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November, 2025

Hi and Welcome to November!

October just seemed to fly by.....and now we're beginning to go into the holiday season. I wish to take this time to Thank all those who helped put the Oktoberfest together and made it a success! This will be celebrated every year from now on! Please go onto our website and look at some of the photos that were taken that night. The Buck Hollow Band did an Outstanding job of providing us with musical entertainment once again! I do believe fun was had by all!

Now we're into November. You're going to want to stop in and check out our food specials coming up this month! Theresa Knudtson, our Club Manager will be putting together cool weather "comfort food" throughout the month. Stop on in and check these out! Believe me, they are go-o-o-o-o-d!

Also, don't forget our monthly Quilts of Valor event every 3rd Friday of each month. If you know a veteran and they've not received a quilt, get their name in. 5 quilts are given out by our favorite Auxillary each month! Our presenters have become so well known for their presentations that they are now sought out by 3 other legions to help in presenting to their veterans! Way to go ladies!

Speaking of Auxillary, Paulette Anderson is working to get a Junior Auxillary together for us! If you want to see our Legion and Auxillary continue into the future, I see no better way than this to start off our youngsters early on! Who's going to be our youngest member? Hmmm.....Thank you Paulette! Lead on!

I guess our most favorite time in November is Thanksgiving time. You all know what that means! Tom & Jerry's! Tom & Jerry's will be available from 9:00 am to 12:00 on Thanksgiving Day! Meat raffles will be happening also during this time. It always fascinates me how this event goes from generation to generation. It's not uncommon to see 3 generations come to enjoy the friendship and fellowship happening! It truly is enjoyable to see!

If you have an idea for an event throughout the year, let us know! We're open to many ideas! We want this to be a "fun" place to come.....

By the way - We currently have openings on our Executive Board for a First Vice and a Trustee. If you know of someone you would consider to lead this Legion further into the future, please let us know. We also have a big need for Bartenders/Servers helping at the bar. If you know of someone who would like to earn a little extra money, let us know. We need the help! Until we get the needed help the office may be closed 2 or 3 additional days during the week.

That's it for the month. Stop in to see our food specials, enjoy some fellowship and just come in to relax a little. Consider coming to our Quilts of Valor program! Thank all of you for your continued support of our fine Legion!

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THANKSGIVING DAY

Tom & Jerrys, Bloody Marys
and Meat Raffles
9 am – Noon
Club closes at Noon

VETERANS DAY

The VFW will be hosting the program at
the American Legion on November 11, 2025
Program 11 am Lunch 11 am – 1 pm
The meal is free for all veterans, with a
free will donation for spouses and other guests.

MENU NOTES

* \$2.00 off Burger Baskets on Tuesdays
*Soup will be available every night in November

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NOVEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 SAL Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm	27 CLUB CLOSED	28 Grilled Cheese / Tomato Basil Soup Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30pm Riders Mtg 6:30 pm	29 Tator Tot Hotdish Legion Meat Raffle 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 SPOOKTACULAR 4 – 6 pm	31 HALLOWEEN Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm Tim - Karaoke 7 pm	1 CLUB CLOSED
2 CLUB CLOSED	3 CLUB CLOSED DAV Mtg. 7 pm	4 Goulash w/ Side salad & Roll Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	5 Women Vet Lunch 11:30 am Hamburger Gravy w/ Mashed Potatoes & Veg. Auxiliary Meat Raffle Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm	6 Legion Burger w/ FF Wine & Wings Line Dancing 6:30 pm Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm	7 Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole w/ Side Salad & Roll Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm Tim - Karaoke 7 pm	8 CLUB CLOSED
9 CLUB CLOSED	10 CLUB CLOSED Exec. Board Mtg 6:30 pm VFW Mtg 7 pm	11 VETERANS DAY Program 11 am Lunch 11 am – 1 pm "TACO TUESDAY" Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	12 Chili w/ Grilled Cheese Sandwich Riders Meat Raffle Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm	13 Club 56 w/ FF Wine & Wings Line Dancing 6:30 pm Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm	14 Steak & Shrimp Dinner Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm Tim - Karaoke 7 pm	15 CLUB CLOSED
16 CLUB CLOSED	17 CLUB CLOSED POST Mtg 7 pm	18 Seafood Chowder w/ Roll Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	19 2 Sliders w/ Bowl of Soup (Chef's Choice) Legion Meat Raffle Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm	20 Rueben w/FF Wine & Wings Line Dancing 6:30 pm Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm Auxiliary Mtg 6:30 pm	21 Quilts of Valor 3 pm FISH FRY Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm Tim - Karaoke 7 pm	22 CLUB CLOSED
23 ALHS Music Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm	24 CLUB CLOSED	25 Bacon Cheeseburger Ramon Noodle Bake Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm Riders Mtg. 6:30 pm AUXILIARY BAKE SALE	26 Meat Eaters or Deluxe Pizza SAL Meat Raffle Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm AUXILIARY BAKE SALE	27 THANKSGIVING Tom & Jerry's Bloody Marys Meat Raffles 9 am – 12 pm Club closes at noon	28 Hot Beef Commercial Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm Tim - Karaoke 7 pm	29 CLUB CLOSED
30 CLUB CLOSED	1 CLUB CLOSED	2 Garlic Chicken Bites in Creamy Parmesan Pasta Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm	3 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce & Breadstick Auxiliary Meat Raffle Bingo 6 pm Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm	4 Bacon Cheeseburger w/FF Wine & Wings Line Dancing 6:30 pm Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm	5 BBQ Ribs Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm Tim - Karaoke 7 pm	6 CLUB CLOSED

