



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello Everyone,

As I write this, July is coming to a close. It has been a busy month filled with activity, community and many memorable moments.

Our Fourth of July Parade was a tremendous success thanks to the many dedicated volunteers who gave their time and energy. A special congratulations goes to Al Dowe, a 50-year Legion member, who proudly served as this year's Parade Marshal.

The grand finale was the spectacular landing of a Black Hawk helicopter on the ballfield. Hundreds of attendees had the opportunity to climb aboard, ask questions, and experience this impressive aircraft up close. It was truly a highlight of the day.

Our parking lot improvement project is expected to be completed by August 1. Thank you to everyone who supported this project through your generous donations. Your investment helps ensure our Post continues to serve our members and community for years to come.

Don't forget about the Legion's 15th Annual Golf Outing at Broadlands Golf Club. There are still spots available! You can download a brochure from our website, but be sure to register by August 21. I hope to see you on the course for another great day of fellowship and fun. I wish each of you a wonderful, healthy, and safe month ahead.

Respectfully,

Allen Shook
Post Commander
American Legion Post 196



Chaplain's Corner – August 2026

“The Ministry of Standing With One Another”

August settles in with that familiar late-summer heaviness — warm days, full calendars, and the quiet fatigue that follows a season of parades, ceremonies, and community gatherings. We've shown up in so many ways these past months, often not with fanfare, but with steady presence and willing hearts.

This year, our Post feels the weight of a particular loss. Our fellow Legionnaire, Barry Kerwin, U.S. Army Combat Medic, Vietnam Era, has been called to Post Everlasting. Barry served with courage, compassion, and the kind of quiet strength that marks a true medic — one who runs toward pain, not away from it. His presence among us was a gift, and we commend him to God's eternal care with gratitude. We extend our sincere sympathies to his brother Tom and the whole Kerwin family.

As I've reflected on Barry's life, I've returned again to the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 19:11–12. After the wind, the earthquake, and the fire, the Lord was found not in the noise, but in the whisper.

God chose the whisper.

And so often, the ministry we offer one another looks just like that — a whispered prayer, a gentle hand on a shoulder, a quiet check-in with a fellow veteran, a moment of stillness in the midst of busy days. These small acts carry great holiness.

As we press through August, remember that your presence matters. Your steadiness matters. In the whirlwind of Legion duties and community needs, your quiet witness brings healing, and your whisper carries strength.

Keep showing up.

Blessings,

Your Chaplains are:

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Well Summer is in full swing...I hope it's warm enough for everyone.

Our monthly membership meeting was held on July 6th 2026 with 13 members in attendance. We had a guest, Bill Schmidt. His wife is a auxiliary member and he was voted on and approved as new member. Welcome Bill!! I believe we are up to 83 members now!!

Our June Meeting Minutes and Financial Report were read, voted on and approved. We will make our annual donation to the Wounded Warrior Bass Tournament of \$500 in August and our annual donation to Dry Hootch of \$1000 in September.

We discussed The Delafield Annual Block Party to be held July 16,17 & 18 and the Son's will be there holding our Annual Corn Roast. Steve Rome is chairing this event and has everything ready.

Al Peterson commented how well the 4th of July parade and event went at our post and would like to thank everyone for their hard work.

We have set a couple dates for upcoming annual events. The SAL's Annual Tailgate Party will be October 4th at noon for the Packer-Tampa Game. The SAL's Annual Chili Contest will be held on December 6th at noon for the Packer-Saints Game.

We are going to be ordering t-shirts for us to wear at our events. Place your order with Rob McCarthy at our next meeting if you are interested. The cost will be around \$15 each.

There is still room for more billboard sponsors if anyone knows of a company that may be interested, please let Tim or Jerry know.

The bar is looking for help with fish fries on the first Friday or any Friday of the month. There is a sign up sheet at the bar.

We will be grilling out on Saturday August 22 for the volleyball tournament at our post.

We are planning a Son's Night out going to a Dockhounds game on Friday August 7th please see below for details.

John Hoffman (Sons member) purchased DockHounds tickets for the game with the Cleburne TX Railroaders on Friday, August 7, at 6:35pm. We were able to get tickets located in the All- New "Dive Bar" section of the stadium. Tickets are \$21.00 each. Parking: \$5.00 per car, carpools from the Delafield Legion if people are interested.

- The All-New Dive Bar with protective cover, located along the third base foul line**
- Located next to the visiting team's bullpen
 - Part Corner bar, part baseball viewing area, 100% ballpark fun
 - Grab a reasonably priced Pabst Blue Ribbon, Old Style, Hamms or other classic Dive Bar Beer from the bartender
 - Special DockHounds gift for everyone in your group of 10 or more

****VERY IMPORTANT****

If you have not signed up you can still attend the game. Just go to the ticket window and tell them you are with the Delafield Legion. They have enough reserved for the section and the pricing will be the same.

That's all for this month!!

Our next scheduled monthly meeting is Monday, August 3rd. 2026 at 6:30pm at the Delafield Legion.

Until Next Month....Take Care & God Bless!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Knickelbein
Second Vice Commander
Delafield Son's of the American Legion
Squadron 196



AUXILLARY REPORT

Our last meeting was on Monday July 13th attended by 18 members, which included 6 officers.

We were joined by our new member, Karen Hoffman – WELCOME KAREN.

