



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518  
 COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**  
 507-625-1264 | 256 Belgrade Avenue, North Mankato, MN  
 Keep informed, Like our Facebook Page:  
 North Mankato American Legion Post 518



**DECEMBER 2017**

Greetings Legionnaires,

Happy Holidays. It is hard to believe that another year has passed.

We have a lot going on for the holidays. We had our annual Thanksgiving Potluck and it was a great success; we had close to 60 people attend and there was plenty of food and fun for all! Thanks to the promotions committee for all of your hard work. Bells on Belgrade is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December and the kids Christmas Party on the 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a sheet with details and a sign up on the bulletin board by the popcorn machine at the post for the party. We are a collection site for Toys for Tots and we do have a bin for you to drop off your unopened gift (or leave a money donation). All Toys for Tots donations stay local. We will have a New Year's Eve Party with free sober rides to and from the post, sign up at the bar.

We will be doing some work on the back room in the next couple of months and will probably have to close for a day or so. We will post more information at the post when we have a firm date.

Thanks for all that you do to make this such a great post and Merry Christmas.

I wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season.

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

Jeff Frye

Commander, Serving Veterans and Community

**AUXILIARY**

I do believe winter is here—cold and windy. Bundle up and stay warm.

On November 18<sup>th</sup> our Auxiliary had its bake sale at Madison East. Thanks to the Legion family it was a total success! We had cash donations, food donations and volunteers planning the event and manning the booth. Without our Legion family and bar patrons, it would not work. We will be able to do many things for our veterans with the money earned. THANK YOU again for your donations.

If you have not done so already—PLEASE pay your dues. Without you, we will not have the volunteers needed to support our causes for the veterans. Thank you in advance for paying your dues.

REMINDER—December 16<sup>th</sup> is the children's Christmas party. There is a sign up sheet by the popcorn machine. I think Santa and Mrs. Claus may take time out of their busy schedule to come to Post 518 to visit with the children. It's a fun time for the kids—and Santa's helpers too.

Thanks to all who attended the last meeting and hope to see more at the December meeting.

Merry Christmas to all. Have a safe, fun filled holiday.

Any questions or comments—please call or email me.

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

\*\*\*\*\*

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

---

## SAL

---

Hello All,

Well the holiday season is upon us. Please keep our serving military members in your thoughts and prayers as this can be a tough time of year for them being away from their families. Thank you to Gary Graff & Dave Frye for suppling the chili for our meal last month, it was superb!!! Keep an eye on our event calendar and Facebook page as there are numerous happenings around the post during the holiday season. Our next SAL meeting will be December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00; hope to see you there !!!

I would like to wish you all a happy holiday season and stay safe in your travels.

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

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

---

### VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday, November 4th VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of **Army 2nd Lt Donald E. Rudolf** (Medal of Honor recipient). We honored **Marine Pvt 1st Class James Dennis Labelle** (Medal of Honor recipient) by raising colors in his honor for the month of November. We will honor **All Veterans on Oahu during the attack on Pearl Harbor** on Saturday December 2nd @ 10am **INDOORS at Post 518 (corner of Range and Belgrade in North Mankato)**.

---Come & help us honor their memory on Saturday December 2nd----

*We will have two special guests at this ceremony! Charles Sehe & Vic Paradis, both Pearl Harbor survivors, have indicated they will attend.*

We will honor the following at our indoor ceremonies: December 2 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.**

### COLOR GUARD

Since our last meeting our Color Guard participated in Military Honors for 6 area veterans with the Memorial Squad, continue to present Colors at MSU sports events, went to Monarch Meadows to help with their Veteran's Day observance and participated in Veteran's Day activities. Last, but not least we performed Military Honors for Post Member/Color Guard Member/ Memorial Squad Member, Dom Tortorella. We had a request from the Memorial Squad and also from within our post for the squad to be a part of honors for Dom. Our Color Guard, Memorial Squad and our entire post will miss Dom for all that he helped us with.

