



AMERICAN LEGION POST 518
COMMANDER'S NEWSLETTER
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AUGUST 2021

Hello,

Things are running smoothly at the post. Blues on Belgrade was hit this year after being cancelled last year. Thanks to all who participated and helped make our parade season successful and our Blues food booth run smoothly. We are looking into making some improvements and repairs to the exterior of the building in the near future.

In keeping up with the digital age, we are planning to phase out the mailing portion of our newsletter in the beginning of 2022. As always, we will email newsletters, post newsletters on facebook and our website and have printed copies available for pick up at the club. If you absolutely do not have access to the internet or email, and are unable to stop at the club to pick up a hard copy, please let us know and we will make arrangements to mail a copy to you. If we do not have your e mail address send it to americanlegion518@yahoo.com and we will add you.

Don't have much else to report this month; please contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

Paul Wingert, Commander pgwingert@hotmail.com 507-351-2769

AUXILIARY

Greetings to our Legion Family,

July was an exciting month complete with participating in the St. Peter, Elysian and North Mankato Fun Days Parades. Thank you to the amazing volunteers that make these experiences happen. In the Fun Days parade, we honored our Members of the Month. What a special honor! We were excited to receive a special thank you from the unit (that is deployed in the Middle East) that received the 80 care packages that we sent.

We are always looking for volunteers for our Saturday meat raffles, Color Guard, and activities such as Blues on Belgrade. We are excited to be planning for the Mortgage Burning Party on September 11th. See more details in this newsletter. What a proud accomplishment for our post. The Legion Auxiliary is committed to giving back and has chosen a different group to raise money for each month. In August, we will be supporting the Armed Forces Services Center at the MSP Airport. Please look for this fundraiser in the club.

Thank you for making the Legion an amazing place where we give back. We are looking forward to our Legion Family Meeting on August 19th at 7:00 PM. Did you know that you can renew membership and have access to many resources through the American Legion Auxiliary website? Set up your account at www.ALAforVeterans.org

Sincerely, Lyn Rohlfing

Post 518 Legion Auxiliary President, lynrohlfig@gmail.com 507-217-9361

NORTH MANKATO POST 518 LEGION FAMILY MORTGAGE BURNING PARTY

Saturday, September 11, 2021 at the club. 3:00 PM- 7:00 PM.

At 5:00 PM: Special Mortgage Burning Ceremony complete with Color Guard

***Moment of silence and taps for the 9-11 victims 20 years ago*.**

Door Prizes, Live Music with Still Jammin' Playing from 3:00-7:00 PM

***Complimentary Hot Dogs and Chips (Until gone) Happy Hour (\$1off) all day and night*.**

Cake Celebrating over 150 Veteran of the Month Ceremonies

WE APPRECIATE AND VALUE OUR VETERANS, MEMBERS, AND PATRONS!

SAL

Greetings everyone. My name is Kim Sward. I am the new presiding Commander of the SAL family of Post 518. I am looking forward to this position and hope to fulfill my duties as well as the past commanders have. With their help, I am confident that I will.

It would be great to see more members from all of the families at our meetings. Join us at the club on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and meet other members.

A bit of news about the club. We are having a mortgage burning party on September 11th from 3-7 pm. Please join us for this wonderful milestone in our club's history.

Sincerely,

Kim Sward – S.A.L Commander

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VETERAN OF THE MONTH/COLOR GUARD

VETERAN OF THE MONTH # 158

At our Saturday, August 7th VOM ceremony, we will retire Colors for **Marine Private 1st Class Donald Zernechel**, and we will honor **Army Tec-5 Biryly John Novotny** for the month of August. September's VOM will be for **Air Force Major Clement J. Gronewald**.

****Come and help us honor these veterans – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AGAIN***

– Rolls and Coffee served after ceremony!

– WE NEED HONOREES FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER!! –

LET US HONOR YOUR VETERAN!!

Families of deceased, honorably discharged veterans or POW/MIA's who desire these honors should call Mark Conrad (507-380-8405) (lefty48597@gmail.com) or Post 518 (507-625-1264)

COLOR GUARD

Since last month, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony, Presence for fallen Marine's homecoming procession and 3 Parades

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Paula Anzures, E5/SGT, Active Army, 96B, Intelligence Analysis US Army 1983-1994

Leo and Paula were married three days before she left for Basic Training. Paula was stationed in Germany when her unit was deployed to Iraq to join Desert Shield/ Desert Storm Conflict.

Member of Post 518 for 15 years. Paula is always here to lend a helping hand wherever needed. She enjoys helping with fundraising and volunteering at Legion events. She serves as the Post Adjutant. She has been a member of the VOM Honor Squad since it started.

ADJUTANT

Excitement is in the air: it's Summer Event time in our Legion Area. Our Legion has events coming up throughout the year and as always, we need volunteers to put on these events and to support our Legion. Please step up and volunteer and support the Legion Events. We are a strong Legion Post and we will be better and stronger with your support.

Upcoming Events:

Mortgage Burning Party, September 11th, 3 – 7PM

Bier on Belgrade 2021 Fall Event – September 18th

District/National

Aug 2021 National Convention in Phoenix, AZ

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR) - Brings support to Military/Veteran families in need; whether it is help fixing a car, raking leaves, a ride, broken down appliances, BTYR has a wide variety of activities and volunteer opportunities to assist. Military and Veterans in need have support; training services and resources. **507-327-3840**

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 events.

Paula Anzures, Adjutant

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<u>AUG 1</u>	2	3	4	5	6	7 VOM BIRYL JOHN NOVOTNY 10 AM @ Wheeler NO MEAT RAFFLE
8	9	10	11	12	13	14L MEAT RAFFLE 4-5
15	16	17	18	19 BOARD 5:30 LEG, AUX, SAL 7:00	20-	21 MEAT RAFFLE 4-5
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 MEAT RAFFLE 4-5
29	30	31	<u>SEPT 1</u>	2	3	4 VOM CLEMENT J. GRONEWALD 10 am @ Wheeler MEAT RAFFLE 4-5