



American Legion Post 518 Commander's Newsletter



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Greetings to all Post 518 members.

I would like to start by asking any Post 518 charter members for your help on writing up the history of Post 518. Any help would be appreciated. I am still looking for some volunteers from the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL to head up the promotions committee. It would be a fun way to get involved with the post. I would like to thank Mike Forliti for taking over the clothing drive coordinating. There are many other ways to help out around the Post, just let one of our officers know. Anyone interested in sponsoring a meal night, let me know. Thanks again for everyone's continued support around the legion.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me at 507-381-6024 or tompaulson@hotmail.com

Strong Support = Strong Post

Tom Paulson – Commander, Post 518

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AUXILIARY

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone. Hope you have a great day!!

If you haven't done so already, please send in your dues for 2017. Also, consider attending an Auxiliary meeting the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. We can always use new ideas.

The Auxiliary is providing the February 10th Friday night meal. We will have hot dishes, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert. The profits from our meals go to support our veterans, children's projects and many other veteran's projects. Please come and support all the Friday night meals.

Fruit sales has begun. Stop by the Club to pick up a sales sheet or order your fruit from the bartender. When picking up your sales sheet, don't forget to sign the front of the envelope next to the number that corresponds with the number on the sheet. Go Post 518!!

The Promotions Committee (a new committee) is looking for members of the Legion, SAL and Auxiliary to head or volunteer to help with the many activities we are involved with in the community. For a list of activities, see Tom Paulson, Bruce Defries, Diane Conrad or Deb Joerg. These projects can be loads of fun, meet new people and feel good too. Volunteer for one or all—you choose.

March 19th is the date of our 3rd annual Veterans Banquet for Post 518 Veterans and a guest. A small fee for the guest's meal. Look for the sign-up sheet (by popcorn machine) soon. The meal is free for Post 518 members.

Please start thinking about being an Auxiliary officer. Nominations will be open in a few months for President (I think we need someone with new ideas) and Treasurer (someone who is willing to do paperless banking on line) which means printing the statement at the end of the month. Nothing else on computer—use the same check book and ledger as we do now. If you want, you could combine it with doing membership as well. I have been President for 3 years and have enjoyed it very much.

Don't forget about our 518 family garage sale this spring. We ask you to price the clean, usable items you bring but PLEASE don't bring them until near the time of the sale. Thank you in advance for your donations.

See you at our February 16th meeting,

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

SAL

Hello All,

I would like to thank all the club members that have stepped up and helped support our club over this past “eventful” year. I for one am proud to be a member of the North Mankato Post 518 American Legion !!!

The fruit sale has begun and there are sign-up sheets behind the bar at the club. We are still looking for volunteers to help with our Promotions group, if interested talk to one of the legion family officers. The SAL meal for this month will be the Large Butterfly Shrimp Basket or a Chicken Strip Basket. Come on down and help us support “our” club. If you would like to get on the E-mail newsletter list (which is also the event notification list) get your e mail address to your commander and if you would like to get on my text message list get your phone # to me.

Again, Thank You to all that help support our club and stay safe in your travels.

Bruce Defries, SAL Commander 507-340-7265

COLOR GUARD / VETERAN OF THE MONTH

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday January 7th VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of **All Veterans (now deceased) serving on the island of Oahu during the attack on Pearl Harbor.** We honored **all POW/MIA's by raising colors in their honor for the month of January.**

-----We again had the special honor of having Pearl Harbor Survivor, Vic Paradis at our January VOM ceremony when he received the retired Colors for the veterans on Oahu.-----

We will honor **The Four Chaplains** on Saturday February 4th @ 10am (inside Post 518).

******Come Join Us for this event*****

COLOR GUARD

Since our last meeting, our Color Guard presented Colors for 4 MSU Basketball games & 1 MSU Hockey game. We participated in Military Honors with the Memorial Squad at 3 area veteran's funerals and 1 Past Post 518 ('80-'81) Commander funeral, Howard Gilson.

--44 Total VOM/Color Guard event volunteers since last meeting—

As always - Thanks to the Legion Family Volunteers for these Color Guard & VOM events!!

