

# Post 518 American Legion Family

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## From the Post 518 Commander:

Happy Fall Post 518 Legion Family!

September was another busy month at the post, in addition to having the meat raffles, bands, and Viking Season starting up, we hosted our 4th Annual Golf Tournament and our Flag Burning Ceremony on meeting night. This year's Golf Tournament raised almost \$8,000 for our Veteran Relief Fund! Thank you to all the volunteers that helped out on the day of the event. The day went smoothly with all the extra hands and thank you to our Color Guard for presenting colors in our opening ceremony. In addition, I would like to send a special thank you to committee members. The planning of this event started in May, so for the last four months they volunteered countless hours distributing sponsorship and donation requests, recruiting teams, and coordinating the event. Thank you Kim, Jeff, Paul, and Dan for all your hard work!

Even though in the upcoming months it might seem that we are slowing down with activities, our Auxiliary, SAL, House Committee and Executive Committee have various projects and events that they are working on or hosting. To stay up to date on these activities, please check out our Facebook Page and website. A few events that will not be on our calendars are the Mankato VA Walk-in Flu Shot Clinics that are going to be held on Sept. 26th, Oct. 3rd, and Oct 24th from 1300 - 1500. In addition, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Chilifest is scheduled for November 16th at the VFW Post 950, if you would like to enter a chili, check out their website to see how to enter your favorite chili recipe.

With a closing note, for those that are interested in purchasing Post 518 polos or hoodies, the order forms are posted by the popcorn machine. Pre-paid orders will be open until next meeting night.

### October Military Anniversaries & Observances

Navy Birthday (October 13, 1775)  
National Day of the Deployed - October 26  
Navy Day (October 27, 1922)

Have a great month!

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## From the Auxiliary President:

Hello to All! It's starting to feel a little more like fall is here and summer is finally fading away. I know people are ready to get their sweatshirts out. We had a busy September meeting and have some volunteer events coming up in the next few weeks.

Our first event is Trunk or Treat in the city owned parking lot behind the Legion on Halloween evening from 5-7:30. The candy is being donated, but we need cars to distribute from. So, all you people who love Halloween, sign up at the Legion to be a part of the fun! You can decorate your car, and the area around the parking lot anytime in the afternoon after 2:00.

The Auxiliary will be hosting a Veterans meal on Sunday, Oct. 27 at noon. This meal of Roast Beef with Mashed potatoes and green beans almondine is free for our veterans and \$7.00 for their guests. The sign-up sheet is at the Legion. Please sign up by October 20<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to help with the meal let me know! It's a terrific way to honor our Vets on a Vikings-free Sunday afternoon.

Last chance to order your Unit 518 polo or t-shirt or make any changes to your order. The shirts are \$20, *paid in advance*. Either style will be ordered in red. If you have already signed up, Sonja will reach out for payment. Any new orders can also contact Sonja at 507.382.8906

Membership voted to donate to Footnotes Family Counseling Services, with the Post and SAL for sponsorship in an upcoming event. For more information about their services please visit their website [Footnotes Family Counseling Services \(footnotescounseling.com\)](http://Footnotes Family Counseling Services (footnotescounseling.com))

Other donations approved were \$500 for the North Mankato Fire Department, \$500 donation request for South Central MN Food Recovery Program and \$300 to Backpack for Food.

A gentle reminder about dues. We still have a few members who have not paid dues for 2024. Please consider getting up to date before the new year begins. It will be here before we know it! Thanks, and please join us for our next meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

Best, Lisa Roberts



## From the SAL Commander:

Hello everyone! Once again it's time for the monthly newsletter.

First off I would like to thank all the people that were involved in the Legion golf tournament. Both participants and the people that worked to set up the event. It was a fun and successful event to benefit the Vets In Need fund. The golfers that I talked to thought it was a well executed and fun event. Thank you, I'm glad you enjoyed it. To the volunteers that helped bring it all together and especially the other members of the committee I had the pleasure of planning the event with. Thank you. I look forward to being on the committee again next year.

