



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



NOVEMBER 2017

**Greeting fellow Legionnaires,**

Fall is really in the air now and before we know it the Holiday Season will be upon us. Speaking of holidays we will be open on Thanksgiving this year as well as Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Look for the potluck sign ups by the popcorn machine.

We are looking at doing some upgrades here at the post, we will be working on the back room, putting in some new flooring as well as some other improvements.

I just want to take a second to wish a Happy Birthday to all my fellow Marines November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Forrest G James Marine Corps League detachment will be hosting a birthday ball at the Morson Ario on the 10<sup>th</sup>. It starts with a social hour at 5:30 and there is a program and dinner. This event is free for all Marines and FMF Corpsman and there is a \$15 fee for guests. If you are interested in attending contact Pete Hagert at 507-947-3100 or [hagert@hickorytech.net](mailto:hagert@hickorytech.net)

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

**AUXILIARY**

We have had such a beautiful fall it's hard to believe winter is on its way. Yuck!!!!

First I will address the unpleasant things—the back room. If you serve a meal of any kind or use the back room at the Legion—PLEASE clean it up and carry all items brought up from the basement, back down to the basement. If we all cooperate, the back room will always be ready for the next group to use it. Thank you for your cooperation.

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Auxiliary will again have a booth at the Madison East shopping Center Craft and Bake Sale. The sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please come and support our sale.

In February, the Auxiliary will be visiting the Hasting's Veterans home for Valentine's Day. We will furnish a meal, visit and maybe sing a little karaoke. We would like to see some of the Legion members accompany us to Hastings. The residents like to have us visit but they REALLY like to visit with other veterans.

We will be asking for volunteers at the November meetings. The date will be confirmed at that time.

As always, thank you to everyone who attended the October meeting. Next meeting is November 16th

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

Any questions or comments—please call or email me.

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

**ANNUAL BAKE SALE November 18<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Madison East Center**

We are asking ALL legion, auxiliary, SAL and legion patrons, to please consider making something for the sale or making a cash donation. We use the monies earned for our veterans and for club repairs. Any questions, please contact Sonja Frye or Margaret Frazee or Diane Conrad. Thank you in advance for your donation.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS??? PLEASE LET US KNOW.  
Or better yet, request newsletters be e-mailed to you!**

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**SAL**

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Hello All,

Thank you to everybody that came out to support our SAL meal this month. With the cooler weather were going to try something different for the November meal. It will be a baked potato bar with all the fixings to load it up and Dave Frye's delicious chili!!! All proceeds go back into our club & various veterans programs.

If you have not been to a meeting lately I strongly encourage you to attend. The opening of the meetings is conducted jointly with the Legion, SAL & Auxiliary and is a good time to voice your opinion, learn what is going on at your club and support Post # 518 and our veterans.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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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### **VETERAN OF THE MONTH**

At our Saturday October 7th VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of **Marine Corporal Phillip H. Hodapp**. We honored **Army 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Donald E. Rudolf** by raising colors in his honor for the month of October.

We will honor **Marine Pvt 1<sup>st</sup> Class James Dennis LaBelle** (Medal of Honor winner) on Saturday November 4th @ 10am **At the West end of Wheeler Park.**

*---Come to Wheeler Park and see what an impressive ceremony this is and help us honor this Veteran on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>!! ----- This is the last outdoor ceremony for the 2017 season.*

We will honor the following at our indoor ceremonies:

December	Pearl Harbor Veterans
January	All POW/MIA's
February	The Four Chaplains
March	The Sullivan Brothers

**\*\*We have 6 openings for our 2018 outdoor season ceremonies – Please contact me at 380-8405 or email at [lefty48597@gmail.com](mailto:lefty48597@gmail.com) if you have someone to honor.**

Thanks to our "Legion Family" for all the assistance that enables Post 518 perform these ceremonies!

This is truly a great spirit of working together – It's great to be a part of it.

### **COLOR GUARD**

Since our last meeting our Color Guard posted Colors and Retired Colors for the "Clerks of Court" Convention and continue to help with Military Honors for area deceased veterans.

