



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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FEBRUARY 2021

Greetings fellow legionnaires,

Well as I write this, we are back open for business down at the club and it feels good to see familiar faces again. We decided against doing a member meeting in January as we weren't quite set up for it. We will be having a meeting on the 18th of February at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting as we did in the past with the Auxiliary meeting in the front room downstairs, the SAL meeting in the back room downstairs and the Legion meeting upstairs. I know that this will be very inconvenient for some and I really do apologize for that but it is the only solution that we could come up with to maintain a decent amount of social distancing and have individual meetings for each group. We will be honoring our Members of the Month, Erwin Tischer and Vern Radel, during the Family portion of the meeting.

We had District Vice Commander Colin Scott at our January board meeting and filled us in on some of the things going on around the district. He also let me know that the Department and District plan on having elections as we normally would so we are probably going to do the same. Keep in mind that means nominations in April, elections in May and installation in June. If you are interested in holding an office at the post please let me or Sonja or Darin know.

I will sign off for now but I want to thank you all for your continued support of the Post 518 family. Without members like you we would not be as successful as we are. There are so many posts that have lost their post home and aren't active in their communities as we continue to thrive in our mission to serve the veteran community.

Jeff Frye, Commander
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AUXILIARY

Hello all!

I hope everyone is staying healthy! We are finally open again, but must remain at 50 % capacity, make use of masks and social distancing.

We WILL be having a meeting this month! February 18th at 7:00pm. We will be honoring 2 Members of the Month during the family meeting, Erwin Tischer and Vern Radel. In order to distance properly we will have to have our Auxiliary meeting in the basement. The kitchen area does not give us enough room to spread. Apologies to those who can't make the stairs.

We had a successful RADA Fundraiser and did fairly well on Poppie sales despite being closed.

As always, please pay your dues for 2021 if you have not already.

Respectfully,

Sonja Frye sonerann71@gmail.com 507-382-8906

SAL

Greetings all,

We are officially back open for business! It is wonderful to see everyone back at the Post, enjoying a cold beverages and good company. With that being said, we WILL be having meetings this month; Feb 18th, at 7pm. After the Family portion of the meeting we will go to the basement for our portion. Stay safe and stay healthy and we will see you all again very soon. Please feel free to reach out to me 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

VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday, February 6th VOM ceremony, we will retire Colors for All Prisoners of War and Missing in Action. We will honor “The Four Chaplains” for the month of February.

**** THIS CEREMONY IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*** -**

MASKS AND DISTANCING REQUIRED AS PER Covid-19 protocol

We still have openings for 2021.

COLOR GUARD

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

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

MEMBERS 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 at our February meeting.

Erwin is a 38 year Member of Post 518. He had served as Service Officer and is currently our Sergeant of Arms

VERN RADEL

US Navy: 1953-1957 (Korean Era), 1963-1967 (Vietnam Era) Boot Camp: San Diego, CA. Ships: USS Alshain AKA55 from Norfolk VA, (brief tour with brother Rueben on same ship), USS Northampton CLC-1, USS Haynesworth, Galveston Texas Navy Radarman E-6 1st Class Petty Officer First Class

US Air Force: 1959-1963 Served at Dow Air Force Base, Bangor Maine & Westover AFB as an Air Force Simulator Specialist Staff Sergeant Rank E5

Vern Radel is our February Member of the month with 44 Year Membership of Post 518

+Membership Director, +Color Guard, +Veteran of Month, +Clothing Drives, +Mankato Area Memorial Squad

Anyone can nominate a member for this monthly honor.

ADJUTANT

We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy and safe. The Club is open again and hopefully we will be able to stay open. It has been a tough year for so many of us. We are a strong Legion Post and will come through this, better and stronger. Don't forget to check on Legion Family, Patrons and friends; be a shoulder to lean on and an ear to listen.

Upcoming Events:

District/National

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
May 14-15, 2021	3rd Dist Convention	Faribault Post 43
May 22, 2021	Joint Dist Testimonial	New Prague Post 45

2020 Minnesota State University ROTC Military Ball Awards was able to have a small ceremony Thursday, January 14th. Cadet Ashley Intress received the North Mankato Post 518 Scholarship Award.

Blue Earth/Nicollet County Van VA Hospital – Rides to the Minneapolis VA Hospital, call to make a reservation for a ride. Through collaboration between Nicollet and Blue Earth County, this program serves Blue Earth County and Nicollet County Veterans.

Blue Earth County call 507-304-4246, operates on odd-numbered days of the month (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc).

Nicollet County call 507-934-7871, operates on even-numbered days of the month (2nd, 4th, 6th, etc). When scheduling transportation, please contact either office no later than 2 pm the day prior to your appointment.

If you need Veteran Affairs Burial Information call 1-800-827-1000 for assistance.

Veterans Crisis Line by calling 1-800-273-8255 and pressing 1, using the online chat, or texting to 838255. These 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 information

Paula Anzures, Adjutant

Stay safe and smart!

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JAN 31 FEB 2021	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>VOM The Four Chaplains 10 AM @ Club</i>
7 SUPER BOWL 55 5:30 \$1 off drinks and pizza	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15 PRESIDENT'S DAY	16	17 ASH WEDNESDAY	18 BOARD 5:30 LEG, AUX, SAL 7:00	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	MARCH 1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>VOM TBD</i>