

November 2023 Newsletter

Post 518 American Legion Family

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From the Commander:

Fall in Minnesota is finally upon us... with the weather changing we will be hosting live music and other events inside the club. Be sure to check out and like our Facebook page, and website! All events and activities going on at our Club are posted on our website and Facebook. November is significant to the military in the following ways:

November 10: Marine Corps Birthday. "On November 10, 1775, a Corps of Marines was created by a resolution of Continental Congress. Since that date many thousand men have borne the name 'Marine.' In memory of them it is fitting that all fellow Marines commemorate the birthday of the corps by calling to mind the glories of its long and illustrious history.

November 11: Veterans Day. This is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice treaty, which ended World War I and is also a day to thank military Veterans for their service.

Entire month of November: National Military Family Month

If there is interest in having a Thanksgiving Day potluck dinner at the club please contact me and we can discuss options and details. In the recent past years, there has not been enough interest in having this meal.

We had a great summer of events and have donated funds to several worthy Veteran and community causes in the past few months which we are able to do as a result of your continued support and volunteers at the club. Thank you to all our members and patrons. There is still room on the color guard. Please consider checking out how you can help fill needed positions on the color guard squad.

We hope to continue to build and grow our patrons and members through our online presence. All members are encouraged to attend LEGION meetings at 7pm every 3rd Thursday of the month at the post. We hope to see you all there.

Paul Wingert, Commander

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From the Auxiliary President:

Greetings!

The Auxiliary met on Thursday October 19, and we discussed several of our upcoming events in addition to reviewing our by-laws. We will be voting on the revisions we made at our next meeting on November 16. Please join us and share in this important process.

Shop and Sip is Saturday, November 18th from 1-3:00PM. This fundraising event includes a wine tasting, bake sale, craft sale and silent auction. If you would like to get involved with either donations or want to help with the event, please contact Deb Maus, 507-351-6210. She has worked hard to coordinate this fundraiser and would really appreciate any donation of time or sale and auction items. Or support the event with your presence! It is always a fun afternoon.

We will be getting together on Tuesday, November 28th to decorate the Club for the Holiday season. Decorating begins at 6 pm, followed by Pizza and fellowship.

Sunday December 3rd will be our annual Veterans Meal. We will serve a Ham Dinner again this year. The meal is free for Veterans and \$5 for their guests. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the Bulletin board near the office. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. This is a great chance to honor our Veterans and share some time with them.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Lisa Roberts

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From the SAL Commander:

Once again it's time for the monthly newsletter. There is a lot going on down at Post 518. Keep an eye on the calendar, there is bound to be something that will interest you. We have Trivia with Jeff the second Tuesday of the month, Meat raffles on Saturdays at 4:00. We have bands on many weekends on either Friday or Saturday. Just to name a few things.

We have a meeting on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. The opening ceremonies involve all three families, Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL. After that we separate into our groups to discuss events and opportunities to help in our community. For instance, the SAL is having a hot dog and chili dinner on Friday November 3rd. The money raised will be used to help in our community.

Remember, Post 518 is an open door club. You don't have to be a member to enter. Bring your friends to see what we are about. Sign them up to be members. All the families are welcoming new members.

As always, if I can be of any help. Please let me know.

Kim Sward: Commander, SAL

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Veteran of the Month:

AMERICANISM – Veteran of the Month

VOM #185 – Year 16

At our Saturday, November 4th VOM ceremony Outdoors at Wheeler Park (last outdoor this year), we will retire Colors for Army SP3 Wendell Edward Stark and we will honor Army SP4 John Howard Williams for the month of November.

December's VOM will be for – Pearl Harbor Veterans **Come and help us honor these veterans – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Rolls and Coffee served after the ceremony!

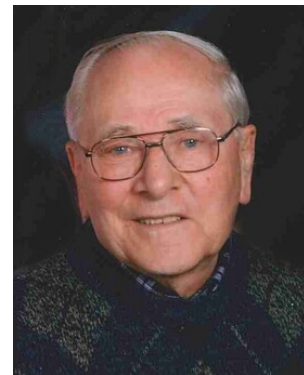
Thanks to our SAL for helping set up the site for these ceremonies and to our Auxiliary for providing the refreshments!!

Special Thanks to the Color Guard members that have dedicated themselves to doing these special honors for all the deceased veterans honored as Veteran's of the Month since the program started in 2008!! Would you like to be part of this great program?? 1st Saturday of every month. 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!! - We need honorees for 2024!! 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

Many of you know by now that long time member, Color Guard member, and friend, Vern Radel passed away Friday night, October 14th. Vern was always ready to help with any, and all things that the Color Guard was involved with. He was part of the Veteran of the Month program from the planning stages to the ceremonies, beginning in 2008, and was a part of all, but few of the 184 ceremonies performed & ending as VOM bugler.



December 2, 1932 - October 14, 2023

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 September 21st meeting, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony, Military Honors for 2 Post members, Marvin "Sonny" Biehn & Roger Lovik.

Have a Great month, Mark Conrad

From the Adjutant: Adjutants Corner

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. I Hope you and your families have a wonderful Day. There are many Legion events coming up this Holiday Season. Our Legion needs volunteers to help plan, organize and put on Legion events successfully. It's Football Season; come down for Viking Football, bring a dish to share, halftime door prizes. Come on down to the club and see what is happening, sign up to volunteer, enjoy a beverage with your Legion Family.

