

American Legion Post 518 Commander's Newsletter



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MARCH 2017

Greetings to everyone in the Post 518 Family,

On April 6th we will be having our New Member Orientation at 7:00pm. Any new member that has not yet attended an orientation and has dues paid, is invited to attend. Please come on down for a few pieces of pizza and a drink to meet the post officers, tour the post, find out how you can help and what we can do for you! This is open to all Legion, Auxiliary and SAL New Members.

Don't forget all fruit sheet order forms are due by March 7th. Delivery expected March 25th. Club Clean-up is March 11th at 8 am.

Once again, on March 19th our Auxiliary is having their Annual Veteran's Appreciation Meal at noon. This is open to all Post 518 veterans and you may bring a quest for a small fee.

Please keep in mind new officer nominations are coming up in April and your support is very important.

Thanks again for everyone's continued support of Post 518 If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact me.

Strong Support = Strong Post

Tom Paulson – Commander, Post 518

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AUXILIARY

Feels like spring outside but sounds like a little winter will show up still. Don't put those winter coats away yet!

We had a wonderful turn out for our last meeting. Thanks to everyone who attended. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the auxiliary hot dish meal. It was a huge success.

Another reminder---PLEASE pay your dues for the 2017 year now.

Our Veterans Banquet is March 19. Please sign up by the popcorn machine. Our Post 518 Veterans are FREE and one guest is \$5.00.

Please consider running for an office: President, 1^{st} Vice, 2^{nd} Vice, Treasurer or Membership. Give me a call if you want to know more about these positions. It's good to get new ideas every few years so we can continue to help our post, veterans, youth and community. I would like to try some other volunteer things within the club.

Clean up day is Saturday, March 11th at 8 a.m. We can use as many helpers as possible—we do have fun along with the work.

Don't forget about our garage sale this spring. Clean out that basement and cupboards, price them, in 25 cent increments please. Make sure things are clean and in good repair. No appliances or electronics(T.Vs, computers, refrigerators, etc). Items can be dropped off at the club, <u>day of sale only</u>. No date has been decided yet, but we are looking at mid May.

See you at the March 16th meeting.

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

SAL

Hello All,

Again thank you to all the people that helped and supported our SAL meal last month. This month we will be having beer battered fish and fries on the 10th. Remember that all proceeds benefit our club and veterans!!! Spring is just around the corner so keep an eye on the calendar as there are many happenings going on around the club such as clean-up day, new member orientation, meals, bands, bingo and karaoke to name a few. New officer nominations will be taking place at our April meeting so please start thinking about becoming an officer and supporting your club. If you would like to be put on my text reminder list or the clubs weekly email event update send me your phone number or email address and we will get you added. As always stay safe in your travels and 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, January 7th VOM ceremony, we retired the Colors of <u>all POW/MIA's</u>. We honored <u>The Four Chaplains</u> by raising colors in their honor for the month of February.

We will honor <u>The Sullivan Brothers</u> on Saturday, March 4th @ 10am (inside Post 518) – This will be the last indoor ceremony of the season. These 5 veterans perished after their ship, the USS Juneau, received 2 torpedo hits from a Japanese submarine and sunk on November 13, 1942.

---Come & help us honor their memory on March 4th-----

**We have just a couple of openings for our outdoor season ceremonies – Please contact me at 507-380-8405 or email at lefty48597 if you have someone to honor.

COLOR GUARD

Since our last meeting, our Color Guard participated in Military Honors for post member, Ivan Baumgartner.

--17 Total VOM/Color Guard event volunteers since last meeting—

I want to give a big "thank you" to Jason Kelly for coordinating our Color Guard events at MSU!

We also welcome Phil Sommers, Dwain Fraze & Jim Mason to our Color Guard

So far we have received 2 parade invites: LeCenter's St. Pat's Parade on March 11

Nicollet's Friendship Days Parade on Sunday June 18th.

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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<u>Save production and postage, plus assurance you receive it! Also to receive updates.</u>

Let us know at americanlegion518@yahoo.com There are always Newsletters at the Post!

ONGOING PROJECTS – please contact Commander Tom for details if needed:

- T-shirts & Hats POW shirts, Post Shirts, POW hats, Branch of service Hats available for sale.
- 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 has been unseasonable awesome weather lately, we hope you have been able to get out and enjoy it. We have many events coming up this year at our Legion Post. We need everyone to look and see if there is anything you can do to help out around the post. We hope you will step up and find a project you can help with. Come on down, get involved and make a difference with your Legion Family.

The Annual Fruit Sale!!! Is in full force; anyone interested in helping with the Legion Fruit Sale, order forms are behind the bar. Pick up your form and please sign it out. *If you want to order a box of fruit, there is an order form behind the bar. All order forms need to be turned in on March 7th and the boxes of fruit will be ready for pick up on Saturday, March 25th. The fruit is guaranteed, any bad pieces of fruit will be replaced.

The Maverick Battalion Army ROTC be will having their Military Ball and award ceremony Banquet April 7th at 1700 hrs. Post 518 will be presenting scholarships totaling \$500 at this ceremony. If you are interested in attending, please contact one of our board members.

May 19th-21st Third District Convention New Prague, MN. Anyone interested in attending please contact one of our Board members to let us know.

Clothing Drive: We have a load of clothes that we need to deliver to the Savers Thrift Store in Rochester. We are in need of a $\frac{3}{4}$ ton -1 ton truck to haul the clothes. If you have a truck to haul the clothes to Rochester, please contact Mike Forliti to make arrangements.

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.

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://honorflighttwincities.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!

Paddle Wheel: We need individuals to run one the Saturday Paddle Wheel – Meat Raffles. If you are interested, please sign up on the board next to the popcorn machine.

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. March 9th.

Bands for MARCH: HONK A BILLY ON THE 3RD, MALPRACTICE ON THE 31ST

The Bartenders @

APARTMENT FOR RENT

Our upper, back apartment will be available for rent April 1st. \$675/mo & \$675 deposit

Spacious, clean 2 bedroom apt with it's own washer & dryer. 2 off street parking stalls. Water/garbage included. Pay own elect & gas. If you know any reliable renters, please send our way to fill out an application. Credit, criminal, employment and rental references checked.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			ASH WEDNESDAY	2 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	3 Meatless & Chicken Pastas, Salads, Desserts Club Builder/ Chair Fund HONK A BILLY 8 PM	VOM 10AM SULLIVAN BRO'S MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
5	6 BINGO 6PM	7 BAR TRIVIA 7PM TURN IN FRUIT SALE SHEETS	8	9 BUCKARAOKE 7-10 PM CAPTAINS CHOICE	10 BEER BATTERED FISH & FRIES	11 CLUB CLEAN UP 8:00 AM MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
SET CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR	13 BINGO 6PM	14 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	15	16 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 Aux & Legion BAR CLOSED 6:30PM – 8:30PM JUKEBOX JENNY 9PM	17 St. Pat's Meal Stew, corned beef & MORE Grasshoppers ST. PATRICKS DAY	18 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
VETERAN'S BANQUET NOON News Letter Deadline	20 BINGO 6PM SAL MEETING 7:30PM SPRING BEGINS	BAR TRIVIA 7PM	22	23 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	Hot Dishes, Cole slaw, desserts	25 MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM ESTIMATED FRUIT DELIVERY
26	BINGO 6PM	28 BAR TRIVIA 7PM	29	30 JUKEBOX JENNY 7PM	31 Soups, chowder, breads, desserts AUXILIARY MALPRACTICE 8 PM	APRIL 1 VOM 10AM MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM