



AMERICAN LEGION POST 56

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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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July, 2026

Greetings Fellow Legionaries!

July here we come! Can you believe it! I hope you all are having a very good beginning of Summer. Get out and enjoy it! Let's get started for events happening.

First, I would like to Thank all who helped during the Eddie Cochran Show. I understand there were a record number of cars and motorcycles in attendance. The Legion was very much involved with the show this year. From the brats, hot dogs and hamburgers to the ice cream floats to the T shirts, this year the show was a very good success for the Legion. By the way, we still have T shirts available if you're in need of one for 2026.

Next, I wish to Thank all who participated in the Alden Moran Lake Days parade! We handed out over 1450 flags that evening. From the Legion members to the Legion Riders to the Auxiliary AND Junior Auxiliary who participated, It was a great showing for all to see!

There's really not a lot going on for July.....but the two that are, are big. First we have the July 3rd parade. We are looking for maximum participation in this. Once again we will be handing out flags to young and old alike. The Club will be open so come on in and enjoy some camaraderie time before and after the parade! After the parade we will have karaoke night. Next, we have the July 4th "Old Car Club" car show! The Legion is a sponsor to this show. Once again you will see the brats, burgers and hotdogs stand along with those great tasting floats by the Legion Riders. The Club will be open then also. If it's like every other year it's going to be hot out, come on in and enjoy a cold one to cool off.

This is what we have for events happening for July! Not a lot but they are big!

I want to remind everyone that the office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays until further notice.

Everyone enjoy your Summer! Please be safe out there!

God Bless You All!

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For God and Country

HISTORY OF OUR FLAG PROGRAM

In honor of America's 250th birthday, the Jr. and Sr. Auxiliary will be presenting a program titled **"The History of Our Flag"** on the 4th of July. It will be held in the Event Center of the Legion. Sessions will be at... **11:00 am** and **1:00 pm**

Quilts of Valor

The veterans receiving a quilt on July 17th are: Tom Norby, Duane Thomas, Edmund Nelson, Allen Lindeman, and Jim Paulson. Join us as we honor their service to our country.

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T-SHIRTS

We still have some Eddie Cochran Car show T-shirts available as well as our new Post 56 T-shirts. They can be purchased during office hours or during evening Club hours.
Eddie Cochran shirts = \$35.00
Post 56 Legion shirts = \$20.00

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Effective June 15th,
the office will be open
TUESDAY - THURSDAY
10 am - 2 pm

AMERICA'S 250th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

July 3 = Parade 6 pm
July 4 = Car Show (Club Open)
Join us for Burgers, Brats,
Hot dogs & chips, Ice cream
Floats, and Bloody Mary's during the Car Show.
Open at 10:00 am

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28 REACT Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm	29 CLUB CLOSED	30 Ham & Swiss Melt W / FF Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	1 Shrimp Basket Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Auxiliary Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	2 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Legion Burger / FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	3 Shoestring Salad W / fruit & Breadstick Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm PARADE 6 pm Karaoke w/ Tim – 7 pm	4 CAR SHOW Burgers & Brats Floats Bloody Mary's OPEN @ 10:00 am
5 CLUB CLOSED	6 CLUB CLOSED DAV Mtg. 7 pm	7 Goulash w/Veggie Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	8 Theresa's Choice Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	9 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am French Dip w / FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	10 Hot Beef Commercial Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Billey Ray – 7 pm	11 CLUB CLOSED
12 CLUB CLOSED	13 CLUB CLOSED Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm VFW Mtg. 7 pm	14 "TACO BAR" Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	15 Theresa's Choice Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Legion Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	16 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Chicken Strip Basket Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	17 Quilts of Valor 3 pm FISH FRY Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Tim – 7 pm	18 CLUB CLOSED
19 CLUB CLOSED	20 CLUB CLOSED Post Mtg. 7 pm	21 "BAKED POTATO BAR" Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	22 Theresa's Choice Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm SAL Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	23 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Deluxe or Meat Eaters Pizza Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	24 Meatballs on Mashed Potatoes Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Billey Ray – 7 pm	25 CLUB CLOSED
26 Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm	27 CLUB CLOSED	28 "BBQ BAR" Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Mtg 6:30 pm	29 Theresa's Choice Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	30 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Mushroom & Swiss w / FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	31 Chicken Parmesan Sandwich w / FF Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Tim – 7 pm	1 CLUB CLOSED

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hi Riders,

It's hard to believe we are almost to July 4th! Where is the summer going and why is time going so fast?

