



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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SEPTEMBER 2020

Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

We had our first meeting since February on the 20th of August and the turnout was great. It was nice to focus on our core values and what it is that we are supposed to be doing as a post for veterans and the community at large. We had a lot of great ideas and a lot of great fellowship and camaraderie. We are therefore going to attempt to have a meeting at the post on Thursday, September 17th @ 7pm. The SAL has agreed to meet on the patio, the auxiliary will meet in the club room and the legion will meet down stairs. We will try and do our best to social distance and sanitize so that the members who come to the meeting will be as safe as we can possibly make them. The Bar Will Close At 6:30 for the meetings.

We will be hosting Vikings games again this year with as many of the in game events as we can, drawings for prizes, probably pudding and jello shots plus all of the other fun stuff we do. I think that we may have food in some form or another but not completely sure how everything is going to work but we will make the best of it.

I want to thank all of the members and employees who are doing their best to comply with everything we're doing during this covid season! Like everyone else in the world, I can't wait until it's all over but until it is we will adapt and overcome, just like we were taught in the military.

Our new club windbreakers will be here soon and will sell for \$30. Perfect time of the year for them!

I hope to see you around the post whether it's for the meeting or a Vikings game or just a cold one on the patio. Take care and stay safe, keep in touch with each other. Keep an eye on the facebook, e mail or website for stuff coming up.

Jeff Frye, Commander
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PER MN MASK MANDATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-81:

Outside Patio: Masks highly recommended
Inside: Masks Mandatory



Please remember to social distance

AUXILIARY

It was great to see our members at our outdoor meeting at Spring Lake Park in August. Since it will be darker at meeting time in September we will be doing this: we will meet at normal time of 7:00 pm on September 17th and to allow for social distancing the SAL will remain on Patio, the Legion meeting will be held in basement and the Auxiliary will have the bar area. The Legion WILL BE CLOSED at 6:30.

We have 2 scholarship applications which will be gone over and graded on a point system. Hopefully, we will be ready announce the winner at our meeting this month.

2021 Membership dues are here. 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

Greetings all,

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy and that you are all enjoying the last little bit of summer weather we have left. With that being said, it was wonderful to see everyone that was able to make it to our last meeting in the park and enjoy the nice weather, food and drinks.

We didn't have very much to go over as there hasn't been a whole lot happening the last few months. We did decide to hold off on our annual ditch clean up this year and are looking to reschedule it in the fall sometime. There will also be no Friday meals or Bingo at the club for the foreseeable future due to safety concerns and limited capacity restrictions.

I was informed last month that the SAL once again achieved 100% membership status last year. Thank you all so much for continued membership and support of this outstanding post. It is coming up on membership time again so please be looking for that information in the mail from Jeff and hopefully we can reach 100% again this coming year.

With the fall coming up and the days beginning to shorten, it is looking as though we will not be able to have our next meeting in the park due to darkness. We will have our next meeting at the Post at 7:00 on September 17th. We will meet on the patio, the Auxiliary in the bar area and the Legion in basement. The bar will close at 6:30.

Please feel free to reach out to me and let me know if there is anything you need or have any questions.

Sincerely,
Darin Hendley – S.A.L Commander
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VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

Veteran of the Month

At our Saturday September 7th VOM ceremony we will retire Colors for PFC William Schimmel and we will honor Sgt Richard Todd who was listed as MIA/KIA in Korea on February 15, 1951.

USING SOCIAL DISTANCING - THESE CEREMONIES 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!

CAN WE HONOR YOUR VETERAN?? WE STILL HAVE A FEW OPENINGS FOR 2021.

Color Guard

Since our February meeting, the Color Guard performed 6 VOM ceremonies, 2 Area Veteran's funerals with the Memorial Squad and 3 Post member funerals for Arlend Denzel, Floyd Backstrom and John Ringgensberg.

At our last meeting, it was decided that we go with short sleeves year-round as a way to economize and cut down on the number of shirts we have in inventory. We also are looking into some light jackets for those that help out with funerals and other events.

****Thanks to all our Color Guard Members, who give of their time to perform Military Honors, Colors presentations, parades, etc. throughout the year!! Thanks also to their families that support their doing these events!!**

Stay Safe!

Mark Conrad

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ADJUTANT

It was great getting together with our Legion family members. We aren't certain what the rest of the year has in store for us, but we are a Strong Legion Family and will make the best of it. We are hoping we will be able to eventually plan Legion Events. This is a tough time for so many so check on Legion Family, friends and Patrons to help, be a shoulder to lean on or ear to listen to.

Upcoming Events:

Mankato StandDown: Sat. Sept. 19th 9AM- 2PM at Franklin Rogers Park, 601 Reed St, Mankato, MN 56001

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 show your veteran status.

Newsletter Deadline: The Sunday, after the Monthly Legion meeting. Check the calendar for upcoming events.

Paula Anzures, Adjutant

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AUGUST 30 SEPT 2020 1-close	AUGUST 31 COVID-19 HOURS 3-close Subject to Change	1 3-close	2 3-close	3 3-close	4 1-12	5 VOM RICHARD TODD Wheeler 10 AM 1-12
6	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10	11 PATRIOT DAY 9-11-2001	12
13 (games subject to change) VIKINGS vs Green Bay NOON	14	15	16	17 MEETINGS BOARD 5:30 FAMILY 7:00 LEGION CLOSED 6:30	18 POW/MIA DAY	19
20 VIKINGS At Indianapolis NOON	21	22 FIRST DAY OF FALL	23	24	25	26
27 VIKINGS vs TN Titans NOON GOLD STAR MOTHER'S DAY	28	29	30	OCT 1	OCT 2	OCT 3 VOM MERVILLE KRUCKEBERG Wheeler 10 AM