



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



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## DECEMBER 2018

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Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I hope that you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. We served a pot luck dinner at the post that was well attended with lots of great food and company. Thanks to all who brought a dish to pass and thanks to all who helped set up and clean up.

There are a lot of things coming up. We have Bells on Belgrade on December 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-6 with lots of events for the family ending with a parade at 6:30. Thanks to Deb Paulson for making all of the cookies we will be passing out along with hot chocolate. If any one would be willing to help it really is a fun afternoon. The Children's Christmas Party is December 15<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00. Please sign up by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will be of course having a New Year's Eve celebration with live music, food and prizes. We will also be offering sober drives to get you to and from the party. We will have a sign up on the bulletin board by the pop-corn machine for the rides.

We will not be having a meeting this month so we can all enjoy the holidays or get some Christmas shopping done. I will hopefully see you on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

I hope that you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I am available at 507-340-0831 or [jefffrye927@gmail.com](mailto:jefffrye927@gmail.com)

Jeff Frye, Commander

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## AUXILIARY

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Hello December! Where has the year gone?

Here are a few notes from our November meeting:

There will be NOT be a December meeting. Our next meeting will be January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. Please attend if you are able!

Don't forget about our Kid's Christmas Party December 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-3 at the Post. We heard the rumor that Santa will be stopping by around 1:00 and there will be fun things before and after that!

Please keep the postcards coming in for volunteering for our Auxiliary. We are hoping to gain more knowledge as to who we can contact for more Auxiliary involvement.

We are still in need of volunteers for Bells on Belgrade December 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-6 to serve hot chocolate and cookies. This is a great family event! The parade starts at 6:30 led by our Post 518 Color Guard!

The Auxiliary will be hosting a December 28<sup>th</sup> meal of hors d'oeuvres starting at 5:30. Please contact me if you are able to contribute! Another Auxiliary hosted meal will be January 18<sup>th</sup> of chili, breads and desserts! Come on down and warm up with chili and your Legion Family. (As always, we welcome any contributions to our hosted meals)

The Anthony Ford Pond Hockey tournament is January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Business on Belgrade is still looking for volunteers to work in the food booth. (It is in a warm space)

You may have noticed a few signs inviting any guests to sign our guestbook. Please encourage any of your guests to sign in and enjoy our Post.

As always, thank you to everyone that attends our monthly meetings. It is very important for our members to get involved on some level!

Please contact me personally with any questions or concerns.

Auxiliary President,

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

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## SAL

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Hello All,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

We will be having our annual kids Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to sign up on the board by December 1<sup>st</sup> so that we can have a good count of how many kids to expect. We would also like the age and gender of the child so that we can get appropriate gifts.

Bells on Belgrade is coming up on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be from 2-6 outside with the parade at 6:30. We are looking for a number of volunteers willing to help and serve hot chocolate and cookies.

Reminder there will be **no meeting** in December as it is very close to the Christmas Holiday. We will resume again in January with normal meeting on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The next anniversary meeting will be held Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

We will be having a spaghetti meal Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Plan on attending!

Be sure to keep your eye on the calendar for other happenings and events coming up around the post. I hope to see you all around the club and as always feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

I hope everyone has a blessed and safe holiday!

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

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## VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

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### Veteran of the Month

At our **December 1st** Veteran of the Month Ceremony, North Mankato American Legion Post 518 will retire the colors for **All POW & MIAS**. We will honor **ALL THOSE LOST AT PEARL HARBOR**, by raising colors in their honor for the month of December as our new Veteran of the Month honorees.

This will take place **INSIDE THE CLUB** on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am.

**We are now taking honorees for 2019 .**

**Thanks to ALL who help make this possible.**

### Color Guard

We are continuing sporting events at MSU and other events as they come up. We also have the honor of giving “the final salute” at Veterans funerals when requested, regrettably too often! Thanks to those who have been helping out when I am unavailable and all who participate in Color Guard. Please step up and help out, make dishes etc for our Color Guard Meals. We should not have to depend on just a few persons. We need YOU!

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

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NO PARKING IN ATM LANE OR IN FRONT OF DROP BOX  
USE OTHER LANES ONLY AFTER HOURS**

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NEW MAILING ADDRESSES**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE THEM E MAILED, LET US KNOW THAT ADDRESS**

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## ADJUTANT

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We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving; this year seems to have flown by. The Holiday Season is upon us and we wish all of our Legion Family a Merry Christmas and wonderful a New Year. Come join us at the Legion and enjoy time with your Legion Family this holiday season.

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

Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> 11AM	District Rally	St Paul Park Post 98
Dec 8 11AM	Pearl Harbor Rally	Faribault Post 43

- Bells on Belgrade, Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 – 6. We will be serving Hot Chocolate and Christmas Cookies. Holiday fun event for the entire family”. Trolley Rides along Belgrade Ave, Medallion Hunt, Santa & Elves, Caroling, and the Christmas Parade starts 6:30PM. A big Thank You to Debbie Paulson for making the Christmas Cookies.
- The Kids Christmas Party is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00.
- We will be having a New Year’s Party December 31<sup>st</sup>, Come join the Legion Family and ring in the New Year. We need Sober Drivers to sign up to pick up and drop off patrons. Anyone interested sign up.
- Dec 1<sup>st</sup>: No meat Raffle or BINGO
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> NO BINGO, Yes, Meat Raffle

**North Mankato Post 518 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** is scheduled for the weekend of **September 13 - 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 Dwain Fraze or Diane Conrad to volunteer. Our next Post 518 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party meeting is scheduled for January 9th 6:30.

**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:** Monday and Sunday Nights

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

**BUCKAROAKE:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays: Dec 12th from 6 to 9 PM

**TRIVIA:** Thursdays at 7 pm -except meeting nights

**BANDS:** Select Fridays Highstrung Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. New Year’s Eve Warren Streets Band

**MEAT RAFFLES:** Saturdays @ 4pm

*The Bartenders*

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>DEC. 2018</b>				<b>NO MEAT RAFFLE OR BINGO ON SAT THE FIRST</b> ⇒	<b>Nov 30</b> HOT DISH MEAL AUXILIARY	<b>1 VOM 10 AM PEARL HARBOR IN CLUB</b> Bells on Belgrade 2-6 Parade 6:30
<b>2</b> VIKINGS at NE 3:25	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> BINGO 6 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> TRIVIA	<b>7</b> I&O 7 pm X mas Party Karaoke with Will 8 pm <b>PEARL HARBOR</b>	<b>8</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> VIKINGS At Seattle 7:15	<b>11</b> BINGO 6 PM	<b>12</b> BUCKARAOKE 6 – 9 pm	<b>13</b> TRIVIA	<b>14</b> MEAL TO BE DETERMINED  <b>HIGH STRUNG</b>	<b>15 KID'S X MAS PARTY NOON -3</b>  MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM
<b>16</b> VIKINGS vs Miami NOON	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> BINGO 6 PM	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>MEETINGS</b> <b>5:30 Boards</b> <b>7:00 All Family</b> BAR CLOSED 6:30 – 8:30 PM	<b>21</b> MEAL To be determined	<b>22</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM <b>NO BINGO</b>
<b>23</b> Vikings at Detroit NOON <hr/> <b>30</b> VIKINGS vs Chicago NOON	<b>24</b> <hr/> <b>31</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR! WARREN STREETS BAND	<b>25</b> MERRY CHRISTMAS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> TRIVIA	<b>28</b> Hors d'Oeuvres AUXILIARY Annjversary Fund	<b>29</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM