



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**
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FEBRUARY 2020

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

We have exciting things happening here at Post 518. We have a new digital display board with all of the things going on here at the post. I would like to thank Sonja Frye and Lyn Rohlfing for getting all of the equipment and Paul Wingert and Bruce Defries for getting it put up. Lyn has done a great job keeping the board updated! Once again showing that it takes all three groups to get things done here at the post.

We have made some changes behind the bar as well, with a new dishwasher and stainless steel shelves and sinks. Thanks to Darren Henley, Bruce Defries, Paul Wingert, Mario Tortorella, Teri T. and Dennis Kleinow for getting it all put in.

We do have a lot of building projects coming throughout the upcoming year. We have a committee that is trying to prioritize all of our projects and our next meeting is Wednesday, February 26th at 5:30 and all are welcome to attend.

That is all that I have for this month. Our next regular meeting is on Thursday February 20th at 7:00 and I truly hope that you can make it.

Jeff Frye, Commander 507-340-0831 jeffrye927@gmail.com

AUXILIARY

Thank you to everyone who braved the weather to join us at the January meeting! The auxiliary has a lot going on coming up, along with exciting changes around the Post! Keep an eye out around the Post for improvements! VERY EXCITING STUFF!!!

Copies of the bylaws are available to Auxiliary members as well as past meeting notes, If you want copies and are unable to attend, please call, text or email me and I will be sure to get them to you. These will all be available at all meetings going forward.

The Auxiliary is offering a scholarship for current/future college students. Please contact me if you would like the criteria or an application.

There is a new TV/message board. This is changed often and will keep everyone informed on the happenings around the Post. Thank you to Paul Wingert and Bruce Defries for getting it on the wall and Lyn Roling for updating it constantly and ALL of her research on the programming.

The Auxiliary will not be hosting a Friday meal in February.

The next meeting night is Thursday February 20th at 7:00, starting with the Post 518 Family meeting before breaking off into smaller groups! I hope most of you can make it!

Respectfully,

Sonja Frye ~ Post 518 Auxiliary President sonerann71@gmail.com ~ 507-382-8906

SAL

Hello all,

Hope that everyone had a safe and fun New Years. It was great to see everyone back at the meetings in January after a month off. There is a lot going on around the club right now and some very exciting upgrades are being made. We have added a new electronic bulletin board to the wall to make it easy for everyone to stay informed on upcoming events and other happenings around the club. Thank you to everyone involved in making this possible and getting it up and going. We are also in the process of doing some upgrades to the bar itself by installing some new sinks and counter behind the bar, with new plumbing as well as a dishwasher. These will help free up room behind the bar and help our bartenders continue to serve our members and customer most efficiently by cutting down on dishwashing time and energy.

The SAL will not be having a meal on Feb. 21st. Instead the Legion Dart Team that is sponsored by the SAL will be taking that meal date as a fundraiser for their team to raise money. Please come out and support your fellow SAL members if you are able. We also look forward to seeing as many of our members as possible at the upcoming meetings. We haven't seen many new faces in the recent months and value our members input. If you have any questions or need more information or details about our meetings please feel free to reach out to me. Also, the Color Guard is still looking for anyone able to volunteer and appreciate all the help they can get. This isn't a fulltime commitment, they just ask that you help with events as you can; the more people they have involved the easier it is to find help for events. Please consider joining this amazing group that serves our community. Be sure to check out our new electronic bulletin board and e mails to see upcoming news, events and to stay informed of happenings around the post. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

S.A.L. Commander, Darin Hendley

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday February 1st VOM ceremony we will honor "The Four Chaplains" who went down when their ship, the US Army Transport Ship "USAT Dorchester, was torpedoed on February 3rd, 1942. Those four, of all different faiths, helped to guide and encourage others and handed out life jackets until there weren't any left. They were seen, as the ship went down, linked arm in arm and offering prayers.

THESE CEREMONIES ALWAYS TAKE PLACE THE 1ST 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 3 openings for 2020.

COLOR GUARD

Since our November 21st meeting, the Color Guard performed 2 VOM ceremonies, 2 MSU Color Presentations, Bells on Belgrade Parade, 1 Area Veteran's funeral with the MAVMS and 1 Post member funeral (for David Fields).

Upcoming events: February 1st VOM Ceremony, plus any other funerals and MSU colors 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??

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**

Mark Conrad 507-380-8405/ lefty48597@gmail.com

ADJUTANT

Nicollet American Legion Post 510 Fish Fry Saturday February 1st 11 am – 8 pm

German and American Potato Salad, Cole Slaw ~ Coffee ~ Milk

Elysian American Legion Post 311 - Lake Francis Fishing Contest, Elysian MN

Elysian extends a hearty winter welcome to ice fishermen, women and youth the 1st Sunday in February. Ice anglers are invited to compete for cash and merchandise prizes. All who enter are treated to Elysian's famous "Hunter's Stew."

Post 518 Annual Fruit Sale is here. Order your favorite case of fruit, beef or cheese sticks; order sheets are behind the bar or place your order with any number of members. Orders need to be turned in by March 2nd, Fruit delivery March 21st. Proceeds go to Children & Youth Programs.

Friday March 13th evening meal, fundraiser for the Veterans Disabled Veterans Campground on Big Marine Lake. We will start serving Char's Taco's, Green and Red Chili Enchilada (Meatless) & desserts at 5:30PM until gone.

Upcoming Events

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](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

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.

Veterans Crisis Line by calling 1-800-273-8255 and pressing 1, using the online chat, or texting to 838255. These services provide free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

An easy-to-remember, three-digit number 988 (similar to 911) for those contemplating suicide could save lives, experts say, but it also represents a symbolic shift in a still stigmatized world — that mental health emergencies are just as important as physical ones.

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: Feb 21, High Strung at 8 pm

The Bartenders

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<u>JAN 26</u> FEB 2020	<u>JAN 27</u>	<u>JAN 28</u> BINGO 6PM	JAN 29	JAN 30 TRIVIA JUKE BOX WITH MICHELLE	JAN 31 TBD	1 <i>VOM</i> <i>THE 4</i> <i>CHAPLAINS</i> <i>CLUB 10 AM</i> MEAT RAFFLE 4PM BINGO 6 PM
2 SUPER BOWL 5:30 Kickoff	3	4 BINGO 6 PM	5	6 TRIVIA JUKE BOX WITH MICHELLE	7 <i>SOUPS &</i> <i>GRILLED CHEESE</i> <i>Commander's</i> <i>Choice</i>	8 MEAT RAFFLE 4 BINGO 6 PM
9	10	11 BINGO 6 PM	12	13 TRIVIA JUKE BOX WITH MICHELLE	14 VALENTINE'S DAY TBD	15 MEAT RAFFLE 4 BINGO 6 PM
16	17	18 BINGO 6 PM	19	20 MEETINGS BOARDS 5:30 FAMILY 7:00 BAR CLOSED 6:30-8:30	21 DART TEAM FUNDRAISER MEAL HIGH STRUNG 8	22 MEAT RAFFLE 4 BINGO 6 PM
23	24	25 BINGO 6 PM	26 BUILDING PROJECTS MEET 5:30	27 TRIVIA JUKE BOX WITH MICHELLE	28 TBD	<u>29</u> MEAT RAFFLE 4 BINGO 6 PM