During our July meeting we agreed to donate \$300 to Kettle Moraine Band who marched during the 4th of July parade, as well as being a \$100 sponsor for the legion annual golf outing in August.

We also provided Mike Proulx with a check for \$5,000 that will go towards the parking lot fund.

It was unanimously agreed that our July 4th parade and event was FABOULOUS!!! We know it's a lot of work to feed, serve, and entertain many hundreds of people but we did it. Thanks to all for your hard work, generous donations and to you Buff for the black hawk coordination.

Delafield National Night Out is Aug 4th 6-8pm. Sarah and Cathy will represent the legion and pass out flags and candy.

July 15th blood drive was a great success; consider signing up for the next blood drive on Sept 23rd 1-6pm. Sal's will be hosting this event.

You will see many auxiliary members volunteering during the Aug 28th Legion 15th annual golf outing – hope to see many of you there participating in the outing.

These are a way off but plan on more discussion soon for the Nov 7 Wine Tasting and Nov 11th Veterans Day event.

Much discussion was had surrounding the 2027 Independence Day activities as next year July 4th falls on a Sunday. Because we have churches who participate in our parade and many legion members who may not be able to attend or volunteer due to Sunday services, a decision was reached to hold the 2027 parade and celebration on July 3rd which is a Saturday.

During our August meeting we will vote on distributions from our Poppy funds.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the legion and supporting the other Legion Family events coming up.

Mary Steinmueller
President, American Legion Delafield Auxiliary
Honor our Country, Support our Veterans



Scouting America Units Troop 49, Crew 196, and Pack 196 are Chartered by the Delafield American Legion.

"A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

Troop 49 July 2026:

The Scouts and Troop adults enjoyed walking in the July 4th parade and handing out flags. Thank you to the Auxiliary for supplying the flags- the scouts handed out over 1000 flags! People who had not been part of the parade in the past were moved by the enthusiasm of the Community, and what a great event it is at the Legion after the parade. The Scouts appreciated being asked by the Legion Honor Guard to stand with them during the Ceremony. And word from the scouts-- watching the Blackhawk helicopter land and then getting to sit in it and meet the pilots and other service members was **AMAZING**.

Troop scouts and adults helped at the Cub Scout Day Camp at St Johns Military Academy. They helped with teaching Geocaching and worked the Aquatics event. They got to camp there on Friday and Saturday night. The cooking was good and they got to share it with a few Cub Scouts who came by.

The Troop went on a 5 mile hike through the Scuppernon Trails. The hike was planned by Troop members of the Order of the Arrow, and was meant to showcase what makes members of the OA stand apart. OA is the National Honor Society of Scouting. In order to be eligible for OA- scouts must be First Class and have 15 nights of camping. Members are selected by other scouts in the Troop and live the ideals of scouting daily. They promote camping, leadership, and cheerful service to others.

Most meeting nights in June and July were spent camping, or hiking, or flag sorting. We are back to meeting at the Church now, and last week the SPL lead a uniform inspection and distributed new Position of Responsibility badges.

August Schedule:

Scouts are planning their trip to the Peshtigo River where they will participate in whitewater rafting, tour an iron mine, visit waterfalls and an artesian well.

The Patrol Leaders Conference, made up of the Senior Patrol Leader and Assistants, and the Patrol Leaders and Assistants, will start meeting to decide which camping events and activities will be on the calendar for 2027 and beyond.

One scout is actively leading the building of her Eagle Project-- a Kiosk with benches for the Ice Age Trail. Two other scouts are in the planning stages for their projects and getting approvals from their respective beneficiaries.

Cub Scout Pack 196, for boys and girls in kindergarten through 5th grade, meets twice a month throughout the school year at Dousman Elementary. The Pack is preparing for the new school year in hopes more youth from the area will join the Pack. There are currently 10 Cubscouts in the Program.

Yours in Scouting,

Jen McCarthy

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Pack 196 Committee Chair
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Hello American Legion Family,

It brings me such joy to serve and join each one of you as we satisfy the charge and mission of our American Legion Post 196 together: honoring and supporting veterans, building a cohesive unit with our American Legion family(Auxillary, SALS, Scouts) as together we serve our broader community, developing initiatives and serving one another with integrity, respect and love.

As our Commander Allen, Mary, Dan, and Jen all mentioned in their messages, our Fourth of July event was truly an amazing day of celebration, camaraderie and patriotism. From our Parade Marshal, Al Dowe, who has been a member of our post for 50 years, to the little ones participating in our bicycle decorating contest, the day reflected the heart of our community. We not only celebrated our nation's founding, but were reminded of our enduring freedoms and values we are privileged to uphold.

Personally, this post holds a special place in my heart. As a caregiver to my Father-in-Law, a retired Sgt. Major-US Army, this post brought him an opportunity to meet other veterans, community and a place to belong. Dick Schultz and Jen McCarthy were two of the first individuals that introduced themselves to my Father-in-Law(Ron Todd) and myself. He enjoyed sharing with me on the ride home everything that the Legion was doing and that I should join.

This month marks one year since I joined this post. It also marks five years since my Father-in-Law passed away. I, too, have had the privilege of being welcomed into this family by so many individuals. Thank you. As we prepare for upcoming events, may we remember who we are and that each one of us plays a special part in creating a space where every individual feels at home!

With Much Appreciation,

Stephanie Todd
2nd Vice Commander
American Legion Post 196



