



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518**  
**COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**  
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## NOVEMBER 2019

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Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

It is a cool and rainy fall day as I sit here and write this, which unfortunately means winter is on its way. Although most of us could probably do with out the cold weather coming, it is a busy time of year for us. We have our annual Thanksgiving potluck at 1:00 on Thanksgiving Day. There will be a sign up sheet as always by the popcorn machine. We also have a lot of color guard events this time of year, especially involving MSU sporting events, so if anyone is interested helping at these events please let me know. We are also involved with the Bells on Belgrade family Christmas event in December and our very own Children's Christmas Party here at the post.

We had our last meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> and Membership Coordinator James Peters had 7 new members sign up in the past two months. With the talk of service organizations on the decline it is really nice to see Post 518 see this kind of growth. One of the overwhelming comments I get from new members is how welcomed they felt at our post! Thanks to all of our Legion Family members and employees for being so awesome.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 and I hope to see you there.

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

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### AUXILIARY

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As always, WOW! This newsletter is already bringing us into the deep fall! We will all be getting ready for the holidays before you know it! We have a few dates coming up that you will WANT to mark on your calendar:

November 1st - The Auxiliary will be hosting the Friday night meal. Roast beef, mashed potatoes, veggies and desserts.

November 11th is Veterans Day! Don't forget to THANK OUR VETERANS!

November 6th - Painting Party 6 - 8 pm at the Club! Our neighbor Laura at Design and Wine will be helping us with this event again! You can make something for yourself or to give as a gift!

November 21st - Meeting night, starts at 7! Hope to see you there!

November 23rd - SHOP and SIP! Wine tasting, a few vendors (shop for gifts or for yourself), silent auction and bake sale! **We need gift baskets, items for the silent auction, as well as items for the bake sale.**

November 28th - There will be a Thanksgiving Potluck at 1:00. see Commander Jeff's column in this newsletter for Information.

December 7th - Bells on Belgrade 2 - 6. Trolley rides, face painting, Santa, book give away, hot chocolate, cookies and more! Ending with a parade with Post 518 Color Guard leading the way! This is a great family event! **We need help at our cookie/hot chocolate booth. Thanks!**

December 14th - Kids Christmas Party, don't forget to sign the kiddos up!

There is NO MEETING in December.

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

Respectfully,

Sonja Frye - Auxiliary President

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## SAL

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Hello all,

November and December will be very busy with many events at the Club. Most of these are covered elsewhere in the newsletter. We had a short meeting and here are a few highlights:

The ditch clean up is postponed until Spring

There will be no meal in November, nor in December.

Our next meeting will be November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00.

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](mailto: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, October 5th VOM ceremony we retired the Colors for Army Tec 5 Wallace E. Frank and honored Army Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Robert J. Schmitz.

At our ceremony at 10am Saturday, November 2nd, at **Wheeler Park**, we will retire the Colors for Army Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class Robert J. Schmitz and honor Army Sgt Maurice Wheeler.

#### **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!*

\*\*\*\*We still have openings for 2020.\*\*\*\*

#### COLOR GUARD

Since our September 19th meeting, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony, 1 area Veteran's funeral with the Memorial Squad & 1 MSU Colors presentation.

**Upcoming events:** October 25<sup>TH</sup> Color Guard meal- **Pork Commercials with real mashed potatoes**, November 2nd VOM Ceremony, November 11th Veterans Day plus any funeral honors that come up.

*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??

Mark Conrad Ph: 507-380-8405 [lefty48597@gmail.com](mailto:lefty48597@gmail.com)

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## ADJUTANT

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The holidays are coming, Our Legion has a lot of events coming up this Holiday Season. 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. We wish to Thank everyone who comes out and helps with all of the events. It's You that makes us A Great Club.

### Upcoming Events

Nov 2, 2019	3rd District Auxiliary Party	Apple Valley Post 1776
Dec 7, 2019	Pearl Harbor Department Rally	TBD
Jan 25, 2020	Mid-Winter	Lonsdale Post 586
Mar 21, 2020	Family Gathering	Hasting Veterans Home 10:00 am

**November 9th Marine Corps Birthday Ball:** Morson-Ario-Strand VFW, 1900 North Riverfront Drive, Mankato: FREE to ALL Marines/ Auxiliary members and FMF Corpsmen. Guests will be \$15. 1700 to 1830: Social Hour: 1830 to 1900: Program. 1900: Dinner. 2000: Raffle drawings. Please invite ALL area Marines that you know to come! RSVP to Pete Hagert. 947-3100 or [hagert@hickorytech.net](mailto:hagert@hickorytech.net).

**November 10th: Hog Roast for Hero's: Eagle Lake American Legion.** 1100 to 1300. This is a complimentary lunch for ALL veterans, Active duty servicemembers and their families. Free Will donation at the door. ALL proceeds will be donated to the South Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon.

**November 11th Veterans Day:** There will be programs at all local Veterans memorials. The schedule should be very similar to last years. It will be listed in the Mankato Free Press and broadcast on the local radio stations.

**December 7th Bells on Belgrade** Saturday; 2pm – 6pm Hot chocolate and cookies. Looking for someone to chair this years program?

**December 14th Kids Christmas Party** -12pm – 2pm

**The Twin Cities Honor Flight** is taking applications for WWII and now Korean War Vets for upcoming trips to Washington DC. Vets will spend a day in DC touring the memorials at NO cost. To get more info and get registered go to their website. [Http://honorflighttwincities.org](http://honorflighttwincities.org)

**VETSROLL.Org 10 Year!!!** – WWII, Korea and Veterans through 1966 & Rosie-the Riveters Rolling to Washington DC. [www.VetsRoll.Org](http://www.VetsRoll.Org) Vets.Org 1777 Gardner St South Beloit, IL 61080 608-207-8319

**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

**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:** Nov 1 Billy & The Bangers, Nov 22 Nate Boots & the High Horses

*The Bartenders*

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<b>OCT 27</b> <b>NOV</b> <b>2019</b>	<b>OCT 28</b>	<b>OCT 29</b> Bingo 6 pm	<b>OCT 30</b> I & O CLASS KARAOKE 8PM	<b>OCT 31</b> TRIVIA 7 pm HALLOWEEN Music with Michelle	<b>1</b> POT ROAST DINNER AUXILIARY BILLY & BANGERS	<b>2</b> <b>VOM 10 AM</b> Wheeler Park Maurice Wheeler MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM
<b>3</b> Clocks BACK One Hour VIKINGS VS K. CITY NOON	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> BINGO 6 PM ELECTION DAY	<b>6</b> AUXILIARY PAINT & SIP 6-8pm	<b>7</b> TRIVIA 7 PM MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	<b>8</b> TACO BAR Chicken & Beef Commander's Fund	<b>9</b> Zachow Party 3 - ?? MEAT RAFFLE 4PM NO BINGO
<b>10</b> VIKINGS AT DALLAS NOON	<b>11</b> VETERANS DAY Vets Get a free Drink	<b>12</b> BINGO 6 PM	<b>13</b> Bldg Improvement meet 6 pm	<b>14</b> Captain's Choice TRIVIA 7 PM MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	<b>15</b> BEEF STEW, 7 layer salad, roll, dessert KITT & DANCE EXPRESS CAMP	<b>16</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6PM
<b>17</b> VIKINGS VS DENVER NOON	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> BINGO 6 PM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> MEETINGS 5:30 Boards 7:00 All Family BAR CLOSED 6:30 – 8:30 PM	<b>22</b> NATE BOOTS & The High Horses	<b>23</b> SIP N SHOP 1-3 pm MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM
<b>24</b> BYE	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> BINGO 6 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> NO TRIVIA THANKSGIVING Potluck at 1:00 MUSIC WITH MICHELLE	<b>29</b> NO MEAL	<b>30</b> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM