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NORTH MANKATO
AMERICAN LEGION
POST 518

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST HISTORY

August 4, 1790 - Coast Guard Birthday. The branch was originally established as the Revenue Marine, when Congress—guided by Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton—authorized the construction of a fleet of the first 10 vessels to combat smuggling and enforce trade laws. Today, the Coast Guard serves a vital role as a federal law enforcement agency and a military force, with responsibilities spanning maritime safety, search and rescue, environmental protection, and national defense.

August 7, 1990 - President Bush ordered U.S. military aircraft and troops to Saudi Arabia as part of a multinational force to defend that nation against possible Iraqi invasion. One week later the Marine Corps announced the commitment of 45,000 troops to the Persian Gulf area as part of Operation Desert Shield which would become the largest deployment of U.S. forces since the Vietnam War.

August 15, 1945 - Victory over Japan (VJ) Day is globally commemorated to mark Japan's surrender in 1945, which effectively ended World War II.

FROM THE COMMANDER

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Post, veterans, and community. Your dedication helps us continue our mission of serving veterans, their families, and our local community.

At our July meeting, membership approved chartering a Sea Scouts "Ship" and providing $2,000 in start-up support. These funds will help cover the charter fee, one adult registration, uniform supplies, two life jackets, a ship flag, activity shirts, 75 gallons of boat fuel, portable galley supplies, and two backpacking tents. We are proud to help create this new opportunity for local youth.

Membership also approved a $225 donation to Gold Star Family Weekend. Together, our Legion Family contributed $650—enough to help cover lodging and transportation expenses for a family of three during the weekend.

We were pleased to welcome two new members: Anton Becker, an active-duty Marine stationed in North Carolina, and Nicole Hallman, a U.S. Navy veteran. Welcome to Post 518!

Summer event planning is in full swing! Please mark your calendars:

Mankato Mayhem II: Saturday, August 15 at The Venue

North Mankato Legion Golf Tournament: Saturday, September 12

Blues on Belgrade: Saturday, September 19

Please continue to follow our Facebook page for the latest event information, updates, and volunteer opportunities.

Thank you for all you do for our Legion Family and community. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events!

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FROM THE ADJUTANT

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Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

I hope that you are all having an enjoyable summer and are keeping cool in this miserable heat wave we've been having. Remember, the air conditioning is always blowing cold at the post. I would even recommend bringing a sweatshirt just in case, and the drinks are always cold.

Belgrade is open again with some new on-street parking and the city changed the parking spaces back by the alley, so we actually now have more parking by our building than we had before the construction started.

We are continuing to make some small improvements and upgrades to the building. We have done some electric work in the club room and the upstairs apartment. We are also getting quotes for either repairs or complete replacement for our roof. The board is thinking we would like to work on this yet this summer while all of the other construction is going on around us.

I really don't have much else to report this month. I hope that you all enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you in the fall for meat raffles, Vikings games and live bands again.

Our next meeting will be on August 20th at 7pm. I hope to see you there, Thanks.

FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

It's time for my part of the Legion newsletter. This is where I try to let you know about a few things happening at your American Legion Post 518.

One of those things we have going on soon is: MANKATO MAYHEMII !!

We did this event last year for the first time. It was very successful and everyone, spectators and event volunteers, had a great time and it raised quite a bit of money for the cause we earmarked it for. It was a lot of fun to be involved in such a worthy cause. This year is going to be even better! Thanks to our sponsors. Without you events like this would not be possible.

MANKATO MAYHEM II is being held, Saturday, August 15th at The Venue located at 1850 Madison Ave. Mankato. Doors open at 5:00PM, Bell Time is 6:00PM. Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. Advance tickets are available at the club.

Even though this event isn't being held at the club, it is still a Legion event. Come on down, have fun, and support your American Legion!

Another great fundraiser for the Post is our golf tournament. A lot of people have been asking about it. We didn't forget about it. All of us on the committee have been getting ready to get started on the planning of it for a while, I have had quite a few people ask me about it so they can fit it into their schedule.

The event is:

North Mankato Post 518 American American Legion Golf Tournament

Saturday September 12th

Terrace View Golf Course

$60 per golfer

This event is still in planning stages. Check back frequently for more details. You can check out the screen cloud at the club or our Facebook page for more details

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me.

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FROM THE AUXILIARY

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August is here and summer is winding down. At least for those of us associated in any way with school or higher education. Which brings me to our next big thing. The Auxiliary is collecting school supplies for area schools. Last year our Legion family donated $900 worth of school supplies, which were then given to school social workers and distributed to students in need across ISD 77. Once again, we are asking for donations to be delivered before August 20, so we can deliver them before school begins. Please bring your donated items to the legion club and put them in the big tub by the dartboard. If you want a list of needed supplies, please click on this link:

SCHOOL SUPPLIES - Mankato Area Public Schools

The Legion family, in partnership with Midwest All Star Wrestling, is also sponsoring Mankato Mayhem II. This event is happening Saturday, August 15 at The Venue, on Madison Avenue in Mankato. Proceeds from Mayhem will go to the Bravo Zulu Women's house that is currently under construction in Mankato. Tickets are $20 in advance and available at the club. This is a family friendly event and will be tons of fun for all. Please join us!

Consider joining us for the next meeting on August 20, at 7pm. We would love to see new faces and get some new ideas from you.

Enjoy the last days of summer; it seems like it goes by faster every year.

VETERAN OF THE MONTH #218

18 Years of Recognition

Saturday, August 1, 2026 ***Wheeler Park in North Mankato***

Retiring Colors for: Air Force /Army Colonel Dean Johnson
New Honoree of the Month: Marine Corporal Ronald Pufpaff
Public is welcome, refreshments served after the ceremony.
Let us know if you have family or a loved one you'd like to honor as "Veteran of the Month"

FROM THE COLOR GUARD

106 Volunteer Hours

Since our June 18th meeting, the Color Guard performed 1 VOM ceremony, 3 parades, and Military Honors with the Mankato Area Veterans Memorial Squad for 6 Area veterans.
Thanks to our Color Guard members that helped & gave their time for these events!!

We are actively seeking next-generation members to bring new energy to our prestigious Color Guard. If you want a meaningful way to represent our Post at community events and honor our nation's veterans, contact me to get involved!

VETS FOR VETS

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AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
						1 Air Force Day Veteran of the Month 10am
2	**3**	**4** Coast Guard Birthday Pfeffer 6:30pm	**5**	**6** Jukebox Jam 7pm	**7** Purple Heart Day RED FRIDAY	**8**
9	**10** Department of Defense Birthday Agent Orange Awareness Day	**11** Trivia Night 7pm	**12**	**13** Jukebox Jam 7pm	**14** Navajo Code Talkers Day RED FRIDAY	**15** Mankato Mayhem II 5pm
16 National Airborne Day	**17**	**18** Pfeffer 6:30pm	**19**	**20** Meeting 7pm Jukebox Jam to Follow	**21** RED FRIDAY	**22**
23	**24**	**25**	**26**	**27** Jukebox Jam 7pm	**28** RED FRIDAY	**29** Marine Forces Reserve Birthday
30	**31**					

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