



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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August, 2025

Hello Everyone!

It seems like I just wrote my newsletter for July and.....BANG! It's August! I guess there's no slowing down now! Welcome to mid Summer! July began with the 3rd of July parade and what a hit that was! We were definitely busy with that and the Legion sponsored Old Car Company car show.

August is beginning with the Freeborn County Fair. If you have the opportunity and you like to have a good scare, come check out the new Haunted House that's in the Commercial Building. Members of the Riders are working the Haunted House all week so come on by and try it out! You'll have a lot of fun with it! Just a reminder that the Legion will be closed during the Fair week.

Mark your calendars for 13 September. We're planning to have a Street Dance in front of the Legion that evening and night. We're in the process of putting a couple bands together for the evening. The bar and kitchen will be open for everyone's enjoyment! When was the last time you were at a Street Dance? Plan on attending and let's have a great time with it!

Next, mark your calendars for 15 September! This will be our Annual Post Meeting and Membership Dinner! Come on in for a great meal and meeting afterward! This is going to be a good time to eat and hear what's going on in our club. There are going to be two requirements to attend. One, you must have your dues paid up and two, you must call Theresa or leave a message on our machine. to RSVP for your attendance. Plan to attend.

Well, my fellow Legionnaires. That's all I have for now. Enjoy the rest of your Summer and please be safe out there! We'd like to keep each and everyone of you around for quite some time!

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Get your boots on and get ready!!

Line Dancing is back
beginning September 4th

Quilts of Valor

The veterans being honored with a quilt
this month are Ernest Klukow,
Dennis Olson, Palmer Peterson,
Larry Thompson, and Brian Vairma
Please come witness the presentation
and join in the fellowship!

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast	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
3 CLUB CLOSED	4 CLUB CLOSED DAV Mtg 7 pm	5 Chicken Strip Basket Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	6 Mushroom/Swiss Burger / FF Auxiliary Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 :30 – 7:30 pm	7 Patty Melt / FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	8 Grilled Mozzarella BBQ Chicken Sandwich / FF Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Amy – Karaoke 7 pm	9 CLUB CLOSED
10 CLUB CLOSED	11 CLUB CLOSED Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm VFW Mtg. 7 pm	12 TACO BAR Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	13 2 Tacos or Taco Salad Riders Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	14 Legion Burger / FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	15 Quilts of Valor 3 pm FISH FRY Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Amy – Karaoke 7 pm	16 CLUB CLOSED
17 CLUB CLOSED	18 CLUB CLOSED Post Mtg. 7 pm	19 Shrimp Basket Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	20 Club 56 / FF Legion Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	21 Chef Salad Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	22 Steak & Shrimp Special Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Amy – Karaoke 7 pm	23 CLUB CLOSED
24 Riders Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm	25 CLUB CLOSED	26 Philly Cheesesteak / FF Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Mtg 6:30 pm	27 Bacon Cheeseburger SAL Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	28 Rueben / FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7 pm	29 Meatloaf Dinner Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Amy – Karaoke 7 pm	30 CLUB CLOSED
31 CLUB CLOSED	1 LABOR DAY CLUB CLOSED	2 Shrimp Basket Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm DAV Mtg. 7 pm	3 Women Vets Lunch 11:30 am French Dip / FF Auxiliary Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	4 Beef or Chicken Quesadilla Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	5 Hot Beef Commercial Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Amy – Karaoke 7 pm	6 CLUB CLOSED

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hi all,

How can it be almost August and the kids will be going back to school soon. Although the humidity can go away!!

We are still doing flag lines for families that request them. It is definitely our pleasure to do this for the families.

We had our elections in July, and the Officers will be installed at the August meeting.

Director: Terry Lewis Asst. Director: Beth Birch

Treasurer: Barb Roisen Secretary: Theresa Knudtson

Sargent-at-Arms: Bill Koza Road Captain: Kurt Freitag

Safety Officer: Tom Norby Historian: Lynn Koza

Chaplain: Paulette Anderson

Congratulations to the incoming officers and here's to a great year!

If you are at the Freeborn County Fair this year, stop by and see us at the Haunted House. We will be manning this from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Our next meat raffle will be August 27th starting at 5 p.m.

Have a great rest of the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Knudtson - ALR Secretary

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July 4th Car Show

The show was a fundraiser for Post 56 and the Old Car Company. It brought in lots of beautiful cars for the spectators to look at and enjoy.

Thank you to the many volunteers serving brats & burgers, Root Beer floats, and providing tattoos & bracelets for the youngsters.

Congratulations to the following Show Award winners:

Club Choice – Craig Stevens,
Commanders Choice – Pacey Brakke and
Mayors Choice – Ray Brown.

NEW AT THE FAIR

Check out the Haunted House in the Commercial Building. The Legion Riders are working with the “ghosts & goblins” on this new exhibit.



Roger L Hanna, 88 yrs, died June 30th, 2025, served in the US Army during Korean era. Member of the Post for 17 continuous years.

Earl L. Clevon, 77 yrs, died July 4th, 2025, served in the US Army during Vietnam era. Member of Post 56.

Leo C Sukow, 95 yrs, died July 17, 2025, served in the US Army during the Korean War. Member of the Post for 58 continuous years.

Duane Troe, 95 yrs, died July 19, 2025, served in the US Navy during the Korean War. Member of the Post for 60 continuous years.

Greetings from the Auxiliary!

The month of August always means county fairs, signaling the beginning of the end of summer and the start of a new school year. Fair will be in the middle by the time you read this so here is to be hoping you can enjoy a corn dog, cheese curd, grandstand show, a fair entry from young and old alike. Our legion family will be helping with the Haunted House in the commercial building as we raise funds and share in the fun of the fair. Sounds like fun to friendly scare those that roll through. Stop and visit with the VFW while you are out at the fair, have a conversation, listen to a story, lend support – be the family! Hoping you can enjoy the warmth of summer and the produce that is starting to come in from the gardens and fields.

Quilt of Valor presentation in Albert Lea Post 56 event center is on August 15th; everyone is welcome to join us as we honor 5 of our Veterans. Our QOV foundation group will also be presenting quilts in Waseca on the 18th and Waldorf on the 22nd, with these quilts being made by local church groups. We have also had an inquiry from the Glenville Legion about presenting quilts. Hopefully we can find local quilt groups and funding for them as we have here in Albert Lea. Thank you to all that have donated through time and talents for QOV, it is greatly appreciated. Our quilters give so much to provide for local veterans. 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.

Quilt of Valor was also part of the parades in Albert Lea and Alden. Thank you to Rick Twito for his flatbed, Harigs for the bales and organization, Legion riders and Auxiliary for flags and riding. Thank you to all that decorated and undecorated. To the ball team and other Legion supporters who handed out thousands of US flags, thank you. We plan to continue this fun event to honor our Veterans next year. Never forgotten and always remembered – honor our Veterans always.

Join our Auxiliary as we give and do. August 28th is the next Auxilary meeting, I invite you to join our fun group. The not-too-formal meeting starts at 7 and lasts about an hour. Come, listen, volunteer and join our group.

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

Purple Heart Day is August 7, Agent Orange Awareness Day is August 10th. Keep all Veterans close.

The greatest gift of the garden is the restoration of the five senses. – Hanna Rion

Enjoy every moment!

Beth Birch, Auxiliary President

LEO MARTIN CAREY



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