



The Post 36er

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Veterans Day Dinner Meeting November 14th

Our annual Veterans Day meal will take place Saturday November 14th with social time beginning at 4:00 PM, Dinner at 5:00 PM, and a shortened membership meeting at 6:00 PM. Note the earlier start!

The meal will be \$10.00 per person and RSVP is required. Spouses and friends are welcome. Gateway is catering our celebration. Please RSVP to Tammy Feller tammy.haug569@gmail.com by November 6th.

Presidential General Election November 3rd

Please get out and vote! You can early vote at your town/village/city hall until October 30. If you are voting at the polls or voting early, please remember to bring a photo ID.

If you need assistance, please let one of the officers know.

We will try to secure you a ride.



Last Bugle

We remember our comrades transferring to Post Everlasting:

John Lawrence

Tom Wilkerson

Veterans Day Display Jim Maersch is working with the West Bend Memorial Library on a table which will display local veterans. Feel free to stop by the display November 8-15, and bring a picture they can have for the display.

Commander's Corner

Thank you everyone for all we have done this year. We could sit around and complain about being trapped inside in fear of COVID, missing our vacations, missing our family and friends. I would not blame you. I would prefer you be excited and look at everything we have done this year.

Post membership reached 103% of goal. We continue to look for ways to serve the community. We hosted our first blood drive and have plans for more.

The Sons of American Legion Squadron is very active and continues to grow.

The American Legion Auxiliary reached 100% membership again this year and is quite active.

Our mortgage is almost paid off. The customers at the brat fries were very generous this year, both in purchases and tips. The SAL has put aside 25% of their fundraising to go towards the mortgage. We are in the final stretch of our Building Capital Campaign and getting so close to being mortgage free. Please consider donating.

We could go on and on. We have been active despite the pandemic and our future look bright! Breathe and Smile!

Semper FI, God Bless,

Jay Anderson, Commander

Veterans Day Observance

Things will be different this year with the pandemic still wreaking havoc. Many of the usual observances are being cancelled or being done virtually. Below is a list of local observances known at the time of publication:

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School: cancelled. Students are doing a service project to benefit the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. A food/supply drive will take place during the entire month of November. Drop off barrels will be available at the entrance of the school during normal hours.

City of West Bend: Scott Mindel, high school teacher and SAL member, is working on a production which will be broadcasted on Veterans Day. This will include area veterans, Honor Guard, and other organizations.

Texas Roadhouse: Vouchers will be given to veterans to return for a free meal. They are trying to avoid a large gathering of veterans on Veterans Day in order to protect us from contracting COVID-19.

I always enjoy my **free haircut on Veterans Day**. The following have given free haircuts in the past and will most likely continue:

Sports Clips – get the MVP

Great Clips – feel free to ask for a voucher if you do not need a haircut at this time.

Blades Barbershop – near the brat stand, has indicated they will be offering a free haircut. They always offer a veteran discount.

Many other freebies and discounts are available. Search online for more opportunities.

Ride for The Homeless Veterans

Saturday, August 29th, 2020

Special thank you to Shari Prag for all her work coordinating the Post 36 portion of the event. A thank you also to those able to assist with the day. We had a wonderful turnout and very happy to help Menomonee Falls Post 382 with their efforts to raise funds and awareness for the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative.



Meals before meetings postponed!

Because of the pandemic and low meeting attendance, the executive board decided to not have a meal at the December meeting. We are celebrating Veterans Day with a dinner. Thank you for your understanding.



Lt Ray Dickop Post 36 hosted a blood drive at our post building September 17th. We had a great turnout. Thank you, Donna Kleinmaus, for all the hard work getting this scheduled.

Another drive is hoping to be scheduled December 30, at our Post. This blood drive will be working with the Student Veterans group at Moraine Park Technical College. We will get more information out as it becomes available. Keep an eye on your email and our Facebook page.

2ND VICE - YOUTH PROGRAMS -Donna Kleinmaus

We will be hosting our Post Oratorical Contest December 13, at 1:00 PM. Information has been sent to the local high schools. This is open to all high school students including home school students. We would love to have a large turnout. Our last few years have not been plentiful. Please encourage your high schoolers to compete. More information is available from me, dkleinmaus@charter.net , 262-305-4505, or <https://www.legion.org/oratorical> . Great opportunity for college money!

We are hoping our Post Scholarship winner will accept our invitation to our Holiday Dinner. She is attending locally.

Thank you for your trust in me!
God Bless You and GOD BLESS AMERICA!!

Brat Fry!

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. People have been very generous. 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.



The American Legion Family

American Legion Auxiliary

The American Auxiliary is planning for a Rummage Sale Spring 2021. Donations of items will be gladly accepted as time nears. Please contact Shirley Tuttle to donate or information 262-629-9140

Sons of American Legion – Tim Hansen

Sons of the American Legion Post 36 held multiple fundraisers in an effort to get out to the public to show we are here and we are continuing the mission of the American Legion Family.