#### **Veterans Day Observances**

Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> @ 12:45 pm – Prairie Winds Middle School Veterans Program – 1200 Prairie Winds Drive – Mankato – All Veterans invited

Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> – Color Guard Members go to Monarch Meadows for their Veterans Day Observance

#### **Veterans Day Schedule    *Saturday November 11***

<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Korean War Memorial</b>
<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Veterans Memorial Place</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>WWII Memorial – Wheeler Park</b>
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>WWI Memorial – Sibley Park</b>
<b>12:10pm</b>	<b>Vietnam Memorial</b>

Vets for Vets,

Mark Conrad

Color Guard/VOM Coordinator **507-380-8405 or email at [lefty48597@gmail.com](mailto:lefty48597@gmail.com)**

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# ADJUTANT

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

Nov 15, 2017 Family Gathering (Rally) Bayport Post 491 burger night that night from 5-7 pm  
lunch will be on your own  
Dec 2, 2017 Dept Pearl Harbor Rally West Duluth Post 71  
Jan 3, 2018 Family Gathering Winsted Post 407  
Jan 20, 2018 1st & 3rd Fishing Contest Montgomery Post 179  
Jan 27, 2018 3rd Dist Mid-Winter LeCenter Post 108  
February National Commanders Tour

**ROTC Scholarship Fundraiser Meal-** Friday November 4<sup>th</sup> Burgers ,Chips, Malts, & desserts.

**Nicollet County Veterans Day Meal** – November Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> American Legion Post #510 Nicollet, MN.  
Social Hour 5:00. Must be an American Legion Member in Nicollet County.

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> 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 need more information check out the website: [www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration](http://www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration).

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

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:** Mike Forliti needs volunteers to pick up clothes a couple times a month from thrift shops & other locations. It takes less than a couple of hours. Contact Mike if you can help out. Volunteers with a 3/4 ton pickup, or just top help, are also needed to deliver clothes to the warehouse in Rochester or the Twin Cities. We are always in need of clean, used clothes. Drop off at the Legion if you have any to donate. We would like to thank 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:** Tuesdays and Saturdays @ 6pm,

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

**BUCKARAOKE: (Sing Along with Buck)** November 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 – 11 pm

**BANDS: Porch Lights** November 10<sup>th</sup>

**DARTS LEAGUES:** Here or away Sunday afternoon & evening and Monday evenings.

*The Bartenders*

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**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518  
NORTH MANKATO, MN  
NOVEMBER 2017**

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM (date moved up)	<b>3</b> BURGERS CHIPS & MALTS  ROTC	<b>4</b> VOM 10AM DENNIS LABELLE MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
<b>5</b> BYE  CLOCKS Fall back		<b>7</b> BINGO 6 PM  ELECTION DAY	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7 PM	<b>10</b> HOT DISHES & Desserts Kid's X- Mas Fund PORCHLIGHTS	<b>11</b> <del>NO MEAT RAFFLE</del> BINGO 6PM  VETERAN'S DAY
<b>12</b> VIKINGS at Redskins noon	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> BINGO 6 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30 Board Meet 7:00 ALL Meet BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM MUSIC W/ MICHELLE 9	<b>17</b> POTATO BAR & Dave's Chili  SAL	<b>18</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM  BINGO 6PM
<b>19</b> VIKINGS vs Rams noon News Letter Deadline	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> BINGO 6 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> VIKINGS at Lions 11:30 POT LUCK noon MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7 PM THANKSGIVING	<b>24</b> To Be Determined  COLOR GUARD	<b>25</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM  BINGO 6PM
<b>26</b> NO DARTS	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> BINGO 6 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7 PM	<b>DEC 1</b>  I & O Grad Karaoke X Mas 8 PM	<b>DEC 2</b> VOM 10AM Pearl Harbor Vets BELLS ON BELGRADE 3 – 6 Parade 6:30 NO MEAT RAFFLE NO BINGO