



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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APRIL 2019

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Spring is finally here; the snow is melting and things are heating up here at Post 518 with a lot of stuff going on.

April 13th is the Bunnies on Belgrade **Adult** Easter Egg Hunt. Belgrade Avenue will be closed down and there will be a band and eggs filled with prizes including a \$1000 grand prize. Come down and enjoy some adult beverages and have some fun.

April 20th we will be having our second annual **Children's** Easter Egg Hunt starting at 10am at Wheeler Park weather permitting. If we have bad weather we will move it to the post, look for the sign up sheet by the popcorn machine. The Easter Bunny will be there for photo opportunities.

We have a new defibrillator at the post and we had 9 employees and other members take a training seminar on how and when to use the defibrillator and hopefully we will never have to use our training.

Aa new member orientation is on Thursday April 4th at 7pm, this is a chance for our newest members to get acquainted with some of the post officers and learn a little more about what we have going on at 518.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 18th at 7pm, this month we will be nominating officers for the upcoming year, if you have any interest in becoming an officer please let me know.

I am available at 507-340-0831 or jefffrye927@gmail.com

Jeff Frye, Commander

AUXILIARY

Happy Spring!

Thank you to all of you who joined us at our March meeting! We discussed many important items and had some good conversation.

April 12th the Auxiliary will be hosting the Friday meal. We will be serving cold cut sandwiches, homemade salads and desserts. Please come and enjoy the meal while visiting with your Post 518 family!

New membership orientation is Thursday, April 4th at 7:00. Come on down and meet your Post 518 officers, enjoy a little pizza, have a drink and get to know your Post!

Bunnies on Belgrade is on April 13th from 4 - 7. Hosted by The Boy Scouts. There will be live music on Belgrade (band inside the Post if it rains) an adult egg hunt at 6, with prizes, and lots of fun!

Planning for the 40th Anniversary Celebration September 13,14 and 15th is moving right along! Keep an eye out for details.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a wine tasting with a silent auction in the near future. This will be a great event to attend, date and time coming soon!

New t-shirts will be ordered soon just in time for Spring and Summer!

Don't forget to check out the new website! www.northmankatopost518.org

Officer Nominations is coming up; please consider a position.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Proud to be your Post 518 Auxiliary President,

Sonja Frye ssonerann71@gmail.com 507-382-8906

SAL

Greetings all,

Happy spring everyone! The warm weather is finally here, the snow is disappearing and we can finally start to get outside and enjoy it. With that being said, the Boy Scouts will be hosting a grown up Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th with live music from 4-6, egg drop at 6 with a grand prize of \$1,000. Due to this event there will be no meat raffle or bingo that day.

April is also new member orientation month. We will be having it on the 4th at 7pm at the Legion. If you are a new member of our S.A.L and haven't attended one of these, please feel free to stop down and get to know some of your Legion Officers and learn a little bit more about what we do here at the North Mankato Legion.

We not be having a meal again this month as that Friday is Good Friday and there will be too many people that are busy or unable to attend and help with the meal.

Finally, our website is up and running be sure to go over to www.northmankatopost518.org and check that out. It will be updated with the latest news, current and upcoming events, and legion information. Along with a calendar that will lay out the whole months list of events.

As always feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have, and I hope to see you all at the post.

S.A.L Commander, Darin Hendley 507-317-7070 darin.hendley@yahoo.com

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

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At our Saturday, April 6th ceremony, we will retire the Colors for “The Sullivan Brothers” and we will honor Army Corporal Elmer Clarence Dahn, who died as a POW in N. Korea, by raising his Colors for the month of April.

This ceremony will take place **OUTDOORS at the west end of Wheeler Park on Saturday April 6th at 10 am.** *Come & help us honor this Veteran.* Refreshments served after the ceremony at the Club.

We have the year 2019 filled for VOM & are taking applications for 2020 now.

COLOR GUARD

This past month, the Color Guard performed: 1 VOM ceremony, 5 area Veterans funerals with the MAVMS and the St. Patty's Day Parade at LeCenter for a total of 46 Total volunteer hours.

Our **Color Guard Meeting/Meal** will be on Thursday April 11th @ 5:30pm at the post for all Color Guard members and guest. The meal will be potluck. We look forward to seeing you all again.

Welcome to Nathan Duitsman and Iris Blooflat to our post and our Color Guard!! Great to have you both. Finally, thanks to all of our Color Guard members that have helped us with Colors presentations, parades and funerals – you are appreciated!!

Thank you- to those that have donated to our Color Guard fundraiser meals **and** those that have supported us by those meals!! Whoever is raising funds (Legion, Color Guard, Auxiliary, SAL or other) with Friday night meals, Let's support them **all** when we can – we are **“Family”**.

