



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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September, 2026

Welcome to September! We are now in the waning months of Summer. Where did the Summer go?! What did we all do?! We are all individuals and we all had our own adventures we participated in! It's been a good year.....Let's keep it going! Let's look at what's up for September.....

First I would like all of you to notice a new face in the office. Our very own Hailey Archer is taking on the duties of Assistant Club Manager as she transitions into a new position. Hailey has decided to take on the Management duties of Post 56 Club Manager. While she is fulfilling the Assistant duties she will be learning all she can about the Club operations and soon be able to take over from Theresa. Don't worry, Hailey has also decided to keep on as Waitress/ Bartender also during this training period. What happened to Theresa? She has decided to try retirement for a third time.....! She is seeing new adventures in her horizon! So when you see them both, please take the time to congratulate both of them!

If you are still looking for something to start your Thursdays with why don't you consider coming to the Legion for Vet's Coffee Hour.....which by the way generally takes 2 hours.....lol.....Come on in to join in the great friendship, coffee and Theresa's home made treats! I have yet to hear of anyone who regretted coming in for coffee.

On 11 September there will be a Patriots Day Luncheon at the Legion beginning at 11:00 and goes thru 12:00 for all Patriot Club members and their spouses. A short meeting will follow to illustrate the work that was done to date and give you an idea of what's on the plans for the months ahead. I look forward to seeing you there!

On 28 September we are going to have our Annual Membership Dinner and Meeting beginning at 5:30. Come for a free meal and a short Post Meeting afterward. This will also give you an opportunity to ask questions about the operations of your Post 56 and the Club. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

As a last note, I would ask all of you to look at where you can make a big difference by helping with Gamblings Bingo nights. We're only asking for 4 hours a month. We are in need of back up Callers, Sellers and Book keepers! This has been a worthy continual project for the Legion. So if you can please consider giving of 4 hours a month to help us we would be greatly appreciative of that.

OK! Thank you everyone for your support this past month! I look forward to seeing all of you at our events and in the Club in September! In the meantime, please be safe out there. We'd like to see you all again!

God Bless each and every one of you!

Ole - For God and Country

PATRIOT CLUB LUNCHEON

September 11th 11:00 am

2027 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Legion = \$55.00

Auxiliary = \$40.00

SAL = \$30.00

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MEMBERSHIP DINNER

The annual membership dinner is open to all members of Post 56 Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL.

Bring your 2027 membership card.

If you have not renewed your membership, we can help you take care of it that night.

Reservations are required!

Call 373-7993 before September 22nd

The meal is free for members.

Free will Donation for non-members.

Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm.

Post meeting to follow.

QOV

The following veterans are being honored with a Quilt: Ray Coxworth, Susan Palma, Fred Campbell, Gary Neist, Dennis Hamberg
Friday, September 18th - 3 pm

MENU NOTICE

The nightly "Special" is as listed or there will be no \$2.00 discount
No Exchanges or Exceptions.



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SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 CLUB CLOSED "History of our Flag" Presented by our Junior Auxiliary Trinity Lutheran	31 CLUB CLOSED	1 Shrimp Basket Burger Baskets Open Menu 4:00 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	2 Women Vets Lunch 11:30 am Rueben w / FF Open Menu 4:00 - 7:30 pm Auxiliary Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	3 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Chef Salad Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	4 Chicken Kiev w / Rice Pilaf Open Menu 4:00 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Tim – 7 pm	5 CLUB CLOSED
6 CLUB CLOSED	7 CLUB CLOSED	8 "TACO BAR" Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 - 7:30 pm DAV Mtg. 7 pm	9 Meat Eaters or Deluxe Pizza Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	10 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Patty Melt w/ FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	11 BBQ Ribs Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Billey Ray – 7 pm	12 CLUB CLOSED
13 CLUB CLOSED	14 CLUB CLOSED Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm VFW Mtg. 7 pm	15 "POTATO BAR" Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	16 Meatballs w/ Mashed Potatoes Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Legion Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	17 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Legion Burger w/ FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	18 Quilts of Valor 3 pm FISH FRY PRIME RIB Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Tim – 7 pm	19 CLUB CLOSED
20 CLUB CLOSED	21 CLUB CLOSED	22 "BBQ BAR" Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Mtg 6:30 pm	23 Appetizer Platter (2) Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm SAL Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	24 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Soup w/ Grilled Cheese Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7 pm	25 Hot Beef Commercial Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Billey Ray – 7 pm	26 CLUB CLOSED
27 ALHS Music Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm	28 CLUB CLOSED MEMBERSHIP DINNER Reservations required Post mtg. to follow	29 Chicken Strip Basket Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	30 Philly Cheese Steak W / FF Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Legion Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	1 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Mushroom & Swiss W / FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	2 Meatloaf Dinner Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Tim – 7 pm	3 CLUB CLOSED

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hi Riders,

We are getting closer to fall with each passing day. Soon the bikes will go into storage for another winter. But until then, get out there and ride as much as you can and be safe.