By the time you read this, we will have been in the Alden parade, and it was a fun evening.

We are still planning on ordering new rider's t-shirts so make sure you let me know if you want to purchase

one. I will need your size and the money upfront.

We have a challenge coin committee that will be working on this year's coin.

There was not a Captain's Ride/Dinner in June.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Knudtson

ALR Secretary

Donations and Memorials

Jon and Patricia Rhiger Mem of Jerry Iverson

Hello Fellow Veterans:

Here we are coming to the end of June 2026, halfway through the year and next month, the 4th. of July is our Nations 250th Birthday party. I hope that you are ready to celebrate this great milestone and consider how very lucky we all are being able to be here to be part of a great event that many people that helped to make this milestone in history possible are not around anymore.

We are truly blessed to be able to live in the greatest country on earth. There are some that will not agree with us and would like to change it to their way of thinking but those of us that have been around the world and seen the way they live and what they have to live with know for a fact that this is the most beautiful and most opportunistic place on planet earth. You can be what you want to be and be where you want to be and earn any amount you want. All you have to do is apply yourself and do the best you can and have faith and you will not fail.

The American Dream still exists; all you have to do is have the ambition to go after it. I know I am preaching to the choir because we are all old and have been through our life struggles, but the deal is still the same, it's just that the players have changed. You and I know that when they all wake up and get with the program that things will start to fall into place.

Patriotism is out there, all you have to do is show you care and wave your Nations Flag, and your friends and neighbors will do the same!

I want to be one of the first and I want for you to join me in wishing our Great Nation a very Happy 250th Birthday and wish her at least another 100 years.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY and GOD BLESS you all,
and GOD BLESS AMERICA!!!!

Robert Sharp, CMDR.

VFW Post 447,

Albert Lea, MN



Richard J Haug, 94 yrs, died September 14, 2024, served in the US Army in Korean era. Member of the Post 56 for 57 yrs.

Greetings from the Auxiliary!

Happy 250th Birthday America! Hope you help us celebrate by visiting the Post and sharing some conversations as we party. We will have floats in the parade on the 3rd as well as refreshing ice cream floats available from the Legion Riders on the 4th. The grill will be going out front on the 4th as well as having another car show on Broadway, come up see the fancy cars and enjoy a brat, burger or hot dog. Also watch for signs about a special flag presentation by the Junior Auxiliary on the 4th, planning is in the works, and you will want to be witness.

Have you found a 250th rock yet? The Junior auxiliary group painted 250 rocks and placed them around communities. The rocks are neat and if you spy one bring it by the Legion or pass it along to others. Keep spreading the love of our beautiful country.

Quilt of Valor is on July 17th at 3 pm in the event center. Please join us as we honor our veterans with presentations. All are welcome! If you can sew, please let us know as we always needed assistance. And of course, donations are always appreciated. If you know of a veteran that has not been awarded a Quilt of Valor, request an application or pick one up from one of the members.

Our next auxiliary meeting will be on July 23rd 7pm. We will be giving the presentation of Years of Service. Join us as we honor those that have given much to our group over the years.

And as always stop at the club for meal, beverage or fellowship OR all three. We need our club and our club needs us.

Happy Birthday to the United States of America
Enjoy every moment!

Beth Birch, Auxiliary President

From the desk of the Club Manager:

I just want to take a moment and thank everyone that helped out on the Eddie Cochran Day events. From the Burger, brat and hot dog cooks - Sid, Steve, Kurt, Craig, Chris, Ole and Chris C., for taking the money.

To the float makers, Cheryl, Barb B, Orrion & Barb R., Paulette, and Carrie.

T-shirt sellers, Sandy, Ole, Tom, and Theresa.

Our awesome bartenders, Hailey, Patty, and Carrie.

To anyone I may have missed, I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all you do for our amazing Post 56.

Thank you again,

Theresa - Club Manager

LEO MARTIN CAREY



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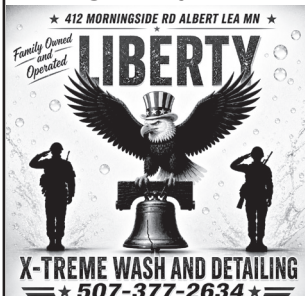
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