



# Commander's Corner

## October 2026

Hello Legion Family Members,

October is here! With so much to do and daylight hours getting shorter, it's hard to believe we're already heading into the final months of the year.

Upcoming Events & Post News:

 Legion Car Show – October 11 | 8:00 AM–3:00 PM

Rain or shine! Motorcycles are welcome, too. We believe this is our last car show of the season, so stop by and get your car fix before winter arrives!

 Happy Birthday, U.S. Navy! – October 13

A special thank-you to all our Sailors, past and present, for their service and dedication.

Our handicap parking spaces should be completed this month, weather permitting.

Weekly Activities at the Legion

- Tuesday: Volleyball
- Wednesday: Darts
- Thursday: Bags

There are plenty of opportunities to get together, have some fun, and enjoy the camaraderie of the Post!

Be sure to check our website calendar for a complete listing of upcoming activities and events.

Stop in for a visit, enjoy some of our wonderful food selections, and keep an eye out for spooky Halloween characters making appearances throughout the month!

We hope to see you at the Post sometime this October. Have a wonderful month!

Sincerely,

Allen Shook  
Commander



# Chaplain's Corner

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Autumn has settled in around us once again. The cooler mornings, bright leaves, and gentle shift of the season remind us that change can carry both beauty and meaning. October often invites us to slow down just enough to notice the blessings that surround us.

There's a quiet joy in autumn that often goes unnoticed. The other day, I watched a single leaf drift down from a maple tree — not rushed, not forced, just gently letting go when the time was right. It reminded me that God often invites us to slow down in the same way. We don't have to cling so tightly to every worry or task.

Sometimes the most faithful thing we can do is pause, breathe, and notice the beauty right in front of us. Autumn teaches us that change can be gentle, and rest can be holy. The colors don't appear all at once; they unfold day by day. In the same way, God's work in us often comes quietly, steadily, and with surprising grace.

And if we take a moment to enjoy the season — a walk, a warm cup of tea, a glance at the trees — we may find that God is speaking in the stillness.

Our Post continues to move forward with purpose. Last year we celebrated paying off our mortgage, and now we are steadily working toward paying off our new parking lot. The project cost over \$100,000, and thanks to the generosity of our Legion Family, we are already halfway there. Your support continues to strengthen the mission and future of Post 196.

We also pause to remember James Young, United States Air Force, who served during the Vietnam conflict. James passed away on August 5, 2026, at the age of 81. Though he was a member of Post 196 for only a short time, we honor his service to our nation and commend him to God's care.

Many among us are walking through illness, grief, or personal hardship. Your prayers, your calls, and your quiet acts of kindness continue to make a difference. We are strongest when we lift one another up. I'm reminded of the promise in Isaiah 41:10: "Do not fear, for I am with you... I will strengthen you and help you."

As we move through October, may we do so with gratitude, hope, and steady hearts. And always remember —your Chaplains are here for you.

Blessings, Neil, Tom and Barb

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# Sons of the American Legion Delafield Post October 2026

Well Fall is upon us and it will definitely been a busy one for Post 196.

Our monthly membership meeting was held on September 8th 2026 with 12 members in attendance.

We had two guests, First District Commander, Timothy Parker and Vice Commander, Jim Fischer. They presented us with three awards, the 100% Membership Award, The Triple Nickel Award and the National Award Certificate of Achievement!!! All three are quite prestigious award and a great testament of all of the hard work and dedication of our membership.

They also reported that there will be a District 1 meeting at the Oconomowoc Legion on **Saturday September 19th at 10:00 am** and possibly a bowling tournament for District 1 squadrons this winter.

Lastly, there are a few District 1 officer positions open if any of us are interested. After our guests were finished our minutes were read, voted on and approved as well as the financial report. Our annual donation of \$1000 was made to Dry Hootch this month.

We grilled food for the volleyball tournament and made \$330. Our Annual SAL's night out at the Dockhounds game had 12 members attend. Thank you to John Hoffman for coordinating.

We also received a letter from Scouting America for our donation of \$200. Commander Nuernberger reported information from the Family Meeting.

A brick will be purchased at the Delafield Veterans Walk for Terry Fraizer and the volleyball courts will be named after him as appreciation for his time served as commander of our post. The new addition will be named for Mike Proulx for his tireless efforts making that project possible.

The pavilion by the baseball field will be named after Al Dowe, a longtime Legion member. Pat Trier cannot coordinate the Packer Tailgate so thanks you to Co-coordinators, Ralph Ade and Rob MacCarthy who volunteered to run this event which will be held on Sunday October 4th at noon. We desperately need raffle prize donations and will need help running the event. Please consider doing what you can as this is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

The SAL's Annual Chili Contest will be held on December 6th at noon for the Packer-Saints Game.

We will be running a meat raffle with the volleyball league on Saturday December 12th Our 2027 Membership drive has started. Please get your dues paid to Steve Reardon. The new annual dues are now \$30.00 The t-shirts for us to wear at our events were ordered by Rob McCarthy and are in. Please pick up and pay at our next meeting if you ordered. 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. That's all for this month!!

**Our next scheduled monthly meeting is Monday October 5th 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**



# American Legion Delafield Auxiliary October 2026

Hello all, there is a chill in the air, and it is starting to feel like fall already, which must mean football season is upon us.

Our last meeting was on Monday September 14th attended by 19 members, which included 6 officers.

We have a new member, Maile Barnhill – WELCOME MAILE.

It is not too late to purchase your “Americas 250 raffle” tickets from an auxiliary member. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10. Please contact me if you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets. First prize is a beautiful handmade quilt; 2 nd prize is a bucket of booze and 3 rd place is a \$100 Sendik’s gift card and bottle of Makers Mark. Drawing to be held at 8pm at our Nov 11 th veteran’s day celebration.

Beth, Sue and I attended the ALA Waukesha County meeting on **Sep 16th** in Hartland, it is always great to meet others and hear what others in our county are doing.

Please consider signing up for the **Sept 23rd** Blood Drive, Sal’s are running.

Mark your calendars for our Wine Tasting **Nov 7 @ 6-9pm**. Flyer and tickets available soon. 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.

Planning is underway for Veterans Day Nov 11. We hope to see you all there. As always, we’ll have an Honor Guard ceremony, a great meal, and dance the night away with DJ Chris. We would appreciate all appetizer donations. All veterans will receive a beverage on us so please pass the word.

We started 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

## October 2026

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

### Troop 49 September 2026:

The scouts camped at Nagawaukee County Park- plans included tubing on the lake, fishing, and some cooking. The forecast called for rain so contingency plans were made. In the end they did some tubing in the morning. The cooking was planned by one of the newer scouts: they had shrimp on the grill, bread made on the wampum sticks, burgers, fruit kabobbs, and pancakes. They practiced building fires in the rain. And all had a really great time.

The Order of the Arrow call out was held in Ed & Val Marek's backyard. The OA is the National Honor Society of Scouting, and includes scouts who are elected by their troops because they qualify and stand out as great scouts- helpful, focused, skillful, and embodying the ideals of scouting. The call out is a very special ceremony. It is centered around a huge fire in the fire pit, and the Arrowmen performing the call to order and the tapping out of the two scouts who were elected by the troop earlier in the year. Other scouts and one adult were tapped out at Summer Camp. To be eligible for OA, scouts must be First Class and have at least 15 nights of camping over the last two years time.

### Troop 49 October schedule:

Scouts will be attending a campout at Devils Lake State Park through the Badger Trails organization. Many scouting groups from the Midwest come this weekend to hike and then meet up at a large gathering and dance. The scouts will be doing a 5 mile hike and packing their lunch to eat halfway through. Devils Lake is beautiful and its a lot of fun to enjoy it with other scouts and meet new friends in scouting.

Troop 49 will be holding an Open House on October 25th at Lapham Peak State Park- Mike Fort Pavilion. All 4th and 5th grade Cub Scouts are invited, as well as anyone who wants to learn more about Troop 49 and Scouting. They all will go on a scavenger hike, learn some scouting skills, and be able to chose between a few dutch oven desserts. This event is a great way to showcase what scouts learn in scouting, both in skills and leadership.

Cub Scout Pack 196, for boys and girls in kindergarten through 5th grade, meets twice a month throughout the school year at Dousman Elementary. They held a recruiting event and had few new cub scouts sign up and more interested to join. Two scouts from Troop 49 are Den Chiefs at Pack 196- they help the leaders deliver the program to the cub scouts. Den Chiefs play a very helpful role in connecting with their younger peers and can demonstrate scout skills to the cub scouts in a very inviting way. They are a great help to the Den Leaders!

Yours in Scouting  
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