely.

Strong Support = Strong Post

Tom Paulson – Commander, Post 518

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AUXILIARY

Hope everyone had a great Christmas and a safe New Year.

It's that time of the year to send in your dues for the upcoming year. Just send your \$20 to Deb Joerg at the address shown on your renewal slip or stop at the Post and give to a bartender.

Please plan on attending a meeting soon. We have lots of opportunities to volunteer or just come and see what we are about. We're there to support OUR American Legion." Many hands make light work."

Remember to get your items marked and boxed for the Garage Sale this spring. Clean, working items only. Please keep the items until we are closer to the date. This could be an awesome day and fun too!

Reminder—if you have donated food items at the Post, stop by to pick up your cake pan or serving dish. We would like to reunite these items with their owners.

Again the Auxiliary will be hosting a Veterans Banquet. Look for details in the next newsletter or the board by the popcorn machine. Post 518 veterans and one guest (small fee for guest).

If you have suggestions or comments for the Auxiliary, please give me a call or shoot me an email. Hope to see you at our next meeting on January 19th.

Don't forget to send in your dues—January 1st is the beginning of the new membership year.

Diane Conrad President

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SAL

Hello All,

Hope you had a joyous and safe holiday season. We are looking for volunteers to help with our clothing drive, please contact commander Tom. We are also looking for at least two members from each of our Legion families to be on the promotions board, contact me or Commander Tom.

The SAL will be having a spaghetti & meatball meal Jan 20th with garlic toast and a salad. Remember that all proceeds go to our various veterans programs.

Stay safe in your travels and 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 December 3rd VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of WWI Army Captain William Rowles (KIA). We honored **All Veterans (now deceased) serving on the island of Oahu during the attack on Pearl Harbor by** raising colors in their honor for the month of December.

We will honor **POW/MIA's** Saturday January 7, 2017 @ 10am.

-----We had the special honor of having Pearl Harbor Survivor, Vic Paradis at our December VOM & will "maybe" have him there for retiring the Colors in January--- See you there??

COLOR GUARD

Since our last meeting, our Color Guard presented Colors for MSU Basketball and participated in Military Honors with the Memorial Squad at 4 area veteran's funerals. We also had Military Honors for a Post 518 member, Alma Juberian USMC, on December 3rd. Our Color Guard marched in the Saturday December 3rd "Bells on Belgrade Parade – Nice crowd.

--44 Total VOM/Color Guard event volunteers since last meeting—

We are making improvements to our Color Guard uniforms & equipment as we are able to. Thanks to all the hard work of putting on our fundraising meals, along with donations and support from "Post Family Members" that come to our meals, we are able to this.

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 lefty48597@gmail.com

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Let us know at americanlegion518@yahoo.com There are always Newsletters at the Post!

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

- T-shirts & Hats – POW shirts, Post Shirts and POW hats available for sale.
- **CHECK OUT THE POST 518 CAN KOOZIES AND SHORT AND LONG SLEEVE T SHIRTS**
- 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

ADJUTANT

We hope you and your families have a very Merry Christmas, and a prosperous New Year. Our Legion Post has many events coming up this holiday season. We hope you come on down to see what's happening, enjoy a beverage and friendship with your Legion Family.

Veterans Honor Flight - If you know of any World War II Veterans that have not been on an Honor Flight, please encourage them to apply at: <http://honorflighttwincities.org/>. They are trying to find them all! Honor flights help World War II Veterans and now Korean War Veterans have a day in Washington D.C. at no cost. A waiting list is starting for Korean War Veterans as well.

Help welcome the next Twin Cities Honor Flight home when they arrive back in MN.

WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2017. Arrives at Terminal 2 Baggage Area by 10PM. Flight typically arrives about 10:20-10:30PM.

WHERE: Terminal 2 (previously called the Humphrey Terminal) Minneapolis Airport, 7150 Humphrey Drive, Minneapolis, 55450

Meet in Baggage Area, No need to RSVP, just show up! Bring signs and cheers!

1st and 3rd Fishing Derby January 21st Meet at Waseca Post 228; at 10:00am 700 State St South Waseca, MN 56093 (507) 833-9935

American Legion Post 311 Annual Fishing Contest. Sunday February, 5th Lake Francis.

Honor and Ride – 9th Annual Veterans (Snowmobile) Ride; January 14th Hutchinson, MN. See flyer on bulletin board by front doors.

The Legion Post 518 received a Thank you card from Veterans Campground Board of Directors and Lori Ahlness in appreciation for the donations they have received from us. The Veterans Campground also sent Post 518 a letter informing how the donations have helped to upgrade and renovate the Veterans Campground. We also received a Thank You card from Carole Gealow along with a donation.

Paddle Wheel: We are looking for people to help run the Saturday Paddle Wheel/Meat Raffles. The sign up sheet is on board next to the popcorn machine.

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 Bruce DeFries or Jim Kulseth if interested.

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

*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. January 12th.

Bands for January: PORCHLIGHTS Jan 20th

VIKINGS GAMES: Last Game January 1st at noon.

The Bartenders ☺

PROMOTIONS BOARD

We are looking for a few good men... And women! We need to set up a promotions board to chair various, fun events we are used to hosting and think up new ones! If we get enough willing members it makes it easier and more enjoyable. Please consider joining this to help support your club which supports ALL Veterans and their families. You CAN make a difference.

NEW YEARS EVE REMINDERS

Good Food, Good Cheer, Good Friends, Good Door Prizes and Good Music with Malpractice. Sober rides will be available to drive you home and we will even pick you up to come down to join us.

Sign up for a pick up by popcorn machine. Let's ring in 2017 together with Happiness and Safety!

ANTHONY FORD POND HOCKEY TOURNAMENT JAN 28 & 29th , 9 am to 5 pm

Volunteers needed to man the food building (heated). Adult Hockey on Sat (28) Kids on Sun (29)

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JANUARY 2017

BIRTHDAYS: Please be sure to stop in for a free drink during your Birthday Week!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR VIKINGS vs Bears NOON	2 BINGO 6 PM	3 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	4	5 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	6 Hot Beef Sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, desserts CLUB BUILDER	7 VOM 10 AM HONORING ALL POW/MIA'S MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
8	9 BINGO 6 PM	10 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	11	12 Sing Along With Buck 7 - 10 pm	13 NO MEAL	14 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
15	16 BINGO 6 PM SAL MEETING 7:30 PM	17 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	18	19 <i>5:30 Board</i> <i>7:00 Legion</i> <i>7:00 Auxiliary</i> BAR CLOSED 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	20 Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic toast, salad SAL PORCHLIGHTS 8pm	21 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
22 Dealine for Feb Newsletter	23 BINGO 6 PM	24 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	25 NACHO BAR 8PM	26 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	27 LASAGNA SALADS & DESSERTS COLOR GUARD	28 Adult Hockey Anthony Ford Tourney 9 am MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
29 Kids Hockey Anthony Ford Tourney 9 am	30 BINGO 6 PM	31 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	Feb 1	Feb 2 Captains Choice JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	Feb 3 Beef or Turkey Commercials Desserts Vets Camp	Feb 4 VOM 10 AM MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM