

JULY 2023 Newsletter

Post 518 American Legion Family

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From the Commander:

Greetings!

I would like to welcome Loren Files as elected 2nd Vice Commander at post 518, and thank him for his ongoing efforts as Post 518 historian to develop a timeline of events getting the post to where we are today and developing a history of Post 518 members for posterity. Loren is the State Leader of Mission 22 also providing excellent leadership raising awareness of issues active service members, veterans, and their family members face. Also thank you to all of the Board members and for all of the help and hard work making our club activities and events positive and successful over the past year. Overall, things are running smoothly at The Club and with the bar thanks to our great office manager Jim Rohlfing and bartending staff.

We are hoping to make some repairs and painting on the front of the building, and a long awaited remedy for upper apartment window leaks in the near future. The dog days of summer are here, with mostly beautiful weather. I hope everyone can enjoy some fun in the sun and join in some of the upcoming events happening at the post

We are looking forward to some exciting summer activities. North Mankato Fun Days and Blues on Belgrade, including parades, are coming up this month. Please sign up to help make this year another success. Future events in the planning stages include Mini Vets fest, Rock Recon, in August and 3rd annual Golf tournament in September

Please follow us on our website and facebook. Please stay safe and have a wonderful 4th of July. If you have any questions, suggestions, or need anything at all please feel free to contact me anytime.

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



**From the Auxiliary
President:**

Greetings,

Having served the last two years in the position of 1st Vice President I am stepping into a new role as Auxiliary President. I have been a member of Post 518 since the early 1990's and I'm pleased to see the growth of both the Auxiliary and the Post 518 over the years. Many of you already know me, since I have been bartending for many years now, and some of you remember me as Betty Dorn's daughter.

I am committed to continuing the support of Veterans, their families, and children in need.

I want to acknowledge and thank Lyn Rohlfing for her outstanding leadership and dedication to both the Auxiliary and the Post these past years. And I am sure that she will continue to be a great asset to our organization as she steps into her position as Past-President. Her contributions have been many and are much appreciated.

July is a busy month here at the legion and we need volunteers to help with Blues on Belgrade on Saturday, July 29. Please sign up for a short two-hour shift in the food stand, or to help with set up or tear down.

Enjoy a safe and happy Independence Day!

Best,

Lisa Roberts



**From the SAL
Commander:**

Hello American Legion family.

Once again, it's time for my contribution to the monthly newsletter.

There are a lot of things going on at your club. Check the calendar for something that might interest you. There is Trivia on the second Tuesday of the month. Bring your friends and team up for a great time! The Legion has bands on select Fridays. They are great local talent and fun to listen to and dance to.

Blues on Belgrade is coming up at the end of July. Mark it on your calendar! You don't want to miss it. Bring your friends! Show them what a great time it is at the club. Sign them up as members. All the families of Post 518 are welcoming new members. Help them join our club.

Remember, Post 518 is an open door club. All are welcome. Bring your friends down to experience the great atmosphere of the club. Meet new people and have a great time.

As always. If you have questions or comments for me, you can always contact me.

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Veteran of the Month:

AMERICANISM – Veteran of the Month

VOM #181 – Year 16

At our Saturday, July 1st VOM ceremony Outdoors at Wheeler Park, we will retire Colors for Marine Captain Milton George Kelsey and we will honor Army Master Sergeant Donald John Whitlock for the month of July.

August's VOM will be for – Army Private First-Class David L. Williams

**** **Come and help us honor these veterans – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Rolls and Coffee served after the ceremony!**

Thanks to our SAL for helping set up the site and PA system for these ceremonies and to our Auxiliary for providing the refreshments!! If you have never attended one of our VOM ceremonies, please try to come to one. They are very moving events – (besides, you get free rolls and coffee afterwards)

--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

WE NEED YOU – PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP!! We have a continuing need of SAL, Auxiliary & Legion members for our Color Guard.

You will only be asked to do what you are physically able to do, and when you are available (and get a FREE drink chip for each event). Not everyone can march in parades, but most can help with Colors presentations and Military Honors and Veteran of the Month Ceremonies.

Since our May 18th meeting, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony, Military Honors with the Memorial Squad for 5 area veterans, Military Honors for Post Member – Robert Anderson, and a Flag Day ceremony.

Have a great Month!!

Mark Conrad – Color Guard & Veteran of the Month coordinator. 507-380-8405 Lefty48597@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!! – Friday, July 21st - Fundraiser sponsored by the Elks Lodge to benefit the Color Guard and Veteran of the Month Program.

Grilled Chicken, sides, and dessert \$9

(Chef Todd is cooking!!) @ Post 518 – 5:15 till gone

Please consider supporting these meals.
Take out is available.



