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**April Tornado
Awareness Month**

The Post 36er



*Happy
Birthday*

*American Legion
March 16, 1919*

*Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36
West Bend, Wisconsin*

"For God and Country"

SPOTLIGHTING OUR COMRADES

Our 1st Veteran we are spotlighting is a WW2 Veteran, born November 26, 1927.

I served active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1945-1948, Navy Reserves from 1948 to 1955. Something no one knows about me is that I was an inspector of ships after the Atomic bombing – Occupation of Japan/Chinese Service. After my service I worked as a foreman at Metal Stamping.

I am married 65 years to the love of my life, Rosina. I am dad to 8 children – LaVern, Mary Ellen, Barbara, Caryl, Patrick, Bruce, Randall and Yvonne.

I have no hobbies, but I love to bowl. I love eating pork roast. My first car was a 1939 SND and favorite car was a 1949 Pontiac.

January through March you can find me vacationing in Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Who Am I? Answer located later in newsletter.

Thank you for your service and thank you for submitting this survey interview.

Commander's Corner

A big thank you very much to all of you who cleared snow from our Post's entrances and walkways this winter, and swept the Memorial. Thank you to the American Legion Riders for providing us with salt to keep the areas safe. Our Post has done some major upgrades in the past year. We should be proud that we were able to upgrade our HVAC and replace our fluorescent fixtures with energy saving LEDs. More improvements coming!

Post elections will be at our May 5th meeting. We will elect/re-elect all Post officers and one at-large Board member. Please consider running!

We continue to have fundraising events this year – weekend brat fries, the County Fair, 4th Annual Car & Bike Show and more. Thank you for doing your part for your Post.

Thank you for all your support.

Commander Jay Anderson

What's Happening . . .

● January Meeting A holiday meal was hosted at the Post January 4th. Thank you to Donna Kleinmaus and Dewayne Stiefvater for organizing another great gathering. Thank you to everyone who brought food. We also remembered our comrades who passed over the past year. Thank you to Dick Gerard for his Post Everlasting Service. About 50 people attended. A great time was had by all.

● February Meeting Our first meeting under the new LED lighting. Thank you to everyone who helped with the installation. Electrician students from Moraine Park Technical College volunteered their skills. Thank you to the SAL members for their assistance.



● Last Bugle: We mourn our most recent loss:

Leonard Roecker

Members who passed away in 2019. Robert Biskobing, Paul Braun, Lawrence Hoffman, Roland Moericke, Ralph Munding, August Utech, Derry Wagner. Gone but not forgotten.

● Guest Speaker at March Meeting Heather Rogge with Preceptor Home Health and Hospice. They are a corporation based out of Germantown providing end of life and home health care. They are very interested in working with Vets both professionally and philanthropically. She is interested in better understanding of moral Injury and how as a company she can outreach to the Vietnam Veterans of our area. She is also interested in working on thanking and working out visitation for Vets in facilities.

● Continuous Membership Awards To thank our members for their many years of membership we are presenting certificates to members at 5-year increments. Awards will be presented during the March 3rd meeting. Please attend to receive your award!

5 years: Clarence Harmon, David Kelln. Michael Lesko, Michael Morris **10 years:** Thomas Allen, Dennis Durian, Clyde Ehlert, Henry Helminski, Norbert Hynek, William Kazen, Ronald Kegley, Richard Klumb, Dale Schubel, Ralph Shield, Thomas Walters **15 years:** Robert Auxier, Arthur Birch, John Camery, William Clay, Christopher Coleman, Kenneth Fischer, James Geldreich, David Hammer, Kenneth Nyberg, Michael Pettit, Louis Renard, Paul Schleif, Alan Schrader, Mark Suckow, Robert Swanson **20 years:** Michael Feller, Ervin Jurgilanis, Robert Piaro, Gene Reinhardt, Larry Schneider, Lawrence Wetzel **25 years:** James Mikkelson, Kevin Walsh, Edward Weise **30 years:** Joseph Baasch, Joseph Daley, Patrick Davidson, Gerald Jung, Robert Kudek, Leo Thelen **40 years:** Dewayne Stiefvater. **45 years:** James Chatham, Allan Kieckhafer. Please attend and honor your fellow Legionnaires for their many years of continued membership!



● Bowling: State bowling tournament begins the last weekend of March and continues for the first three weekends in April. The post will be sending two teams this year. Good luck! Interested members please contact Ed Draeger 262-689-4144.

● County Veteran Service Officer

Kurt Rusch will be joining us at our April 7th membership meeting. If you have any questions or concerns, please get that information to Jim Maersch in advance, so that he can tailor his remarks to items that interest you.

● Armed Forces Day is May 16th. Our post celebrates by putting up street flags downtown and by placing flags on graves at



local cemeteries. Those wishing to help with the downtown flags, please meet at the Post at 8:00 am. For those wishing to help at the cemeteries, Terry Vrana will be at Washington County Memorial Cemetery and Chris Schatz will be at Holy Angels Cemetery to greet you at 9:00 am.

● American Legion Auxiliary Meeting – March 3rd 7:00 PM

● Million Veterans Program (MVP) is a national voluntary program funded entirely by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal is to partner with veterans receiving their care in the VA Healthcare System to study how genes affect health. The MVP is building one of the world's largest medical databases by safely collecting blood samples and health information from one million veteran volunteers. For enrollment information, call toll free at 866-441-6075.

● County Fair: Please consider volunteering this year. Many of the people I have talked to say we are the best food at the fair. The fair is July 21-26. Besides volunteering for food service, our building will need volunteers to clean prior to the fair July 13th and set-up 0900 July 20th. We will also have final cleaning and closing on July 27th. Please set aside these dates to help. Many hands make for light work. More information to follow.



● Post Flag Memorial: Memorial bricks are still available, please contact John Zink 262-334-3055 to purchase. The bricks will be placed in spring and fall.

● Membership: Commander Jay Anderson reminds everyone that we are well into the 2020 membership renewal drive. This has always been a weird thing. The "renewal drive", when they send renewal notices, runs from July 1 to June 30 for your actual membership which runs from January 1 to December 31. So, if you haven't renewed your membership please forward it to Jay Anderson at P.O. Box 921, West Bend 53095. Deceased Legionnaire and Former 1st Vice Commander Frank Walbrink always said it best, "Do your part to support all of the work that the American Legion, the largest Veteran's organization, does for veterans, seniors and the youth of America by investing \$40 in an American Legion membership". An example of the work we do, the Wisconsin American Legion helped obtain a change to the Wisconsin GI Bill in 2013. Now any Veteran with 5 years of residency prior to enrolling in a Wisconsin college or technical school is eligible for 100% remissions of the cost for regular and advance degree courses no matter when you were discharged.



Please check us out: search American Legion West Bend. Like and follow our page to stay informed of happenings at your post.

REMEMBER: You may pay your dues online through the American Legion website: www.legion.org;

● Brat Fries: Ed Draeger has reserved dates for the brat fries this year. The first date will be June 5th and 6th. Please volunteer your time. Set up is usually Thursday and helpers are needed on Friday and Saturday in various roles.



Other dates this summer are August 14th and 15th and September 11th and 12th. Mark your calendars. Sign-up sheets will be available at membership meetings. Please contact Ed Draeger 262-689-4144 for more information.

● County Legion: The next County dinner meeting is March 21, in Hartford. Times are the standard times: Social – 5PM, Dinner – 6PM & Meeting – 7PM. Contact Adjutant Jim Geldreich: 262-707-6686, if you plan on attending or for more information. The cost of the dinner is \$12.00 per person.

● Mystery Comrade Answer: Clyde Ehler

● District 2 Spring Meeting will take place March 25th, in Port Washington. Auxiliary and SAL will be also be hosting their meetings during this event. All are welcome to attend. Contact Adjutant Jim Geldreich: 262-707-6686, if you plan on attending or for more information.

● Street Flags: The Downtown Street Flags will be going up tentatively May 16th. The exact date will be known as we get closer. Meet at the Post at 0800. We are always looking for help. This a great way to get involved and get to know some of your comrades. Talk with Max Sommerfeld to volunteer or for more information 262-334-4270.

● Sporting Clays Fundraiser – Interested in Sporting Clays? A fundraiser is being held at the Wild Wings Sportsman's Club in Campbellsport, Friday May 8th, 1130 AM – 4:00 PM. The funds are to help with the continuation of placing flags on the cemetery plots of veterans in our county. Fliers are available at the Post. More information and registration can be found <https://fhwashcoveterans.eventbrite.com> or www.facebook.com/washcoveterans



The Department website has been revamped. Please check out www.wilegion.org

● Stars and Stripes Honor Flight will again be flying veterans. First flight of the year will take place March 28th. Congratulations to those chosen to travel. Please get your forms submitted if you are eligible.

● Vote Primary presidential elections will take place April 7th. Please get out and vote. Offer a ride to your neighbors and friends. We have a meeting that evening so get our early.

● Post 36 Officer Elections – Never too early to consider running for a Post office. Elections are held every May meeting. All offices are only a one-year commitment except for our at large members, 3 years. Contact Commander Jay Anderson if you have an interest. Please consider serving your fellow veterans.



Sporting Clays Fundraiser



Please Join
us for **Sporting
Clays**

RAISING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE FOREVER HONORING OUR
WASHINGTON COUNTY VETERANS, MEMORIAL DAY FLAG ENDOWMENT.

UP TO 120 SHOOTERS CAN PARTICIPATE, EACH WILL BE ON A
TEAM OF FOUR, WITH ONLY 30 TEAMS POSSIBLE.

**Event details: Lunch, One Round of Sporting Clays
(50 targets), Fun Team Awards, and
Beat the Sheriff - Pistol Competition**

**Cost: \$100.00 Per Person/\$360.00 Per Foursome
Cost includes sporting clays, lunch, and two drink
tickets**

Ammunition is not included

Register:

[https://fhwashcoveterans.
eventbrite.com](https://fhwashcoveterans.eventbrite.com)



Shoot Against
Sheriff Schulteis

Compete against the
Sheriff in a pistol shoot!

The winner will be the person that has a
higher target score than the
sheriff. The winner will get a fun badge
and bragging rights



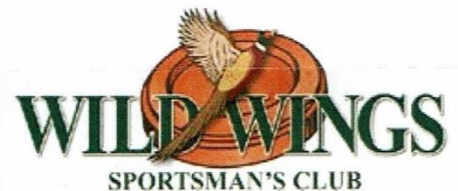
FRIDAY

8 MAY 2020

11:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
CAMPBELLSPORT, WI

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MARCH

- 2) Sons of American Legion Meeting – 7 PM**
- 3) Regular Post Meeting and Auxiliary Meeting – 7 PM**
- 3) Navy Reserve Birthday
- 11) County Youth Government Day – 8:30 AM
- 16) American Legion Birthday
- 17) Exec Board Meeting 5PM
- 21) County Dinner Meeting – **Hartford**; 5PM Social; 6PM Dinner; 7PM Meeting
- 25) Medal of Honor Day
- 29) National Vietnam War Veterans Day

APRIL

- 5) Gold Star Spouses Day
- 6) Sons of American Legion Meeting - -7 PM**
- 7) Spring Primary Elections - Get Out and Vote!**
- 7) Regular Post Meeting – 7 PM**
- 9) National Former POW Recognition Day
- 14) Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 21) Exec Board Meeting 5PM
- 23) Army Reserve Birthday
- 25) 2nd District Spring Conference – Post Washington