

August 2023 Newsletter

Post 518 American Legion Family

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From the Commander:

Greetings Legionnaires –

The heat of Summer is here...

Thank you to everyone that helped make all of our July events successful again this year! Including the St. Peter, Elysian and North Mankato Fun Days Parades and Blues on Belgrade!

As usual we have great events happening throughout the remaining days of summer and into the fall... please stay tuned to the website, and calendar for August events including Mini Vets Fest, Rock Recon for DAV of MN, and Legion Golf tournament in September.

If you would like to become more involved with things at Post 518 please contact any officers or myself for additional information as to what things are available to keep our Post strong and successful.

2024 memberships are due starting this month. James Peters is transitioning membership director duties to Travis Klughertz, they are working hard on getting them processed. You can mail them in or you can drop them off at the Post.

Please contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

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





From the Auxiliary President:

Greetings,

Summer is flying by as usual, and we are still looking forward to two big events at the club this month.

Please stop by for Mini Vets Fest on August 12 between 12 and 4 pm and enjoy some music and fellowship.

Rock Recon VI is the following weekend, 7am-7pm with live music, raffles, prize giveaways; all to benefit the DAV. Check out Mankatosrock.com for more information.

Big shout out to all the volunteers that came out to help with Blues on Belgrade! Another successful event in the books.

During the July meeting, Auxiliary membership voted to Donate to Vet's Court and 2nd Harvest. Please join us for the next meeting, August 17, and don't forget that it's time for membership renewal.

Enjoy the dog days of summer!

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. The Legion has bands on select Fridays. They are great local talent and fun to listen to and dance to.

Just a couple of the things going on at the Legion in August are: Trivia August 8th at 7:00 PM. Bring your friends and team up for a great time! There is also, Mini Vets Fest on August 12th.

You don't want to miss these fun events! 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, have a great time.

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

Kim Sward: Commander SAL

kimsward12@gmail.com

507-340-5972

Our Legion Family Thanks You!

- ❖ Special Thanks to Brian Wall for driving and providing the trailer for the North Mankato Fun Days, Elysian and St. Peter Parades. Thank you to our Amazing Color Guard who marched in hot temperatures. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out riding in the parades and representing our Legion Family.
- ❖ Special Thanks to Todd Tanhoff for grilling delicious pork chops and to all of the volunteers that helped make the Elks Pork Chop Dinner that supported the Color Guard a success.
- ❖ Special Thanks to all of the amazing volunteers that worked countless hours to make Blues on Belgrade a success. It was a great day filled with fun and fellowship. Thanks to Steve Lawrence who worked extremely hard chairing the event and volunteering over 14 hours the day of the event. Thanks to Johnny Henry for making the pork, our hardworking employees, and to all of the incredible patrons who supported us.

Veteran of the Month:

AMERICANISM – Veteran of the Month

VOM #182 – Year 16

At our **Saturday, August 5th** VOM ceremony **Outdoors at Wheeler Park**, we will retire Colors for **Army Master Sergeant Donald John Whitlock** and we will honor **Army Private 1st Class David L. Williams** for the month of August.

September's VOM will be for – TBD

****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 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 of 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.

We just got another Color Guard member, Macallister Sanders – Welcome Mac!!

Since our June 15th meeting, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony, Marched in parades in Nicollet, St. Peter & Elysian, Performed Military Honors with the Memorial Squad for 5 area veterans, and Military Honors for Post Member – Eddie Hammerschmidt.

A big thank you to our Auxiliary and the Elks Lodge for their generous donations to our Color Guard and Veteran of the Month Programs!!

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Together, we can make a difference!

From the Adjutant: Adjutants Corner

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. It is hard to believe we are halfway through summer already. We still have a number of events coming up these next few months, we need volunteer help. Our Legion needs volunteers to make these events successful. Come on down and sign up.

****PACT Act benefits claim:** Passed August 2022. Veterans who were exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxic substances are now eligible for VA health care benefits. There is no deadline to apply for benefits or submit an Intent to file by August 9th. For more information: VA News veteransaffairs@messages.va.gov.

District/National

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

Trivia Night 2nd Tuesday every month 7:00PM, Next August 8th
July 29th Blues on Belgrade (Volunteer Sign-up sheet next to popcorn machine)
August 12th Mini Vets Fest 12- 4PM (Free Breakfast @Legion 8 – 11AM)
August 19th Rock n Recon 7am – 7pm @ Post 518
September 17th Post 518 Golf Tournament
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 # after 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



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**VETERANS,
SERVICEMEMBERS
& FAMILIES
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



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southcentralbtyr.org



Donation breakfast to say "thank you"
Pancakes, sausage, and scrambled eggs

North Mankato American Legion Post #518
256 Belgrade Avenue
North Mankato, MN 56003

Saturday, August 12, 2023
8:00 - 11:00 AM



SPONSORED BY SOUTH CENTRAL BEYOND THE YELLOW RIBBON

Ballroom Artist FOR THE KIDS! Face Painter FOR THE KIDS!

12-4 MUSIC FOOD DRINK MUSIC

VetsFest

SATURDAY AUGUST 12TH 2023
NORTH MANKATO AMERICAN LEGION POST 518, 256 BELGRADE AVE

PRESENTS

VETSFEST

FEATURING
THE PAT McLAUGHLIN BAND

Mini VETSFEST



August 12th

Join us Saturday, August 12th from 12-4 PM. Free Admission. Open to the Public. Blues Band. Raffle. Silent Auction. Face Painting. Balloon Artist. Food and Drinks. Various Booths with Veteran Resources. Opening Ceremonies 12:00 Noon. Closing Ceremonies: 4 PM.

ROCK RECON VI

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 2023

ALL DAY
LYLE C. PEARSON, SR
CHAPTER #10

Rock 95 will once again do an ALL DAY Live broadcast for Minnesota Vets on Saturday, August 19th from 7am-7pm at a special event at American Legion Post 518 in North Mankato. We'll have live music, a cook off contest and raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are \$30 and on sale at the Morson Ario VFW 950 in Mankato, American Legion Post 518 in North Mankato and other locations soon! Live music from Angry Waters, The Lost Vintage, Apt 3, Jeremy & Lantz, Ocho, parts of Whiskey Richard and more...

North Mankato Post 518
American Legion
Golf Tournament

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 17th
Terrace View Golf Course

9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Shotgun Start

Meal and Prizes to follow
at Post 518 Legion

\$60 a golfer
\$240 a team of 4
Sign up at the Bar.



**Thank you to all
of the support with
these events!**

Check out our Website:

<https://northmankatopost518.org/>

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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM  | 4 | 5 Veteran of Month: 10 AM Army Private 1st Class David L. Williams |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Trivia with Jeff 7 PM  | 9 | 10 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM  | 11 | 12 Veterans Breakfast and Mini Vets Fest (Details in Newsletter) |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 <u>MEETING</u>  Board Mtg.: 5:30 PM Family Meeting: 7:00 PM Bar Closed: 6:30-8:30 PM | 18 | 19 Rock Recon VI (Details in Newsletter) |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM  | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM  | | |