



American Legion Post 518 Commander's Newsletter



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NOVEMBER 2016

Hello Legion Family,

I cannot believe the holiday season is already here; the year has simply flown by. Like always, we will be having Thanksgiving Dinner at our Post at 1:00 on Thanksgiving Day. There is a sign-up sheet by the popcorn if you would like to bring something and also an attendance sheet to help plan for this. The Vikings Game will also be on! Please thank your bartenders for working this day for you and the people helping in the Kitchen!

For those of you that ordered a legion jacket, they should be here soon.

Please keep in mind November 11th is Veterans Day, our Color Guard will be having a very busy day so please try and get out to support them. **Veterans will receive a free drink at the Post as a small thank you!**

I would like to thank Wayne Anderson for volunteering to be our new Chaplin. I am still looking for a Post Historian and someone to run our Children and Youth Program. If interested, please let me know.

If anyone is interested in having their newsletter sent by e mail instead of post mail let one of your officers know. This will help reduce production and mailing costs.

Thanks again for everyone's continued support; we are back on track and doing well again.

Strong Support = Strong Post

Tom Paulson – Commander, Post 518

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AUXILIARY

We can feel the crispness in the air so we know what's on its way. Let's enjoy these beautiful fall days.

Please say THANK YOU to a veteran everyday but especially Veteran's Day, November 11th. Post 518 will be helping with the many ceremonies that day. The Auxiliary will be serving them lunch.

November 4th the Auxiliary will be serving the Friday night meal—Reuben or grilled ham and cheese sandwiches, salad and dessert. Come down, support the Auxiliary, and meet new friends. Our proceeds, as usual, go to support our VETERANS!

Remember November 19th is our 4th annual craft and bake sale at Madison East Center. We can use the entire club to donate baked and small craft items. This is one of our major fundraisers for the Auxiliary. This year it's for the "club builder" fund. We have the best Club around so let's make this happen. Please plate and bag your items and we will price them. THANK YOU in advance for your support. We will accept cash donations as well - just put in envelope and mark Auxiliary bake sal

We had an awesome turnout for our October meeting. Please consider attending our November 17th meeting. We still meet upstairs. See you at the meeting.

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

SAL

Hello All.

Start off by thanking Kim Swarm, Travis Defries, Dennis Kleinow and Stan Defries for the help with SAL ditch clean up. I think we may have set a record for the amount of bags collected.

A friendly reminder that your SAL dues need to be taken care of.

If you have not noticed there is a silent auction going on at the club with two cribbage boards and a beautiful memorial flag case behind the bar. These items were donated by Mike Stott Woodworking. Auction end date is Nov 24th at 2:00.

Please keep an eye on the events calendar as the Holiday season is always a busy time around the post with many events going on. On a somewhat personal note, I would like to say how proud I am to be a member of Post #518!!! With all the issues that occurred here it is so great to see everybody rally together and help out. I have no doubt that we as a post will come out stronger than before. Thank You!!! As always, 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

On our Saturday October 1, 2016, we retired the Colors of Civil War Private Wilhelm Urban. We honored Navy Gunners Mate 3rd Class Robert (Ozzie) Neubert by raising his Colors for the month of October. This ceremony was our 100th! We had Channel 12 there to cover this event as well as Mankato Times. Pretty nice coverage!

We will honor WWI Army Capt. William Rowles (KIA) on Sat Nov 5th @ 10am. He was the uncle of Gary Rowles, who is a Post 518 and Color Guard member. This is the last ceremony for the season at Wheeler Park this year.

COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard carried Colors at 3 PowWow events on Sept 17 & 18, presented Colors for MSU football on October 18th and participated in Military Honors with the Memorial Squad at 6 area veteran's funerals.

Thanks to the 44 Legion Family Volunteers for these Color Guard & VOM events = 44

-----Any Legion, SAL or Auxiliary interested in being part of our Color Guard?-----

COLOR GUARD SCHEDULE FOR VETERAN'S DAY Friday Nov 11

8:30 Korean Memorial
9:00 Veterans Memorial Place
10:00 WWII Memorial (Post 518 Hosts)
11:00 WWI Memorial
12:10 Vietnam Memorial

-----Need Volunteers for Veterans Day & upcoming MSU events-----

Vets for Vets,

Mark Conrad- Color Guard / VOM Coordinator 507-380-8405 left48597@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – SUNDAY, November 27th OR SOONER

Do you want to receive the Newsletter by e-mail instead of mailed?

To save production and postage

let us know at americanlegion518@yahoo.com

There are always Newsletters at the Post!

ADJUTANT

The holiday season is coming quickly, and the Legion has many events coming up this holiday season. Come on down to the club and see what is new, what is happening, enjoy a beverage or a meal, have great conversation with your Legion Family or enjoy a Vikings football game.

Mankato StandDown Wednesday, November 9, 2016 | 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mankato Armory 100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Mankato, MN. ALL VETERANS WELCOME! CALL MACV FOR INFO (507) 345-8655.

Veterans Get your Flu Shots at the Mankato VA November 11th 1:00 – 3:00. Veterans can also get flu shots at Walgreens, just show your American Legion card.

Veterans Day!! Friday, November 11, 2016 - Discounts and specials around town, www.thebalance.com/veterans-day-free-meals, show your Military ID, Veterans Card or D214.

Marine Corp Ball November 12th at Morson Ario VFW, Social Hour starts at 5:30 Program 6:30. Dinner. Dancing 7:00 PM, RSVP Pete Hagert 507-947-3100 or email: hagert@hickorytech.net. All Marines & Corpsmen are Free. Guests are \$15.00.

STRIDE & Veterans ROTC 5K Saturday, November 19th. Race Starts at 10:00 am. Attached is the website to register online, you can register the day of the race. Registration website link:

<https://www.raceplanner.com/register/index/stride-and-veterans>. Packet pick up is Friday November 18th 12:00 – 7:00pm at YMCA. Race Day packet pick up Saturday November 19th 7:30 – 9:00 am at Meyers Field House.

** Looking for Vietnam Vets to help speak at opening ceremony and present awards. Contact : Josh Decker at 651-301-1712

Chili Fest 2016 Saturday November 19th Busters - South Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon has taken over coordinating the Mankato "Chili-Fest" this year. SCBYB are planning to make this our main fundraiser every year. Any local Veterans organization interested in competing? Free to all Veterans and active duty service members because of a generous donation from the DAV. To register as a competitor or any questions email Gabby Nelson at outreach@mankatoleep.org, or call the LEEP office 507-387-5122.

Post 518 Children's Christmas Party Saturday, December 17th. Shari will be back with her with her Puppet friends from Gator and Company. There will be a sign up so we know how many children will be attending.

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.

Newsletters 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.

Band for Nov: HIGH STRUNG November 11th.

VIKINGS GAMES: Come and enjoy some munchies, jello shots and fun during Vikings Games. Either bring a munchie or dish to share or donate in the jar towards your share. Each game will have a neat door prize.

The Bartenders ☺

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree will be set up mid-November Please drop off donations then

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 SLEEVE T SHIRTS**
- **Women's pink short-sleeved T Shirts have been re ordered and are in.**
- 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

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
NOVEMBER 2016

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	2	3 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	4 Reubens or Grilled Ham & Cheese, salads, desserts AUXILIARY	5 VOM 10 AM MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
6 VIKINGS VS Detroit NOON	7 BINGO 6 PM	8 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	9	10 Sing Along With Buck 7 - 10 pm	11 <u>VETERANS DAY</u> Scalloped Potatos and Ham, Salad, Roll, Treat PROMOTIONS HIGH STRUNG 8pm	12 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
13 VIKINGS @ Washington Redskins Noon	14 BINGO 6 PM	15 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	16	17 5:30 Board 7:00 Legion 7:00 Auxiliary CAPTAIN'S CHOICE BAR CLOSED 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	18 CHILI AND GRILLED CHEESE COLORGUARD	19 AUXILIARY BAKE & CRAFT SALE Madison East Mall 9 am - 4 pm MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
20 VIKINGS vs Arizona NOON BRUNCH 10 AM Fallenstein Playground	21 BINGO 6 PM SAL MEETING 7:30 PM	22 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	23	24 Thanksgiving VIKINGS @ Detroit 11:30 DINNER AT 1:00	25 <u>NO MEAL</u>	26 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
27	28 BINGO 6 PM	29 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	30	Dec 1 VIKINGS @ Dallas 7:25	2 HOT DISHES Salads, desserts TOYS FOR TOTS KARAOKE	3 VOM 10 AM Bells On Belgrade 3 - 6 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM