



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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October, 2026

Greetings All!

Well, here we are, ending the Summer and the beginning of Fall. I hope all of you had a totally enjoyable Summer. Lately it appears we're just starting off the Spring instead of the Fall with all the rain we've been getting lately.

I suppose we better get this letter going for this month. I think our biggest event for October is our Oktoberfest on Friday, October 9th! We may be a little early with it this year, but we wanted to kick off October with a bang! Come and look for your favorite German cuisine with Schnitzel, Sauerbraten, Red Cabbage and of course Brats. Oh, and don't forget many of your favorite Beers we have to offer! So why look further? Come on in to the Legion and bring your friends with! Oh yes.....Look for the Lederhosen and Women's Dirndls and Bavarian Shorts to start coming out! Come on! Let's have some fun that night!

With this being our special event for the month, this leaves me with a short letter but more time to bring up that your 2027 dues are now due if you haven't paid them yet. We are continuously looking for new members to come join our family! Look. If they want to be a part of the Legion but are not a Veteran or Auxiliary, let them know about the Patriot Club! This is where we begin to bring EVERYONE into our larger family! This is the perfect organization to bring everyone together as one family!

Please, everyone enjoy the Fall that has now started. Look for the three full moons that will appear: The Harvest Moon in September, the Hunter's Moon in October and the Beaver Moon in November! Three moons, three colors.....

All of you please be safe out there! Be kind. Be helpful. Be you.

God Bless all of you!

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QUILTS OF VALOR

This month we are presenting 5 quilts to veterans in our community. They are Edwin Plantage Jr., James Perschbacher, Susan Palma, Stanley Miller, Roger Winarske. Please join us as we honor them!

"OKTOBERFEST"

Come and celebrate Oktoberfest with us!

October 9th, 2026

4 pm until closing

Wonderful German food served until 7:30 pm or we run out. German beer will be served.

Schnitzel, Sauerbraten, Brats
& German Red Cabbage

Pretzels & warm cheese sauce

Entertainment by "The Music Men"

THANK YOU

I would like to extend my deep appreciation for all of you who made donations to the American Legion in memory of Bill. Post 56 was very special to him and he would be pleased to see your support of our Legion.

Thank you so much.

Lorraine Goette & family

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OCTOBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
4 CLUB CLOSED	5 CLUB CLOSED DAV Mtg. 7 pm	6 Goulash Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	7 Women Vets Lunch 11:30 pm Chicken Strip Basket Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Auxiliary Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	8 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Club 56 w / FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	9 OKTOBERFEST Schnitzel, Brats, Sauerbraten, German Red Cabbage Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Billey Ray – 7 pm	10 CLUB CLOSED Junior Auxiliary Mtg. 9 am
11 CLUB CLOSED	12 CLUB CLOSED Exec. Board Mtg. 6:30 pm VFW Mtg. 7 pm	13 "TACO BAR" Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	14 Small Taco Salad on Chips Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	15 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Chicken Sandwich w / FF Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	16 Quilts of Valor 3 pm FISH FRY Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Tim – 7 pm	17 CLUB CLOSED
18 CLUB CLOSED	19 CLUB CLOSED Post Mtg. 7 pm	20 "POTATO BAR" Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Cloverleaf Lions 6 pm	21 Theresa's Choice Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Legion Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	22 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am BLT w / Tator Kegs Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Auxiliary Mtg 7 pm	23 Breaded Pork Chops Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Billey Ray – 7 pm	24 CLUB CLOSED
25 Albert Lea Art Center Pancake Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm	26 CLUB CLOSED	27 Salisbury Steak Dinner Burger Baskets Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Riders Mtg 6:30 pm	28 Tomato Basil bowl / Grilled Cheese Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm SAL Meat Raffle 5 pm Bingo 6 pm	29 Coffee for Vets 9 – 11 am Shrimp Basket Wine & Wings Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm	30 Spaghetti W / Meat Sauce Open Menu 4 – 7:30 pm Karaoke w/ Tim – 7 pm	31 CLUB CLOSED

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AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Hi Riders,

Well, the weather is changing now, the leaves are falling and soon the snow will be falling too!! Where did the summer go.

