



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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JANUARY 2021

I don't have a lot to report for this newsletter, but I do hope that everyone had a good Christmas and got to spend some time with loved ones whether in person or via zoom or facetime. We are going into the new year a little differently than we did last year but such is life. I just want to assure you all the post is in good shape.

We, as a post are still doing great things even though the doors remain closed. We received quite a few toy and cash donations for Toys for Tots and some of our auxiliary members spent an afternoon helping the Marine Corps League getting toys ready for distribution.

I know the color guard is still active helping with area funerals and of course we are still conducting our veteran of the month program even though it is scaled down and not public. I hope everyone got signed up in time for the Color Guard New Years Eve meal pickup.

I hope that you all stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you all in 2021.

Jeff Frye, Commander
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WHEN WE CAN MEET AGAIN:

PER MN MASK MANDATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-81:

Outside Patio: Masks highly recommended
Inside: Masks Mandatory

Please remember to social distance



AUXILIARY

Greetings to all of you and I hope you are all safe, healthy, and well. This year has been one we will never forget; that is FOR SURE!!!

I don't have much to say other than check in on each other. We are still a family and need to know that we are there for one another.

If you have not paid your 2021 dues yet, please do so soon.

God Bless and I can't wait to see you all in January!!!

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Greetings all,

I hope that everyone had a very Merry Christmas and were able to spend it with family and loved ones both near and far, in one way or another.

As we await the go ahead to reopen and be together at the post once again, I hope that everyone continues to be healthy, happy, and safe. I pray the end is in site and we will soon see everyone again and continue our monthly meetings and gatherings. I will continue to let everyone know as best I can as we know more.

As always, if you need anything or have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Darin Hendley – S.A.L Commander

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MEMBER OF THE MONTH

ERWIN TISCHER, PFC, US Army

Engineer Fire Fighting Company 8075th Army Unit

Erwin was our November Member of the Month and will remain so until we are able to meet again to honor him.

Erwin is a 38-year Member of Post 518.

He had served as Service Officer and is currently our Sergeant of Arms

Anyone can nominate a member for this monthly honor.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday January 2nd VOM ceremony we will retire Colors for All Veterans on Oahu during the attack on Pearl Harbor and we will honor All Prisoners of War and Missing in Action for the month of January.

**** THIS CEREMONY WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC,
AS PER COVID RESTRICTIONS*** -**

We will have an abbreviated ceremony with 3 or 4 of our Honor Guard distanced, as necessary.

We still have openings for 2021.

COLOR GUARD

Since our last meeting, the Color Guard hasn't had any events.

We haven't been able to have any fund raisers since February 2020, so we are looking at having at doing a "Ribs on the Smoker Dinner" on New Year's Eve. This will be pick up at the post. The dinner will include 4 bone pork ribs, baked potato, cole slaw and corn for \$13.00. Please reserve your dinner by **December 28th** by calling Mark Conrad at 380-8405 or emailing lefty48597@gmail.com. Pick up time begins at 4:30pm.

We appreciate your support.

Mark Conrad at 380-8405 lefty48597@gmail.com.

ADJUTANT

It is so hard to believe the New Year is here. Goodbye 2020, hello 2021. This year went by so fast, and it was a tough year for so many. We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas, and we wish everyone a much better 2021!

We will come through this, better and stronger. Don't forget to check on Legion Family and Patrons; be a shoulder to lean on, and ear to listen.

Upcoming Events:
District/National

Jan 23, 2021 3rd District Mid-Winter Nicollet Post 510
Feb 6, 2021 Sweetheart Rally Paynesville Post 271
Mar 6, 2021 Appreciation Rally La Crescent Post 595
Apr 25, 2021 3rd Dist Family Gathering Hastings Vets Home

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>
DEC 27 JAN 2021	DEC 28	DEC 29	DEC 30	DEC 31  New Year's Eve **RIB DINNER**	JAN 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	JAN 2 VOM HONORING ALL POW/MIA'S
3 VIKINGS AT DETROIT NOON	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	15	15	16
17	18 Partial Reopen??? MLK JR. DAY	19	20	21 ZOOM BOARD MEETING 7 PM	22	23
24 <hr/> 31	25	26	27	28	29	30 VOM TBD