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To support and assist all veterans and their families; To provide child, youth and community programs that instill teamwork, citizenship, and patriotism; To encourage our elected leaders to support legislation that ensure our service members are properly trained, equipped, and receive the benefits they have earned; To honor the sacrifices made by our veterans in defense of our nation.

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March, 2023

Greetings to You All!

Where is the time going! Here it is already March. It feels like we just celebrated the New Year coming in. Just think.....Spring will be here in the next month or two and we all can start looking at green grass and outdoor activities again!

As I get started here, I'd like to begin with a shout out to our new Gambling Mgr. Ron Singewald! He and his wife Lori reside in Albert Lea. Ron is retired Air Force. He is a life member in both the VFW and DAV. So if you see Ron around, welcome him and Thank him for taking on an important job for us as the Gambling Manager. In the same tone, I wish to Thank Dave Lundak for helping us during the interim in putting in the many hours getting our Gambling Division and it's processes updated so we can continue using it to the Legion and the community benefit. Thank you Dave!

It's nice to see crowds coming in and enjoying themselves with friendship and celebrations this past month! Thank you! Let's keep it going! Our new washer for the bar has come in, installed and is working great! Thank you to all the groups and individuals who were involved with making this happen!

Carla is putting together everything for a Craft and Vendor Show on Friday, 17 March from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Saturday, 18 March from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. If you know anyone who would still like to be a Vendor and participate, give Carla a call at the office and she can get you locked in.

Our Post Everlasting will be held on 20 March. Everyone will begin to gather at the Legion at 5:30 pm with dinner to begin at 6:00 pm with free will offering. The ceremony will begin at 7:00 pm and the Post Meeting will begin after the conclusion of the ceremony.

I wish to take this time to Thank everyone for coming into the Legion and sharing your time and some of your relaxation with us! More importantly, this helps us to continue to do business. I want you all to know that I really appreciate you.

Until next month, you all be safe out there!

For God and Country - Ole

CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW

March 17th 3 – 7 pm
March 18th 10am – 2 pm

Reminder - Please renew your 2023 Legion and SAL membership.

POST EVERLASTING

We will pay tribute to our 2022 deceased Legion members at our Post Everlasting Ceremony on March 20, 2023.

We will gather at 5:30 pm with a meal being served at 6:00 pm. RSVP's are requested. The Tribute will begin at 7 pm. Post 56 meeting will follow.

Attention SAL Members

Following the Riders meeting on Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30 pm, we would like to introduce our SAL Officer's and discuss upcoming events. Your participation and input is important in making this organization successful.

Please let us know when you leave MN for warmer weather and when you are to return. Your newsletter cost us extra postage when you leave and didn't tell us. Your assistance is appreciated. Call the office 373-7993 with your information.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 PANCAKE BREAKFAST 8 am – 12:30 pm	27 Lunch 11 am – 2 pm Noon Kiwanis House Committee 7 pm	28 Burger Baskets 4 – 7:30 pm Legion Riders 6:30 pm	1 Women Vets Lunch 11:30 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	2 Wings Special \$1 Off Hot Appetizers Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	3 Pork Loin Dinner Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke 7 – 11 pm	4 CLUB CLOSED
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12 CLUB CLOSED	13 Lunch 11 am – 2 pm Noon Kiwanis Exec. Board Mtg 6:30 pm VFW Mtg 7 pm	14 Burger Baskets 4 – 7:30 pm Pool League (Legion) 7 pm	15 Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	16 Wings Special \$1 Off Hot Appetizers Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY FISH FRY 4 – 7:30 pm Craft & Vendor Show 3 – 7 pm Karaoke 7 – 11 pm	18 CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW 10 am – 2 pm
19 CLUB CLOSED	20 Lunch 11 am – 2 pm Noon Kiwanis Post Everlasting 5:30 pm Post Mtg. to follow	21 Burger Baskets 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	22 Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	23 Wings Special \$1 Off Hot Appetizers Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	24 STEAK & SHRIMP Dinner Special Burgers/ Cheeseburgers 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke 7 – 11 pm	25 CLUB CLOSED
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American Legion Riders

Greetings from the Riders,

I hope everyone focused on enjoying the good aspects of winter rather than the nuisances that it may have caused. We can now look forward to Spring!

During February, the Riders helped with Wednesday Night Bingo and the Legion Breakfast. They also held their Annual Chili Cook-off, Soup Supper and Silent Auction Fundraiser that generates funds for educational scholarships. There will be more info about the results of the fundraiser in the April newsletter. In addition, several of the Riders have been very busy soliciting donations for the "Freeborn County Freedom Rock".

A big thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to the success of these events!!!

At our January meeting, Paul Nechanicky presented a documentary titled "Shakey's Hill". It was about a battle located in Cambodia during the Viet Nam War. The presentation was well attended. Thanks again Paul!

