

# AMERICAN LEGION POST 56

### **Our Mission**

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, 2025

My Fellow Legionnaires.

Here we are. Welcome to March. We're on the down hill slide for the Winter! Spring, here we come! We have a lot of stuff going on for the month, so lets get started.

I would like to start by hopefully answering the question out there: Are the Post 56 Legion Riders gone? No they are not. There was a group of Riders that left to join another rider group. Post 56 Legion Riders have a Pro Tem Leadership established and they will be officially leading the Post 56 Riders after their upcoming election. They will once again be actively riding and supporting activities as before. If you are a motorcycle owner and rider, come to one of our meetings at 6:30 pm the last Tuesday of each month and join us in having fun with what we enjoy......riding.

On 6 March, we will again be playing the game Jeopardy at 7:00 pm in the Bar. Come on in and have some fun! The Big Island Rendezvous Fundraiser will be in the Event Center on 14 March. Come on in and help raise funds for the Big Island Rendezvous this fall.

The Post Everlasting Presentation will be held in the Event Center on 17 March. Yes, it's the same day as St Patty's Day......the Bar will not be open that day. On 18 March come on in again and play Trivia in the Bar area at 5:30. This is good fun by all! On 22 March come on in and watch Live Pro Wrestling in the Event Center at 7:00 pm. General admission is \$10 and \$25 for front row seating. If you want a great time watching "Social Experiment Wrestling" then come and watch and enjoy! Trivia will again be played in the Bar on 27 March. I would also like to bring out to everyone that we have line dancing in the Event Center every Thursday evening. If you have ever wanted to learn or are an accomplished line dancer, here's the place to some dancing and fun.

Because of the response to our Back to the 50's Sock Hop, on 29 March we will be having a good old fashioned "Country Hoedown" with a special menu just for that night and all the country and old time dancing you can handle. We're going to start off the night by having the Line Dancers give some short lessons in line dancing to us novices and the rest of the night is going to be dedicated to Country Hoedown fun. The special menu will be open from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. The dancing will begin at 7:00 and go to 10:00 pm. So if you were at the Sock Hop and had a good time, come to our Country Hoedown and boot scoot the night away.

That's it my friends. I look forward to seeing you all at the Legion this month! Please be safe out there and enjoy one another.

God Bless All of You - Ole, For God and Country

# **Employment Opportunities**

We have openings for bartenders and a Club Manager. If you know of anyone looking for part time work, have them contact us at 507-373-7993

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1st Row = \$25.00

## **POST EVERLASTING**

On March 17th we will remember and pay tribute to our deceased Legion members. We will gather at 5:30 pm and dinner will be served at 6 pm on a free will offering basis. The ceremonial tribute will follow at 7:00 pm.

Please RSVP by March 10th.

# **GAME NIGHT SCHEDULE**

March 6 – Jeopardy
March 18 – Trivia
March 27 – Trivia
April 3 – Trivia
Bring your friends
and join us
to test your
knowledge!!

**MARCH 2025** 

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm	CLUB CLOSED	25 Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Mtg 6:30 pm	Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	27 SAL Meat Raffle 5 pm Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm "TRIVIA" 6 pm	Chicken Fried Steak Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke 7 pm	1 CLUB CLOSED
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9 CLUB CLOSED	CLUB CLOSED Exec. Board 6:30 pm VFW 7 pm	11 Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Taco Bar	Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	Riders Meat Raffle 5 pm Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Line Dancing 6:30 pm	Ruebens/FF Fish Nuggets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke 7 pm	CLUB CLOSED
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## **AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**

Hello from the Riders,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Valentine's Day. It's hard to believe it's almost March.

We, the riders at Post 56, just want everyone to know that we are still going strong and have some awesome ideas for the coming year. Come on up and check us out at one of our meetings. If anyone is interested in joining the riders, please reach out to us and we will get you signed up.

The riders are still selling meat packs on the second Thursday of the month. If anyone can help out on our Bingo night which is the fourth Wednesday of the month, please talk to Duane Thomas.

The American Legion Riders meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 in the event center.

Stay warm and support your Albert Lea American Legion.

