



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
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DECEMBER 2020

Greeting fellow Legionnaires,

I am writing this just two days before Thanksgiving and what a different day that is going to be from the way we traditionally would celebrate the day. Still, it is a day to be thankful for what we have. I always figure that as bad as I might think things are there are always those that have it a little worse. This year let us try to keep them in our thoughts and prayers as we celebrate the holiday season.

We of course are not open under the Governor's new orders to try and curb the spread of the Corona-19 virus. The order has us closed until December 18th, but I have a strong feeling that we will not open again until after the new year. Should the order be lifted, we will of course keep everyone posted via Facebook, email, and the website. I want to stress that even though the post home is closed for the time being, that does not mean that we are not continuing our mission. If you know of anyone who needs assistance, please let me know and we will make sure to get the help to them. We are currently also accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys or cash for Toys for Tots and will collect them on Wednesdays from 5pm-6pm at the post, just knock on the back door and someone will be there to collect your donation. We will match cash donations up to \$200.

Keep on keeping on Post 518 and we will come out of this even stronger than ever. I wish all of you the absolute Merriest Christmas and a Joyous New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again sooner rather than later.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Jeff Frye

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

I hope you all had a safe and happy Thanksgiving! Such strange times right now but we all need to be safe and stay healthy. Reach out to those that may not have people around them!!!

RADA fundraiser is still going and I'm excited to try my new stuff! We have already received our first fundraiser check! Time to start Christmas shopping and check out RADA. The link to our fundraiser site is <http://radafundraising.com?rfsn=4768017.07ea8b>. Or check our website for a faster way to link.

Hopefully we will be able to schedule more time to help with packing meals for Back Pack Food Program. It was so fun! Best of all was giving back and I think that is what we are all about.

Hopefully we can meet in January and make even bigger and better differences in our military community and children in our community.
Be safe and happy holidays to you all!

Sincerely,

Sonja Frye

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SAL

Greetings all,

Due to the Governor's order regarding bars and restaurants, the Legion will be closed until further notice. For this reason and for the safety and well being of all of our members we did not have meetings in November. We have also decided not to have any meetings for the month of December as well. We will take this time being closed to get some deep cleaning done as well as a few other small things that are hard to do when it is busy.

I will do my best to keep everyone informed as to what is happening and when we will be planning on starting meetings again.

I hope that everyone had a good Thanksgiving and remember to be thankful for friends and loved ones. Stay safe and stay healthy and we will see you all again very soon.

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

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During the month of December, we will be retiring the Colors for Sgt Richard Todd and will be honoring those associated with Pearl Harbor. Pearl Harbor Day is December 7th.

We still have openings for 2021.

COLOR GUARD

We still need new members to help keep our Color Guard going strong. Please consider joining!

**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 and those from the club that have assisted us.

Stay Safe!

Mark Conrad

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ADJUTANT

We have had a tough year so far and it does not seem to be ending anytime soon. We are a Strong Legion Family and we make the best of every situation, we will come through these hard times too. We wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving and Holiday season. 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.

No Post December meetings since we will still be closed.

Upcoming Events:

District/National

Dec 5, 2020 Pearl Harbor Rally N St. Paul Post 39

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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| NOV 29 BASEMENT CLEAN UP 10 AM DEC 2020 | NOV 30 | DEC 1 | 2 DROP OFF TOYS 5-6 PM | 3 | 4 | 5 VOM HONORING <i>Pearl Harbor Vets</i> |
| 6 VIKINGS VS Jacksonville NOON | 7 Pearl Harbor Day | 8 | 9 DROP OFF TOYS 5-6 PM | 10 Hanukkah | 11 | 12 |
| 13 VIKINGS At Tampa Bay NOON | 14 | 15 | 16 DELIVER TOYS FOR TOTS | 17 ZOOM BOARD MEETING 7 PM | 18 | 19 |
| 20 VIKINGS VS Chicago NOON | 21 First day Of Winter | 22 | 23 | 24 NO DECEMBER MEETINGS CHRISTMAS EVE | 25 CHRISTMAS  Vikings at NO 3:30 PM | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 NEW YEARS EVE  | JAN 1 NEW YEARS DAY | JAN 2 VOM TBD |