

# November 2024 Newsletter

## Post 518 American Legion Family

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### From the Commander:

Post 518 Legion Family,

Thank you to all that were able to attend the October Meeting last week. This month we had David Chamness. Reserve Component Transition Assistance Advisor, provide a presentation of the PACT Act and State benefits. If you were not able to attend the meeting but would like the information that he shared, please send me an email and I will be more than happy to forward it to you. Furthermore donations were approved for the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Chilifest, Toys for Tots and Bravo Zulu House. In addition, membership approved funds to go towards the Thanksgiving potluck, a sign up sheet posted in the upcoming weeks to determine the number of attendees and what dishes are being brought. Lastly, with December being a busy month with holiday festivities and travel, membership approved not to have a December Legion Meeting.

With the fall colors at their peak, we are reminded that Veteran's Day is around the corner. All Nicollet County Veterans are welcomed to the Veterans Day Dinner that is being hosted by the Nicollet American Legion Post 510. Social hour starts at 5 p.m. and the meal is at 6 p.m. In addition, the Nicollet County Commissioners approved Operation Green Light Proclamation on October 22 . From November 4th until Veterans Day. Operation Green Light will show veterans that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. If you wish to participate in Operation Green Light please turn on a green light at your home or business. Limited number of green light bulbs will be available at the club for those that don't have one, please request one from the bartender.

In closing, our last meeting for the year will be on November 21st, I hope to see you there.

#### November Military Anniversaries & Observances

Marine Corps Birthday (November 10, 1775)

Veterans Day - November 11 (originally Armistice Day in 1918, renames Veterans Day in 1954)

Have a great month!

V/R,

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## From the Auxiliary President:

The Auxiliary met last on Thursday October 17. Once again, we had a very busy Agenda. First, I would like to give a shout out to Deb Maus, Sonja Frye and Michelle Bybee for taking the time to finish our fall school supply drive. They shopped for additional supplies, packed them up and delivered them to both Monroe and Hoover schools.

For our October philanthropy, membership voted to donate \$600 to the Veterans home in Luverne. They need necessities and clothing for their residents, and we will purchase items for a care package to send to Luverne. We also voted to donate \$500 to the American Legion Auxiliary Emergency Fund to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Milton.

In September, the Auxiliary received a generous donation from Barb Boone as a Memorial for her husband Mark 'Doc' Boone. After discussion, we have decided to donate the money to the general scholarship fund for Dental Hygiene students at MNSU. Thank you, Barb, for your kind donation!

If baking is your thing, South Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is looking for donations for their bake sale. It will be Saturday, November 16 during the Chili Cook Off at the VFW Morson-Ario. If you would like to donate, please drop your goodies off at the VFW either Friday or Saturday morning before 10:30. It's not necessary to price the baked goods. The Chili Cook Off begins at 11:00.

Don't forget the November Shop and Sip, Saturday November 23rd . We appreciate your donations of baked goods for the bake sale and Silent Auction baskets and items. The event runs from 1-3 pm. And will also feature hand crafted items for sale.

We will decorate the club for the holidays on Tuesday December 3 beginning at 6pm. If you want to come out and help make the club festive, please join us.

Just a reminder to renew your membership dues, 2024 is coming to a close. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their 2025 dues!

Wishes for a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.  
Lisa Roberts



## From the SAL Commander:

Hello everyone, time once again for the monthly newsletter.

I would like to start out with a thank you to the fellow SAL members that helped with the pork dinner we served on Friday the 18th. It is always a fun time to get together with fellow family members and do some sort of project. In the case of a meal, the money we raise is used as donations to help people in need or support projects for helping people. It is a great cause and we are proud of our participation in it.

Thanks guys, it was as usual, a great time.

Keep your eye on the calendar. There is a lot of stuff coming up for the holiday season which is rapidly approaching. There is also the usual stuff, Trivia with Jeff on Tuesday. meat raffle Saturday afternoon. We have live bands most weekends. There is bound to be something you will like.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns that I can help you with, please let me know.