From the Adjutant: Adjutants Corner

Wishing everyone a Happy and Safe 4TH of July!! Hometown Celebrations and Parade Season is here! Let's honor our Country and communities and have some fun all summer long. Our Legion has many events coming up this summer. Our Legion needs volunteers to make our Club events a success. Come on down to the club and see what is new and what is happening, enjoy a beverage with your Legion Family, volunteer for upcoming events.

District/National

*Jul 1	Packet Pickup Apple Valley	Legion Post 1776 11:00 am-1:00pm
Jul 12-15	Department Convention	Redwood Falls, MN
Aug 26-31	National Convention	Charlotte NC
Oct 12-15	MN Legion College	Camp Ripley MN
Oct 26-28	Dept Fall Conference	St Cloud, MN

Upcoming Area Events

2nd Tuesday every month; TRIVIA Next Trivia Night June 13th 7:00PM
June 23 -25 NICOLLET FRIENDSHIP DAYS AMERICAN LEGION POST 510
July 4th Parades: St Peter 10AM, Elysian 2PM
July 6 – 9 North Mankato Fun Days
July 29 Blues on Belgrade (Volunteer Sign-up sheet next to popcorn machine)
August 12 Mini Vets Fest 12- 4PM (Free Breakfast @Legion 8 – 11AM)
August 19th Rock n Recon 7am – 7pm

Morson Ario VFW Post 950	Burger Night First Friday of each month
Post 510 Nicollet	Electronic Gambling every Tuesday night
	SAL Wing Night every Thursday night
Post 108 LeCenter	Steak Fry 4th Saturday of every month

Veterans Crisis Line - NEW!!! Calling an easy-to-remember, three-digit number 988 (similar to 911) or 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. Experts say, for those contemplating suicide this could save lives, it also represents a symbolic shift in a still stigmatized world — mental health emergencies are just as important as physical ones.

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. Scheduling transportation, please contact either office # later than 2 pm the day prior to your appointment.

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).

Veteran Affairs Burial Information call 1-800-827-1000, If you are in need of assistance.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon (BTYR) - Brings support to Military/Veteran families in need; whether it is help with 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

The Twin Cities Honor Flight Honor Flight is taking applications for WWII and now Korean War Vets for upcoming trips to Washington DC. Vets will spend a day in DC touring the memorials at NO cost. To get more info and get registered go to their website. <http://honorflighttwincities.org>. VETSROLL.Org 10 Years!!! – WWII, Korea and Veterans through 1966 & Rosie-the Riveters Rolling to Washington DC. www.VetsRoll.Org Vets.Org 1777 Gardner St South Beloit, IL 61080 608-207-8319.

REAL ID for Veterans: Take a copy of your DD214, so your ID Card will show your veteran status.

Paula Anzures, Adjutant



at Post 518 North Mankato
Legion Is Back!! Join us

Tuesday
May 9th
June 13th
July 11th
Aug 8th
Sept 12
Oct 10
Nov 14
Dec 12
7:00 PM



Friday, July 21st
5:15 PM until gone



Sponsored by
The Elks Club
Proceeds Benefit
Post 518 Color Guard



Join Us
for Live
Music!



Sign up in the Post to Volunteer



This is a free admission event. Open to the public! Come on down and listen to one of the best blues bands in the Midwest. There will be fun for the whole family! There will be a raffle and silent auction. THERE WILL BE A FREE BREAKFAST FROM 8am -11 put on by South Central Beyond The Yellow ribbon! Face painting and balloon artist for the kids . Blue Earth and Nicollet County service officers will be there. A Counselor from Mpls VA will be there! Mission 22 will be there! Mankato Warriors Ice Hockey for Disabled Veterans will be there. Opening ceremonies will be at 12 noon. Closing ceremonies at 4pm.



Mini
VETSFEST

August 12th

July 2023- Post 518 Legion Family

						<p>1 Veteran of Month: 10 AM Army Master Sergeant Donald John Whitlock</p>
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<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Trivia with Jeff 7 PM </p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM </p>	<p>14 RED FRIDAYS: Remember Everyone Deployed</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20  Board Mtg.: 5:30 PM Family Meeting: 7:00 PM Bar Closed: 6:30-8:30 PM</p>	<p>21 Elks Chicken Dinner: 5:15 PM-gone Support the Color Guard </p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 ----- 30</p>	<p>24 ----- 31</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM </p>	<p>28 Live Music: Loose Gravel 7-10 PM </p>	<p>29  Blues on Belgrade: Check out our Pulled Pork Sandwich See Schedule</p>