We are in need of a few retired members to help with Military Honors at funerals

Vets for Vets,

Mark Conrad- Color Guard / VOM Coordinator 507-380-8405 lefty48597@gmail.com

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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 AND LONG 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

ADJUTANT

It is hard to believe the Holidays have come and gone so fast. We hope you and your families had a wonderful, healthy and happy New Year. The New Year brings many events and happenings around the Legion Post, we hope you come on down see what's happening, get involved, enjoy a beverage and conversation with your Legion Family.

Have you received a Yellow PCI postcard requesting you to update your membership information? PCI is a legitimate company and is doing a fundraiser for the Department of the Minnesota American Legion. They will be selling a members year book and as a part of the agreement they are collecting and verifying member data and are soliciting those that are due to renew their membership. There is no obligation for members to participate, they will in no way redistribute, sell or pass on any information they have collected.

Veterans Honor Flight - If you know of any World War II Veterans that have not been on an Honor Flight, please encourage them to apply at: <http://honorflightwincities.org/>. They are trying to find them all! Honor flights help World War II Veterans and now Korean War Veterans have a day in Washington D.C. at no cost. A waiting list is starting for Korean War Veterans as well.

Help welcome the next Twin Cities Honor Flight home when they arrive back in MN.

WHEN: Saturday, May 6, 2017. Arrives at Terminal 2 Baggage Area by 10PM. Flight typically arrives about 10:20-10:30PM.

WHERE: Terminal 2 (previously called the Humphrey Terminal) Minneapolis Airport, 7150 Humphrey Drive, Minneapolis, 55450

Meet in Baggage Area, No need to RSVP, just show up! Bring signs and cheers!

Nicollet American Legion Post 510 Annual Fish Fry Saturday February 4th, 2017

Serving: 11:00 am – 8:00 pm (or until gone)

German and American Potato Salad * Cole Slaw * Coffee * Milk

Adults: \$12.00, Children Under 12: \$6.00

American Legion Friendship Hall, Nicollet, MN

American Legion Post 311 Fishing Contest on LAKE FRANCIS, Elysian, MN. Sunday, February 5 at 1:30 PM - 3 PM 218 Main St., Elysian, Minnesota 56028

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.

Clothing Drive: Mike Forliti has agreed to head up the Clothing drive. Thanks Mike! We are always in need of clean, used clothing. 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 Mike Forliti if interested in helping out.

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

*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).

BUCKARAOKE: Second Thursday of each month from 7 to 10 pm. February 9th.

Bands for February: RAINKINGS FEB 20th

SUPER BOWL: FEB 5TH AT 5:30. Patriots and Falcons in Houston.

POPCORN has gone up to 50 cents, BUT the container size has doubled as well!

The Bartenders ☺

PROMOTIONS BOARD

We are looking for a few good men.... And women! We need to set up a promotions board to chair various, fun events we are used to hosting and think up new ones! If we get enough willing members it makes it easier and more enjoyable. Please consider joining this to help support your club which supports ALL Veterans and their families. You CAN make a difference.

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NORTH MANKATO, MN
FEBRUARY 2017

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM CAPTAINS CHOICE	3 BEEF OR TURKEY COMMERCIALS DESSERTS VETS CAMP MALPRACTICE 8 PM	4 VOM 10AM (4 Chaplains) MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
5 SUPER BOWL PATRIOTS & FALCONS HOUSTON 5:30	6 BINGO 6PM	7 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	8	9 BUCKARAOKE 7 – 10 PM	10 HOTDISHES COLESLAW, DESSERTS AUXILIARY	11 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
12	13 BINGO 6PM	14 BAR TRIVIA 7PM 	15 I & O CLASS NACHO BAR 8PM	16 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 Aux & Legion BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	17 SHRIMP OR CHICKEN STRIP BASKETS SAL RAININGS 8 PM	18 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
19 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 BINGO 6PM SAL MEETING 7:30PM	21 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	22	23 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	24 HOT DISH MEAL COLOR GUARD	25 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
26	27 BINGO 6PM	28 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	MARCH 1	MARCH 2 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	MARCH 3 MEAL TBD	MARCH 4 VOM 10AM MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM