

AMERICAN LEGION POST 518 COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2020

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I do not have a lot for the newsletter this month. I hope you all had a joyous holiday season however you celebrated it and wish you a prosperous New Year.

2019 was a great year for Post 518 as we celebrated our 40th anniversary and continued to grow both in membership and our involvement in the community. It takes everyone to make this work and we have been blessed with a strong Legion membership as well as a strong Auxiliary and SAL.

I look forward to what will be coming in 2020 as we will be making some improvements to the building and continuing to be a force in the veteran community.

Our January meeting is set for January 16th at 7pm and I really do hope to see you there.

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

AUXILIARY

Happy New Year!

We didn't have a December meeting but mark your calendars for January 16th for the next meeting at 7:00! Hope to see you there!

Friday, January 3rd the Auxiliary will be hosting the meal. We will be serving appetizer type foods. Come on down and enjoy some Post 518 family time!

If you have not paid your 2020 dues yet, please do so soon! You can mail them in or drop them off to the bartender on duty. 2020 dues are \$28.00.

Sincerely,
Sonja Frye ~ Auxiliary President
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SAL

Season's Greetings,

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas with family and loved ones and a wonderful New Year.

We did not have a meeting in December so there isn't a whole lot of news to share. I was informed that our S.A.L has already reached 100% membership for this year. Thank you all very much for being a member of our great Post and your continued support of our Post 518 S.A.L. We hope to see more of you at our upcoming meetings and value your suggestions and ideas to continue to grow and improve Post 518 and our S.A.L family.

With that being said I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year and keep your eyes on the website and the calendar at the Post for upcoming events and sign ups. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

S.A.L. Commander,

Darin Hendley 507-317-7070 darin.hendley@yahoo.com

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

Last Ceremony – On December 7th, We honored *All Veterans serving on Oahu during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor*.

Next Ceremony - 10am Saturday, January 4th, INDOORS at Post 518, we will honor all POW/MIA's. There are still over 82,000 still unaccounted for, from WWII till today, and very deserving of receiving this honor.

Note - Again, we hope to have Charles Sehe here, as a Pearl Harbor survivor,

to receive the retired Colors for the Pearl Harbor veterans.

** We still have openings for 2020**

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!

COLOR GUARD

Since our November 21st meeting, the Color Guard performed the following: 1 VOM ceremony, 1 Area Veteran's funeral honors with the Memorial Squad, 1 Post member funeral honors (for David Fields), the Bells on Belgrade Parade and 2 MSU Colors presentations.

Upcoming events: January 4th VOM Ceremony, plus any other funeral honors and MSU colors that come up.



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??

Thanks to all that have supported the Color Guard and Vet of the Month by attending our fundraiser meals!! Please remember to support the SAL, Auxiliary & other fundraiser meals also. **Legion Family supporting one another**

May you have a Wonderful New Year!
Mark Conrad 507-380-8405/lefty48597@gmail.com

ADJUTANT

Happy New Year !!!. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and may your New Year be healthy and blessed. We need help at our up upcoming events; please come on down to sign up and volunteer. Thank you to everyone that has come out and helped with our events.

2019 Toys for Tots campaign was a huge success! Thank you to everyone that helped and /or donated to make a Childs' day with a new toy.

Upcoming Events

Jan 25, 2020	Mid-Winter	Lonsdale Post 586
Feb 8, 2020	Sweetheart Rally	Montgomery Legion Post 79
Mar 21, 2020	Family Gathering	Hasting Veterans Home 10:00 am
Mar 21, 2020	Department Appreciation Rally	LaCrescent MN American Legion
May 23, 2020	3rd Dist Pres/Cmdr Testimonial	New Prague Post 45
May 15-16, 2020	District Convention	Faribault Post 43

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

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

<u>Blue Earth/Nicollet County Van VA Hospital</u>—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 @ 6 pm, **THURSDAY:** Jukebox Music with Michelle

TRIVIA: THURSDAYS at 7 pm

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

BANDS: January 10, High Strung 8 pm

The Bartenders

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DEC29 vikings vs Chicago noon	DEC 30	DEC 31 NEW YEARS	JAN 1	2 TRIVIA	3	4 VOM All POW/MIA
JAN		EVE Still Jammin'		JUKE BOX WITH	APPETIZERS	CLUB 10 AM MEAT RAFFLE4PM
2020		8-12:30 NO BINGO		MICHELLE	AUXILAIRY	BINGO 6 PM
5	6	7 BINGO 6 PM	8 Maint Meet 6 pm	9 TRIVIA JUKE BOX WITH MICHELLE	10 TBD HIGH STRUNG 8 PM	11 MEAT RAFFLE4PM BINGO 6 PM
12	13	BINGO 6 PM	15	16 MEETINGS BOARDS 5:30 FAMILY 7:00 BAR CLOSED 6:30-8:30	17 TBD	MEAT RAFFLE4PM BINGO 6 PM
19	MLK Day	BINGO 6 PM	22	TRIVIA JUKE BOX WITH MICHELLE	24 HOT DISHES COLOR GUARD	25 MEAT RAFFLE4PM BINGO 6 PM
26	27	28 BINGO 6 PM	29	JUKE BOX WITH MICHELLE	31 TBD	FEB 1 VOM TDB Club 10 AM MEAT RAFFLE 4 BINGO 6 PM