



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.

"Serving Veterans, Serving the community"

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July, 2025

Welcome to July everyone!

Can you believe it! We're already starting July! Hang on to your hats because it's not going to slow down!

June was a very busy month for us. Normal business the first half of the month. Eddie Cochran Days were a busy 3 days for us! Many new people stopping in and enjoying good food and drinks. Thank you to all that helped make that weekend a big success! We had two breakfasts for June. Both were very well attended and very busy for the workers and volunteers. If you haven't been to a breakfast for a while, I would suggest you try us out again. There's plenty to eat and for the price, you can't beat it!

I wish to Thank the Auxillary for continuing to grow the Quilts of Valor program. Not only do they serve Post 56 in presentations, they also travel a 50 mile radius to help other posts with their presentations. This Auxillary continues to grow, increases its support of Post 56 and brings in new members! Quite the winning combination! Thank you Ladies!

I would like to remind everyone that we'll be open for business on the 3rd of July besides being in the parade in Albert Lea. We will also be open on the 4th at 10:00 to support the car show which we sponsor. We will be closing early to enjoy the rest of the festivities of the 4th, so no Karaoke that night. Come out and enjoy all that will be going on these two days!

I would also like to take this time to Thank Lowell Peterson for heading up our Honor Guard these past years. You've done an outstanding job and I for one take extreme pride in all that our Honor Guard does and represents. Thank you Lowell for all your hard work! Arlyn Anderson will now be the head of the Honor Guard. Since I've known Arlyn, he has been a steadfast hardworking person that gives of his time whenever called upon to help the legion. I could think of no better person to take over for Lowell. Thank you Arlyn for taking on this important duty for the Honor Guard.

I wish to speak of a new club that is being formed at Post 56. It's called the "Patriot Club". In part the mission of the Patriot Club is to "keep the flag flying high". It will have a multi faceted purpose in helping to educate the civilian population, especially the school kids in our flag and what it represents, it's meaning, it's history and the reverence that is placed on it. Especially by Veterans. It will be to help support Post 56 in its multiple missions that it continually undertakes. With fewer and fewer older veterans unable to participate in all of our missions and until the younger vets can join up and participate, the Patriot Club will help to bring civilians and veterans together to work to complete some of these missions and to help keep these doors open so we can continue to give back to the community. We all will be working as one together. Both veterans and civilian individuals and businesses alike will be asked to participate financially in this club. The levels are Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. Donors will be recognized thru a sticker you can display, a certificate and an engraved name plate that will be displayed on the Legion wall. If you want to help support the Legion, the community and help educate others in what the flag means to us please consider joining.

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Quilts of Valor

July 18 - 3 pm

The Veterans receiving quilts in July are:
Rex Stotts, Delbert Kusel, Arthur Serrano,
David Nechanicky, Paul Nechanicky
Join us as we honor them

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JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 CLUB CLOSED	30 CLUB CLOSED	1 Shrimp Basket Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	2 Grilled Ham & Cheese Auxiliary Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	3 Philly Cheesesteak Sandwich Wings & Wine Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY CAR SHOW 1 – 4 pm Burgers / Brats Club open during show	5 CLUB CLOSED
6 CLUB CLOSED	7 CLUB CLOSED DAV Mtg 7 pm	8 TACO BAR Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Relay for Life Ice Cream Social 4 – 6 pm	9 Reuben Sandwich Riders Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	10 Bacon Cheeseburger Wings & Wine Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	11 BBQ Ribs Special Amy – Karaoke 7 pm	12 Van National Show Open 11 am – 1:30 pm NO food available
13 CLUB CLOSED	14 CLUB CLOSED Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm VFW Mtg. 7 pm	15 Chicken Strip Basket Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	16 Taco Salad Legion Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	17 Club 56 Sandwich Wings & Wine Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	18 Quilts of Valor 3 pm Fish Fry Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Amy - Karaoke 7 pm	19 CLUB CLOSED
20 CLUB CLOSED	21 CLUB CLOSED Post Mtg. 7 pm	22 Chef Salad Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Mtg 6:30 pm	23 Legion Burger SAL Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	24 Patty Melt Wings & Wine Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	25 Salisbury Steak Amy - Karaoke 7 pm	26 CLUB CLOSED
27 Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm	28 CLUB CLOSED	29 CLUB CLOSED Freeborn Co Fair	30 CLUB CLOSED Freeborn Co Fair	31 CLUB CLOSED Freeborn Co Fair	1 CLUB CLOSED Freeborn Co Fair	2 CLUB CLOSED

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hi Riders,

Summer is going by way to fast. Enjoy it as much as you can.

On July 3rd, we will be participating in the Albert Lea parade. The parades will include the Honor Guard, Auxiliary along with the Quilts of Valor, Legion riders and The Patriot Club.

