



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518  
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**JUNE 2019**

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Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Memorial Day is approaching as I write this which for a lot of us is the start of summer. I hope that you had a great weekend with friends and family and I also hope you were able to take some time and remember those who served and are no longer with us.

We had our elections last meeting and I want to thank our members for putting their trust in me for one more year as your commander. I really do appreciate the opportunity to serve at Post 518. With that being said, I am very excited about the leadership team we elected this year. Paul Wingert is going to be our 1st Vice Commander again this year with the plan for him to move up the chairs next year and take over as commander. We also have two new members on our executive board this year with Iris Blooflat taking the 2nd Vice Commander position and Tammy Mason will be our new Building/Bar Board chair. I look forward to working with all of these wonderfully talented people for the next year.

Summer is a busy season for the Post with many opportunities to be an active member. The Color Guard will be in full swing starting with Memorial Day and then jumping right into the parade season as well as the monthly Veteran of the Month program which takes place the first Saturday of the month. We also have Blues on Belgrade coming up in July and of course our big 40th Anniversary celebration in September, both of which we will need some volunteers for.

One event that is coming up is the Rockin' Recon with the DAV and Rock 95 on June 14th. The radio station will be riding around and broadcasting all day long to raise money for the DAV which is going to a VA bus for our local area to get veterans to appointments locally. We will be stopping at various businesses throughout the day as well as Veterans clubs including the Legions in St Peter and Eagle Lake as well as a stop at Post 518 right around 5pm. It will end at Morson Ario. It is a great way to raise money and help our local veterans. Our meal that night will go to this fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be on June 20th at 7pm and I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Jeff Frye, Commander      507-340-0831 or [jefffrye927@gmail.com](mailto:jefffrye927@gmail.com)

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**AUXILIARY**

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Hello Post 518 Auxiliary Members!

This last month has been an exciting one for our Auxiliary. Anniversary happenings September 13, 14, and 15th (keep an eye out for details!).

May 17th and 18th volunteers distributed Poppies in honor of our Veterans. A BIG thank you to Mavis Anderson and Jamie Goettl for organizing. Also, to all of our volunteers for braving the elements and distributing them. We couldn't do this each year without wonderful volunteers, which includes A.B.A.T.E.!

Saturday, May 18th was our Shop & Sip at the Post. WOW! What a great turnout and event! A HUGE thank you to Deb Maus for heading up the organization of this event and of course our Legion Family Volunteers! We had a few vendors, bake sale, silent auction and of course the wine tasting! The positive responses were amazing, so keep watching... there may be another one coming!

We also had our voting for the officers for the coming year: President - Sonja Frye, 1st Vice - Lyn Rohlffing, 2nd Vice - Kiersten Helgerson, Sgt of Arms - Cindy Korteum and Treasurer - Deb Joerg.

Appointed are: Historian - Jamie Goettl, Chaplain - Char Geise, Membership - Deb Joerg, Secretary - Deb Maus.

Parades are coming up, so if you would like to walk or ride in a parade please contact myself for details. Our meal of brats, burgers, salads and desserts will be for Parade Candy for the parades.

I am looking forward to another great year for our Auxiliary! Our next meeting is Thursday June 20th at 7 PM, hope to see you there!

Proudly serving as the Post 518 Auxiliary President,  
Sonja Frye      507-382-8906      [sonerann71@gmail.com](mailto:sonerann71@gmail.com)

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Hello everyone,

June is finally here and I hope everyone is ready for a great summer! It was a pretty short meeting for the S.A.L in May and we didn't have a lot of new business. We did have our officer elections and I am excited to welcome our new and returning officers to their positions. Congratulations to our Sargent of Arms & Chaplin: Tony Giese, Treasurer: Travis Defries, Adjutant: Conner Meyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander: Gary Graff, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander: John Henry, and Commander: Darin Hendley.

The S.A.L will be having a meal on June 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be pork chops, cheesy potatoes, green beans and a dinner roll with salad and dessert for \$9. We hope to see everyone there for a delicious meal.

I hope that everyone has a great month and remember to head down to the Legion and enjoy some entertainment, good company, a cold beverage and take advantage of the nice weather on the patio. Make sure to check the calendar hanging up, the weekly e mail and face book post or check out the new web page to see what's happening around the club each week and I hope to see you all there. As always feel free to contact me with any questions.

