



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

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Wow, what a busy September for our Post! We had our 40th Anniversary Celebrations on the weekend of the 13th - 15th and it was a big success. We had almost 100 members and guests at our Friday dinner and it was the same for our Sunday breakfast. We did our flag dedication Sunday morning and had a pretty good turnout for that and the color guard looked sharp for the ceremony seeing as how we had never done one before. Saturday was a great day of fun with music and food. All in all it was a great weekend of fellowship and camaraderie. I would like to thank all of those who helped plan and coordinate the weekend and I would like to give a special thanks to Dr. Lisa Perez and her students from MSU; they volunteered both Saturday and Sunday and really took the load off of our members so they could enjoy the weekend.

We followed that up with Bier on Belgrade on the 21st, again a great group of volunteers helped set up and tear down our food booth as well as manning it for the day. We did really well and again had great visibility for our post in the community.

Look for our fall events coming up; meat raffles on Saturday afternoons, Sunday Vikings games as well as bingo on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also have trivia moving to Thursday nights and we will start having bands again on select Friday nights. Keep an eye out at the post for these events.

We will also be starting a new promotion in October; wear your Post 518 legion shirt to the post and buy your first drink, get one free on Wednesday nights starting after 6pm.

September has also seen the recruitment of quite a few new members, obviously we must be doing something right if all of these people want to be a part of the 518 family.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 17th at 7pm and I truly hope to see you there.

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AUXILIARY

Happy 40th Anniversary Post 518!

I hope everyone that attended had a wonderful time! The dinner was well attended at the Eagles on Friday night, the music was great all day on Saturday and through the night, the breakfast was delicious on Sunday morning! A HUGE thank you to the Anniversary Committee for ALL the planning! Another THANK YOU to all of the volunteers including the ISO students from MSU-M who helped out to let our Post members enjoy the weekend. Another HUGE thank you to the few, but efficient organizers and cleaning crew for helping to get the Post cleaned up prior to our Anniversary weekend!

The Auxiliary meal is set for Friday October 4th, We will be serving a variety of soups, sandwiches and desserts. The proceeds will be dedicated to the Echo Food Shelf. **Please feel free to bring a non-perishable food or personal care item to donate as well!**

Our Post will be having a sock drive October 1 - 21st. The socks will be given to children in schools in our area. It is amazing how many children in our area schools that do not have socks! Please consider donating socks for ages 5 - 10 (no low cut or no-show socks please). We will also be accepting monetary donations to purchase socks for you if that is easier for you!

Our next Shop and Sip will be November 23rd. We will have local vendors for wine tasting and some great booths with goodies or purchase gifts, along with a silent auction and bake sale!

Kudos to our Auxiliary for achieving a 100% membership ribbon! It is truly an honor to be a part of such an amazing Legion Family!

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 17th at 7:00 pm. Our 3rd district Vice-Commander will be there, and I hope you all will too!

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

Respectfully,

Sonja Frye - Post 518 Auxiliary President

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SAL

Hello all,

Summer is officially over and the kids are back at school. I hope everyone is having a good start to fall and enjoying the little bit of nice weather we are having before the snow comes back. We have had a very busy start to the fall at the post. Last month we had our 40th Anniversary, which was a tremendous success. Starting with the dinner on Friday at the Eagles club with a great turn out. Saturdays all day festivities with bands, door prize drawing, and entertainment was steady with people all day. We finished with a breakfast on Sunday and raffle drawing that saw almost 100 people attend. Thank you to everyone that was able to make it to some or all of the weekend. Also, a big thank you to everyone that helped plan, set up, take down and make the whole event run so smoothly. There was also the Bier on Belgrade festival that was held right outside the Post on the 21st and had a good turnout again this year.

The meat raffle started back up the very end of September and will run once again through the fall, winter and spring months. If anyone is interested in helping, please sign up at the board by the popcorn machine. We are also doing a sock drive for the local schools to make sure that kids have decent socks to wear through the winter months. They are hoping to have a donation box set up from Oct. 1st until about Oct 21st and hopefully deliver them to the school the beginning of Nov. Any donations are greatly appreciated as well as cash donations if you prefer that and they will purchase the socks with the cash collected.

The S.A.L is having a meal on October 18th. It will be bacon cheeseburger with fries, beans, salad and dessert for \$9. Also, an early heads up, we will not be having a meeting the month of December with the Christmas holiday so close to the meeting date and people being busy with family and loved ones. I will try to make sure to remind everyone again as we get closer to that month.

The ditch cleanup for the S.A.L is still on hold as it has continued to be wet and there is standing water in the ditch of our adopted section. I will be in contact with the state to see if they want us to try yet this fall or put it off until the springtime.

Remember to keep your eyes on the calendar for all the upcoming events around the Post. I hope to see you all at the club and feel free to contact me with any questions.

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

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday, September 7th VOM ceremony we retired the Colors for Marine Lance Corporal Allan Roy Hoffman and honored Army Tec 5 Wallace E. Frank for the month of September.

At our ceremony at 10am Saturday, October 5th, at Wheeler Park, we will honor Army Private 1st Class Robert J. Schmitz for the month of October.

THESE CEREMONIES 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!

Do you have any nominations for future honorees?? Any deceased, honorably discharged veteran is eligible, regardless of where they lived. They do not have been a member of any service club.

COLOR GUARD

I want to thank Jason Kelly (507) 327-2478 for stepping in to take over the duties of managing the parades, ceremonies (except funerals) & flag presentations during the year. For now, I will continue to take care of the Veteran of the Month, Memorial Squad & Post Funerals.

We need you!!  **SAL-AUX-LEGION - To be a Color Guard Member.**

Some can no longer help out for a variety of reasons, so we need to fill out our ranks. We need both the younger crowd and the retired folks due to the variety of events that we do. Just let me know if you can help with some of our events. All veterans deserve Military Honors – Can you help??

Since our July 17th meeting, the Color Guard performed 2 VOM ceremonies, 7 area Veterans funeral with the Memorial Squad, 1 Colors presentation for Aussie Peppers game & 1 Parade.

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ADJUTANT

It's hard to believe summer is coming to a close. It's been a busy summer and the Club had a lot of events. We wish to Thank everyone who came out and helped with all of the events and those who attended. The holidays will be coming up and we have plenty of events all year long. Come on down and sign up to volunteer at any of the upcoming events and we know you will have a good time with good friends.

North Mankato Post 518 40th Anniversary Celebration – September 13 - 15, 2019,

Was really a successful Anniversary weekend. Thank you to everyone who came and everyone who helped put this Celebration together and made it the success it was.

3rd District Vice Commander Visit – Kelley L. Adelman; Thursday, October 17th at our regular Legion meeting.

2019 MACV Stand Down – Saturday October 26th 9am – 2pm Mankato Civic Center

Upcoming Events

Sept 28 th	100 th Anniversary	American Legion Post 108 LeCenter, MN
Oct 25 – 26	Fall Conference	Mahnomen

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

BAR AND ENTERTAINMENT

BINGO: Tuesdays AND Saturdays @ 6 pm,

THURSDAY: Music with Michelle

TRIVIA: THURSDAYS at 7 pm

FRIDAY: Usually a fantastic club meal; 5:30 till gone

BANDS: Oct 4: PLAY ON, Oct 18 RAINKINGS

MEAT RAFFLES: Saturdays at 4 pm

The Bartenders

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SEPT 29 OCT 2019	SEPT 30	1 BINGO 6PM	2 <i>Wear your legion shirt:</i> <i>First drink is BOGO</i> <i>After 6 pm</i>	3 CAPTAIN'S CHOICE TRIVIA 7 PM	4 SOUPS & Sliders, AUX Food Shelf (please bring a donation) PLAY ON	5 <i>VOM 10 AM Wheeler</i> <i>ROBERT SCHMITZ</i> MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
6 VIKINGS NOON @NY	7	8 BINGO 6 PM	9 <i>Wear your legion shirt:</i> <i>First drink is BOGO</i> <i>After 6 pm</i>	10 TRIVIA 7 PM	11 LASAGNA For ROTC	12 MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 pm
13 VIKINGS NOON VS PA	14	15 BINGO 6 PM	16 <i>Wear your legion shirt:</i> <i>First drink is BOGO</i> <i>After 6 pm</i>	17 MEETINGS 5:30 Boards 7:00 All Family BAR CLOSED 6:30 – 8:30 PM	18 Bacon, Cheeseburger, Fries Meal SAL RAININGS	19 MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
20 VIKINGS NOON @ DETROIT	21	22 BINGO 6 PM	23 <i>Wear your legion shirt:</i> <i>First drink is BOGO</i> <i>After 6 pm</i>	24 VIKINGS VS REDSKINS 7:20 TRIVIA 7 PM	25 PORK COMMERCIALS Slaw, dessert VETERAN OF THE MONTH	26 MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM
27 BYE	28	29 BINGO 6 PM	30 <i>Wear your legion shirt:</i> <i>First drink is BOGO</i> <i>After 6 pm</i>	31 TRIVIA 7 PM HALLOWEEN	NOV 1	2 <i>VOM 10 AM Club room</i> MEAT RAFFLE 4pm BINGO 6 PM