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NORTH MANKATO
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 518

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER MILITARY OBSERVANCES

September 2: V-J Day - Victory over Japan Day
September 7: Labor Day
September 11: Patriot Day - 25th anniversary of the September 11 attacks
September 18: United States Air Force Birthday
September 18: National POW/MIA Recognition Day
September 27: Gold Star Mother's and Family's Day

FROM THE COMMANDER

As we welcome September and the beginning of fall, I want to thank each of you for your continued dedication to Post 518. Whether you volunteer, attend meetings, support our events, or simply look out for a fellow veteran, your involvement is what makes our Legion Family so strong.

August was another exciting month for Post 518. Mankato Mayhem II was very well attended, and we have already started planning a spring event for 2027. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event a success!

Planning is also underway for our Annual Golf Tournament, scheduled for Saturday, September 12. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, and team registration remains open. We appreciate everyone who continues to support this important fundraiser.

Blues on Belgrade will be held on Saturday, September 19. This is one of our busiest nights of the year, so please join us for an evening of great music and community fun! A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted for anyone interested in helping in the food booth. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Weather permitting, we will hold our Flag Retirement Ceremony following the September membership meeting. Please join us as we respectfully retire worn and unserviceable American flags.

We are also proud to announce that Ship 0518, chartered by American Legion Post 518, is officially established! This coed Sea Scouts program is open to youth ages 14 through 20. The Ship will hold its monthly meetings at the Post when members are not meeting near a body of water. New members are welcome, and we look forward to supporting these young people as they develop leadership, teamwork, and maritime skills.

Be sure to follow our Facebook page for event updates, volunteer opportunities, and other Post activities.

Thank you for your continued support of Post 518. Together, we continue to strengthen our Legion Family, serve our veterans, and make a difference in our community. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable September!

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Serving the Next Generation: North Mankato American Legion Post 518 engages with local college students at the Bethany volunteer fair, sharing ways to give back to the community.

FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

MANKATO MAYHEM II is in the books. It was a great time and raised money for a very worthy cause. The proceeds went to Bravo Zulu. They are building a recovery home that specialises in PTSD and chemical dependency for our female veterans. It's a wonderful cause helping the women who have served our country. If you missed it, don't worry. Talks are already beginning for MANKATO MAYHEM III! Keep an eye on our social media pages. As the time gets closer and more is determined we will be posting information about it. Thank you to all of the people that helped make MANKATO MAYHEM II a success. It was a pleasure working with you.

On to a different subject. The American Legion golf tournament is coming up quickly. Make sure to get your team signed up for it. It is happening on September 12th. This outing is a great time. You don't want to miss it. It only costs $60 per person. That's a great deal for all the entertainment it offers. The money raised goes into our Vets in Need fund. It is set up to help local vets with unexpected or uncovered expenses. Check on our social media pages and flyers at the club and around town for more information.

Labor Day is coming up soon. The Unofficial end of summer. As the temperature drops and people start to move indoors, the club starts to do more inside stuff. Soon will be the start of the meat raffles. Also starting up soon will be live bands. A great chance to listen to your favorite local bands.

Remember, The club is open to the public. bring your friends down. Show them what a great place it is to have a drink and visit with friends.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me.





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FROM THE AUXILIARY

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Summer's winding down, but we still have quite a bit happening in September. We need volunteers to help with both the Post's Annual fundraising Golf Tournament and Blues on Belgrade. You still have time to sign up to help with either or both events. You can find the signup sheets on the clipboards next to the popcorn machine. Please consider helping.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Auxiliary's school supply drive. So many great things were collected for the upcoming school year. These donations will be taken to District 77 school social workers for distribution as needed. The generosity of our legion family is really incredible. Thank you!

When the Auxiliary met in August, we started planning our upcoming events.

Trunk or Treat is moving forward for Halloween again this year. This will be our third time hosting and hope that the rain will stay away this year. More to come.

Sunday, November 8th we will honor our Veterans with a free meal at the Post, so mark your calendars.

Dues reminders have gone out. Please take a minute and renew now.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Labor Day Weekend!



Mankato Mayhem II is in the books! A wrestler greets his fans in the stands!





Highlighting community tradition: The color guard leads the official flag ceremony to kick off the highly anticipated grand opening of Chick-fil-A in Mankato.

SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 Pfeffer 6:30pm	2 Victory Over Japan Day	3 Jukebox Jam 7pm	4 REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED RED FRIDAY	5 Veteran of the Month 10am
6	7 Labor Day	8 Trivia Night 7pm	9	10 Jukebox Jam 7pm	11 Patriot Day REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED RED FRIDAY	12 Golf Tournament 10am Meat Raffle 4pm Karaoke 7pm
13	14	15 Pfeffer 6:30pm	16	17 Meeting 7pm Jukebox Jam to Follow	18 US Air Force B-day National POW/MIA Recognition Day REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED RED FRIDAY	19 Blues on Belgrade 2-10pm
20	21	22	23	24 Jukebox Jam 7pm	25 REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED RED FRIDAY	26 Meat Raffle 4pm
27 Gold Star Mother's & Familie's Day	28	29	30			

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