District/National

- January 27th - 3rd District Mid-Winter Lonsdale Post 586
- February 3rd - Dept Sweetheart Rally Forest Lake Post 225
- March 2nd - Dept Appreciation Rally Montgomery Post 79

Upcoming Area Events

- Trivia Night - 2nd Tuesday every month 7:00PM, Next August 8th
- Meat Raffle - Saturdays 4:00PM
- November 3rd - SAL Hot Dog and Chili Dinner 5:30 PM
- November 10th - Marine Corp Birthday at Morson Ariel 6:00PM
- November 11th - Veterans Day Dinner Nicollet County
- November 11th - Veterans Day Dinner, Blue Earth County- VFW 950
- November 17th - Taste of New Prague - Beer, Wine & Bourbon Tasting 6:30 – 8:30PM
- November 18th - So Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon/Morson Ariel - Chili Fest 11 - 3:00PM
- November 18th - Shop & Sip Post 518 Auxiliary 1-3:00PM

Food Promotions

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

***** THANKSGIVING – The Legion Post 518 will not sponsor a Thanksgiving Day meal. If there is any group interested in planning and putting together a meal, the Legion will provide a turkey, everything will be on the group to coordinate. The Legion will open at 11:00AM Thanksgiving Day.**

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, mental health emergencies are just as important as physical ones.

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.

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

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.

PACT Act Benefits Claim: Passed August 2022. Veterans who were exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxic substances are eligible for VA health care benefits. For more information: VA News veteransaffairs@messages.va.gov.

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

Paula Anzures, Adjutant

Post 518 History Project

American Legion Post 518 members Mark Conrad and Loren Files are embarking on a history project for the post. The scope of this project is to preserve your story and the story of this post for future generations. Your participation in the project is requested and encouraged, but not required.



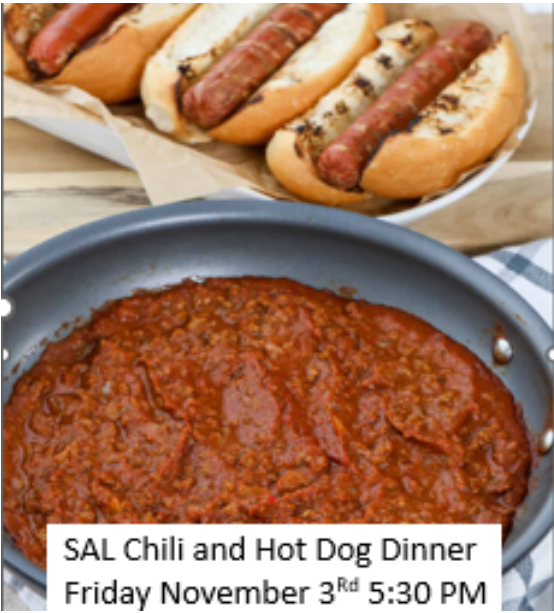
There are two parts to this history project. The first step is to complete a questionnaire and return it to the post. The second step in the process is an interview, which will be recorded for posterity. The goal is to create a documentary for all members, their families, and the community to enjoy. The questionnaire will be e-mailed to Legion members.

All information will be kept confidential, with the exception of the final video/documentary, and given to you or your family upon request. Please consider helping us preserve our history.

Thanks,

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Check out our Website: <https://northmankatopost518.org/>



SAL Chili and Hot Dog Dinner
Friday November 3rd 5:30 PM



ANOTHER
TIME
AROUND

November 3rd - 7-10:00 PM



248TH MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY
10 NOVEMBER 2023



Semper Fidelis



VETERANS DAY

"We owe all who served our gratitude."

Post 518 Auxiliary
Shop & Sip
Saturday November 18th
1:00 3:00 PM
Wine Tasting - Crafts - Bake Sale
Silent Auction
North Mankato Legion Post 518



Saturday, November 18th 7-10PM
Post 518 Legion Club



HAPPY
THANKS
GIVING

November 2023- Post 518 Legion Family

			1	2 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM 	3 SAL Chili and Hotdog Dinner 5:30 LIVE MUSIC Another Time Around 7-10 PM	4 VOM Army SP4 John Howard Williams Meat Raffle 4 PM
5 Vikings at Falcons 12 Noon 	6	7	8	9 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM 	10 	11 Veterans Day  MEAT RAFFLE Meat Raffle 4 PM
12 New Orleans at Vikings 12 Noon 	13	14 Trivia with Jeff 7 PM 	15	16  Board Mtg.: 5:30 PM Family Meeting: 7:00 PM Bar Closed 6:30-8:30 PM	17	18 AUXILIARY Shop & Sip Wine Tasting 1-3 PM  4 PM LIVE MUSIC Spoon Cherries 7-10 PM
19 Vikings at Denver 7:20 PM 	20	21	22	23  Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM 	24	25  Meat Raffle 4 PM
26	27 Chicago at Vikings 7:15 PM 	28  Decorate the Club for Christmas 6 PM followed by drinks and fellowship	29	30 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM 		