



American Legion Post 518 Commander's Newsletter



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December 2016

Hello Legion Family.

I hope everyone in our legion family had a wonderful and Happy Thanksgiving. Anyone who ordered a legion jacket, please contact Bruce DeFries, our SAL Commander, as they are in and are ready to be picked up.

The Board, Legion, SAL and Auxiliary all voted unanimously at their November Membership meetings to cancel the Fun Days Food Booth. All good things must come to an end. Let's all come together and think of fundraisers that are less strenuous.

Christmas is on the way and like always we will be participating in Bells on Belgrade on the 3rd and having our annual Kid's Christmas Party the 17th. We will be having an informal Pot Luck on Christmas Day at 1:00. Please check the board by the popcorn machine for the sign up sheet.

If anyone knows of any veteran or legion family member who needs help during this time of year or anytime during the year please let me know. I would love to help them out.

I want everyone to have a Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

Strong Support = Strong Post

Tom Paulson – Commander, Post 518

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AUXILIARY

Winter has arrived-cooler temps and a little white stuff. Remember your winter survival and driving skills. Stay safe.

First, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated items for the Auxiliary Bake and Craft Sale at Madison East. We had an awesome sale. Second, thanks a bunch to the volunteers who set up, sold the items and helped with clean up. We also had two Legion members help—Vern Radel and Mark Conrad. The Auxiliary members helping with the sale were: Audrey Radel, Raeann Kozitza, Irene Hammerschmidt, Deb Maus, Gail Kitt, Leslie Kitt and Diane Conrad. Because we had enough volunteers, we could have shifts!! Thanks!! Also thanks to those who donated cash. Again, a heart felt thanks for your generosity.

Another good turn out for our meeting. Please mark your calendar for our next meeting—December 15th at 7 p.m. See you there.

Hoping everyone had a great Thanksgiving and wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

If you ever have questions, please call me—if I don't know the answer, I will find the answer.

Diane Conrad, President

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SAL

Hello All,

Well the Holiday Season is upon us and there is a lot of goings on at the Club! Make sure to check the calendar on the last page and watch Facebook for updates. If you are receiving this newsletter in the mail and would like to get it e-mailed instead (will save the club money on printing and postage) get your e-mail address to your commander. We are also going to send occasional club updates to the e-mail list to help keep all informed as to what is happening. Keep in mind that the post will be having a garage sale in the spring (date to be determined) so if you have good, usable items don't throw them away, hang on to them for the sale please. The Club is also looking for someone (or a committee) to take over organization of our clothing drive. It is a big fund raiser for our post; any questions contact your commander. If you know of any Veterans or currently deployed families that are struggling during this holiday season please contact Commander Tom and he will see what we can do to help. We as a post are always in support of our Veterans and Military. The holiday season can be a stressful one for some, let's not let them down. I hope you all had a peaceful Thanksgiving and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! Any question, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me. Stay safe in your travels and hope to 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 November 5th VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of Navy Gunners Mate 3rd Class Robert (Ozzie) Neubert. We honored WWI Captain William Rowles (KIA) by raising his Colors for the month of November.

We will honor All Deceased Veterans serving on the island of Oahu during the attack on Pearl Harbor at our ceremony Saturday December 3rd @ 10am. -----This ceremony will be held indoors at the Post. See you there??

The 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor is December 7th.

COLOR GUARD

Our Color Guard presented Colors for MSU Basketball on Nov 15th and participated in Military Honors with the Memorial Squad at 3 area veteran's funerals.

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

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – SUNDAY, December 25th OR SOONER

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ADJUTANT

It feels like winter is on its way. We are always in need of extra help to keep the Legion Active. Join us in any of the many events the Legion has to offer. Events are being cancelled because we do not have the help we need. Please consider volunteering!

Our Legion Children's Christmas party is Saturday, December 17th beginning at noon. There will be a lot of fun activities for the kids. Santa and Mrs. Claus, cooking decorating, carols and gifts for all of the children. Please sign children up on the board by the popcorn.

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. We also need someone to chair this project to make arrangements for deliveries.

News letters Deadline: The Sunday, after the Monthly Legion meetings.

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.

Bands for December: Billy & The Bangers on the 16th and Malpractice on the 31st.

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 ☺

CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Children's Christmas Party is December 17th from noon to about 2:00. **Please sign up your children by the popcorn machine to assure Santa will have a gift for them by Dec 9th.** We will have cookie decorating (Thanks Leslie), snacks, Christmas Carols with SANTA and Mrs. Claus arriving about 1:00!

NEW YEARS EVE

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!

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**
- 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
DECEMBER 2016

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 DALLAS 7:25 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	2 HOT DISHES, salads & desserts Bring a toy for TOYS FOR TOTS FUNDRAISER Karaoke 8pm	3 VOM 10 AM BELLS ON BELGRADE 3-6, Parade at 6:30 <u>NO MEAT RAFFLE</u> <u>NO BINGO</u>
4	5 BINGO 6 PM	6 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	7 75 th ANNIVERSARY ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR	8 Sing Along With Buck 7 - 10 pm	<u>NO MEAL</u>	10 MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
11 VIKINGS @ Jacksonville Noon	12 BINGO 6 PM	13 BAR TRIVIA 7 PM	14	15 5:30 Board 7:00 Legion 7:00 Auxiliary BAR CLOSED 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	16 Billy & The Bangers 8 pm <u>NO MEAL</u>	17 KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY Noon to 2:00 MEAT RAFFLE 4 pm BINGO 6 PM
18 VIKINGS vs Indianapolis NOON	19 BINGO 6 PM SAL MEETING 7:30 PM	20 <u>NO BAR TRIVIA</u>	21	22 Captain's Choice JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	23 <u>NO MEAL</u>	24 VIKINGS at Green Bay noon <u>NO MEAT RAFFLE</u> <u>NO BINGO</u>
25 Christmas Pot Luck 1:00 <hr/> JAN. 1 VIKINGS @ Chicago , noon	26 BINGO 6 PM	27 <u>NO BAR TRIVIA</u>	28	29 JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	30 <u>NO MEAL</u>	31 <u>NO MEAT RAFFLE</u> <u>NO BINGO</u> MALPRACTICE