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hello Riders,

The leaves are falling, and the temps are going down, it must mean daylight savings are almost upon us. Remember to turn back your clocks so that you don't miss out on anything going on at the Legion.

The challenge coins have been ordered for our Veterans to give out at the nursing homes. They should be in soon.

The bylaws and constitution have been updated and are now in place. Thank you to the great group, Terry, Arlyn, and Tom that took the time to revise them and to Paul for all your hard work and diligence on getting them done.

Cheryl has been selling desserts at the Legion and has brought in \$400. Thank you, Cheryl!

Ditch cleanup plans were finalized.

The next Captains Ride will be Nov. 1st at 1700. Check your email for details.

Theresa Knudtson
ALR Secretary

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Hello Fellow Veterans:

I know you all agree with me as how the time flies so quickly. Summer was here and too soon, it is fall and that is fading. In a few days it will be November and Veterans Day will be here for us to remember.

I want to make sure you join us if you can for the program at the Freeborn County Courthouse at 10:50 am Tuesday, November 11th for the Flag ceremony and recognition followed by the 21 Gun Salute to remember the end to the fighting of the First World War.

It ended the 11th month, the 11th day, on the 11th hour of the year 1918. It was declared Armistice Day to commemorate the end of WW1.

In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower changed the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. veterans who have served in the military.

Please join us at the American Legion Post 56 after the 11:00 am program. All veterans, their spouse and family are welcome. The veteran will dine free, and the spouse and family are welcome for a free will donation. You will enjoy a nice meal of meat, potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls, coffee and a nice dessert.

VFW Post 447 is sponsoring this event, and we strongly encourage you to try and be there. Thank you.

God Bless you all and God bless America!

Robert J. Sharp, Cmdr.

VFW Post 447

Albert Lea, MN.

VETERANS CHRISTMAS TREE

Help us light up ALL of the bulbs on our Christmas tree. For each \$10 donation we will light a bulb and place a card on the tree with the name of the Veteran you are remembering.

Quilts of Valor

November Honorees are Sandy Gessler, John Komoszewski, Michael Larson, Dwight Meyer, Steven Warner, and David Wentzel
Help us show support for these veterans who have served our country by joining us on November 21st at 3 pm.

Greetings from the Auxiliary!

Chill is in the air as 2025 quickly passes. November is Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving. We should remember and honor always but especially on the 11th. Attend a program, enjoy a meal, listen to stories and allow the day to bless all. On the 27th we can enjoy a Tom & Jerry at the club, do some meat raffles and be thankful for all we get to enjoy each day!

Thank you to those that have already paid your 2026 dues. Sandy Norby reported at October's meeting that 125 have already paid. WOW! Your membership and faithful service is vital to the work we do in the community for our veterans. If you are near or far, young or a bit older you matter, and we are glad to have you! Please join us next month to pick up your membership cards, our meeting will be on the 20th at 7 pm.

Lefse is in the works. WE plan to roll again on the 15th of November. Other dates might be added to increase our Lefse production. Thank you to Don Godeke for donating potatoes, Theresa Knudtson for potatoes, flour, other ingredients and the tools. Thank you to all those helping with rolling and cooking! This is a project that has been fun as well as a good fund raiser for our group. Our bake sale and lefse sale will be November 25 and 26 from 4-6 pm at the Legion.

BAKE SALE and LEFSE SALE NOVEMBER 25 and 26 4-6 pm at the Legion.

Quilt of Valor presentation in Albert Lea Post 56 event center is on November 21st; everyone is welcome to join us as we honor our Veterans. We will also be presenting quilts at the Glenville Legion on the 11th. We are fortunate to have a 50-mile radius to honor Veterans with a Quilt of Valor. Join us if you are able. Our foundation was blessed with funds from the Union Center, with those funds going directly into materials for making the quilts.

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.

Honoring the sacrifices many have made for our country in the name of freedom and democracy is the very foundation of Veteran's Day. – Charles B Rangel

Enjoy every moment!

Beth Birch, Auxiliary President

MEAT RAFFLES

Wednesday nights at 5 pm

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Post 56 Membership renewal for 2026 began on July 1, 2025. You can renew online, by mail, or by dropping it off at the Legion.

Legion = \$55.00 SAL = \$30.00

Auxiliary = \$34.00

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