NORTH MANKATO AMERICAN LEGION POST 518

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE COMMANDER

Legion Family,

As the fall colors brighten our neighborhoods and the weather turns cooler, I'm reminded of time spent with family and friends and the comfort of gathering around a shared meal. November gives us many reasons to come together as a Legion family, give thanks, and honor our veterans and the loved ones who stand beside them.

I encourage members and local businesses to participate in Operation Green Light, November 4–11, by displaying a green light to show our veterans they are seen, appreciated, and supported. Green light bulbs will be available at the Post beginning October 30. Please pick one up and help us shine a light of gratitude throughout our community.

Please join me in welcoming our newest members, James Forsyth, U.S. Air Force, and Gary Sandvig, U.S. Marine Corps. We're glad to have you in our Legion family!

Our membership approved $250 each to Mankato VFW Post 950 and Nicollet American Legion Post 510 to support their Veterans Day meals, along with $500 for the Marine Toys for Tots drive. Thank you for supporting our veterans and local families.

The Post 518 Auxiliary Veterans Meal will be held November 8 at noon. Veterans eat free, and guests are $7. Please sign up by the popcorn machine.

Several events are planned for Veterans Day, November 11:

Bravo Zulu Women's House groundbreaking: Event begins at 9 a.m., with a brief ceremony at 10 a.m.

Memorial Squad ceremony: Veterans Memorial Place at 12:10 p.m.

Mankato VFW Post 950 meal: 4–6 p.m.

Nicollet American Legion Post 510: Social hour at 5 p.m., followed by dinner at 6 p.m.

Post 518 will also host our annual Thanksgiving potluck meal. Watch for details and a sign-up sheet by the popcorn machine.

This month, we celebrate the Marine Corps' 251st birthday on November 10 and honor all who served on Veterans Day, November 11. November is also Military Family Month, recognizing the commitment and sacrifices of military families and spouses.

Thank you for your continued service, generosity, and support of Post 518. Wishing you and your families a meaningful Veterans Day and a happy Thanksgiving!

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FROM THE SAL COMMANDER

Hello everyone, time for my contribution to the Posts's newsletter.

We are getting closer to our membership goal. You can help us succeed with that. Check your mail for your renewal form. Fill it out and send it back with the $20 renewal fee. $20 is a great price to be part of such a great organization. Something to remember, many American Legions require you to have a membership to get into their clubs. Your North Mankato membership will get you into any American Legion nationally. Also, I'm really proud to be part of our club and the way it helps the community and ESPECIALLY the veterans. Your membership helps with that.

On November 8th, the Auxiliary will be serving a meal. The meal is free for vets and $7 for non-veterans. If you are interested or may know someone who is,there is a sign up sheet at the club. It is a great way to see what your club does for its neighbors. Thank you Auxillary.

As the weather starts to cool, it becomes a great reason to come down to the club. Bring friends down and show them what a great place it is. It is a great place with a great atmosphere, come down and enjoy it. While you're there check out what's happening on the screencloud. There is bound to be something of interest for you. We have bands on certain nights, reat local talent. come on down and check them out. If you are a little more interactive, we have trivia on the second Tuesday of the month and Pfeffer on the first and third Tuesdays.of the month.

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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It was good to see so many faces at our October meeting! During the family meeting, the Auxiliary was able to present our donation to the Bravo Zulu Women's House, currently under construction in Mankato. The first of its kind in the US, the Women's house will shelter female Veterans, who are in recovery and experience PTSD. We were so pleased to be able to present the funds earned from our Spring Shop and Sip event; $1945!

Which brings us to our next big fundraiser, the Fall Shop and Sip. This is right around the corner on Saturday, November 21 from 1-3 pm. Please stop in and enjoy the wine tasting, bake sale and Silent Auction and bottle raffle. We will also have our three vendors on hand to help you start your holiday shopping. If you are interested in donating a silent auction item, baked goods or a bottle for the raffle, please reach out to Deb Maus at 507-351-6210.

Thanks to all who participated in the Appetizer Make and Take; and a big Thank You to Carolynn McCourtney for volunteering to lead the class. We had 18 people attend and although I wasn't able to attend, I hear that everyone had a great time.

Thanks also to everyone who donated for Spread the Warmth; the outerwear drive for school children in Mankato's District 77 schools. Auxiliary membership voted to donate an additional $300 of clothing and also received a generous cash donation from the SAL.

And a reminder to our Veterans. The Auxiliary will be serving a free meal for Veterans on Sunday, November 8 at Noon. Your Plus-ones are only $7.00. Please be sure to sign up at the legion as soon as you can, so we can be prepared. We need to have a good head count by Wednesday, November 4.

One more date to add to your calendar is Wednesday, December 2. We will do our holiday decorating at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to help, and we'll share some Pizza afterwards.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting; Thursday November 19, 7:00 pm.





NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Daylight Savings Vikings Potluck 12pm	**2** Day of the Dead	**3** Election Day Pfeffer 6:30pm	**4**	**5** Jukebox Jam 7pm	**6** REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED RED FRIDAY	**7** Veteran of the Month 10am Meat Raffle 4pm Bourbon St 7pm
8 Veterans Meal 12pm	**9**	**10** Trivia Night 7pm	**11** HAPPY VETERANS DAY	**12** Jukebox Jam 7pm	**13** Malpractice 7pm REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED RED FRIDAY	**14** Meat Raffle 4pm
15 Vikings Potluck 12pm	**16**	**17** Pfeffer 6:30pm	**18**	**19** Meeting 7pm Jukebox Jam to Follow	**20** REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED RED FRIDAY	**21** Meat Raffle 4pm Sip & Shop 1pm
22	**23**	**24**	**25**	**26** Thanksgiving Jukebox Jam 7pm	**27** REMEMBER EVERYONE DEPLOYED RED FRIDAY	**28** Meat Raffle 4pm
29 Vikings Potluck 12pm	**30**					



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