Thank you also to the Elks for their donations and support of our VOM ceremonies and Color Guard.

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR NEW MAILING ADDRESS IF IT HAS CHANGED.
IF THEY GET RETURNED, WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO REMOVE YOUR NAME.**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE NEWSLETTERS E MAILED, LET US KNOW THAT ADDRESS.

ADJUTANT

We continue to need volunteers to help with upcoming events around the Post to make our Club successful throughout the year. Thank you for stepping up and we hope for continued help at our Legion Family events. We need YOU, to make our Post successful.

Membership Officers Elections coming up. Nominations start in April. Elected positions are: Commander, 1st Vice Cmdr, 2nd Vice Cmdr and Finance Officer. Appointed Positions: Adjutant, Chaplain, and Sergeant of Arms. If you or someone you know is interested in any of these positions, please contact one of our past Commanders: Tom Maus, Tom Paulson, Mike Forliti. Elections will be at the Membership meeting in May, and installation of officers at the June meeting.

Bunnies on Belgrade: Boy Scouts are hosting an Adult Easter Egg Hunt, April 13th 4PM – 7PM, Block party: Featuring an outdoor band 4-6pm, Adult Easter Egg Hunt to win prizes at 6 pm and win prizes. No Meat Raffle or BINGO.

Post 518 Children's Easter Egg Hunt with Easter Bunny., Saturday, April 20th at 10 am. Wheeler Park if Good weather, club if inclement.

New Membership Annual Orientation: April 4th (1st Thursday in April), 7PM. Department Membership will send out post cards.

The Maverick Battalion Army ROTC be will having their Military Ball and award ceremony Banquet May 3rd^h at 1700 hrs, MSU Student Union. Post 518 will be presenting scholarships totaling \$500 to four Cadets at this ceremony.

North Mankato Post 518 40th Anniversary – Our next meeting is scheduled for April 17th 6:30. The 40th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for the weekend of **September 13 - 15, 2019**. Ideas and suggestions are welcomed for the 2019 Celebration. Anyone interested in helping contact Promotions or come to the meeting.

3rd District Upcoming Events

April 13 th	District Appreciation Rally	LeCenter Post 108 10:00AM
**May 17-19	District Convention	Forest Lake Post 225
April	Spring Rally	TBD
**July 11-13	Department Convention	Willmar

DAV Chapter 10 Fundraiser: June 14th traveling fundraiser ending at Post 518. Veterans needing rides to Medical appointments. DAV has vans to pick up veterans at their homes and take them to their medical appointments.

VETSROLL.Org 10 Year!!! – WWII, Korea and Veterans through 1966 & Rosie-the Riveters Rolling to Washington DC May 19 – 22, 2019. VetsRoll.Org 1777 Gardner St., South Beloit, IL 61080 608-207-8319 www.VetsRoll.Org

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

MORE GOOD STUFF

BAR AND ENTERTAINMENT

BINGO: Tuesdays AND Saturdays @ 6pm,

BUCKAROAKE: 2nd Wednesdays: April 10th from 6 to 9 PM

TRIVIA: MONDAYS at 7 pm

THURSDAY: Music with Michelle

BANDS: Select Fridays. April 5: Play On, April 19: Rain Kings

MEAT RAFFLES: Saturdays @ 4pm before Bingo at 6pm

The Bartenders

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 2019	1 TRIVIA begins on MONDAY nights	2 BINGO 6 PM	3	4 NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION 7 PM Music w Michelle	5 Meal TBD PLAY ON 8 PM	6 VOM 10 AM ELMER DAHN Wheeler 10 AM MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
	7	8 TRIVIA 7 PM	9 BINGO 6 PM	10 BUCKARAOKE 6 – 9 pm	11 COLOR GUARD MEAL/MEET 5:30 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	12 HAM/TURKEY SLIDERS, Salads, Desserts AUXILIARY For Vets in need
14 PALM SUNDAY	15 TRIVIA PM INCOME TAXES DUE	16 BINGO 6 PM	17 Anniversary Meeting 6:30	18 MEETINGS 5:30 Boards 7:00 All Family BAR CLOSED 6:30 – 8:30 PM	19 NO MEAL RAIN KINGS 8 PM GOOD FRIDAY	20 KID'S EASTER 10am, Wheeler? MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6PM
21 EASTER SUNDAY	22 TRIVIA PM EARTH DAY	23 BINGO 6 PM	24	25 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	26 SMOKED RIB DINNER IN COUNTRY VETS	27 MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
28 _____	29 TRIVIA PM	30 BINGO 6 PM	MAY 1	MAY 2 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	MAY 3 Mexican Fiesta ALZHEIMERS	4 VOM 10 AM Wheeler Park MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM