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**JUNE 2020**

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Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Well summer is just around the corner. We celebrated Memorial Day weekend with a joint ceremony with the other area veterans organizations and it was as good of a turn out as could be expected with everything going on in our new world.

We have been working hard as a board to try and make the best decisions for the post since all of this hit. We have been making some improvements to the building and we are getting ready to open our doors again on June 1st. We will be operating outside only and have added additional seating outside with a large tent and some fencing. The guidelines are fairly strict and we will be following them to the letter to make things as safe as humanly possible. Things will look and feel different for the foreseeable future but we felt it was important to try and be open. Please bear with us and keep in mind that these are requirements mandated by the state and we ask for your patience and understanding that this is how we are going to have to operate.

We have not made a decision as to how we might be able to conduct meetings in June or if we will even be able to. We will keep you posted as we have tried to do for the past few months.

I look forward to seeing you all; please remember to reach out to our fellow members and be safe.

Wishing you all the best,

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**AUXILIARY**

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I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!

There is not much going on right now as we are still trying to figure out what and how to move forward during this time.

We are opening the Post for business on Monday June 1. Please come to the patio if you are comfortable coming out. There are very specific guidelines that we have to follow to keep our members, guests and staff safe. A BIG thank you to Margaret Frazee for making and supplying masks for our staff.

I can't thank our fellow members, board members and some non-members enough for ALL the hard work that has been going on to freshen up our Post.

Stay safe and healthy Post 518 Family and I hope to see you soon! As ALWAYS please email, text or call with any questions or concerns

Sincerely,

Sonja Frye - Auxiliary President [sonerann71@gmail.com](mailto:sonerann71@gmail.com) 507-382-8906

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Hello all,

I hope everyone had a great Memorial Day weekend.

It is very exciting to announce that we will be able to open in a limited capacity on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 3PM for the patio area only and some extended patio in the parking lot. Capacity will be limited to 47 and reservations can be made when you arrive. Please be patient as we all learn and adapt to these new ways and figure out how to operate with these new rules to keep everything clean and keep everyone safe.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at the post very soon. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

S.A.L. Commander, Darin Hendley

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## VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

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Greetings,

Our Color Guard has had a pretty quiet month. At our last Veteran of the Month, we retired the colors for **Marine Corporal Welver Charles Vaughan** and honored **Army Staff Sergeant Walter Otto Kurth** as our honoree for the month of May. These ceremonies were done with just a few of our Color Guard and no public invited in a very abbreviated ceremony, but we have continued to do these every month since July 2008.

At our Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> ceremony, we will honor **Army First Sergeant Allen Torgerson** as our new honoree. We will have a limited public attendance at this ceremony with precautions in place.

We still have July open for a new honoree – let me know if you have someone to honor.

We participated in a consolidated Memorial Day ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Place which was a "no public invited event", but KEYC TV and the Free Press were there to report on it.

Hopefully we can get back to some normalcy soon!!

***Any interest in being part of the team??***

Mark Conrad

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**COVID-19 PATIO HOURS**  
**-SUBJECT TO CHANGE-**  
**MONDAY – THURSDAY: 3 – 8 PM**  
**FRIDAY: 3 – 9**  
**SATURDAY: 1-9 PM**  
**SUNDAY: 1 – 8 PM**

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## ADJUTANT

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We are excited to be able to return to Our Legion Club June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note new hours in newsletter and on calendar. We thank everyone that came to help us renovate, update and clean to prepare our Club for it's opening, even though for now have to gather in outside spaces.

**Any Legion member can request help through our Legion Funds and we also have resources if you need assistance we cannot give you.**

**At this time Our National, State District and Local American Legion have cancelled all future events. We should wait to see if the Stay Safe request is lifted, as well as our events rescheduled.**

**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

**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.

**REAL ID** for Veterans: Bring a copy of your DD214, this is so your ID Card will be able show your veteran status.

News letters Deadline: The Sunday, after the Monthly Legion meeting.

Paula Anzures, Adjutant

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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>
<b>JUNE 2020</b> 1-8 PM	1 <b>OPENING</b> COVID-19 HOURS 3-8 PM	2 3-8 PM	3 3-8 PM	4 3-8 PM	5 3-9 PM	6 <b>VOM</b> <b>PRIVATE</b> <b>ALLEN TORGERSON</b> Wheeler 10 AM 1-9 PM
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <b>FLAG DAY</b>	15	16	17	18 <b>BOARDS</b> <b>ZOOM 7:00</b>	19	20
21 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<b>JULY 1</b>	<b>JULY 2</b>	<b>JULY 3</b>	<b>JULY 4</b> <b>VOM</b> <b>TBD</b>