The challenge coins have been ordered and should be arriving in a few weeks. Then, we will start making plans to deliver them to our Veterans in the nursing homes, probably in December.

We will be looking at new t-shirt examples at the August 25th meeting and hopefully picking the one we all want and then getting them ordered.

lines, I know the families really appreciate us being there for them.

We helped with the July breakfast and will be helping with the August breakfast on the 23rd along with the Auxiliary and SAL. Thank you for your help with all the breakfasts.

That's it for this month, hope to see you at the meetings, breakfasts, Captain's Ride Dinners or just up supporting the Albert Lea American Legion Post 56.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Knudtson

ALR Secretary

Thank you to everyone that's been helping with the flag-

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Hello Fellow Veterans:

Here we are nearing the end of August already. Where has the time gone? When I was young, I was told how when you get older time flies and don't wish your life away. I could not understand as I didn't think I would ever get to be 21 and have a beer and do the things that I thought were so important.

Well, I got to be 19 and out of high school and then to basic training, AIT and off to my duty station. We practiced taking troops into battle and going in and pulling them back out with the Huey helicopters. Practicing for 18 months and then got orders to go to a place I never heard of before and found out that it was French-Indo China when I went to school, Viet Nam. Before you know it my tour in-country was coming to an end and I finally had my 21st. birthday and came home.

Never thought I would make it to 21, and I got married, had a son and then a daughter and years later another son. Then I was 31, and 41, and 51, and 61, and 71, and 81, and next month 82. Where did the time go and it seems like yesterday and I know you know what I am talking about. I finally realized what they meant when they said, "Time waits for no man." Life goes on for some of us and not for others. I lost a spouse and my youngest son, also many friends and other relatives over the years. Who would have thought that things like that would happen to me??

With all the misery and the trials, we have lived through we really must thank the Lord for all the things we have, and had, and any more days that we are able to spend with our friends and family. We are truly blessed as many of you know that have been around the world and have seen the Third World countries and the poverty, and the misery they live in, know we live in the greatest country in the world without a doubt! It is the most beautiful place on the planet, and we will never be able to see it all in our lifetime.

Take a look around and be thankful for your friends and your family and do all you can do as you are able to be of service to your fellow veterans and the community. God bless you all and God Bless America!

Bob Sharp, Cmdr. - VFW Post 447 - Albert Lea, MN

Greetings from the Auxiliary!

September is upon us. I will once again hope for an exceptionally long fall! Watch for details of lefse rolling if you wish to have fun with our group. And watch for selling dates for lefse and baked goods. This is a bit of work, but our small group does a good job which helps us give back to the veteran programs.

Air conditioning is something I am grateful for and if you are glad to have a "cool Legion" consider donating to the fund for the repairs that were completed in August. I hope we can keep utilizing the air for a while yet this year.

Quilt of Valor for September is August 18th 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. POW/MIA Recognition Day is the 3rd Friday of September. We will have time during the QOV program to honor and remember POW/MIA.

Our next auxiliary meeting will be on September 24th at 7pm. We will need to adjust dates for meetings later this year. Maybe we should look at a change for the day of the month going forward. If you have some thoughts let us know.

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

An empty chair at every dinner table, parents missing essential milestones in a child's life and those who will never know the missing part of their family. These are the costs paid in blood by those who stood up when their country called upon them – Disabled American Veterans

Enjoy every moment!

Beth Birch, Auxiliary President

Taps

Frederick A Stein, died August 1, 2026, served in the US Air Force during Vietnam era. Member of Post 56 for 2 continuous years. PUFL member.

Richard E. Bothun, died August 7, 2026, served in the National Guard Army & Air Transport during Korean era. Member of Post 56 for 43 continuous years.

Donald D DeSart, died August 8, 2026, served in the Marines Reserves & Army during the Korean era. Member of Post 56 for 44 continuous years.

William F.A. Goette, died August 12, 2026, served in the Army during the Korean era. Member of Post 56 for 21 continuous years. Past Commander.

Gregory C. Morfitt, died August 13, 2026, served in the Army during Vietnam era. Member of Post 56 for 55 continuous years.

LEO MARTIN CAREY



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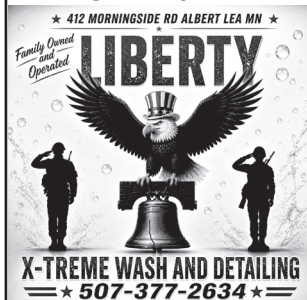
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