NORTH MANKATO
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 518

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE COMMANDER

Legion Family,

As we welcome July and the heart of summer, I want to thank each of you for everything you do for Post 518. Whether you volunteer, attend meetings, support our events, or simply look out for a fellow veteran, your dedication is what makes our Legion Family so strong. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer.

We welcomed several outstanding guest speakers during our June meeting. Erin Simmons shared information about MY Place, highlighting the positive impact the organization has on local youth and the ongoing need for volunteers—especially positive male role models. Membership approved a $500 donation to MY Place, and we have requested a matching donation from the Eagles Club.

Kevin Thompson introduced us to the Sea Scouts program, which is looking for a charter organization. Membership expressed interest, and we will review the charter agreement to learn more about what would be required should Post 518 decide to sponsor the program.

Tristan Zuhsdorf presented his Eagle Scout project, a **Flag Retirement Collection Box** that will provide our community with a respectful place to deposit worn American flags for proper retirement. Congratulations also go to Dutch Krediet, who recently completed his Eagle Scout project by developing and leading an educational program that taught younger Scouts how to properly retire the American flag with dignity and respect.

Looking ahead, the Fourth of July and North Mankato Fun Days Parade are just around the corner. If you would like to participate, please contact our Auxiliary—we would love to have more members represent Post 518 in the community.

A quick website update: we are putting the finishing touches on our new website and hope to launch it within the next month. Until then, please visit our Facebook page for the latest Post news and event information.

July Military Holidays & Observances

July 4: Independence Day—this year also marks the beginning of our nation's 250th Anniversary celebration.

July 25: National Hire a Veteran Day.

July 27: National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

July 28: National Buffalo Soldiers Day.

July 29: U.S. Army Chaplain Corps 250th Anniversary.

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 happy Fourth of July!





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FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

Hello everyone it's that time again. There are a lot of things happening at the Legion as we start into summer.

One of those things is all the construction happening in lower North. It is surely an inconvenience but , in my opinion, not quite as bad as I thought it was going to be. It definitely is not so bad as to deter you from stopping by your club. Come on down. Bring your friends. Show everyone that it's worth a few more minutes in your car, a few extra steps to the door. Post 518 is a great place to relax and have a drink with friends,old or new. Even with the construction going on.

I hope you had the chance to attend the Flag Retirement Ceremony on Sunday, June 14th. It was presided over by Iris, the Legion Commander, and volunteers from the other families. It is a wonderful ceremony and should not be missed.

On August 15th....MANKATO MAYHEM II...is coming to Mankato!! It is being held at The Venue in Mankato!! I hope you are planning to go. Last year it was held at the club and it was a great success and the Legon raised a lot of money for BravoZulu. This year is shaping up to be more fun and more successful to raise money for such a worthy cause. Keep an eye out for posters detailing information about the event. Hope to see you there.

As always if there are any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me.

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FROM THE AUXILIARY

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Semiquincentennial: The Quarter Millennium; or the 250th Anniversary of the US Declaration of Independence. It's time to celebrate our Great American Experiment!

The Color Guard is ready, and the Float is decorated for the Parades on the 4th of July. If anyone is still interested in riding on the Parade Float for either of these parades, please let us know right away. We're also looking for riders for the Fun Days Parade on Saturday, July 11. You can call the legion at 507-625-1264, and the bartender on duty will add your name to the sign-up list.

The Auxiliary met on Thursday, June 18, and presented our 2026 Scholarship of $500 to Kendra Lamont. Kendra is the Granddaughter of Bruce DeFries and plans to attend South Central this fall, to work on her generals and complete her two-year degree. Best of luck to this quiet young woman-who had us all in tears-when she was presented with her scholarships from both the Auxiliary and the SAL.

The Boy Scouts have asked the Legion family to charter a local troop of Sea Scouts. This will be the first Sea Scout troop in the Mankato area, and the Auxiliary voted to help them get started by donating $300. But they are also looking for volunteers to mentor the group of 14–20-year-olds. If this sounds like something you are interested in, please reach out to the Auxiliary or the Post and we can help you contact the organization.

We also voted to donate $500 to MY Place. This non-profit organization provides a nurturing and caring environment for underprivileged children, free of charge. MY Place is also looking for volunteers to mentor kids. Please explore their website for opportunities to help.

www.myplacemankato.org

Wishing everyone a safe holiday as we celebrate the Semiquincentennial!



JULY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2 Jukebox Jam 7pm	3 RED FRIDAY (Remember Everyone Deployed)	4 Independence Day Veteran of the Month 10am
5	6	7 Pfeffer 6:30pm	8 Legion Softball Game 6:15pm 7:15pm	9 Jukebox Jam 7pm	10 RED FRIDAY (Remember Everyone Deployed)	11 Fun Days Parade
12	13	14 Trivia Night 7pm	15 Legion Softball Game 6:15pm	16 Meeting 7pm Jukebox Jam to Follow	17 RED FRIDAY (Remember Everyone Deployed)	18
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