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NORTH MANKATO
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 518

NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER OBSERVANCES

October 13: Navy Birthday
October 18: Military Women's Memorial Dedication Anniversary
October 26: National Day of the Deployed
October 27: Navy Day

FROM THE COMMANDER

Legion Family,

Thank you to everyone who made September's golf tournament and Blues on Belgrade a success. Our committee members put in many hours, and our volunteers helped with sign-ups, food booths, running supplies, and countless other tasks. Both events went smoothly because of you! With our summer events wrapped up, we're planning for fall. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming events.

At our September meeting, 3rd District Vice Commander Dale Jenson shared information about the upcoming fall conference and gave a membership update. He also enjoyed seeing the many Post and Legion Family events featured on our website. Kevin Thompson presented our Sea Scout charter certificate, and membership approved a $500 Spicy Chili sponsorship for the South Central Beyond the Yellow Ribbon ChiliFest.

Please welcome new members Cham Koume (US Navy NG, Active) and Charlie Sherman (US Air Force), and transfer member Dennis Blankensop (US Army). We're glad to have you at Post 518! A new Legion year is underway, so please remember to renew your membership. Dues for Legion members are $50.

As Veterans Day approaches, I encourage our members and neighbors to take part in Operation Green Light. From November 4–11, display a green light at your home or business to show veterans that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. It's a small gesture that can send a meaningful message throughout our community.

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FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

Time for the monthly newsletter to help keep you informed about your club and some of the things happening that may be of interest to you.

Let's back up to August for a minute. We held Mankato Mayhem II in August and it was a great success. We raised almost $1,800 to go to Bravo Zulu. Thanks to everyone that helped to make the event a great success. I look forward to working with you as we start to get ready to make plans for MANKATO MAYHEM III!!

September has been a busy month. Labor Day signaled the return of the meat raffle on Saturdays at 4:00 PM. It is a great time! It is very popular with the patrons. If you haven't tried it , come down and give it a shot.

On September12th, the Post held our yearly golf tournament. Our tournament is a great time and very popular with the people that participate in it. It runs quite smoothly for the golfers and the group that plan and work it. This year the American Legion collected over $8,000 for the programs it uses to help the people in our community. A majority of the money raised goes to the " Vets in need " fund. It helps vets who have unexpected expenses and need help. It is just one of the ways the club helps its community. Thank you to all of the people that I had the pleasure to work with while on this committee. They are a great group and fun to work with.

At my writing this. September is almost gone.With October comes colder weather. as it gets colder come down and check out the Post. The atmosphere is friendly and welcoming. Bring a friend and show them what a great time it is. Remember To check the screen cloud or the calendar for things that may be of interest to you. We have updated and improved our Facebook page. There is a lot of great information that may be of interest to you. As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me.

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FROM THE AUXILIARY

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Greetings and happy autumn solstice. It's hard to believe how quickly this year is flying by. The Auxiliary is working on several upcoming events.

We will be hosting an appetizer class on Sunday, October 18 from 1-3. Carolyn McCourtney will share her expertise on how to create several appetizers, with hands on fun and a lot of taste testing included. The cost of the class is only $20.00, and we are requesting that you reserve your space in advance. Sign up at the club.

We have started our Spead the Warmth drive. We are asking for new hats, mittens, and gloves. Also coats and socks. After collection, these items will be donated to District 77 at the end of October. We have a collection tub at the club.

Trunk or Treat is going to be bigger and better this year as we are working on cross promotion with the Taylor Library and the Belgrade Avenue United Methodist Church. Please sign up for your parking spot in the Legion lot and get your spooky Halloween Decorations ready. Deb Maus has gotten some candy donated for this event, but feel free to supplement. We will pass out treats from 5 to 7 pm on October 31st.

Moving into November, the Auxiliary will once again invite our members to share a Veterans Day meal on Sunday, November 8th. Don't worry about the Vikings; they play a Monday night game that week. Veterans eat a free meal, but if you would like to bring a guest, it's only $5.00. Look for the sign-up sheet to be posted at the club later this month.

Keep in mind that Shop and Sip is coming on November 21. We appreciate your donations of Silent Auctions items, baked goods and bottles for the bottle raffle. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and allows us to support our veterans, children, and youth. Thank you!

One last thing. The year is quickly coming to an end and now is the time to get those dues in-before the hectic holiday season. Please take a minute to send them in now or drop them by the club. You can also pay them online at the Auxiliary's website. I have included the web address below. Just copy and paste into your browser

https://www.legion-aux.org/renew

Wishing you a beautiful, warm fall season,

Lisa Roberts



OCTOBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1 Jukebox Jam 7pm	2 RED FRIDAY	3 Veteran of the Month 10am Meat Raffle 4pm
4 Vikings Potluck 3pm	5	6 Pfeffer 6:30pm	7	8 Jukebox Jam 7pm	9 Rock of Ages 7pm RED FRIDAY	10 Meat Raffle 4pm
11 Vikings Potluck 3pm	12	13 Navy Birthday Trivia Night 7pm	14	15 Meeting 7pm Jukebox Jam to Follow	16 High Strung 7pm RED FRIDAY	17 Meat Raffle 4pm
18 Military Women's Memorial Dedication Anniversary	19	20 Pfeffer 6:30pm	21	22	23 Rain Kings 7pm RED FRIDAY	24 Meat Raffle 4pm
25 Vikings Potluck 12pm	26 National Day of the Deployed	27 Navy Day	28	29 Jukebox Jam 7pm	30 RED FRIDAY	31 Haloween Trunk or Treat 5-7pm

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