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

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## VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

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### **Veteran of the Month**

At our Saturday, May 4th ceremony we retired the Colors for Army Corporal Elmer Clarence Dahn and honored Army PFC Daniel E. Fitzpatrick (Father of Bill Fitzpatrick) for the month of May.

At 10am Saturday, June 1st at Wheeler Park we will honor Army Specialist 4 Donald Carl Frederick Strehlo.

### **THESE CEREMONIES ALWAYS TAKE PLACE THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10AM.**

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

Again, we have the year 2019 filled for VOM & we now have 1 application for 2020. If you have any nominations for future honorees, get them in as soon as you can as the years seem to fill up fairly quick.

### **Color Guard**

Since our April meeting, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony, 1 area Veteran's funeral with the Memorial Squad and 1 Post Funeral for Loren Weber.

Our Color Guard Meeting/Meal was well attended – It was good to see a lot of our Color Guard members again.

*Veterans serving Veterans, Mark Conrad      507-380-8405      lefty48597@gmail.com*

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## ADJUTANT

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Congratulations to our New Legion Membership, SAL & Auxiliary Officers. We also thank our outgoing Officers for their service these past years. Our Membership Officers are Commander: Jeff Frye, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Paul Wingert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: Iris Blooflat, Finance Officer: Keith Eilbert. Appointed Positions: Adjutant, Chaplain, and Sergeant of Arms still to be determined; if anyone is interested in any one of these positions contact one of our Executive Board Members. Installation of officers will be at our June meeting.

There are a lot of upcoming events this summer at the Club. We continue to need volunteers to help at these events, and hope you will consider stepping up and helping.

**North Mankato Post 518 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Our next meeting is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30.**

The 40<sup>th</sup> 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 a promotions member or simply come to a meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Upcoming Events

**\*\*July 11-13 Department Convention Willmar**

LeCenter SAL Sq 108 is hosting a BBQ Cook off on Saturday June 1st, 2019 at the LeCenter American Legion. Dinner is served from 4pm to 8pm

**DAV Chapter 10 Fundraiser:** June 14th traveling fundraiser ending at Morson Ario. Our Friday meal of Pulled Pork Dinner will go to this fundraiser. This supports Veterans needing rides to Medical appointments. DAV has vans to pick up veterans at their homes and take them to their medical appointments.

**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

**TRIVIA:** Mondays at 7 pm

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

**KARAOKE:** 2nd Wednesdays: FISH, June 12<sup>th</sup> 7 - 10

**THURSDAY:** Music with Michelle

**FRIDAY:** Usually a fantastic club meal, 5:30 till gone

**BANDS:** On Hold For Summer

**MEAT RAFFLES:** On Hold For Summer

*The Bartenders*

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 26	MAY 27 NO TRIVIA MEMORIAL DAY	MAY 28 BINGO 6 PM	MAY 29 <b>JUNE 2019</b>	MAY 30 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	MAY 31 SMOKED RIB DINNER COLOR GUARD	<b>1</b> VOM 10 AM Donald Strehlo Wheeler Park BINGO 6 PM
2	3 TRIVIA 7 PM	4 BINGO 6 PM	5	6 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE <b>D-DAY</b>	7 Fritz's Grilled Chicken Dinner HORSESHOES	8 BINGO 6 PM
9	10 TRIVIA 7 PM	11 BINGO 6 PM	12 FISH KARAOKE 7-10	13 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	14 PULLED PORK DINNER FOR DAV TRAVELING FUNDRAISER	15 BINGO 6PM
16 FATHER'S DAY	17 TRIVIA 7 PM	18 BINGO 6 PM	19 Anniversary Meeting 6:30	20 MEETINGS 5:30 Boards 7:00 All Family BAR CLOSED 6:30 – 8:30 PM	21 Grilled Chops, Cheesy Taters S.A.L.	22 BINGO 6 PM
23 30	24 TRIVIA 7PM	25 BINGO 6 PM	26	27 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	28 BRATS BURGERS, Salads, Desserts AUXILIARY Parade Candy	29 BINGO 6 PM