July 12th, we will be open from 11-1:30 for the National Van show in front of the Legion.

If you love to ride your motorcycle, trike, Can-Am or whatever you might ride, consider joining the Post 56 Legion Riders. We do fundraisers, hang out, go on rides

and have a lot of fun and conversations. Please stop in and talk to us if you are interested.

We will be closed from July 29th – August 1st and will be open on August 5th at 4 p.m. The office will be limited hours that week also. Enjoy the Freeborn County Fair.

If you want to join us at either of these parades, please let us know and we will give you the details.

The next riders meeting will be held on July 22nd at 6:30 p.m. in the event center.

Have a great summer and stay cool.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Knudtson - ALR Secretary

Donations and Memorials

Orrion/Barb Roisen	Mem of Sandra Roisen
Tom/Sandy Norby	Mem of Patrick Bergen and Georgene Lenort
Gary Anderson	Mem of Joyce Olson
Donald/Elaine Ehrich	Donation
Beth Birch	In honor of Orrion Roisen's 90th Birthday
Tom/Sandy Norby	Mem of Donald Morris and Arnold "Butch" Erdman

Hello fellow Veterans:

Well, the months fly by, and we have another holiday coming up in a few days. The celebration of our country's independence, The 4th of July!

I would urge you to take the time to take part in the festivities as it is really a privilege to be able to live here in this wonderful country as it is nothing to be taken for granted. It was not an easy accomplishment, and it was hard fought for and many thousands died procuring the rights we have today.

I was reading an article, "The Shot heard 'round the World." "Damn you, throw down your arms and disperse!" shouted British Major John Pitcairn at the militiamen who were assembled on Lexington's common. The troops jeered and immediately one of the British officers fired his pistol which was answered in a heartbeat by the whole body. That was April 19th, 1775. After the skirmish at Lexington the Redcoats marched on Concord, searched houses and destroyed arms and military stores. What happened after that day was more significant as motivation to recognize the right to keep and bear arms in a Bill of Rights.

General Thomas Gage's confiscation and detaining of the inhabitants and promising that if they stored their guns with their names on a tag in Faneuil Hall that they would be able to depart the town with their possessions and their arms would be returned at a suitable time later.

General Gage had no intention of honoring anything he said as the people found out when they applied for permission to leave, it was denied, and their personal items were confiscated plus all their weapons were seized and destroyed. Just goes to remind you that not everyone is honest and tells you the truth. You must be careful what people, and the media fill you full of as it isn't always what it seems. We all know the history of the Revolution, so God Bless you all and God Bless America!

Robert Sharp, Cmdr. VFW Post 447

CAR SHOW ON BROADWAY

July 4th
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Show 1 – 4 pm
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Greetings from the Auxiliary!

Happy July 4th! Happy Birthday United States of America! July 4th is a symbol of freedom, patriotism, and the spirit of unity in the United States. It's a day for Americans to reflect on the sacrifices made to achieve independence and celebrate the nation's values. Wow – I found that online and could not have said it better. Let us remember all those before us that helped to get us to where we are and thank those around us that will help get us to where we are going. As our Legion family participates in the parades and celebration remember to thank the Veterans. Stand, cover your heart, wave a flag and say THANK YOU. Remember and care for each of our Veterans with our whole heart.

July also will bring car shows, downtown events, music and hopefully motorcycle rides. July 4th celebration brings a car show to Broadway. Our Legion family will be helping and hosting. Stop by for a burger, brat and maybe more ice cream floats. Join us on Broadway for another fun event. Tables are on the walk. Enjoy a beverage and sunshine.

Quilt of Valor presentation is on July 18th. Join us for this special time as we recognize our veterans. Thank you to all that have donated through time and talents for QOV, 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. Thank you to our own Auxiliary for the \$1,000 donation to the Quilts of Valor for materials.

Quilts of Valor will also be part of the parades in Albert Lea on the 3rd. We want to continue to honor our Veterans each day. Never forgotten and always remembered. Watch for the QOV recipients right behind our Legion Riders.

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. With increased activities we will be meeting each month. Join us July 24th at our next meeting as we recognize years of service.

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

May the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own country – Daniel Webster

Enjoy every moment!

Beth Birch, Auxiliary President

Legion Baseball Schedule

July 1st = Stewartville – Away-HS - 6 pm
July 7th = Rochester JM Pats – Away-J Adams – 6 pm
July 8th = Austin – Away-Marc. – 7 pm
July 14th = Rochester Mayo – HOME – Hayek – 6:30 pm
July 16th = Winona – Away-Win. State – 6:30 pm
July 20-25th = Dist. Legion Tournament – Owatonna – TBD
July 31-Aug 3 = State Tournament – TBD

FAIR

We will be closed the week of the
Freeborn County Fair
NO BINGO

LEO MARTIN CAREY



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