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October, 2025

Good Day Fellow Legionnaires!

Yep! Fall is now here. Over the next several weeks watch the beauty come out thru all the colors in the trees and surrounding land! Truly God's patch work of color at work.

Let's get started. I wish to thank all the volunteers who helped with making sure the Street Dance we had was a success! Yes, we did get rained out. Yes, we had to move inside to the Event Center. Yes, the bands were great! Yes, people still stayed to listen and dance into the night! We kept Tony going well past the closing of the kitchen that night.....Thank you Tony! The bartenders and cashiers were busy all night long! To work off of that, I am letting you know, we are going to have another dance! We are going to have a good old fashioned Oktoberfest! It is going to be on 24 October and run until we close for the night. We will have the Buck Hollow Band back again to play music from 7:00 - 10:00 that night! I'm positive you're going to see some old style Bavarian clothes being worn that night! The beer will be flowing! So mark your calendar to attend on 24 October! I promise you'll have a great time!

We had a good turn out for our Annual Membership meeting last month. Good food and a short meeting went well. This is membership time! Talk to your friends who are vets and still don't belong! Let's keep this club alive and well! We can only do this thru our memberships!

We also had a very good turn out for our Patriot's Club Dinner! Again, great food and a short meeting afterward to explain the purpose of the Patriots Club and the responsibilities it's undertaking. If you're not a member, won't you consider it? What better way to help us all, military and non military to work together and help each other! Pick up a card on the tables in the Club and Event Center, fill it out and turn it in to the office. We look forward to the Club growing! Our goal is to have 100 members!

Paulette Anderson is beginning to put together a Junior Auxillary! What a better time to form a stronger bond with your Grandchildren and watch them learn of what the Auxillary means and does for the Veterans! Allow them to get involved!

Well, that's it for now folks! I hope all of you have a safe Fall and remember to help each other! See you on the 24th!

God Bless each and everyone one of you!

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Join us for food specials, beverages,
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October 24th
Live music by "Buck Hallow"
7 - 10 pm

REMINDER

Pay your 2026 membership dues!
Legion \$55.00
Auxiliary \$34.00
SAL \$30.00

TUESDAY SPECIAL

\$2.00 off all burger baskets

Trick or Treat

The Auxiliary will be handing out trinkets at the
Legion for the children who are participating in
the Downtown Spooktacular event on Halloween.
October 31st 4 - 7 pm

Quilts of Valor

October honorees are James Hanson,
Christopher Johnson, Daren Ryg,
Roger Rynerson, Brian Vairma
Help us show support for these veterans
who have "served" for our Country
by joining us on October 17th at 3 pm

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OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 ALHS Music Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm	29 CLUB CLOSED	30 Deluxe Grilled Cheese/Cup of Soup \$2.00 off Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	1 Women Vets Lunch 11:30 am Auxiliary Meat Raffle 5 pm Grilled Chicken Garden Salad Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	2 Mushroom & Swiss Burger Wine & Wings Line Dancing 6:30 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	3 Walleye Dinner Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Amy Karaoke – 7 pm	4 CLUB CLOSED
5 CLUB CLOSED	6 CLUB CLOSED DAV Mtg 7 pm	7 Shrimp Basket \$2.00 off Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	8 Ham & Bean Soup / breadstick Riders Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	9 Club 56 / FF Wine & Wings Line Dancing 6:30 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	10 Hamburger Gravy / Mashed Potatoes Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Amy – Karaoke 7pm	11 CLUB CLOSED
12 CLUB CLOSED	13 CLUB CLOSED Exec. Board Mtg 6:30 pm VFW 7 pm	14 "TACO BAR" \$2.00 off Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	15 Rueben Casserole Legion Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	16 Legion Burger / FF Wine & Wings Line Dancing 6:30 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	17 Quilts of Valor 3 pm FISH FRY Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Amy Karaoke – 7 pm	18 CLUB CLOSED
19 CLUB CLOSED	20 CLUB CLOSED POST Mtg. 7 pm	21 Chicken Bacon Crunch Casserole \$2.00 off Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	22 Veg. Beef Soup / breadstick SAL Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	23 Chicken Strip Basket Wine & Wings Line Dancing 6:30 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	24 OCTOBERFEST German food specials Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm "BUCK HOLLOW" 7 – 10 pm	25 CLUB CLOSED
26 AL Cheerleaders Breakfast 8 am – 12:00 pm	27 CLUB CLOSED	28 Grilled Cheese / Tomato Basil Soup \$2.00 off Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Mtg 6:30 pm	29 Tator Tot Hotdish Legion Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	30 Bacon Cheeseburger Wine & Wings Line Dancing 6:30 pm Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	31 HALLOWEEN Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Tim – Karaoke 7 pm	1 CLUB CLOSED

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hi all,

I hope you are enjoying the weather as it continues to be pretty nice out. But we all know what's coming....