Kim Sward : SAL Commander

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Thank you to our SAL Members who worked hard to fix the basement wall.



# AMERICANISM – Veteran of the Month

## VOM #197 – Year 17

At our **Saturday, November 2nd** VOM ceremony **OUTDOORS at WHEELER PARK IN NORTH MANKATO**, we will retire Colors for **Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Edward Legg**, and we will honor **Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Alvin "Al" Fred Stoltzman for the month of November**.

**December's VOM** is for Pearl Harbor & Veterans on Oahu during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

**\*\* \*\*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!! - We have a couple openings in 2025!!**

**Families of deceased, honorably discharged veterans or 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 September 18th meeting, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony, and Military Honors with the Mankato Area Veterans Memorial Squad for 6 Area veterans.

## 108 Volunteer hours

## NOTES OF INTEREST – POW/MIA's

The official U.S. Government website for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency POW/MIA's reports those still unaccounted for, from WWII to today. Those reports are shown in the totals below. When I started watching news about POW/MIA's about 15 years ago, there was over 83,000 still missing. Recovery & identification efforts have reduced this number as shown below. This effort is still being made to identify MIA's.

WWII 72000 (Roughly 43,000 are considered lost at sea, of this amount)

Korean War 7452

Vietnam War 1574

Cold War 126

Gulf War 6

**81,158 Still unaccounted for**

**Vets for Vets,  
Mark Conrad**

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**Check out our Website:**

**<https://northmankatopost518.org/>**

## 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 Alvin Fred Stoltzman for the month of November, 2024 by North Mankato American Legion Post 518.

Alvin "Al" Fred Stoltzman, of North Mankato, Minnesota was born on July 6, 1953 to Rudy and Chrystal Stoltzman at Immanuel – St. Joseph Hospital in Mankato, Minnesota. He attended Mankato Public Schools. He made his living as a Technician for Direct TV, doing carpentry work for MVAC, and as a Shaft Press Technician for Kato Engineering. Alvin married LuAnn Brossard on August 20, 2023. Alvin enjoyed hanging out with family and friends, throwing darts, cards, and watching Gun Smoke. He won first place in a hula hoop contest, and experienced deep-sea fishing. He was a member of the VFW Post #950.

Alvin Stoltzman began service to his country on February 2, 1971, by enlisting in the United States Navy, and was trained as a Boiler Operator. He served on the USS Ticonderoga (CVA 14), and the USS Oriskany (CVA 34). During his service, he was deployed to the Vietnam War theater. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal, and achieved the rank of Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class. Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Alvin Stoltzman was honorably discharged from active duty on January 31, 1975, and transferred to the Naval Reserve until January 17, 1977.

Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Alvin Fred Stoltzman passed away at his home in North Mankato on January 27, 2024. He is survived by his: **Wife** – LuAnn; **Ex-Wife** (and mother of his children)– Paula Blume; **Children** - Troy Stoltzman and Ryan Stoltzman; **Six grandchildren and one great-grandson**; **Brothers** - Robert Stoltzman and Kirk Stoltzman; **Sisters** - Cheryl Simonson, Gail Norris, and Jackie Fiskler. He was preceded in death by George Stoltzman, the last man to die in the Vietnam war from Blue Earth county. Stoltzman Road in Mankato was named after his family.

Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Alvin Fred Stoltzman is buried in Woodland Hills Cemetery in Mankato, Minnesota.



## From the Adjutant:

Greetings fellow Legionnaires, we are deep into fall although it feels like summer today as I write this. There are a lot of things coming up in November and once again it will be a busy month here at Post 518. November 11th is of course Veterans Day and many restaurants and businesses will be having special deals for veterans including our post, stop in during business hours and enjoy a free drink and some fellowship with other members and veterans.

South Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon will be hosting their annual Chili Fest on November 16th from 11-2 at the Morson Ario. This is a fun way to support our local veterans, service members and families.