Each month, those members that are at our monthly meeting are entered into a random drawing that selects one lucky winner of a \$30 gift certificate to be used at American Legion Post 56. The winner from our January meeting was Sandy Norby. Congratulations Sandy!!

The American Legion Riders Chapter 56 meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm in the Albert Lea American Legion. If interested in joining, come to our next meeting on March 28th.

Think Spring,

Arlyn Anderson – ALR Secretary

D.A.M.

Donations and Memorials

Dave Olson Mem of Jack Crosby USN
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David Peik Mem of Lowell Peik

Hello Fellow Veterans:

I would like to share something that occurred the other day when I was visiting a friend. I am going to call it Americanism. You could also call it American Patriotism. There were two male persons there, not your regular southern Minnesota born and bred country boys. We greeted each other and one asked me straight-away if I was a veteran and I replied that, yes, I was and I asked him why he asked that question. He replied that he was not from around here as I could tell from their broken English, beards, and dark complexion. They were living in St. Paul and here he has met so many veterans. He went on to say what nice people all you veterans are and what a wonderful country America is to live in. He stated that most all American people are nice and friendly. Also, how we, Americans are honest, most everyone. We went on to discuss how wrong some of the things going on are not right. We talked about immigration. My grandparents were immigrants also but, they did it the legal way. He had been in the US for over 8 years and his friend had come here 6 months ago. He expressed how he felt it was so wrong and unfair to the people that chose to do it the right way and it takes them years of training and tests before they can be sworn in. These illegals come in and they get everything given to them right away. No control and they have no respect for the laws or anything else.

He said he has seen the change in his 8 years and how it has affected his neighborhood. You can't let your car sit in the driveway as they will come in the night and break into and ruin your property and steal everything. He said he does not understand people that tried to burn down Minneapolis and then want to defund and do away with the police. WHO IS GOING TO PROTECT US! He stated that he likes it here as everyone has the same rights and if they break the law, they are all subject to the

Taps

William E Neff, 91 yrs, died January 23, 2023, served in the Navy during the Korean era. Member of the Post 56 Honor Guard, PUFL, Past Commander 1960-1961, and Legionnaire of the Year in 1986. Member of the American Legion Post 56 for 69 continuous years.

Peter E Berglund, 81 yrs, died January 24, 2023, served in the Army National Guard during the Vietnam era. Member of the American Legion Post 56 for 56 continuous years.

Duane A Sippel, 73 yrs, died January 28, 2023, served in the Army during Vietnam era. Member of the Post 56 for 1 continuous year.

Barry V Oliva, 86 yrs, died February 5, 2023, served in the Air Force before serving in the Navy during the Vietnam era. Member of the Post 56 for 46 continuous years and a PUFL member.

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Greetings from the Auxiliary,

"Leaders instill in their people a hope for success and a belief in themselves. Positive leaders empower people to accomplish their goals."----Unknown

If you have not yet paid your dues, please send your payment to Bonnie Schneider, Membership Chair.

Her address is: 813 Maplehill Drive, B3, Albert Lea, Minnesota 56007. Thank you if you have already paid your dues.

Our next meeting is in April 2023. Reporting of hours and donations is due to Department on April 15th. Please track your service hours and donations by the following categories: Service for Active Duty/Reserve Military; Service for Military Families; Service for Youth; and Service representing ALA in the Community. Track hours, dollars and number of veterans assisted each month through March 31st, 2023. Contact Jo Hanson at 763-257-9018 or via email at jobunny19@gmail.com to report. Report NO LATER than April 5th to have your hours, etc. included in the reports to Department. Call Jo if you have questions.

Election of officers and chairpersons will take place at the April meeting. If you can help us, please call Jo Hanson at 763-257-9018 or email at jobunny19@gmail.com to volunteer. We need your help to keep our Unit going!

Please mark your calendars for our first Pancake Breakfast of 2023 on April 23, 2023. We will need servers and people to help with set up and clean up. Please call Jo Hanson at 763-257-9018 if you are willing to help. We will need help from 7:30 a.m. until approximately 1:00 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday, March 12th.

God Bless each of you,

Jo Hanson, Auxiliary President

same punishment. Where he came from the Police were so corrupt that they can detain you, beat you, kill you and they do not have to answer to anyone. Your family may never hear or see you again. Disappear like you never existed. We visited for a couple of hours and discussed many things and when we parted I said goodbye and I hoped to meet again. I also welcomed them both to America and I can't remember when I heard anyone rave about our great nation as much as they did. They explained that all the educated people, like Doctor's and scientific engineers have no future there and want to come to the US to practice. I have had a couple of their Doctors take care of me at Mayo and they were great. I thought that you need to hear that there are still good people on this earth that want to be Americans!

Bob Sharp. VFW Cmdr. post 447.

LEO MARTIN CAREY



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