



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**
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MAY 2019

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Well, after the great April snowstorm of 2019 it seems as better weather has settled in and spring along with it's warmer weather and sunshine might actually finally be here.

Things are picking up at the post as we get ready for a busy summer schedule. The color guard will be in full swing with parades and of course the Memorial Day ceremonies, the softball and horseshoe teams will begin playing soon and of course we have all of our Business on Belgrade events coming up. We will also be celebrating our 40th Anniversary September 13,14 and 15. There are three days of really neat events planned for the weekend. Friday night will be a formal meal at the Eagles Club, look for a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the corner by the pop corn machine as it gets closer. Saturday will be a fun day at the post with live music, brats, hot dogs and of course some ice cold adult beverages. Sunday morning we will have a dedication of our new flag pole and a breakfast. I want to thank all of those on the Anniversary Committee that are helping to plan all of these events.

Elections are going to take place at our May 15th meeting and we have the following nominations so far, Commander Jeff Frye. 1st Vice Commander Paul Wingert, 2nd Vice Commander Iris Blooflat and Finance Officer Keith Eilbert. Nominations are open until the time of elections. We are also looking for a Bar Board/Building Committee chairperson. If you are interested in running for any of the offices let myself or any of the past commanders know.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday May 16th at 7pm, hope to see you there.

Jeff Frye, Commander 507-340-0831 or jefffrye927@gmail.com

AUXILIARY

I hope everyone has been able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather that we have been having!

The Auxiliary will once again host our Post 518 Veterans with a FREE meal on Sunday May 5th. The cost is FREE for Post 518 Veterans, \$5.00 for a guest. Serving will begin at 12:00. This is one way that the Auxiliary supports and thanks our Post 518 Veteran Members. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board by the popcorn machine.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a "Shop and Sip" Saturday May 18th from 1 - 3 pm. We have wine tasting, silent auctions, bake sale and local vendors! The cost is \$5.00 for your glass (and you can keep it!), you can sample some wine, shop and of course spend time with your Legion family and guests!

Our next meeting is Thursday May 16th, starting at 7:00 beginning in the club with the Legion Family meeting before we break off into our individual meetings. The Auxiliary meeting for May is important. This meeting is when we have our Auxiliary Officers election. Nominations are open until elections if you are interested in a position or wish to nominate someone. We will be voting on President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Sargent at Arms and Treasurer. Please come and join us if you can!

Please check around the Post for upcoming events and happenings!

I hope to see you all at the meeting in May!

Proudly your Auxiliary President,

Sonja Frye sonerann71@gmail.com OR 507-382-8906 (call or text)

SAL

It's May already and finally starting to feel like Spring. I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter and got outside to enjoy the nice temperatures. The 40 Year Anniversary Celebration is coming right along. Again, it will be held on the weekend of Sept. 13,14,15 with a meal on Friday the 13th at the Eagles Club. Cost for members will be \$5 and non member guests \$10. They are in the process of finalizing bands and entertainment for Saturday and there will be a brunch to end the festivities on Sunday, which tickets will be sold for. I hope everyone has their calendars marked for this great weekend.

I just want to take a moment and thank everyone that participated in selling and or purchasing fruit during our fruit sale. It was a huge success; we actually sold 200 units more than we did last year. We also had our new member orientation last month and I believe it went over quite well. Thank you to the new members that were able to make it. I hope it was informational and you got to know a little bit more about Post 518, our officers and what we do.

The S.A.L will be having a meal on May 17th. We will be having Prime Rib Sandwiches with french fries, salad and deserts for \$9. I hope everyone can make it for a delicious meal and good company.

Finally, the new T-shirts for spring and summer will be showing up soon and they look great. Make sure to keep your eyes open for them if you are looking forward to getting a new shirt for yourself or a loved one.

Reminder that next month we will be doing final nominations and voting everyone into office for the 2019 year. I hope to see as many S.A.L members there as possible. I look forward to seeing you all at the club and you are always welcome to reach out to me if you need anything or have any questions.

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

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

Veteran of the Month

At our Saturday, April 6th ceremony we retired the Colors for "The Sullivan Brothers" and honored Army Corporal Elmer Clarence Dahn for the month of April.

At our Saturday, May 4th ceremony, we will honor Army PFC Daniel E. Fitzpatrick (Father of Bill Fitzpatrick).

This ceremony will take place **OUTDOORS at the west end of Wheeler Park on Sat., May 4th at 10 am.**

We have the year 2019 filled for VOM & are taking applications for 2020 now. If you have any nominations for future honorees, you should get them in as soon as you can because the years seem to fill up fairly quick.

Come and help us honor these veterans – Open to the public – Rolls and Coffee served after ceremony!

Color Guard

Since our February meeting, the Color Guard performed the following:

1 VOM ceremony

9 area Veterans funerals with the MAVMS

1 Post Funeral for Vern Ledwein (Memorial Bible presented)

118 Total volunteer hours since March's meeting

Thanks to all those that helped to make these honors possible!!

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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 YOUR Post successful.

Membership Officers Elections coming up. Nominations started in April with the following positions so far: Commander: Jeff Frye, 1st Vice Cmdr: Paul Wingert, 2nd Vice Cmdr: Iris Blooflat and Finance Officer Keith Eilbert. 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.

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 May 14th 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 committee members or come to the next meeting.

3rd DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

****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

TRIVIA: MONDAYS at 7 pm

BINGO: Tuesdays AND Saturdays @ 6pm,

KARAOKE: Will May 8th and Fish May 15th

THURSDAY: Music with Michelle

BANDS: Last Band Till Fall May 3rd: Billy & The Bangers

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

*****(Meat Raffles done for summer May 18th)**

The Bartenders

*****The Meat raffle will end, for just the summer, on May 18th. Look for it again after Labor Day. Thanks to all our great volunteers for the past season running the raffle!**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>April 28</i> MONROE STOP SIGN BAND 3 – 5 PM	<i>April 29</i> TRIVIA 7PM	<i>April 30</i> BINGO 6 PM	MAY 2019	<i>2</i> Captain's Choice MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	<i>3</i> MEXICAN FIESTA ALZHEIMER'S Billy & Bangers	<i>4</i> VOM 10 AM Daniel Fitzpatrick Wheeler Park MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
<i>5</i> POST VET'S DINNER NOON	<i>6</i> TRIVIA 7PM	<i>7</i> BINGO 6 PM	<i>8</i> I & O Class Karaoke with Will 8PM	<i>9</i> MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	<i>10</i> TBD	<i>11</i> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM NO BINGO (PARTY)
<i>12</i> MOTHER'S DAY	<i>13</i> TRIVIA PM	<i>14</i> BINGO 6 PM	<i>15</i> FISH KARAOKE 7-10 PM Anniversary Meeting 6:30	<i>16</i> MEETINGS 5:30 Boards 7:00 All Family BAR CLOSED 6:30 – 8:30 PM	<i>17</i> PRIME RIB SANDWICHES, Fries, salad, desserts S.A.L	<i>18</i> BOOKIN' ON BELGRADE AM SHOP AND SIP 1-3 MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6PM
<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> TRIVIA PM	<i>21</i> BINGO 6 PM	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	<i>24</i> Sloppy Joes Baked beans, salad, dessert Dance Express Dance Camp	<i>25</i> NO MEAT RAFFLE Ends for summer BINGO 6 PM
<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> NO TRIVIA MEMORIAL DAY	<i>28</i> BINGO 6 PM	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	<i>31</i> Smoked Ribs, Potato, cole slaw, roll, desserts COLOR GUARD	JUNE 1 VOM 10am Wheeler Park NO Meat Raffle BINGO 6 PM