Happy 249th Birthday to all my Marine brothers and sisters on November 10th. The Forrest G James Detachment of the Marine Corps League will be hosting the Birthday Ball on Sunday the 10th at the Morson Ario with social hour from 1700-1830 with the dinner and program to follow. All Marines and FMF Navy Corpsmen are invited for free and guests are \$20. If you would like to attend, contact Pete Hagert at 507-947-3100 or hagert@hickorytech.net by November 4th.

Things are going well at the Post and we are continuing to work on some building projects including some minor repairs and a possible facelift to the front of the building next spring. I will keep you apprised of the projects in the coming months.

Our next meeting will be on November 21st at 7 pm, I hope to see you there.

Jeff Frye, Adjutant/House Committee Chair



## Post 518 Auxiliary Shop & Sip

Saturday, November 23, 2024

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

North Mankato Post 518 Legion

256 Belgrade Avenue-North Mankato

Wine Tasting~Bake Sale~Crafts~  
Silent Auction~Fun!!



Thanksgiving  
Meal  
Potluck  
Sign Up in Club  
Thursday,  
November 28th  
at Noon

# November 2024- Post 518 Legion Family

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| 27<br>Veterans Meal<br>Noon<br><br>Navy Day<br>(October 27,<br>1922)   | 28  | 29   | 30 | 31<br><br>Unit 518<br>Auxiliary<br>Trunk or<br>Treat   | 1<br><br><b>RED<br/>FRIDAYS:</b><br><b>Remember<br/>Everyone<br/>Deployed</b>  | 2<br><br>Veteran of the<br>Month 10 AM<br>Navy Petty Officer<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> Class Alvin "Al"<br>Fred Stoltzman<br><b>Meat Raffle<br/>4:00 PM</b>                 |
| 3<br>Daylight<br>Savings Time<br><br>Vikings vs.<br>Colts Noon<br><b>VIKINGS</b>   | 4   | 5<br>Election Day<br> | 6  | 7<br>Jukebox Jam<br>7:00 PM<br>                                    | 8<br><br><b>RED<br/>FRIDAYS:</b><br><b>Remember<br/>Everyone<br/>Deployed</b>  | 9<br><br><b>Meat Raffle<br/>4 PM</b><br><br><b>Another<br/>Time Around<br/>Live Music<br/>7-10</b>   |
| 10<br>Vikings vs.<br>Jaguars Noon<br><b>VIKINGS</b><br> | 11<br><b>Veterans Day</b><br><br>Veterans stop<br>in for a free<br>drink. | 12<br><br>Trivia with<br>Jeff 7 PM<br><b>TRIVIA</b>  | 13 | 14<br>Jukebox Jam<br>7:00 PM<br>                                  | 15<br><br><b>RED<br/>FRIDAYS:</b><br><b>Remember<br/>Everyone<br/>Deployed</b> | 16<br><br><b>Meat Raffle<br/>4 PM</b><br><br><b>Rain Kings<br/>Live Music<br/>7-10</b>   |
| 17<br>Vikings vs.<br>Titans Noon<br><b>VIKINGS</b>   | 18  | 19   | 20 | 21<br>Board Mtg.:<br>5:30 PM<br>Family Meeting:<br>7:00 PM<br><br>Bar Closed:<br>6:30-8:30 PM  | 22<br><br><b>RED<br/>FRIDAYS:</b><br><b>Remember<br/>Everyone<br/>Deployed</b> | 23<br><br><b>Shop and<br/>Sip<br/>1-3 PM</b><br><b>Meat Raffle<br/>4 PM</b><br> |
| 24<br>Vikings vs.<br>Bears Noon<br><b>VIKINGS</b>  | 25  | 26   | 27 | 28<br>Thanksgiving<br>Potluck at<br>Noon. Sign<br>up at Club<br> | 29<br><br><b>RED<br/>FRIDAYS:</b><br><b>Remember<br/>Everyone<br/>Deployed</b> | 30<br><br><b>Meat Raffle<br/>4 PM</b><br>                                       |