



The Post 36er

Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36

Wisconsin American Legion, West Bend, Wisconsin

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1st Vice Commander

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2nd Vice Commander

Donna Kleinmaus

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Elections

Elections are held every May. All offices are up for election. We have a great group of officers in place and would love for them to stay but sometimes a break is needed or life guides them in a different direction. Please consider running for an office. Nominate yourself or someone else. You will not be alone. We will assist you until you are comfortable.

Our ballot thus far:

Commander – Jay Anderson

1st Vice Commander – John Zink

2nd Vice Commander – Donna Kleinmaus

Adjutant – Jim Geldreich

Finance Officer – Mike Feller

Sgt at Arms – Ed Dreager

Service Officer – James Maersch

Chaplain – Dick Gerard

Parliamentarian – Brian McDonald

Historian - Vacant

At large board member – James Maersch

Help Needed

Looking for a way to help without becoming an officer? We are looking for members to help with our committees.



Our committees are ongoing and meet as needed. Members discuss what is needed, organize and present their suggestions to the board. We have needs in Budget, Membership, Rentals, and Building Utilization. Please let an officer know if you are interested.

Commander's Corner

Well, here we are deep into spring. Last newsletter I was still asking people to shovel snow. Now we are looking forward to flowers, gardens, green grass, warm weather. For many, spring is the favorite time of year. Who can blame them? Enjoy.

We are proud to be a 100% membership post again! Thank you, Bart Williams, for running membership this year. Unfortunately, Bart is unable to remain as 1st Vice Commander due to work obligations. Bart will remain until the next election. Thank you for all your work.

Brat Fry season is upon us again. Please consider helping out no matter how little. Feel free to come out and sit under the tent and chat if you are unable to help. Share your stories. Just being there brings people in and helps not only raise additional funds but increase membership.

Check out the SAL auction. Many interesting items and experiences included. Great ideas for involving the community. Information in the newsletter. Tell your friends.

The Auxiliary is having a rummage, bake sale, brat fry at our Post. Consider helping out, donating items, setting up, and advertise. The Auxiliary is another great organization looking to help veterans and the community.

Semper FI, God Bless,
Jay Anderson, Commander

Awards Dinner June 26



We are happy to announce the return of the Awards Dinner. This is our chance to recognize achievements of our membership and recognize our

community heroes who protect and serve us. Please join us June 26, Social at 4 PM, Dinner at 5 PM. \$10/person will be collected at the door. Cash bar.

Armed Forces Day is celebrated May 15th. Our post celebrates by putting up street flags downtown and by placing flags on graves at local cemeteries. Those who wish to help put up flags downtown, meet at the Post by 8 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. This is a great way to meet others.



Memorial Day Observation

A parade is being scheduled for Monday, along with presentation at the Old Courthouse. Please pay attention to the newspaper and Washington County Insider for the latest information.

Brat Fry Season

The Brat Fry is one of our main fundraisers for paying the mortgage. Ed Dreager 262-689-4144 has been running the brat fry at the West Bend Sausage Plus for the past few years and he has been able to secure us dates for this summer. We are always looking for assistance.

Mark your calendars:

- May 14/15 – Post Building
- May 21/22 – Sausage Plus 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- June 26 – Downtown Farmers Market 6:30 – 11:30 AM
- July 17 – Post Building
- August 7 – Downtown Farmers Market 6:30 – 11:30 AM
- August 27/28 – Sausage Plus 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- September 4 – Downtown Farmers Market 6:30 – 11:30 AM
- September 17/18 – Sausage Plus 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- October 2 – Downtown Farmers Market 6:30 – 11:30 AM

Downtown Farmers Market Brat Fry

This is a great opportunity to not only raise some funds but also let the public know who we are. I also think that we will be able to increase our membership in all our organizations. Ed Dreager has graciously agreed to take the lead on this new endeavor. We will definitely need help running our booth. Contact Ed Dreager or any of the officers.

Sons of American Legion – Tim Hansen Fundraiser results:

Drive through Fish Fry on March 26th at the West Bend Moose Lodge was a great success!! We were 1 vehicle shy of the record number of vehicles through the drive through!! The net result: \$1,361.19 !! Great turn out and a ton of fun!



Sons of the American Legion Online Auction!

