



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 518**  
**COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER**  
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## MARCH 2021

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Greeting Fellow Legionnaires ,

We had our first meeting since October and we had a fairly good turn out all things considered. We honored our outgoing Member of the Month Erwin Tischer and incoming Member of the month Vern Radel. We are trying to honor members for their dedicated service to our country and our post. Look for their photos and bios on Facebook, the website and of course on our video display board at the Post.

We are getting ready to gear up for the upcoming year with elections taking place in May. This means that we will need to start the nominating process in April. If you are interested in serving on the board please either let me know or you can get a hold of one of our past commanders as well.

Things are going well at the post since we reopened and business has been good. We of course are still observing all of the Covid protocols to make sure that our members and guests are as safe as possible and able to enjoy some camaraderie .

We are currently at 90% of our membership goal for the year which I think is pretty awesome considering how crazy the past year has been.

I don't have a lot more this month, our next meeting will be on Thursday March 18th at 7 pm, I hope to see you there.

Jeff Frye, Commander  
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## AUXILIARY

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I hope again that everyone is staying healthy and safe!

Our meeting for February was a little low in attendance but completely understandable. Please come in March if you can. I know it's difficult for some since we are meeting downstairs but hopefully we can get back to "normal" soon.

Please remember to get your dues in. \$28.00 and Deb J is VERY good about getting your membership cards out very quickly!

Nominations and Elections are coming up quickly. Nominations are at the April meeting and Elections will be in May. Please consider running for a position!

We decided as a group to continue fundraising as best as we can, so we are going to do a monthly organization to contribute to. You can leave money each month with a bartender or Auxiliary member to donate to the specific group that we will be choosing for the month. Please consider donating even if it's a small amount. Every dollar counts!

The scholarship is open again for applicants. Please see a bartender or Auxiliary member for an application. \$500 to the chosen applicant towards their college of study.

We will be packing food again for the Back Pack Food Program to assist families of students in our area. We can have 8 volunteers and will have a sign up at the next meeting. Monday April 12th, 3:45-4:45 is when we are scheduled to pack. Please let me know if you are interested in signing up! We had so much fun last time and it is such a great feeling to give back to our community.

As always, feel free to contact me text, phone or email with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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Greetings all,

We made it through the bitter cold and it looks as though warmer weather is right around the corner. It will be nice to have decent weather and be able to get out of the house and back outside again soon. We had our first in person S.A.L meeting this passed month for the first time in many months. It was wonderful to see everyone that was able to make it. Hopefully we can continue with our monthly meetings and continue to see more of our members able to show up.

At last months meeting we discussed having an S.A.L sponsored flag burning ceremony in the coming Months. We will be seeing if the boy scouts would like to help us or possibly the Legion. We also passed a motion to raise our S.A.L. dues from the current \$15 per year to \$20. This motion will be voted on at this Months meeting. We are also coming up on officer nomination and strongly encourage anyone that is able to attend. Nominations will be held at the April meeting with voting happening at the May meeting. We have had the same officers and the same few members attending meetings regularly. We would really appreciate some new faces and input from our valued members on ideas and decisions. If there is anyone that would like to attend meetings that has a hard time remembering the dates and times please feel free to email, text or call and I can get you added to the monthly meeting reminder text. I try to send these reminders out the week of the meeting. These meetings are relatively short, we have some good conversation with a good group of guys and you get a free beverage after the meeting.

I hope to see many of you in the coming months and as always, 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     [darin.hendley@yahoo.com](mailto:darin.hendley@yahoo.com)     507-317-7070

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## VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

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### VETERAN OF THE MONTH

At our Saturday March 6th VOM ceremony we will retire Colors for “The 4 Chaplains”, and we will honor Army Staff Sergeant Ronald J. Shurer II for the month of March.

April’s VOM will be for Army Private Walter Norman Tischer

**\*\* THESE CEREMONIES ALWAYS TAKE PLACE**

**THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10AM.\*\***

**\*\* *Come and help us honor these veterans***

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AGAIN WITH APPLICABLE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS IN PLACE**

***– Rolls and Coffee served after ceremony!***

Do any of you have a veteran to submit for Veteran of the Month??

We still have openings for 2021 - June through November.

### COLOR GUARD

Since last month, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony and 1 funeral with the Memorial Squad.

Mark Conrad 507-380-8405 [lefty48597@gmail.com](mailto:lefty48597@gmail.com)

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## MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

### **TOM MAUS – March 2021 Member of the Month**

- US Air Force: 1970-1973, Sergeant     Boot Camp: Lackland Air Force Base, Texas
- Tech School for Ground Radio Operator: Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi Mississippi
- Flying Materials Distribution Clerk: Castle Air Force Base, Atwater, California
- Weather Intercept: Ie Shima, Okinawa
- Admin. Specialist: Ellsworth Air Force Base, Rapid City, South Dakota
- Member for 39 years, Commander 1997-1999, Service Officer, Member of the Horseshoe Team

Anyone can nominate any member for this monthly honor.

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## ADJUTANT

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Happy St Patrick's Day!! We hope everyone is doing well and staying healthy and safe. Check on your buddies, remember your Legion Family, Friends and Patrons; be a shoulder to lean on, and ear to listen to. We are a strong Legion Post and we will be better and stronger.

Upcoming Events:

**LeCenter American Legion Post #108, Fish Fry Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**  
**Nicollet American Legion Post #510, Fish Fry Sat., March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 10am until fish is gone, takeout only.**

District/National

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

**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 information

Paula Anzures, Adjutant

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**Stay safe and smart!**

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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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FEB 28	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>VOM RONALD SHURER 10 AM @ Club</i>
<b>MARCH 2021</b>						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15	16	17  St. Pats Day	18 MEETINGS BOARD 5:30 LEG, AUX, SAL 7:00	19	20 Spring!! 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 	29	30	31	<b>April 1</b>	2	3 <i>VOM WALTER TISCHER 10 AM AT CLUB</i>