We installed our new officers for 26-27, after approval from the Executive Board. They are: Director: Beth Birch, Asst. Director: Jim Westeng, Treasurer: Barb Roisen, Secretary: Theresa Knudtson, Sargent-at-Arms: Bill Koza, Chaplain: Paulette Anderson, Road Captain: Kurt Freitag, Safety Officer: Tom Norby, Historian: Lynn Koza.

If you see any of the new officers, please congratulate them.

If you are interested in joining this hardworking but fun group, please talk to any of the officers or stop in the office and see Theresa.

We are setting up our dates and times to visit the nursing homes later this year to hand out the challenge coins. More information to follow.

Keep riding as long as you can and be safe.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Knudtson

ALR Secretary

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Hello Fellow veterans:

I cannot believe how fast the months have gone by. I just finished an article and another is due.

I just returned from Washington DC where I attended a reunion with the group that went to Vietnam 62 years ago. We were the very first of the massive buildup of the helicopter companies even before the First Air Cav. I was part of the 62nd. Air Assault Co. US Army Airfield, located at Vinh Long, south of Saigon in the delta. We had a contingency of Huey helicopters made up of Slick ships that were the work horses that hauled anything that needed to be moved. Our call sign was the Outlaws. We flew in everything you can imagine. Whether it be troops into battle, wounded brought back out and the casualties. We hauled ammunition, food, ducks, pigs, and firewood into outposts while constantly receiving fire from the enemy. The other aircraft were the gunships, called the Mavericks. They provided cover for us as we flew in and out. We lost a lot of aircraft and the aircrews that flew them, pilots, crew chiefs, and door gunners. Casualty rates were high. We lost 69 of our outlaws during the conflict.

Greetings from the Auxiliary!

Halloween was always one of my favorite holidays. Not sure exactly why as I always wore glasses and they never seem to work with a mask. And then there is the unpredictable weather. But I do have many fond memories of small-town trick-or-treating as we raised money for others, a homemade popcorn ball or two and a grandmother that always kept track of how many visitors their house had that night. What are some of your memories? Whatever you do, always remember to do it with gusto! Our auxiliary will be helping with the fun downtown, thank you team for doing!

Quilt of Valor is October 16th 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. 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. And of course, donations are always appreciated. Thank you to the DAV, Auxiliary and the Greg Morfitt family for donations to keep this special project going.

Our next auxiliary meeting will be on October 22nd at 7pm. Adjusting dates to the third Thursday for meetings in November and December for the holidays. We do have fun so please join us as you are able.

Also looking ahead - Lefse and bake sale will be on November 24 & 25th. Don't miss out on yummy goodies by our auxiliary and helpers!

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

Evil has only the power that we give it – Ray Bradbury

Enjoy every moment!

Beth Birch, Auxiliary President



Henry J Verdoorn, 88 yrs old, died September 9, 2026, served in the US Army during ?? era. Member of Post 56 for 5 continuous years.

It has been wonderful to be part of this gathering every other year since we began in the year 2000. The next one planned for 2028 will be the last one as our numbers are getting to be less every time we meet. I am one of the last two original members that attended as the others are deceased or unable to travel.

So, as time marches on and now at a quick step pace, we remember our friends and comrades and thank the Lord for being part of a great life and serving a great country.

God bless you all a keep you healthy and God Bless America!

Bob Sharp Cmdr.

VFW Post 447, Albert Lea, MN.

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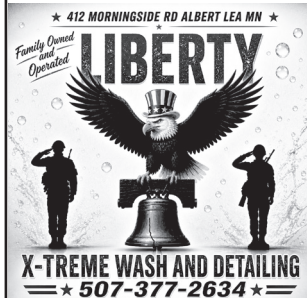


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