The SAL will be hosting an online auction to raise funds for veteran programs! When: Starts Monday morning April 26th beginning at 7 AM. Ends on Friday, April 30th at 11:45pm. If there are bids within the last 3 minutes on an item, the item auction end time will extend by 3 minutes to allow for additional bids. <https://www.32auctions.com/SAL> All items to be picked up the following day at the Post between 10am and 12pm, during our May 1st brat fry. Payments will be collected at the Post by Chris Schatz.

Golf Outing:

1st Annual Sons of the American Legion / West Bend Moose Lodge and Family Center Golf Outing will be held on Hon-E-Kor Golf Course on June 12, 2021. For a sign-up sheet please visit: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ozi7oorBe0kirvgkcluiuzkoJbvHonKC/view>

Sons of the American Legion May 1st Brat Fry at the Post 10 AM – 2 PM!!!

Come join us in a Spring Brat Fry at the Post!!! Stop in, enjoy a brat or burger and vote for your favorite branch of the service!! https://m.facebook.com/events/744226216241058?context=%7B%22source%22%3A%22%22%2C%22action_history%22%3A%22null%22%7D&aref=3&tn=HHR

Meals before meetings postponed!

Due to the pandemic and subsequent low meeting attendance, the executive board decided to not have a meal before meetings. We are hoping to begin meals again soon. Thank you for your understanding.

Virtual meeting attendance!

Still want to attend the membership meeting but have situations which make it near impossible to get to the building? Do you fear groups during the pandemic? Maybe you just can't make it? I am broadcasting during our meeting on our private Facebook page. This will



allow us to have a meeting in which only our members can see. Are you a member of our **private** Facebook page? Search "West Bend American Legion Post 36" on Facebook, answer a couple questions and await approval. This

is only open to Post 36 American Legion Members. I post our newsletter and other information on this page along with interesting information I receive from other sites.

Buddy Checks

Thank you to everyone who helped checking on our members and past members. We had a great time checking on those whom we have not seen for some time. Through these calls, a member told us of the need he had for a lift recliner. He had a very difficult time getting in and out of his ordinary chair because of terrible hip pain. We reached out to the public and we were able to get a donation of a used lift recliner. He is very happy and it was nice to help out a fellow veteran.

Unfortunately, we were not able to reach everyone. Many phone numbers were disconnected or no answers. Please update your information. Contact an officer and get us the information or update on www.myLegion.org

100% Membership!

Thank you to all of our membership for another successful year. We have reached our goal of 254 members! We are now on our way to reaching the Post Excellence Award goal of 103% = 262. Please help us. Encourage your family, friends, neighbors and acquaintances to join. Please contact Bart Williams, 1st Vice Commander, for more information. Renewals will begin again July 1.



Masking at Post Events

Although we continue fighting the pandemic, masking is no longer required at the Post. The Executive Board received much input from membership and had a lengthy discussion before voting. We ask that people respect the opinions and comfort of those around them, If you are not feeling well, have a fever, having any viral symptoms, please refrain from attending Post events. The board will continue to monitor the situation and make changes that it feels is necessary. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

2ND VICE - YOUTH PROGRAMS – Donna Kleinmaus Scholarships will be awarded May 3rd at the high school. We have 2 scholarships awarded annually. We will also be presenting an American Flag and certificate to 3 foreign exchange students this year. Congratulations to all.

We will be hosting another blood drive with Versiti on **May 28th, 12:30 – 6:30 PM**. Our blood drives have been very successful and we hope to continue. All blood drives will be at the Post building. More information will be emailed to members as we receive it. Contact Donna Kleinmaus, 262-305-4505, dkleinmaus@charter.net, with questions or help registering.

Did you know we have a Little League Baseball team? The post is happy to sponsor a summer and a fall team in West Bend. We will get a schedule posted at our building when available.

American Legion Auxiliary Rummage Sale

We will be hosting a rummage sale, bake sale and brat fry on May 14, 8 AM – 4 PM and May 15, 8 AM – 3 PM. We are looking for items to be donated. We will be accepting donations May 7th 3 – 7 PM, and May 8th 8 – noon. The ALA is also looking for assistance in setting up and helping with sales the days of, and baked goods (men and women). Some men would be appreciated helping May 10th to set up tables, no time established yet. Please contact Shirley Tuttle 629-9140, to offer your assistance or if you need help getting your items to the post.



Sporting Clays Fundraiser

Interested in Sporting Clays? A fundraiser is being held at the Wild Wings Sportsman’s Club in Campbellsport; Friday May 7th, 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 by calling the Veterans Service Officer 262-335-4457 or www.facebook.com/washcoveterans



20 – Father’s Day

26 – Farmers Marker Brat Fry 6:30 AM – 11:30 AM

26 - Post 36 Awards Dinner – 4/5 PM \$10/person

Birthdays!

- 5/3 – John Meyer
- 5/4 – Everette Edmondson
- 5/4 – David Slinde
- 5/8 – William Badini
- 5/8 – Gene DuPree
- 5/9 – Armand Miller
- 5/9 – Thomas Hunter
- 5/10 – Raymond Piechowski
- 5/11 – Robert Schulz
- 5/13 – Gordon Totten
- 5/14 – Richard Edmondson
- 5/14 – James Holzauer
- 5/14 – Robert Patten
- 5/15 – Jeffrey Sullivan
- 5/17 - Jerome Fuhman
- 5/19 – Chris Bagwell
- 5/20 – James Merkowitz
- 5/20 – Donald Thiss
- 5/22 – Donna Kleinmaus
- 5/27 – William Meier
- 5/29 – Robert Swanson
- 5/30 – James Maersch
- 5/30 – Ronald Kegley
- 5/31 – Raymond Fairbanks
- 5/31 – Micheal Hartwell

May and June Calendar of Events

May

National Military Appreciation Month

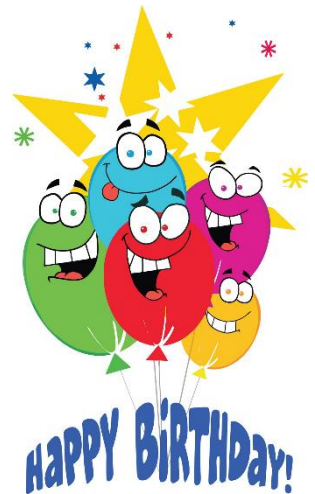
- 1 – Loyalty Day and Silver Star Service Banner Day
- 3 - Sons of American Legion Meeting – 7 PM**
- 4 - Membership Meeting (Elections)- 7 PM**
- 4 – Auxiliary Meeting – 7 PM**
- 6 – National Day of Prayer
- 7 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 7/8– Rummage Drop Off
- 8 – VE (Victory in Europe) Day
- 9 – Mother’s Day
- 10 – Rummage Table Set Up
- 13 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 14/15 - ALA Rummage Sale/Brat Sale 9 AM – 4 PM
- 15 – Armed Forces Day
- 15 – Downtown Flags – 8 AM
- 17 – County Executive Meeting – West Bend
- 18 – Executive Board Meeting – 5 PM
- 21/22 – Brat Fry – Sausage Plus 9 AM – 3 PM
- 28 – Blood Drive 12:30 – 6:30
- 31 – Memorial Day Observation



June

- 1 - Post Membership Meeting – 7 PM**
- 1 - Auxiliary Meeting – 7 PM**
- 6 – Anniversary of D-Day
- 7 - Sons of American Legion Meeting - -7 PM**
- 14 – Flag Day and Army Day
- 15 - Exec Board Meeting 5PM
- 19 – County Awards Dinner – West Bend

- 6/1 – Adam Tapp
- 6/2 – Gary Logan
- 6/3 – Dean Natzke
- 6/6 – Norbert Hynek
- 6/7 – Richard Radtke
- 6/8 – Alan Schrader
- 6/8 – Joseph Daley
- 6/11 – Joseph Baasch
- 6/13 – Terry Lechner
- 6/14 – Ronald Kempf
- 6/18 – Gene Reinhardt
- 6/21 – William Robedeau
- 6/21 – James Haug
- 6/22 – Joseph Zirger
- 6/23 – Michael Morris
- 6/24 – Glen McKinney
- 6/27 – Russell Guillaume
- 6/27 - Mark Harris
- 6/28 – Brett Bergquist
- 6/30 – Paul Sipe





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