There are plenty of other things to do at the club. The meat raffle returns on Saturdays at 4:00. Trivia with Jeff happens the second Tuesday at 7:00. There is live music on select weekends. Check out the calendar. There is bound to be something of interest to you.

The SAL is planning a meal of pork, pork stuffing, potatoes and gravy. and dessert for Friday October 18th. We plan to start serving at 5:30 and the meal will be \$9.00. I hope to see you there.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that I can help you with.

Kim Sward: Commander - SAL

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# Americanism—Veteran of the Month

## VOM #196 – Year 17

At our **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** VOM ceremony **OUTDOORS at WHEELER PARK IN NORTH MANKATO**, we will retire Colors for **Army SSG Herbert Edward Lamm**, and we will honor **Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Edward Legg for the month of October**.

**November's VOM** is for Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Alvin "Al" Fred Stoltzman

**\*\* \*\*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!! Help us honor these veterans! (besides, you get free rolls and coffee afterwards)

–LET US HONOR YOUR VETERAN!! - **We have a couple openings in 2025!!**

Families of deceased, honorably discharged veterans or KIA/POW/MIA's who desire these honors should call Mark Conrad (507-380-8405) ([lefty48597@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Since our August 15th meeting, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony, Post 518's Golf Tournament Colors, Symphony on the Prairie Colors, Tee it up for the Troops ceremony, and Military Honors with the Memorial Squad for 6 Area veterans.

NOTES OF INTEREST - Veterans allowed to salute

The military salute is a unique gesture of respect that marks those who have served in our nation's armed forces. Previously, members of the nation's veterans service organizations, rendered the hand-salute during the national anthem and events involving the national flag only while wearing their organization's official head-gear.

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2008 contained an amendment to allow un-uniformed service-members, military retirees, and veterans to render a hand salute during the hoisting, lowering, or passing of the U.S. flag. A 2009 amendment further authorized hand-salutes during the national anthem by veterans. Simply put, un-uniformed service-members, military retirees, and veterans can render a hand salute during all events involving the U.S. Flag.

Vets for Vets,

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

North Mankato Post 518 Proudly Honors This  
**Veteran of the Month**

The flag flying from this site is flown in honor of Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Edward Legg for the month of October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 by North Mankato American Legion Post 518.

Edward "Ed" Legg was born on July 22, 1932 to Harold and Lucille Legg in rural Lake Crystal, Minnesota. He attended Lake Crystal Elementary and Lake Crystal High School. Ed made Lake Crystal, Minnesota his home. He worked as a farmer and a service technician for Sears. On May 16, 1954, Ed married Helen "Marie" Wray, in Heron Lake, Minnesota. He enjoyed working in his shop, deer hunting, and loved attending VC-7 Navy Squadron reunions (He attended 15 of them), and was a member of Lake Crystal American Legion Post 294. Ed had the ability to fix anything and think outside the box. He loved a good Hawaiian shirt, and could often be seen with his signature red socks or his Sears apparel.

Edward Legg began service to his country by joining the U.S. Navy in February of 1951. He had his basic training at Naval Station Great Lakes in Great Lakes, Illinois. He then went on to Naval Training Centers in Florida, and Tennessee, Norfolk, Virginia. Ed served as a radioman from 1951 to 1955, and did a second stint as a radio instructor from 1958 until his discharge on August 3, 1960. Edward served with VC-7 Squadron as ATN3, Aviation Electronics Technician (Navigation), and achieved the rank of Petty Officer Third Class. He served at naval air stations in Norfolk, Pak River, Port Lyauyay, and French Morocco. Petty Officer Third Class Legg's favorite assignment was with the flight crew. He served on the aircraft carriers, USS Bennington, USS Coral Sea, USS Randolph, and USS Lake Champlain.

Petty Officer Third Class Edward "Ed" Legg passed away on July 19, 2017 in Mankato, Minnesota. He is survived by his **Children** - Nancy Legg, Linda Ohmsolt, Lisa Bible, and Eric Legg; **18 Grandchildren**; **19 Great Grandchildren**; **Daughter-in-Law** - Anne Legg; **Son-in-Laws** - John Ohmsolt and Glenn Bible.

Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Edward Legg is buried in Lake Crystal cemetery in Lake Crystal, Minnesota.

## October VOM

**Ceremony #196 – Year 17**  
Join us as North Mankato American Legion Post 518 Honors our Veteran of the Month

**When: 10 AM Saturday, October 5, 2024**  
**Where: OUTDOORS at Wheeler Park in N. Mankato**  
**RETIRING COLORS for: US Army SSG Herbert Edward Lamm.**  
**NEW HONOREE for the Month: Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Edward Legg**  
**Open to the public – Refreshments served after the ceremony at Post 518!**



# Adjutant Newsletter

We had a great summer here at the Post and once again Post 518 is making its presence known in the community. Between local parades, our many color guard events and the events that we hosted here at the post: Mission 22 Two Wheels To Heal, Mini Vets Fest - Rock-N-Recon and Blues and Belgrade and most recently our annual golf tournament. It takes a lot of volunteers to make all of this happen so thanks to everyone who helped make these events such a success.

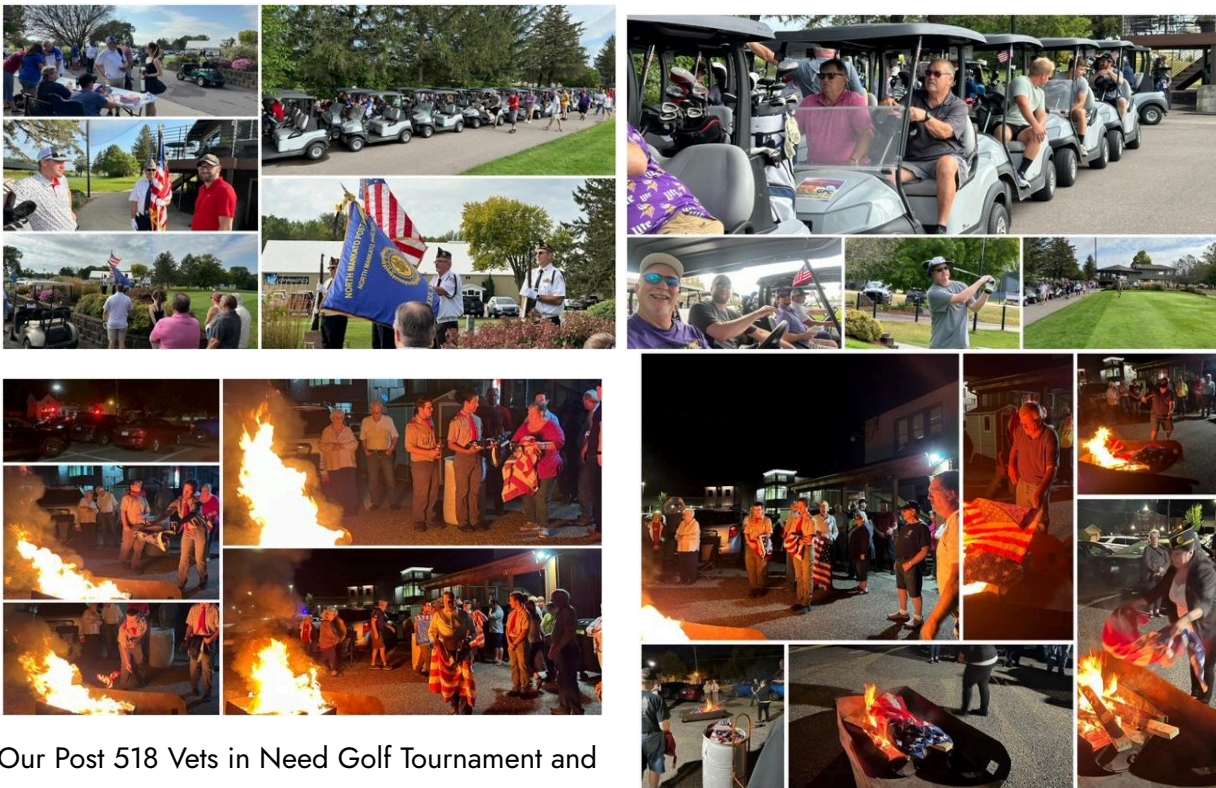
Be sure to stop in to the post and take advantage of all of the fun things we have going on, meat raffles every Saturday, live music on weekends, Vikings football games and our daily happy hour from open until 6pm.

