WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A gas lift mandrel plug for use in a wellbore, comprising:

an elongate member having a proximal end and a distal end;

wherein the elongate member comprises a metal sealant configured to expand in response to hydrolysis; and

wherein the elongate member is configured to seal a side pocket of a wellbore tubular in response to hydrolysis.

2. The gas lift mandrel plug according to Claim 1, wherein the distal end is tapered.

3. The gas lift mandrel plug according to Claim 1, wherein the proximal end includes an intervention tool connector.

4. The gas lift mandrel plug according to Claim 3, wherein the intervention tool connector is threadedly attached with the elongate member.

5. The gas lift mandrel plug according to Claim 3, wherein the intervention tool connector forms an integral part of the elongate member.

6. The gas lift mandrel plug according to Claim 1, wherein the elongate member is a cylindrical member, and further wherein a ratio of a length (1) to width (w) of the cylindrical member ranges from about 12 to 1 to about 14 to 1.

7. The gas lift mandrel plug according to Claim 1, wherein a length (1) of the elongate member is less than 700 mm.

8. The gas lift mandrel plug according to Claim 1, wherein the metal sealant is configured to expand in response to one of magnesium hydrolysis, aluminum hydrolysis, calcium hydrolysis, and calcium oxide hydrolysis.

9. The gas lift mandrel plug according to Claim 1, wherein the metal sealant is a magnesium alloy alloyed with at least one of Al, Zn, Mn, Zr, Y, Nd, Gd, Ag, Ca, Sn, and Re.

10. The gas lift mandrel plug according to Claim 1, further comprising a swellable rubber element placed radially about the elongate member.

11. A well system, comprising:

a wellbore tubular;

a side pocket located within the wellbore tubular;

a gas lift mandrel plug positioned in and sealing the side pocket, the gas lift mandrel plug comprising:

an elongate member having a proximal end and a distal end, wherein the proximal end is configured to connect with an intervention tool; and

wherein the elongate member comprises a metal sealant configured to expand in response to hydrolysis.

12. The well system according to Claim 11, wherein the distal end of the elongate member is tapered.

13. The well system according to Claim 11, wherein the proximal end includes an intervention tool connector.

14. The well system according to Claim 11, further comprising a swellable rubber element placed radially about the elongate member.

15. A method of using a gas lift mandrel plug in a well system, the method comprising:

removing a gas lift valve from a side pocket located within a wellbore tubular;

positioning a gas lift mandrel plug into the side pocket, the gas lift mandrel plug comprising an elongate member having a proximal end and a distal end, wherein the proximal end is configured to connect with an intervention tool;

wherein the elongate member comprises a metal sealant configured to expand in response to hydrolysis; and

wherein the elongate member is configured to seal a side pocket of a downhole casing in response to hydrolysis.

16. The method as recited in Claim 15, further including subjecting the gas lift mandrel plug to a hydrolysis fluid, the hydrolysis fluid expanding the elongate member to seal the side pocket.

17. The method as recited in Claim 15, wherein the metal sealant is configured to expand in response to one of magnesium hydrolysis, aluminum hydrolysis, calcium hydrolysis, and calcium oxide hydrolysis.

18. The method of claim 15 wherein hydrolysis forms a structure comprising one of a Brucite, Gibbsite, bayerite, and norstrandite.

19. The method as recited in Claim 15, wherein the metal sealant is a magnesium alloy alloyed with at least one of Al, Zn, Mn, Zr, Y, Nd, Gd, Ag, Ca, Sn, and Re.