



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518**  
**COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**  
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## OCtober 2018

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Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I am really struggling to come up with topics for my portion of the newsletter this month. We had a really good turnout at the September meeting with over 20 members in attendance and it ended up being one of the shortest meetings that I can recall.

Things are going well here at the post and our membership is tracking ahead of goal thanks to the tireless efforts of James, our membership director. The bar is doing well and we are involved heavily in the community with veteran's projects and our color guard activities.

We will continue to be active in the community and keep trying to have enjoyable things for our members at the post home. Look for our new sweatshirts coming in October.

We will have another anniversary meeting on Wednesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for anyone who is interested.

Our regular meeting is October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; hope to see you there.

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

Jeff Frye, Commander

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## AUXILIARY

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Here we are in full swing of fall!

Thank you to all that could be there for our September meeting. We discussed the 40th Anniversary coming up next fall with TENTATIVE dates as August 13,14 and 15. There will be more information available as decisions are made, but keep an eye out as this is going to be a great celebration for our Post 518 Family!

Our October Auxiliary meal will be on Friday October 12th. We will be serving soups, assorted breads and desserts. If you are interested in donating to this meal please get a hold of me. We will have a lot of wonderful food available as always! We hope that everyone can come and enjoy!

Trivia night will move to Thursdays (instead of Mondays) in October. This will be tried out during the Dart League season.

The new light on the flag pole is up and on! It is a very nice addition to display our country's flag.

Please remember we are NO LONGER doing the DAV clothing drive through our Post. DAV donation bins can be found all around Mankato and North Mankato.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be Thursday October 18th at 7:00. We hope to see you ALL there!!!

As always, please feel free to contact me with ANY questions or concerns.

Auxiliary President,  
Sonja Frye 507-382-8906 [sonerann71@gmail.com](mailto:sonerann71@gmail.com)

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Hello All,

Thank you to everyone that was able to make it to our last Friday meal and make it a success. Also, thank you to all the S.A.L members that were able to help, it was greatly appreciated. Make sure to join us for our October meal of Pizza and Desserts on the third Friday of the month, October 19th.

Fall is in full swing now which means cool weather, beautiful colors and of course, plenty going on around the post every week. Make sure to head down for Friday meals, bands, trivia, bingo, meat raffle, or of course the Vikings games. Sign up near the popcorn machine if you'd like to volunteer for the meat raffle, paddle wheel or to bring something for the Football games potlucks.

Reminder that 2019 dues are now being collected so be sure to get those turned in as soon as possible and thank you to all who have already taken care of your dues; it is great to see all the dedicated members. If anyone knows of someone that may be interested in joining the S.A.L we are always looking for new members to join our great post.

Please keep your eyes on the calendar for upcoming events and I hope to see you all around the Club. As always, feel free to contact me if you need anything at all.

Darin Hendley, S.A.L Commander, [darin.hendley@yahoo.com](mailto:darin.hendley@yahoo.com) 507-317-7070

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## VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

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### Veteran of the Month

At our **October 6th** Veteran of the Month Ceremony, North Mankato American Legion Post 518 will retire the colors for **Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Richard Christensen**. We will honor **Army Sgt Joseph Wallschlaeger**, by raising colors in his honor for the month of October as our new Veteran of the Month honoree.

This will take place at the west end of Wheeler Park on Saturday, October 6th 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 are continuing sporting events at MSU. We also have the honor of giving "the final salute" at Veterans funerals when requested. Thanks to those who have been helping out when I am unavailable and all who participate in Color Guard.

Mark Conrad - Color Guard/VOM coordinator 507-380-8405 / [lefty48597@gmail.com](mailto:lefty48597@gmail.com)

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## ADJUTANT

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We had a busy and exciting summer. Fall is here and we continue to stay busy. Thank you to everyone that came out and volunteered to work the events. We continue to need volunteers to help with our events throughout the year. We cannot succeed without your help. Please step up and help with our Legion Family events. Contact one of our Promotions Committee members if you are interested in joining or volunteering.

**STAND Down For Veterans 2018** – Sat. Oct. 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.

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

Oct 5 7PM	District Rally	Cedarvale Bowl
Oct 26-27	Department Fall Conference	Marshall
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> 7PM	District Rally	Hastings Post 47
Nov 30	Christmas Decorating (3rd Dist)	Hastings Vets home

**Clothing Drive:** Unfortunately, we have had to discontinue our Clothing Drive. We ask that you do not drop any clothes or other items at the Legion anymore. The DAV has a number of drop off locations around the area. We thank everyone that participated and helped with this cause.

**North Mankato Post 518 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of **September 13, 14 & 15, 2019**. We need volunteers to help plan and organize the event to celebrate our Posts 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ideas and suggestions are welcomed for the 2019 Celebration. Anyone interested in helping contact our Promotions members Jeff Frye, Dwain Fraze or Diane Conrad to volunteer. Next anniversary meeting is October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Anyone can come!

**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.

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

**DARTS:** Mondays Nights

**BINGO:** Tuesdays AND Saturdays @ 6pm,

**BUCKAROAKE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays: Oct 10th from 6 to 9 PM (NOTE CHANGE)

**TRIVIA:** Thursdays at 7 pm -except meeting nights (NOTE CHANGE)

**BANDS:** Select Fridays: High Strung Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> @8, Camp Ground Band Oct. 19th @ 8

**MEAT RAFFLES:** Saturdays @ 4pm

*The Bartenders*

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## OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1  DARTS begin on Monday nights	2  BINGO 6 PM	3	4  TRIVIA	5  High Strung 8pm	6 <b>VOM 10 AM</b> Joe Wallschlaeger Wheeler Park MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
7  VIKINGS At Philly 3:25	8	9  BINGO 6 PM	10  BUCKARAOKE 6 – 9 pm Anniversary Meeting 6:30	11  TRIVIA	12  Soups, Breads, Desserts  AUXILIARY	13 <b>VETS</b> STANDDOWN 9 am to 2 pm MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
14  VIKINGS vs Arizona NOON	15	16  BINGO 6 PM	17	18 <b>MEETINGS</b> 5:30 Boards 7:00 All Family BAR CLOSED 6:30 – 8:30 PM	19 PIZZA, Desserts S.A.L. Camp Ground Band 8 pm	20 MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6PM
21  VIKINGS At NY Jets NOON	22	23  BINGO 6 PM	24	25  TRIVIA	26  COMMERCIALS Vet Of The Month	27 MEAT RAFFLE 4pm  BINGO 6 PM
28  VIKINGS vs New Orleans 7:20 pm	29	30  BINGO 6 PM	31 I&O KARAOKE WITH WILL 8pm HALLOWEEN	Nov 1  TRIVIA	2  Meal TBD  PORCHLIGHTS 8PM	3 <b>VOM 10 AM</b> Wheeler Park MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM