

THE FUTURE OF OUR POST

In a world where more and more of our interactions happen through screens, places that bring people together matter more than ever. That's one of the reasons the American Legion remains so important. Whether it's a dinner night, a tournament, trivia, a fundraiser, or simply a few people gathered around the bar, the Post provides something that is increasingly rare: a place to connect with others and be part of a community. But those opportunities don't happen on their own. The future of our Post depends on all of us. Not everyone can volunteer for every event. Not everyone wants to serve on a committee or take on a leadership role. That's okay. There are many ways to support the Post. Attend an event. Bring a friend. Volunteer when you can. Participate in a fundraiser. Stop by for a meal or a conversation. Every person who walks through the door contributes to the energy, connection, and sense of community that make this place special. A strong Post is built not only by those who lead it, but by those who support it, participate in it, and help make it a welcoming place for others.

Thank you for helping ensure that our Post remains a place where people can gather, connect, and belong—for years to come.



Legion Cornhole Classic - Round 1



The Sunday Breakfast Team



May Trivia & Potluck

FROM THE PAST COMMANDER

I am pleased to announce that we applied for and received a Community Enhancement Grant from the City of Sherwood for \$6811 to fund our "Kitchen Improvement Project". The kitchen project includes a new seamless non-slip commercial floor, a new commercial upright freezer and a new gas water heater. Both our existing freezer and hot water heater are old and have issues. The new freezer will give more versatile space and both the freezer and hot water heater are about 20% to 25% more efficient than our current ones. Before any of the new equipment is installed, we will paint the entire kitchen, ceiling, walls, cupboards and moldings. In order to not conflict with major Legion events, the current plan is we will begin the project around the first September and finish by mid September. We are all looking forward to a fresh and updated kitchen.

Regards, Phil Morton

America 250: A Historic Anniversary



On July 4, 2026, the United States will celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This historic milestone offers an opportunity to reflect on the ideals of freedom, service, and citizenship that have shaped our nation for two and a half centuries.

For members of The American Legion Family, the anniversary is also a reminder of the generations of veterans who have defended those ideals. Since our founding in 1919, The American Legion has worked to strengthen communities, support veterans and military families, mentor youth, and promote Americanism.

As celebrations take place across the country, we encourage members to take a moment to reflect on our nation's history, honor those who have served, and look ahead to the future we are building for the next generation. Here's to 250 years of American independence—and to continuing the legacy of service in our community.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Jan Carlson – AUXILIARY

Jan has been a member of the

Auxiliary for more than 30 years. When asked what she

enjoys most about the

American Legion Family, she

points to the camaraderie,

being around like-minded

people, and knowing she is

helping make a difference for

others. Service and patriotism

run deep in Jan's family. Her

grandfather served in World War I, and much of her family

has military ties, primarily with the Marines and Navy. Her

father served as a Navy corpsman in combat during World

War II. Deployed at just 17 years old, he narrowly survived his

first mission. Jan's mother and grandmother were both

Rosie the Riveters, working in a shipyard during the war

effort. One of Jan's earliest memories is watching her

brother graduate from boot camp at Camp Pendleton.

Many members know Jan as the hostess of the Post's

monthly Trivia Night, held on the last Saturday of each

month. Her enthusiasm and sense of fun help make it one of

the Post's most popular social events. Whether you're a trivia

expert or just looking for a fun night out with friends, Jan

encourages everyone to come join in. Over the years, Jan has

created many memories through her involvement with the

Auxiliary. One of her favorites was when she and fellow

Auxiliary member Tess spent the night tying yellow ribbons

around trees throughout Sherwood. Residents woke up the

next morning to find yellow ribbons displayed across town in

a show of support and patriotism. As she looks to the future,

Jan is excited to see the Post continue to grow, with new

activities, events, and opportunities for members to connect

and serve the community.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Auxiliary: Kandy Brunner, Valerie Nias, Kristin Pendleton, Muriel Wilkinson, Malia Geary Briauna Grafton

LEGION FAMILY LEADERSHIP

Commander: Joe Martin

Auxiliary President: Rebecca Fairbanks

SAL Commander: Brian Berryhill

Newsletter Editor:

Allison DeGraaf, ALA Secretary

For a complete list of officers and committee chairs, visit SherwoodLegion.org.

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Pizza Night 4:30	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	7	8	9 Pizza Night 4:30	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Pizza Night 4:30 Legion Meeting 7PM	17	18 Robinhood Festival/Cornhole Classic
19	20	21	22	23 Pizza Night 4:30	24 Friday Supper Series @ 5:30 PM	25 Trivia w/ Potluck Potluck 5PM Trivia 6PM
26	27	28	29	30 Pizza Night 4:30		

AUGUST 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Pizza Night 4:30	7 Friday Supper Series @ 5:30 PM	8 Cruisin' Sherwood
9	10	11	12	13 Pizza Night 4:30	14 Friday Supper Series @ 5:30 PM	15
16	17	18	19	20 Pizza Night 4:30 Legion Meeting 7PM	21 Friday Supper Series @ 5:30 PM	22 Cornhole Classic 12PM
23	24	25	26	27 Pizza Night 4:30	28 Friday Supper Series @ 5:30 PM	29 Annual Family Picnic
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Post 56 - Upcoming Events for July and August

Saturday, July 18. Robin Hood Festival All Day Events at the Legion.

9:00 a.m. Bar Opens 11:00 a.m. Beer Garden Opens 11:30 a.m. Backyard Grill (Hot Dogs & Hamburgers)

Cornhole Classic Tournament Round 2. \$20/team. Register at the Post or contact Wayne Ritchie @ 310-780-3456.

Saturday, July 24th, and August 7, 14, 21, & 28 at 5:30, only \$15 Friday Supper Series featuring homemade Mexican inspired dinners prepared by **Karina's Kitchen.**

Saturday, July 25. Trivia with Potluck. Get your teams together for one of our most popular events. Potluck starts at 5:00 and Trivia at 6:00. Please bring a dish to share.

Saturday, August 8. Cruisin' Car Show All Day Events at the Legion.

6:00 a.m. Cruisin' Breakfast serving Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, OJ and Coffee, Only \$15. 7:00 a.m. Bar Opens 11:00 a.m. Beer Garden Opens 11:30 a.m. Sidewalk Grill Opens serving Hot Dogs, Polish Dogs and Tri-Tip Sandwiches.

Saturday, August 22. Noon Cornhole Classic Tournament Round 3 Final. \$20/team. Register at the Post or contact Wayne Ritchie @ 310-780-3456.

Saturday, August 29. 4:00 p.m. Annual Family Picnic the Legion.

Come join us for all the good food and fun, and open play Cornhole game. The Post will be providing Tri-Tip Sandwiches. Please bring a dish to share. This is a free event to all members and their families.

Friday SUPPER SERIES ★ RETURNS! ★



The Friday Supper Series is back at Post 56, featuring a summer lineup of homemade Mexican-inspired dinners prepared by Karina's Kitchen.



FRIDAYS



5:30 PM



\$15

JULY 24 • AUGUST 7, 14, 21 & 28

Watch Facebook and the weekly email for menu announcements.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

American Legion School Awards



Past Commander Phil Morton represented Argonne Post 56 at the Sherwood Middle School graduation ceremony on June 9, where he presented The American Legion School Awards. These awards recognize students who demonstrate outstanding qualities of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship, and service. Recipients of the 2025 American Legion School Awards (left to right): Joshua Hawkins, Harper Myrick, and Addison Siebers. Congratulations to these exceptional students and best wishes as they begin the next chapter of their educational journey.

Honoring Veterans on Memorial Day

On Memorial Day, Auxiliary Chaplain Rosemary Morton and Past Commander Phil Morton visited veterans residing at Cedar Crest Memory Care to express the gratitude of the American Legion Family. Certificates of Appreciation, poppies, and small American flags were presented to nine veterans in recognition of their service and sacrifice. The visit served as a meaningful reminder that while Memorial Day honors those who gave their lives in service to our nation, it is also an opportunity to thank and recognize the veterans in our community whose sacrifices helped preserve the freedoms we enjoy today.



Auxiliary members Rebecca Humphreys and Dianna Tanabe volunteered for Poppy Day, distributing poppies outside the Legion to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to support this longstanding tradition.



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