



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

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Greetings fellow Legionnaires,

It is officially the 2nd day of autumn as I write this and it is an absolutely beautiful day. Things are going well here at the post financially for the time being and we are holding our own and even making a little money which is nice considering the situation and extra costs involved in doing business during this pandemic. We are looking at some further improvements to the building; currently we are going to be putting some built in infrared heating units on the patio. We are not sure what restrictions are going to be in place for us nor for how long and as a board we feel that we need to keep the use of the patio and the available seating for as long as possible.

We had our first meeting at the post since February and it went fairly well. We were able to keep all three groups separated and social distanced fairly well. We were a little short on members for the regular meeting and that was a little different from what we are accustomed to but we pushed forward. We were joined by our District Vice Commander Colin Scott. He informed us of some upcoming district events and let us know that we are ahead of the membership goal the state sets for us. We voted in three new members in the meeting, so it is really nice to see our post continue to grow every year.

We have added a new feature to our display board in the post home, we will be honoring one of our current members as the member of the month. Our very first honoree is Mark Conrad, Mark coordinates our Vet of the Month program and works with Jason Kelly as a co-chair of the color guard. Mark also did the beautiful new cabinetry in the bar/post home. Thank you for your service Mark and thank you for all you do here at Post 518.

We are planning for the time being to have our October meeting at 7pm on October 15th barring any restrictions mandated by the state, I hope to see you there. If you can't make the meeting or don't feel comfortable getting out yet and have any concerns or suggestions you can always reach me at 507-340-0831 or [jeffrye927@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrye927@gmail.com).

That is all I have for now. Enjoy this beautiful fall weather, because regardless of what happens in the world, we all know winter is around the corner.

With Best Wishes,

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**



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## AUXILIARY

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Fall is definitely on its way! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy!

We didn't have a large turnout for the meeting last month but we had some great discussion. We are looking into different ideas to raise money since most of our fundraising consists of large groups and gatherings. We will discuss more and make decisions at the Thursday, October 15th meeting at 7:00. There were some GREAT ideas brought up and things that we have never tried before.

Congratulations to Lynsey Rohlfing as the recipient of the scholarship on behalf of the Post 518 Auxiliary. She will be at the October meeting to receive it.

2021 Auxiliary 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 to Deb or dropped off at the club when you receive your mailed dues notice. They will remain at \$28.00. There are still a few 2020 memberships overdue out there.

As always please call, text or email me if you have any questions, ideas or concerns. I hope to see more of you at the next meeting if you are comfortable coming!

Respectfully,  
Sonja Frye - Auxiliary President  
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## SAL

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Greetings all,

Fall is in the air and the weather will soon be getting cold. Hope everyone is enjoying the little bit of nice weather we have remaining. With that being said the S.A.L is planning on doing our annual ditch cleanup Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>. We will plan on meeting at the Legion at 9:30 that morning for anyone that wants to follow us to the spot. If you know where to go you are welcome to just meet us out there at 10:00. When we get done anyone that feels comfortable and wants to join, we will be heading back to the Legion for Pizza and drinks. I hope we can get a good group of people out there to help and this should go fairly quickly and smoothly.

With the Summer and Fall months winding down, we are down to just two more Veteran of the month's ceremonies being held in the park. These happen the first Saturday of every month at 10am. We are always looking for volunteers to help set up and take down. These ceremonies only take about an hour and are a very inspiring and heart-warming experience and to be a part of. The stories and memories of the Veterans we honor are quite impressive. Anyone that is willing to help is encouraged to contact Jeff Tiedeken at 507-317-3501.

Membership for the 2021 year is in full swing and we are once again aiming to hit our 100% mark as we have for so many years. We are currently at about 35 paid members for the upcoming year. Please be on the lookout for your renewal letter in the mail from Jeff Tiedeken. You can also stop down to the Legion and drop them off there.

I hope that everyone continues to stay healthy and I look forward to seeing you all down at the Post. As always, please feel free to reach out to me and let me know if you have any questions or need anything at all.

Sincerely,

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

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### VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday October 3rd VOM ceremony at Wheeler Park we will retire Colors for Sgt Richard Todd and we will honor Army Tech 4 Merville Kruckeberg for the month of October.

### THESE CEREMONIES ALWAYS TAKE PLACE THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10AM.

We still have openings for 2021.

**Do you have a deceased veteran that you would like to honor??**

**Please let me know.**

### COLOR GUARD

Since our October meeting, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony and 1 Area Veteran's funeral with the Memorial Squad.

Have a great month,

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

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## ADJUTANT

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Future Legion events are uncertain so we will take each month as it comes. We are a Strong Legion Family and will make the best of every opportunity we have to make the best of our situation. We are still hoping we will be able to plan some Legion Events this Fall and Winter. This is a tough time for so many. Check on Legion Family and Patrons, help, be a shoulder to lean on, and ear to listen to.

Upcoming 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. Check the calendar for upcoming events.

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>SEPT 27</b> <b>VIKINGS NOON</b> <b>OCT</b> <b>2020</b> <b>11:30-close</b>	<b>SEPT 28</b> <b>COVID-19</b> <b>HOURS</b> <b>2-close</b>	<b>SEPT 29</b> <b>2-close</b>	<b>SEPT 30</b> <b>2-close</b>	<b>OCTOBER 1</b> <b>2-close</b>	<b>2</b> <b>1-12</b>	<b>3</b> <b>VOM</b> <b>MERVILLE</b> <b>KRUCKEBERG</b> <b>Wheeler 10 AM</b> <b>1-12</b>
<b>4</b> <b>VIKINGS</b> <b>At Houston</b> <b>NOON</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>VIKINGS</b> <b>at Seattle</b> <b>7:20 PM</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Indigenous</b> <b>Peoples'</b> <b>Day</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>MEETINGS</b> <b>BOARD 5:30</b> <b>FAMILY 7:00</b> <b>Bar Closed</b> <b>6:30 TO 8:30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>VIKINGS</b> <b>Vs Atlanta</b> <b>NOON</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>VIKINGS BYE</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 