### HELP---

*We are always looking for new Color Guard members, and especially retired members that can help with the VERY IMPORTANT participation in Military Honors. All veterans deserve to have these honors, so please consider being a part of them. Remember, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion members are welcome! Don't worry that you may not know how – we'll help you learn!*

### COLOR GUARD EQUIPMENT

If you have any Color guard equipment that is no longer being used by past color guard members, please return them to the post or let me know – Call Mark at 380-8405 and I will make arrangements to pick items up. Items especially needed back are **Parkas, pistol belts, gloves**, etc. Anything returned means less funds needed to replenish these items. Thanks for your assistance.

Thanks to all of the former & present Color Guard members for their service!

Vets for Vets,

Mark Conrad

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

---

---

# ADJUTANT

---

It is getting a bit cooler these days, winter will be here soon enough. The holiday season is in full force. We are in need of your help around the Post to make our events successful. Please step up and volunteer, be a part of the Legion Family, join our Promotions Committee.

**Bells on Belgrade December 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 – 6pm.** Our Legion family will be serving cookies and Hot Chocolate. This Holiday fun event is for THE CHILDREN, but there is fun for the entire family. Trolley Rides along Belgrade Ave, Medallion Hunt, Santa & Elves, local Caroling Groups and end the evening with the Winter Wonderland Parade at 6:30. We want to thank our own Deb Paulson for baking the cookies.

**Our Legion Children's Christmas Party** is Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be a lot of fun activities for the kids. Santa and Mrs Claus, cookie decorating, special entertainment and gifts for all of the children.

Post 518 will not be putting together a Christmas Day Potluck this year. If anyone is interested in having a potluck meal, please feel free. Club hours TBD?

**New Years Eve Party December 31** Come join the Legion Family and ring in the New Year. We need Sober Drivers to sign up to pick up and drop patrons. Anyone interested in a ride sign up.

**Blue Earth/Nicollet County Van VA Hospital** – If you need a ride 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 operates on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc), Nicollet County operates on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, 6th, etc) please call 507-304-4246 (odd days) or 507-934-7871 (even days). 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.

**Paddle Wheel:** We are looking for people to run the Saturday Paddle Wheel/Meat Raffles. The sign-up sheet is on board next to the popcorn machine.

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

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 2018 National Commanders Tour

**Clothing Drive:** Contact Mike Forliti if you can help volunteer to pick up clothes a couple times a month from area thrift shops and other locations. It takes less than a couple of hours a month. Volunteers are also needed to deliver clothes to the warehouse. If you have a 3/4 ton pickup and are interested in driving loads or to help deliver the clothes to Rochester or the Twin Cities please let him know. 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

---

## MORE GOOD STUFF

---

### 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)** December 14th 7 – 10 pm

**BANDS: RAINKINGS** December 15<sup>th</sup> AND **Johnny Frost and the Heatseekers** New Years Eve 8pm

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

**We will be open Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.** Thanks to those working!

*The Bartenders*

---

American Legion Post 518  
P.O. Box 2233  
256 Belgrade Avenue  
North Mankato, MN 56003


Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Mankato, MN 56001  
Permit No. 66

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <b>NO MEAL</b> I&O Class X Mas Party 7  Karaoke at 8	2 <b>VOM 10 AM</b> Pearl Harbor BELLS ON BELGRADE 3-6 <b>NO MEAT RAFFLE</b> <b>NO BINGO</b>
3  VIKINGS at Falcons NOON	4	5  BINGO 6 PM	6	7  MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00 PEARL HARBOR DAY	8  Meal to be determined	9  MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM  BINGO 6 PM
10  VIKINGS at Panthers NOON	11	12  BINGO 6 PM	13	14  BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM	15  Meal to be determined  RAININGS 8 PM	16 <b>KID'S XMAS</b> <b>PARTY 1-3</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM  BINGO 6 PM
17  VIKINGS vs Bengals NOON	18	19  BINGO 6 PM	20	21 <i>5:30 Board Meeting</i> <i>7:00 Leg, Aux, SAL</i> BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX 9PM	22  <b>NO MEAL</b>	23  VIKINGS at Packers 7:30 PM MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM BINGO 6 PM
24 <b>Christmas</b> Eve ----- 31 <b>NEW YEARS</b> EVE VIKINGS vs Bears NOON	25  <b>CHRISTMAS</b> DAY  	26  BINGO 6 PM	27	28  MUSIC WITH MICHELLE 7:00	29  Meal to be determined	30  MEAT RAFFLE 4 PM  BINGO 6 PM