Thank you to everyone that has been attending the flag lines for our veterans. It truly means so much to the family.

We truly need more help with the things we do at the Legion. Breakfasts need more riders to help out. It shouldn't be the same few every time. Meat raffles have a lot of openings to help sell. Let Theresa know if you can pick up one or two, it will be greatly appreciated. The Legion needs our support and by volunteering it helps take the burden off of the ones who always volunteer.

Also, come up and enjoy a meal and a cold beverage.

We will be doing a ditch cleanup on October 11 at 10 a.m. Please meet at Mcdonalds on North Bridge by 9:55.

A little birdie told me that there will be Octoberfest blow-out at the Legion on October 24th starting at 4 p.m. There will be a band, Buck Hollow, so come on up and dance the night away. There may be women in German bartending outfits that

you won't want to miss. Our Commander Ole will be dressed for the occasion also and you definitely will want to see that! More details to follow.

We will have the challenge coins ordered soon so we can deliver those to our veterans or their spouses.

Our next meat raffles will be October 8th and October 29th, we have two this month and we need volunteers for these.

That's about it for this month. Hope you had a great start to fall on September 22nd.

Theresa Knudtson - ALR Secretary



Terry V Cole, 84 yrs, died August 19, 2025, served in the US Navy during Vietnam era. Member of the Post for 24 continuous years.

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Hello Fellow Veterans:

Well, our summer is nearly over, and fall is upon us. What a beautiful time of year it is. Summer is beautiful with everything being green and blossoming and growing but fall is the culmination of all the colors of everything trying to produce the fruits of the seeds that were planted. Whether they were planted or grew from seeds naturally. We as humans are so very blessed that we are included in this wonderful system that we call our earth.

Everything from plants and animals to humans that complete the cycle every year after year. We are so busy hustling from one thing to another and one place to another, we forget the saying, "take time to smell the roses". I just had another birthday the other day and we take it for granted most of the time, but it makes me sad when I realize how old I am and I think of my friends, fellow soldiers that their lives ceased so many years ago. It was 60 years ago in September that I believed that I would not see my 21st birthday. I was in the Republic of South Vietnam in 1964, and the French had just been driven out 10 short years before that. I was a Huey helicopter Crew chief/Door Gunner and had flown hundreds of combat missions, got shot up pretty bad and 17 bullet holes later we hit the ground. My crew was lucky as we all got out alive and lived to fly another day or I should say many more days.

Lots of young soldiers, pilots and crew members were lost in those many years that the United States stayed and helped the South Vietnamese try to keep from being turned to communism. I to this day have a very hard time as I do believe all the surviving soldiers, sailors, airman of all the wars and conflicts from around the world since the beginning of time ponder why and how we survived. I guess we are not meant to understand as that was decided by a higher power. I do remember times when I was scared as can be, but I can't remember being scared to die. We all stood in front of the flag of our great country and swore to protect and serve up to and including giving our lives for this country. I worry today about all the people that enjoy the benefits of living here and never consider serving this country in any job or

October 2025

Greetings from the Auxiliary!

Fall is happening as 2025 rolls along. Thank you to those that have already paid your 2026 dues. Your membership and faithful service is vital to the work we do in the community for our veterans. As the postage costs keep increasing, we will ask that you stop into the Legion Club and pick up your membership cards. Come to a meeting, come when the Auxiliary is working bingo, let me know when you will be at the club for a meal or beverage and we will have your card available to pick up.

October brings us into the harvest season. As potatoes are plucked, we will start making lefse for the holiday season. Join us on the 4th and 18th as we begin working on this great fundraising opportunity. We will start by 9 am, lunch being provided. We will add dates for November as needed.

Quilt of Valor presentation in Albert Lea Post 56 event center is on October 17th; everyone is welcome to join us as we honor 5 of our Veterans. Join us if you are able. Our foundation was blessed with a grant from Freeborn Mower Cooperative and a donation from the Glenville Legion, with those funds going directly into materials for making the quilts.

Join our Auxiliary as we give and do. October 23rd is the next Auxiliary meeting; I invite you to join our fun group. We will be planning future events of lefse making, bake sale, veteran ornaments to name a few.

A Junior Auxiliary is in the works by our youth chair Paulette Anderson. Keep watching for more news. If you know of a young person that wants to have fun as they learn and do for our Veterans reach out. Exciting times and things to come!

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

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant. – Robert Louis Stevenson

Enjoy every moment!

Beth Birch, Auxiliary President

position. We who have served realize what it takes to hold this country together and I pray that there is enough of us to get the job done!

Stay ready and help whenever you can to take care of our fellow veterans and their families and our country. God Bless you and God Bless America!

Bob Sharp, Cmdr. VFW Post 447/DAV Chapter 16

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