

COMMANDER'S CORNER
NOVEMBER 2026

Hello Legion Family Members,

As we welcome November, I hope all is well with you and your families. We have another busy month ahead at the Legion, with several opportunities to come together, celebrate, and support our Post."

Auxiliary Wine & Beer Tasting – November 7 | 5:00–9:00 PM

Our first event this month is the Auxiliary Wine and Beer Tasting! Tickets are $35 for an individual or $60 per couple. This is always a well-attended event, and tickets can be purchased at the door. Come out, enjoy the evening, and support our Post.

Veterans Day Celebration

Our next event is our Veterans Day celebration! WKLH will be hosting their morning show at our Post from 6am-10am. Grab a coffee and enjoy the morning program together.

Join us for food, drinks, and fellowship as we come together to celebrate Veterans Day. Veterans will receive one complimentary drink. Music will be provided by a DJ, and there will also be a raffle featuring some great prizes. We hope to see everyone there as we celebrate our veterans!

Thanksgiving Wishes

As we approach Thanksgiving, I hope everyone enjoys a blessed holiday filled with family, friends, and gratitude. We have much to be thankful for, and I am grateful for the continued support and involvement of our Legion members.

Parking Lot Improvements
Our parking lot project is now complete! The handicap parking spaces have been painted and clearly marked. These spaces are located south of our building, near the volleyball courts.

A big thank-you to everyone who helped make this improvement possible. Your time, effort, and support are greatly appreciated!

Come Join the Fun at the Legion!
There is always something happening Tuesday through Thursday at the Legion. Come out and enjoy a game of bags, pool, or darts. It's a great way to spend time with fellow members and friends!

Volunteers Needed – Kitchen Help
We are looking for someone to help cook burgers and fries on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings. The commitment is approximately 3½ hours per evening. No prior experience is necessary—we are happy to train!

Help Needed for Friday Fish Frys!
We are also looking for volunteers to help during our Friday Fish Frys. These events take many hands to make them successful, and we could use some extra help! Whether you can assist in the kitchen, serve, or help with other tasks, your time would be greatly appreciated. Please consider volunteering or encouraging a fellow member to get involved. Every helping hand makes a difference!

P.S. Happy Birthday to all our Marine Corps members! November 10 is the Marine Corps Birthday. Thank you for your service and Semper Fi! Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Post. We look forward to seeing you at the Legion

Sincerely,
Allen Shook
Commander

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
NOVEMBER 2026



The hall was quiet after the meeting. Coffee cups had been gathered, the lights dimmed, and most everyone had gone home.

As I walked past the tables, I noticed a single empty chair sitting slightly apart from the others.

It reminded me of all the people who once filled chairs like that. Veterans who shared stories. Friends who volunteered for fish fries and parades. Members who always seemed to know exactly what needed to be done before anyone asked.

Some have moved away. Some can no longer attend. Some now rest with the Lord.

For a moment, I found myself thankful for every one of them. Thankfulness often begins when we stop long enough to remember. We remember the sacrifices of those who served our nation. We remember family members gathered around Thanksgiving tables through the years. We remember the blessings we sometimes overlook in the rush of daily life.

The Apostle Paul writes, "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

Blessings,

Your Chaplains are:

Contact the Legion Chaplain – Neil Rand at (262) 646-3126 nrand@wi.rr.com
Contact the SAL Chaplain – Tom Kerwin at (262) 370-7450 tkerwin@wi.rr.com
Contact the Auxiliary Chaplain – Barbara Doerfer at (414) 333-4891 jbedoerfer@gmail.com



Sons of The American Legion Delafield Post

November 2026

Sons,

Just a reminder that our next Sons meeting is Monday, November 2 at 6:30pm at the Legion. We will discuss the results of our Packer Tailgate Party as well as our upcoming participation in the Oconomowoc German Christmas Market. In addition, our annual Chili Cook Off event is scheduled at the Legion for Sunday, December 6, 2026, at 12:00pm when the Green Bay Packers take on the New Orleans Saints.

Most importantly, note that we officially kicked off our **2027 Sons Membership Drive in October** with the goal of completing all membership renewals by December 31, 2026. Your help in completing your 2027 Sons membership by year end is greatly appreciated. (Thanks to those that have already paid for 2027). New 2027 membership cards will be provided upon payment.

Steve Reardon
Vice Commander
(414) 530-5559 (cell)

Annual Dues for 2027 (No Change)

Son membership fees at Delafield Post 196 remain at **$25.00** which has not changed since the inception of our Delafield Sons at Post 196 in the early 2000's.

Payment Options for Continuing Son Membership:

1). Check of cash: Submit either a check for $25.00 made payable to "SAL Post 196" or cash directly to my attention:

A). At an upcoming Sons Monthly Meeting in November or December

or

B). Via the US Postal Service to my home address:

Steve Reardon
2019 Hillside Ct
Delafield WI 53018

Online at Mylegion.org

For 2027, Sons can renew membership and make payment online at **mylegion.org.** Training is available by clicking "View OnlineHelp" and selecting either "Mylegion.org Video Training Series" or "Training Presentation".

A). **If you are new** to processing online, create a profile by registering. Click the "Register" button, then enter your email address which must match what is listed on your membership record on file with the Sons/Legion headquarters. Will not work unless an exact match. Register by opening the Registration Window, enter first / last name and grant consents as appropriate. Then click "Next". In the Welcome Page, create your password which will automatically send you an email with a one time temporary password to verify the account. Check junk mail if not delivered. Go back to the Welcome Window and enter the temporary password. Click "Finish Registration" and your Mylegion.org account is now created with your name.

B).To renew your registration, click the "Renew Now" button to open your member information page. Confirm information and click the "Pay Now" button. Enter your credit card info for the $25.00 and click the "Pay Now" button to finalize payment. Membership cards can either be printed online from your Mylegion.org account or see me (Steve Reardon) for the card that was issued by the State Office in Portage, WI.

Those Members Exempt from Paying 2027 Membership Fees:

1), Dual Members (Veterans with both Legion and Son memberships). The Delafield Sons pay for all active Legion members who elect to also have Son memberships.

Until Next Month….

Take Care & God Bless!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Knickelbein

Second Vice Commander

Delafield Son's of the American Legion

Squadron 196



American Legion Delafield Auxiliary

November 2026

Hello all, while the leaves are changing, the ladies are busy planning several upcoming events.

Our last meeting was on Monday October 12th. During that meeting decision was made to donate $1,000 to 'Christmas with the Vets' and also 12 wreaths for 'Wreaths across America'.

It saddens me to report the passing of Joan Ksicinski, an auxiliary member for over 20 years, prayers and thoughts go out to the family.

It is not too late to purchase your "Americas 250 raffle" tickets. First prize is a beautiful handmade quilt; 2nd prize is a bucket of booze and 3rd place is a $100 Sendik's gift card and bottle of Makers Mark. Drawing to be held at 8pm at our Nov 11th veteran's day celebration.

Beth & Sue attended the 1st District Auxiliary meeting on Oct 10th

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Our annual Wine & Beer Tasting will be upon us soon on Nov 7 @ 6-9pm. Tickets available at the bar now at same price as last year, $35 per person or $60 for a couple.

Committee is looking for appetizers to be donated, a $10 (minimum) bottle of wine for cork pull, and gift cards to be used with the raffles. This is one of the Auxiliary's biggest fund raisers, and we hope to be supported by many.

We hope to see you all at the Veterans Day Nov 11 celebration 5-9 pm. As always, we'll have an Honor Guard ceremony, a great meal and dessert, and dance the night away with DJ Chris.

All veterans will receive a beverage on the Auxiliary so please pass the word.

Please consider signing up for the Jan 20th Blood Drive. Thanks to the Sal's group who sponsored the well-attended September blood drive.

We are continuing our 2027 membership campaign and hope to be 100% membership soon just like last year!

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

Scouts Report
November 2026



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

Troop 49 October 2026:

Scouts attended the Devils Lake Camporee which is set up by the Badger Trails organization. This year most of the Troops that came to the event camped in the South Lot group camping area. So there was a lot of meeting new friends and checking out different troop cooking set ups and trailers. There was no dance this year- instead Troops shared a big campfire. The scouts did a 5 mile hike and packed their lunch to eat halfway through the hike. Devils Lake is beautiful and its a lot of fun to enjoy it with other scouts.

Troop 49 held a Skouts Skills Day at Lapham Peak State Park- Mike Fort Pavilion. Arrow of Light and Webelos Scouts (5th & 4th grade) from area Cub Scout Packs were invited. Most are looking for a Troop to join when they finish with Cub Scouting. Troop 49 scouts lead a hike and scavenger hunt using a compass and map, demonstrated and taught knots and lashings, and each Cub Scout got to cook their own grilled cheese sandwich. Troop 49 scouts also demonstrated how to use a dutch oven, and cooked up some delicious dutch oven desserts to share with everyone. This event is a great way to showcase what scouts learn in scouting, both in skills and leadership.

November schedule:

Scouts will go to Camp Long Lake for the Creeopree – Halloween themed Camporee. Scouts bring costumes, decorate their campsites, and go trick or treating. It may be hot, cold, snowy, or rainy- but the scouts always have a great time. Recently the Troop help a cold weather camping training to help prepare scouts for the Creeporee.

In relation to Veterans Day, four Legionaries from Delafield American Legion will be visiting the Troop and talking with the scouts about their Military experiences. This will be such a great way for the scouts and Troop leaders to connect with the Veterans from the Legion. The Troop is grateful for this time.

Troop elections are coming up--- it will be time to elect a new Senior Patrol Leader and shuffle the leadership in the Troop. Always exciting to see who will step up and lead the scouts for the next six month.

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 Cub Scouts will be visiting a Western Lakes Firehouse next week and will learn First Aid skills for their rank requirements.

Yours in Scouting
Jen McCarthy
Troop 49 Committee Chair
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Pack 196 Committee Chair
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Scouts at Devil's Lake

LEARNING FROM KARL MAREK





GRATEFUL
November 2026

A new month is upon us and we have so much to be grateful for!

My heart is overflowing with such gratitude for how our post comes together to serve our community, families and one another. I am always amazed at the servants heart that is exhibited through our legion members, the honor guard, the Sons of the American Legion, our Auxiliary and our Scout troops.

Thank you for all the helping hands and willingness to go above and beyond. We have so many special things taking place this month.

May you know how very much you are all appreciated, and I can't wait to celebrate with you all on Veterans Day!

With much Gratitude,

Stephanie
2nd Vice Commander