

AMERICAN LEGION POST 518 COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER

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Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

Summer is in full swing and it is definitely a different type of summer. No parades or town festivals and holidays look a little different, but we are pushing forward as well as we can.

Things at the post are going well. we have received a lot of very positive comments on the upgrades that we have been working on and as always is the case at Post 518, there have been many people pitching in and helping! Too many to list here without missing someone so I won't want try naming everyone, but THANKS to all who have pitched in.

We are starting to open things up at the post in small increments to keep our members and employees as safe as possible while still having the opportunity to get together and share some camaraderie. Thank YOU for your patience as we navigate through everything!

We did not have a June meeting as it would be too hard to have all three groups together in the building and stay within the social distancing guidelines that the state has in place. We are really going to try and have some kind of July meeting as it has been awhile since we have been able to meet as a post. I will be working with the board to come up with some ideas that will enable us to get together in some fashion.

Please like us on Facebook as Deb does a great job of posting what is going on at the post and also sends changes out on our e mail list. Our hours of operation may change as needed. We will also try to have some information for you also on the Website.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me at jefffrye927@gmail.com or at 507-340-0831.

Sincerely

Jeff Frye Commander

AUXILIARY

I hope that everyone is safe and healthy. I have seen a few of you around the Post and it is great to see the people who feel comfortable to come down.

This month and upcoming months are still up in the air as far as meetings go.

Please reach out to each other and myself if you need anything.

Sincerely, Sonja Frye - Auxiliary President sonerann71@gmail.com 507-382-8906

SAL

Hello all,

Hope that all is well and everyone is safe and healthy. I hope you are all taking advantage of this beautiful weather and getting outside to enjoy it. It has been great seeing many people back at the Legion and enjoying the patio and the tent space.

We are hoping to get our monthly meetings back up and going in the coming months. I will be in contact to let everyone know when that will be for sure.

Please stay safe and have a wonderful 4th of July. I can't wait to see you all soon. As always if you need anything at all please feel free to reach out to me.

S.A.L. Commander

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

Veteran of the Month

At our Saturday, July 1st VOM ceremony we will honor Thomas Thompson.

We will retire the Colors for June's VOM, Allen Torgerson.

Color Guard

During this past 3 months with Covid-19, we haven't had any Color Guard events and haven't been performing any Military honors but expect we will have quite a few requests to catch up once we are able to do them again.

Any interest in being part of the team???

Stay Safe! Mark Conrad 507-380-8405 lefty48597@gmail.com

ADJUTANT

We are so happy to be open again, even though it is only at half the capacity. There are a number of changes we have to follow to comply with the State regulations. We thank everyone for helping us make the best of this situation and making it easier for our bartenders to take care of our patrons and keep them safe.

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

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>Veterans Crisis Line</u> by calling 1-800-273-8255 and pressing 1, using the <u>online chat</u>, 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.

Paula Anzures, Adjutant

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JUNE 28	JUNE 29	JUNE 30	1	2	3	4 <i>VOM</i>
JULY	COVID-19					Thomas
	HOURS	3-10	3-10	3-10	1-11	Thompson Wheeler 10 AM
2020	3-10	3 10	3 10	3 10	1 11	wheeler 10 AW
1-10	Subject to Change					1-11
5	6	7	8 FUN DAYS CANCELLED	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 BOARDS TBD FAMILY TBD	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	BLUES ON BELGRADE CANCELLED
26	27	28	29	30	31	AUGUST 1 VOM TBD WHEELER 10 AM