Theresa Knudtson

**ALR Secretary** 

# D.A.M.

### **Donations and Memorials**

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### COUNTRY HOEDOWN

Put on your jeans, or jean skirt & western shirt, grab thosecowboy hats and boots and Boot Scoot to Post 56 onMarch 29th, serving food 5 – 7 pm Dance 7 – 10 pm, DJ -The Music Men

Hello Fellow Veterans:

Well, here we are with another bout with the extremely cold weather. It appears that it won't last too long though. Spring is around the corner after the State basketball tournaments. Hope you recognized your sweetheart over Valentines Day and all is well.

I was recently reading an article with information that has recently been uncovered. This concerns some 7,800 men and a few women of the US Army that were subjected to Secret Biological-Agent Testing at the US Army's Edgewood Arsenal in Aberdeen, Maryland. (Time frame was 1950 to 1975 when it was discontinued.) The US Army and The CIA developed a secret program to test biochemical agents on unsuspecting soldiers. They were told that they would be testing new clothing, such as field jackets, and weapons. They did not know they would be infected with, or exposed to, deadly nerve agents (sarin and VX), incapacitating agents (BZ), lethal pathogens (plague and anthrax), and even hallucinogens such as LSD and mescaline. The people that worked there were sworn to secrecy to never discuss this with anyone.

Eventually, many of the Edgewood veterans began to develop illnesses and diseases they suspected were a result of the experiments. The Army released all the veterans from their oath of silence in 2011. Any claims filed with the VA were denied. The courts in January of 2016 ordered the ARMY-not the VA- to provide medical care and gave them six years to find and contact as many exposed veterans as possible. How well the ARMY fulfilled their task is a matter of opinion. They said they did what they could to find all the veterans. In six years, they found 200 and only 80 were approved for care. It took until 2023 when the federal appeals court decision effectively overrode in certain circumstances the VA's compensation policy. With this decision the possibility exists that their claims could be backdated to their separation date from the military even if they filed today. If this information touches ONE veteran who was part of this program I would be pleased! The things that go on in our lives that we do not have a clue about amazes me. God Bless you and God Bless America!

Bob Sharp, CMDR

VFW Post 447



Greetings from the Auxiliary!

2025 is now speeding along as I look at the sunny, white, cold Minnesota. The buzz of excitement is in the air at the Legion as we keep doing good and wonderful things to help honor our veterans. The Auxiliary will be providing the dessert for the Post Everlasting ceremony on the 17th as we honor those veterans that have passed in the last year as well as celebrate the Legion Birthday. It is how it is meant to be as we celebrate and honor, beginning and the end.

The next Quilts of Valor is set for March 21. Join us for this special time as we recognize our veterans. Creating Sew Much has moved and our quilters are accessing when and where they will be meeting to sew. Please help if you are able. Thank you to all that have donated through time and talents for Quilts of Valor, it is greatly appreciated. You can always give a memorial or honor a loved one by giving to the Legion Auxiliary and designating the funds to the QOV. These funds go directly to materials to make these beautiful quilts.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is on March 27th at 7 pm. Executive committee will meet prior. Bring your volunteer time and money spent as reports need to be turned in shortly thereafter.

Renewals of memberships for 2025 have begun. I ask that you continue your membership with us in Albert Lea. Our auxiliary group has a great deal of fun while we volunteer and give back, join us when you can. Our momentum is building, be part of our group doing wonderful things.

Join the club for a meal, beverage or fellowship OR all three. We need our club and our club needs us.

Keep April 5th on your schedule as we will be having our Soup and Dessert dinner.

May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow.

Enjoy every moment!

Beth Birch, Auxiliary President



Robert N Nistler, 90 yrs, died February 1, 2025, served in the Army in the Korean era. Member of the Post for 57 continuous years.

Lester G Anderson, 90 yrs, died February 15, 2025, served in the Army in the Korean era. Member of the Post for 42 continuous years.

Harold M Holstad, 89 yrs, died February 17, 2025, served in the Army in the Korean era. Member of the Post for 24 continuous years.

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Post 447 VFW and Auxiliary meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at the American Legion Post 56 Clubrooms @ 7:00 pm. Come and join VFW Post 447. Veterans helping Veterans.