



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

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**Greeting fellow Legionnaires,**

Fall is in the air and that means football! Be sure to join us for Vikings football games weekly. We do a potluck snack/meal (or donate to) and there are a lot of in game activities and prizes. The Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> game is early (8:30 AM played in London). We will be open at 8:00 am and are having a large Brunch! Please check out what we need by the popcorn.

We had a great turnout for the meetings in September. The Legion, Auxiliary and SAL all have their meetings on the same night and I think that it is great as we get to share ideas and get to visit with some members we might not otherwise get to know. The next meeting regular meeting night is October 19<sup>th</sup>. I would love to see you there.

Flu shots were brought up at our last meeting and the local VA Clinic has set up a flu clinic on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am-3pm. All veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care System can get a no – cost flu shot at Walgreens, for more information on the program you can call 1-866-964-1812 or go to [www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/immunization.asp](http://www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/immunization.asp)

We are having a New Member Orientation on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Stop in for some pizza and a beverage and get to know some of the officers and learn about some of the things we have going on here at Post 518. Welcome to our Family!

Any questions or concerns I am available at 507-340-0831 or [jeffrye927@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrye927@gmail.com)

Jeff Frye  
Commander, Serving Veterans and Community

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**AUXILIARY**

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Fall is here. That means get those recipes ready for the bake sale at Madison East. Let's try to out do last year. Any questions contact Sonya Frye, Margaret Frazee or myself. The bake sale is in November. Look forward to seeing all those yummy baked items and remember—ALL the proceeds go to projects to help the VETERANS.

In February the Auxiliary will travel to the Hastings Veteran' Home to serve a meal, visit and play games or karaoke. Let me know if you would like to ride along. It's a very rewarding experience.. If any of the Legion members would like to go, we would love to have you.

It's dues time. Please pay your dues in a timely manner. Thank you.

Thanks to those who attended our last meeting—hope to see you at the October meeting.

Diane Conrad President [dianeC432@gmail.com](mailto:dianeC432@gmail.com) 507-381-2771

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## SAL

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Hello All,

Well fall is upon us and the Holiday season is just around the corner. There are many events going on and volunteers are always appreciated so please keep an eye on the bulletin boards, Newsletter, Calendar and our Facebook page. One in particular is a school reading program where we need volunteers to read story's to elementary children, If interested get ahold of me or Tom Paulson.

The SAL meals continue to be a hit and I would like to thank all that help out and to those that come down and support them. Thank You. All proceeds go to various club programs. Our meal this month is back by popular demand. Prime Rib Steak Sandwiches with fries, salad and dessert on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>!!!

Our next SAL meeting is Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Our meetings run in conjunction with the Legion and Auxiliary meetings and is a good time to mingle with our other family members.

As always stay safe in your travels and hope to see you around "The Club"

Bruce Defries, SAL Commander. (507)340-7265

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### COLOR GUARD / VETERAN OF THE MONTH

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#### VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of Army SP4 Bradley Besel. We honored Marine Corporal Phillip H. Hodapp by raising colors in his honor for the month of July.

We will honor Army MSG Donald Rudolph and retire the colors for Corporal Phillip H. Hodapp on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10am **At the West end of Wheeler Park.**

---Come & help us honor their memory on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>----

#### PLEASE NOTE

**\*\*We have 1 opening 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:

We furnished firing squad for Tee it up for the Troops  
Helped with honors for 3 Area Veterans with the Memorial Squad  
Participated in colors ceremony at the Pow Wow  
Presented Colors at a MSU football game

Volunteer Hours at Color Guard / VOM events since last meeting – 20 **Hrs**

Thanks to all that came to our smoked chicken fundraiser!!

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**

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#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS??? PLEASE LET US KNOW.

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

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## ADJUTANT

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I hope everyone is has enjoyed their summer. Fall is here and the weather will be changing. Our Legion Family is still needing help with our upcoming events to make them successful. Please step up and ask What you can do for your Legion Family Events?

Our Promotions Committee needs help with our coming events. We are looking for interested members to help to organize and put together Legion events. We have a lot of events throughout the year and 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.

New Member orientation – Thursday Oct 5, 7:00PM. Open to all new members. Come down meet our Legion Officers, tour the Club. Find out what the Legion is about, and enjoy some pizza and a drink. Welcome new members!

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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> District Upcoming Events

Oct 21, Lakeville Post 44 at The Heritage 5pm, Family Gathering (Rally) light lunch served—free will offering

Oct 27-28, 2017 Fall Conference Willmar MN

Nov 15, 2017 Family Gathering (Rally) Bayport Post 491 burger night from 5-7 pm. Lunch will be on your own

Dec 2, 2017 Dept Pearl Harbor Rally West Duluth Post 71

### **STAND DOWN FOR VETERANS -2017**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WELCOME CEREMONY BEGINS AT 11:30 AM

VERIZON WIRELESS CENTER 1 CIVIC CENTER PLAZA, MANKATO, MN

**ALL VETERANS WELCOME! CALL MACV FOR INFO (507) 345-8258**

MSU Mankato Army ROTC and the YMCA Stride program 5k fun race is scheduled for Saturday, November 18, 2017 7:30 AM Myers Field House Minnesota State University Mankato, Minnesota. To register or get more information check out the website: [www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration](http://www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration).

A book is available to those interested on the Korean War veterans born in Blue Earth County. The book has information on where they were born, branch of service and more. If interested contact Erwin Tischer, or check with the Club if there is a sign-up sheet to have copies made the cost is \$20 - \$25.

**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 deliveries, have a 3/4 ton pickup and 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

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## MORE GOOD STUFF

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### BAR AND ENTERTAINMENT

**BINGO** on TUES. and Sat. @ 6pm, ( **NOTE CHANGE FROM MONDAY TO TUESDAY FOR BINGO**)

**MUSIC With MICHELLE** on Thursdays @ 7pm (except meeting nights - then we start the jukebox at 9 pm).

**BUCKARAOKE: (Sing Along with Buck)** Second Thursday of each month from 7 to 10 pm. **Oct 12<sup>th</sup>**

**BANDS ARE BACK!** JamBoyz October 13<sup>th</sup>

DARTS BEGIN IN OCTOBER ON SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS

*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 VIKINGS vs Lions NOON	2 Monday darts begin	3 BINGO 6 PM	4	5 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 7:00  MUSIC with MICHELLE 7 PM	6 (Home Made by Debbie Paulson) MEATLOAF DINNER Don Paulson Cancer Benefit	7 VOM 10 AM DONALD RUDOLPH  MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
8 Sunday darts begin	9 VIKINGS vs Bears 7:30	10 BINGO 6 PM	11	12 BUCKARAOKE 7 - 10 pm	13 TBD  JamBoyz	14  MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
15 VIKINGS vs Packers NOON	16	17 BINGO 6 PM	18	19 5:30 Board Meet 7:00 Leg, Aux, SAL BAR CLOSED 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM  Music w/ Michelle 9PM	20 PRIME RIB STEAK SANDWICHES Fries, Salad, Dessert SAL	21  MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
22 VIKINGS vs Ravens noon  Newsletter deadline	23	24 BINGO 6 PM	25  I & O Class	26  MUSIC with MICHELLE 7 PM	27  Beef Commercials Desserts VOM	28  MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
29 VIKINGS vs Browns 8:30 AM BRUNCH	30	31 BINGO 6 PM  HALLOWEEN	NOV 1	NOV 2  BUCKARAOKE 7-10 pm (date moved up)	NOV 3 BURGERS, MALTS & STUFF  ROTC	NOV 4 VOM 10 AM  MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM