



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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AUGUST 2020

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

I hope that this month's newsletter finds you well. We are keeping busy at the Post trying to do as many things as we can under the circumstances that the world finds itself in. We are continuing to do the things that we can to fulfill our mission as an American Legion Post. We did do military honors at the funeral of one of our post members, Floyd Backstrom. Floyd was a Marine and although he didn't make it to a lot of meetings he was a familiar face in the post and helped with a donation for the new lighting system for our flag pole and I will miss his smiling face. We also are continuing to do our Veteran of the Month ceremony in Wheeler Park the first Saturday of the month. We are getting a good turn out for the ceremony and of course thanks to the Auxiliary and SAL for all of their support.

We are no longer going to have the additional tent out back, at least for the time being. Should things change where we can no longer serve our members and guests inside the Post we will reconsider extending the patio again. We are doing our very best to ensure the health and well being of employees, members and patrons and are constantly seeking and receiving the most current information and recommendations to provide the safest and healthiest environment we can. If you do decide to come down for a beverage and some camaraderie please keep in mind that all of the procedures that we have in place are there for your safety. We understand that it is a little inconvenient but we are doing our level best to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. We have a great staff who are really dedicated to Post 518 and they are working hard to continue to give you the very best service. Please keep in mind their responsibilities and duties have expanded greatly and we ask that you please be patient. Supplies are sometimes in short supply at a national or local level; such as your favorite beer. We try!

We did not have a meeting in July as the board felt that we could not do it safely within the confines of the building. It was brought to my attention that we might be able to have a safer meeting off site and I am looking into this possibility and will keep everyone posted via email, facebook and the website.

2021 memberships are due starting this month. James Peters, our membership director, is working hard on getting them processed. You can of course mail them in or you can drop them off at the Post as well.

If you have any questions or concerns you can reach me at jeffrye927@gmail.com or 507-340-0831.

Sincerely

Jeff Frye, Commander

AUXILIARY

Once again I hope that you are all staying healthy and safe.

The hours continue to change at the Post so keep an eye out. It's been really great to see those members that feel safe to come in.

As always, check in on each other and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

2021 Membership dues will be coming soon. Some of you have already received notices by e mail if the National has your e mail address so you can pay on line if you wish. They can also be mailed or dropped off at the club when you receive your mailed dues notice. They will remain at \$28.00. If you have not paid your 2020 dues, please do so ASAP, in fact, you can pay both years at once if this is the case.

Be safe!

Sincerely,
Sonja Frye - Auxiliary President
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SAL

Hello all,

I hope that everyone had a safe and fun 4th of July and is enjoying the rest of the little summer we have left.

We are still in the process of finding the best and safest way to have our normal monthly meetings. I will continue to let everyone know what is going on as I know more.

Please remember to stay in touch with those that may be alone and may be struggling in these difficult times.

I hope to see everyone real soon and stay safe and healthy. As always, let me know if there is anything at all that anyone needs.

S.A.L. Commander
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VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

Veteran of the Month

At our Saturday, August 1st VOM ceremony we will honor Army Private First Class William Schimmel.

We will retire the Colors for July's VOM, Army Corporal Thomas Thompson.

Color Guard

During this past 7 months with Covid-19, we haven't had any Color Guard events but we did perform a Post Funeral Military Honor.

Any interest in being part of the team???

Stay Safe!

Mark Conrad

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ADJUTANT

It is hard to believe summer is half over, and there hasn't been events or festivals to enjoy. On the brighter side, there has been so much awesome work and renovations done to the Legion Club. A huge Thank You to everyone that has stepped up and made all of this happen. Also, to all of our bartenders for everything they are doing to keep our Legion Safe. The Best American Legion Ever!!!!

Upcoming Legion Events – No Legion Events

District/National

Oct 22-24, 2020

Dept Fall Conference Breezy Point, MN

Dec 5, 2020 Pearl Harbor Rally

TBD

Jan 23, 2021 3rd District Mid-Winter

Nicollet Post 510

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.

Newsletter Deadline: The Sunday, after the Monthly Legion meeting.

Paula Anzures, Adjutant

PER MN MASK MANDATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-81:

Patio: Masks highly recommended

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JULY 26 AUGUST 2020 1-11	JULY 27 COVID-19 HOURS 3-11 <i>Subject to Change</i>	JULY 28 3-11	JULY 29 3-11	JULY 30 3-11	JULY 31 1-12	1 <i>VOM</i> <i>William Schimmel</i> <i>Wheeler 10 AM</i> 1-12
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