We do a lot to help our veterans and our community so please stop in and enjoy some camaraderie with your fellow legion family members, you deserve it.

Jeff Frye  
Adjutant/House Committee Chair

Donations  
Sheriff's Safety Program - \$300  
Footnotes - \$300

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



Our Post 518 Vets in Need Golf Tournament and  
Flag Retirement Ceremony



2nd Tuesdays of the Month

**TRIVIA**  
*Night*  
7:00 PM

**MEAT  
RAFFLE**

Saturdays 4:00 PM  
Starting Sept. 7th

**Live Music at the North  
Mankato Post 518 Legion**



- 9/14. JamBoyz. 7-10
- 9/27. High Strung 7-10
- 10/11. Rock of Ages. 7-10
- 10/19. Dark Horse 7-10
- 10/25. Loose Gravel 7-10
- 11/9. Another Time Around 7-10
- 11/15. Rain Kings. 7-10
- 12/7. High Strung 7-10
- 12/13. Rock of Ages. 7-10
- 12/31. Dark Horse. 8-12:30 AM

**SAL Sponsored  
Dinner**

**October 18th**

**Pork, pork stuffing,  
potatoes and gravy,  
and dessert**

**5:30 PM**



**Friday, October 11th 7-10 PM Post 518 Legion**



**ROCK  
of AGES**



**Friday, October 25th  
8:00-10:00 PM**

**Join Us  
for Live  
Music!**

*Live Music - 60's, 70's, 80's Classic Rock, Country & Folk*

**Saturday,  
October 19th  
7-10 PM**

**Dark Horse  
Band**



**Roast Beef  
Dinner to Honor  
Veterans**



**Sunday, October 27th  
12:00 Noon  
Sign Up in Club**



**Sponsored by:  
Unit 518 Legion Auxiliary**

**Unit 518 Auxiliary Trunk or Treat**

**Thursday, October 31st-Halloween  
5:00 PM-7:30 PM  
City Parking Lot Behind the Legion**



# October 2024- Post 518 Legion Family

		1	2	3 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM 	4 <b>RED FRIDAYS:</b> Remember Everyone Deployed	5 Veteran of the Month 10 AM Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Edward Legg Meat Raffle 4:00 PM
6 Vikings vs. New York Jets 8:30 AM  WE OPEN AT 8 AM. 	7	8 Trivia with Jeff 7 PM 	9	10 Jukebox Jam 7:00 PM 	11 <b>Rock of Ages</b> 7-10 PM	12 Meat Raffle 4:00 PM
13 Navy Birthday (October 13, 1775)	14	15	16	17 Board Mtg.: 5:30 PM Family Meeting: 7:00 PM  Bar Closed: 6:30-8:30 PM	18 <b>SAL Sponsored Dinner</b> Pork, pork stuffing, potatoes and gravy. and dessert 5:30 PM \$9.00	19 Meat Raffle 4:00 PM  <b>Dark Horse</b> 7-10 PM
20 Vikings vs. Detroit Lions NOON 	21	22	23	24 Vikings vs. Los Angeles Rams 7:15 PM 	25 <b>Loose Gravel</b> 7-10 PM	26 National Day of the Deployed Meat Raffle 4:00 PM
27 Veterans Meal Noon Roast Beef with Mashed potatoes and green beans almondine Navy Day (October 27, 1922)	28	29	30	31 Unit 518 Auxiliary Trunk or Treat 	1 <b>RED FRIDAYS:</b> Remember Everyone Deployed	2 Veteran of the Month 10 AM Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Alvin "Al" Fred Stoltzman Meat Raffle 4:00 PM