



The Post 36er

Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36

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Awards Night June 26th 4:00 Social, 5:00 Dinner, 6:00

Awards/Meeting

Each year the Post gives awards to distinguished members of our community. These are men and women who serve us as EMT, Firefighter, and Police. We also recognize a Post member who has distinguished themselves through the year.

Legionnaire of the Year – Donna Kleinmaus, also Washington County American Legion and Wisconsin District 2 American Legion

We make this a special night for all involved by welcoming recipients and their guests for a meal before the ceremony. All members are welcome and may bring a guest as well. **Please RSVP by June 21, with our Adjutant Jim Gelreich 262-707-6686 or jgeld@charter.net** Cost is \$10 per person. A cash bar will be available. **We need a count of how many not only for food preparation but also for seating arrangements.** If you feel uncomfortable about the amount of people in attendance, do not attend the meal but feel free to attend the awards presentation following the meal.

Armed Forces Day

Downtown West Bend is again beautified with Red, White and Blue! A group met Saturday morning 5/15, to hang flags from the street lamps through downtown and in Barton. We had a great time. This is a wonderful

Commander's Corner

Wow, a lot has happened in the past year. Last June we were trying to decide if we should have an awards dinner. This year we are happy to once again recognize and thank the hard-working safety officers of our community on June 26.

Thank you to those members who volunteered to run for a Post office and those elected to serve the Post this coming year. Thank you for serving your fellow veteran. Please encourage your officers and help them out if you are asked.

We are looking into returning our pre-meeting meals. Talk to your officers and let them know if you have opinions or suggestions about these meals. This time allows members to socialize and reconnect. Feel free to play cards or watch TV. This is your house, enjoy time with your family.

The building committee is reviewing our list of building wants and needs. You may notice some changes in the very near future. Please pardon our dust as we look to make our building safer and more functional.

God Bless,

Jay Anderson, Commander

way to meet and get to know members. Consider helping us take them down in November.



Let us know if you see any broken or unsatisfactory flags in these areas. We try to keep an eye on them but we can't be everywhere. We need your help in alerting us so we can keep everything looking beautiful.

Flags were also placed at cemeteries throughout West Bend. A big thank you goes out to Terry Vrana and Sons of American Legion for their diligence in recognizing our veterans which have been laid to rest in our city. The cemeteries look very nice with those flags waving.

Memorial Day



Thank you to all who participated in the Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony. We had beautiful weather and a great turnout. Thank you to all who coordinated the activities. A driving parade took place prior with cars caravanning through the West Bend Cemeteries to view the flag marked graves of veterans.

The Honor Guard also performed in Fillmore and at Fleet Farm. Thank you for taking the time to remember those we have lost.

TanR'You Car and Bike Show

No concrete plan has been formed for a show this year. The show usually takes place at the end of August. This is always a fun time and attendance has increased over the past couple years. Consider helping to make this year another success. Stay tuned as plans are made.



Membership

A big thank you to all members for your renewal and for getting members into our post. Our post continues to grow and we are now at 256 members! We hit our goal of 254 and surpassed it! We did not hit the 103% needed for the Post Excellence Award but we continue to grow.



Have You Talked To A Veteran About The American Legion?

Membership renewal begins July 1st. The American Legion now has the capability to allow members to automatically renew. Please check this out on www.myLegion.org

Welcome to our newest Post 36 members!

Please greet everyone at our meetings but give a special welcome to those whom you have not met.

Brat Fry Season!

We have had one brat fry this year and it was very successful! I listed our success on the private Facebook page. Thank you to everyone who helped with the Brat Fries at the Red Shed in front of Sausage Plus. Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of American Legion. Brat Fry profits are used to pay the mortgage. This allows other monies to fund Post opportunities such as scholarships, Boy's State, Little League Baseball, etc.



We will be having a brat fry during some of the Downtown Farmers Markets this year, besides Sausage Plus. Here is what we have scheduled for this year:

June 26th, Farmers Market 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

July 17th, Post 36, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

August 7th, Farmers Market 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

August 27th – 28th, Sausage Plus 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Sept 4th, Farmers Market 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Sept 17th – 18th, Sausage Plus 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Oct 2nd, Farmers Market 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Put the dates on your calendar now. We will accept any help you can give. Contact Ed Draeger (262-689-4144) for more information.

myLegion.org

I wish I could force everyone to log into www.myLegion.org and update their information but I cannot. I can beg and plead that you do so. This will allow us to contact you either by phone, email or post office and get you the information you need.

Your login will allow you to update the information the American Legion has for you. You can also add a picture of yourself and renew your membership. We use this information to send out this newsletter. Every person without a listed or updated email address costs Post 36, \$3.30 per year in postage. Not a big deal until you multiply this by 80+ members without an updated email. I know not everyone has email.

Updating your information may also help us contact your family in the case of an emergency or death. We found many members unreachable during our Buddy Check last March. Please go online and update your information. We hope to have a computer at future meetings to assist you in updating.

Washington County Fair

We are happy to announce that the County Fair is scheduled to resume July 20 – 25. The Washington County American Legion runs a food stand at the fair. We are considered one of the best places to eat. Each Post in the county helps with coverage.

We have our times and roles in running the stand. We have times available for many different positions. Not sure what you can do? We will train you. Don't want to handle food? Don't want to handle money? We have positions available and we need help in those areas also. Time goes fast and we have a good time.

Admission is free on the date you work. Ask your family members to join you.

Contact Bob Kudek to signup or to get more information. 262-675-2801 or rrkvmk@hotmail.com

Blood Drive

We will be having a blood drive at our Post on August 27th. This will be a blood drive through The Red Cross. Blood supplies always run low during the summer. Please consider donating if you are able. More information on times will be available soon and will be emailed at the date gets closer. Stay tuned.

Happy 100th Birthday Alice!



We have a WWII veteran centenarian in our membership! Alice Byrne turned 100 years in May. She wants to thank all those well-wishers. She received many messages and cards. I was surprised

to find the U.S. has the highest absolute number of centenarians in the world with **97,000** living in the country. Congratulations Alice!

2021-2022 Officers

Ballot was unanimously accepted during our Annual Meeting June 2, 2020, for the following officers:

Commander: Jay Anderson

1st Vice Commander: John Zink

2nd Vice Commander: Donna Kleinmaus

Adjutant: Jim Geldreich

Finance Officer: Michael Feller

Service Officer: James Maersch

Chaplain: Dick Gerard

Sergeant at Arms: Ed Draeger

Historian: Shari Prag

Parliamentarian: Brian McDonald

At Large Member: James Maersch



Our Past Post Commanders serving on the Executive Board:

Brian McDonald

Bob Kudek

Bart Williams

Thank you to Bart Williams for serving us as 1st Vice Commander the past year. Bart has new employment requirements which he feels will not allow him the proper time required to do the excellent job he wished to give the Post. Your service is greatly appreciated. Congratulations on 100% membership!

Private Facebook Page

Signup for our private Facebook Page "West Bend American Legion Post 36". This is a private page only open to American Legion Post 36 members. We can post private matters on this page and it is only seen by members.



Happy
Birthday!

Sons of American Legion

Golf Outing:

1st Annual Sons of the American Legion / West Bend Moose Lodge and Family Center Golf Outing was held at Hon-E-Kor Golf Course on June 12, 2021. Thanks to the Honor Guard for posting colors and to Joel Haussmann for leading us in the National Anthem. The Outing was a great time, had great weather and we are already looking ahead to next year!

Brat Fry at the Old Timers Baseball Games

Join the Sons at the Old Timers Baseball Games on June 27th and August 22nd!!
Game times are 3:30 PM and 6:15 PM and are being held at the West Bend High School Baseball fields.

See the event info on the Sons of the American Legion – Lt Ray Dickop Post 36 Facebook Page
<https://fb.me/e/Fijp8bRs>

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative Barrels

Barrels are back in place at Fleet Farm and at the Post. Please consider donating items.
Please contact Steve Rohde at 414-581-4381 for information.

American Legion Auxiliary

Bake Sale at Brat Fry

We will be at all of the Brat Fries this year not only to help out but we will be having Baked Items for sale. We are looking for volunteers to donate baked goods to sell.

Rummage Sale

We had a tremendous success at our Rummage Sale. Thank you to everyone who helped organize and sell our donated treasures. Big thanks to those who helped with the Brat Fry and Bake Sale. We greatly appreciated all the donated items we had for sale. Leftover items were donated to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. They were very happy and assured us a needy veteran will benefit.

- Jacob Hansen 7/1
- Charles Simpson 7/1
- Lynn Kauth 7/2
- Michael Lesko 7/3
- John Camery 7/5
- Hilda Rasmussen 7/6
- William Crowley 7/13
- Michael Feller 7/13
- Kenneth Nyberg 7/18
- Steve Zacher 7/19
- Kenneth Fisher 7/20
- Bart Williams 7/20
- Joseph Zadra 7/22
- Brennan Onken 7/23
- Terrance Vrana 7/24
- John Zink 7/29
- Kevin Walsh 7/31
- Thomas Nikkinen 8/2
- Charles McCormick 8/2
- Clarissa Martinelli 8/3
- John Dropik 8/4
- Thomas Smith 8/4
- Jack Koehn 8/5
- Michael Wandry 8/6
- Michael Pettit 8/9
- James Holmes 8/12
- Paul Hetebrueg 8/13
- John Herman 8/15
- William Clay 8/16
- Richard Gerard 8/16
- Clarence Harmon 8/18
- Paul Schleif 8/18
- Bruce Witt 8/19
- Gerald Krug 8/20
- James Geldreich 8/22
- Albert Nelson 8/26
- Brandon Grudzinski 8/29
- Michael Wanninger 8/30



Calendar

July

July 4 – Independence Day

July 5 – SAL Meeting 7 PM

July 7- Membership Meeting 7 PM

July 7 – Auxiliary Meeting 7 PM

July 14-18 – Department Convention, Middleton

July 17 – Brat Fry - Post Building, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

July 20-25 – Washington County Fair

July 21 - Department of Veterans Administration Created

July 29 - Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

August

August 2 – SAL Meeting 7 PM

August 3 – Post Membership Meeting 7 PM

August 3 – Auxiliary Meeting

August 4 - US Coast Guard Birthday (USCG)

August 7- Purple Heart Day

August 7 – Brat Fry Farmers Market 7 – 11 AM

August 14/15 - V-J Day

August 17 – Executive Board Meeting – 5 PM

August 27/28 - Brat Fry Sausage Plus 9 AM – 3 PM

August 29 - Marine Corps Reserve Birthday

2021 Pandemic Cancelled Events

Badger Boys State/Girls State

Department Bowling Tournament

National Oratorical

Stars and Stripes Honor Flights



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