July 3&4 - Brat Fry

July 19 - Old Timers Brat Fry

August 23rd – Brat Fry at the West Bend Moose Lodge

August 30 – Old Timers Brat Fry

September 20 – Brat Fry at the West Bend Moose Lodge

October 16 – Fish Fry at the West Bend Moose Lodge

with 1/2 of the donations from the Fish Fry to be donated to Milwaukee Homeless Veterans

Initiative. www.mkehomelessvets.org

Other notable items:

- Motion passed that 25% of all past and future fundraisers be set aside for mortgage debt reduction
- Purchased new pop-up tent for Brat Fry and other fundraising activity replacing one of the damaged tents from August Post function
- Purchased a memorial brick at the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial in Kewaskum
- Looking to have a SAL Post 36 brick at the Post Memorial as well
- Membership – as of October meeting – 26 members

Wreaths Across America Dec. 19 at 8:30 AM, Wreaths

Across America lays wreaths at over 1,000 military cemeteries. Our post is participating by placing wreath(s) at the Memorial plaza at the same time. If you are interested in purchasing a \$15 wreath for this event, <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

Building Fund Update - John Zink

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

Our BUILDING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN begun in 2015 to pay off the \$155,000.00 mortgage has been a huge success due to the support of so many members. Beginning 2020 we still had an outstanding debt of \$42,000.00, but in 2020 many members again stepped up and by years end our debt will be down to \$25,000.00. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Donations are always welcome and are tax deductible. For more information please contact John Zink johnandlouisez@yahoo.com or 262-334-3055

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 and will allow the members to comment during the meetings.

Are you a member of our **private** Facebook page? Search "West Bend American Legion Post 36" on Facebook, answer a few 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.

November 10th - The United States Marine Corps is celebrating 245 years!

Considered the largest elite force in the world. The Marine Corps originated November 10, 1775, at Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. Semper Fi!



Membership Investment (Renewal)

Watch your mailbox and get your renewals in early. Want to use your credit card? Use the Wisconsin American Legion website www.wilegion.org or the American Legion website. Paid up for Life (PUFL) information can also be found on the American Legion website, www.americanlegion.org Call Jay Anderson for assistance 262-677-1798.

District 2 Fall Conference

As you can see below, we will be doing a Zoom meeting. This will work whether you have a camera or not as there are dial in numbers below. As you can see, the room will be open at 8am so feel free to test things out in order to be prepared for the meeting.

The Conference starts at 9:00. The room will be open at 8:00 for orientation to Zoom operation and general socializing

Topic: 2nd District Conference

Time: Oct 31, 2020 08:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83629573698?pwd=ZzZ0dTZaa05maXp5VEJseC9yZWJPUT09>

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number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/k09I3Lk80>

Contact your Commander for an emailed PDF of the conference agenda.



November

- 11/1 James Spiropoulas
- 11/1 Jay LeMay
- 11/3 David Burkard
- 11/3 John Passet
- 11/5 Darrel Olson
- 11/5 Patrick Davidson
- 11/7 Leland Oelke
- 11/7 Thomas Gould
- 11/7 Dale Tuttle
- 11/9 Peter Bushman

- 11/14 Richard Lindbeck
- 11/16 Mertin Rumppe
- 11/18 James Poulos
- 11/21 Carolyn McCartney
- 11/21 James Pfister
- 11/23 Larry Kritz
- 11/26 Clyde Ehlert
- 11/26 Thomas Dobberstein
- 11/26 Jerry Prochnow
- 11/27 Edmond Roney
- 11/29 Dirk Brandt
- 11/30 Gerald Stehling

December

- 12/1 Merlin Stockhausen
- 12/2 Richard Miller
- 12/6 Steve Speath
- 12/9 Michael Koehler
- 12/13 Ralph Seymer
- 12/16 Allen Polachowski
- 12/19 John Kuhaupt
- 12/20 Jerome Wesolowski
- 12/25 Allan Kieckhafer
- 12/25 Robert Bieszk
- 12/26 Louis Renard
- 12/27 Glenn Pietschmann
- 12/30 Robert Kimse

Calendar

October 31 – District 2 Fall Conference

November

- November 1 – Daylight Savings Ends
- November 2 – Sons of American Legion Mtg – 7 PM**
- November 3 – Election Day GO VOTE!
- November 10 – United State Marine Corps Birthday**
- November 11 – Veterans Day
- November 14 – Veterans Day Meal/Meeting 4/5/6 PM**
- RSVP to Tammy Feller tammy.haug569@gmail.com**
- November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

December

- December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
- December 7 – SAL Membership Meeting 7 PM**
- December 8 – Legion Membership Meeting – 7 PM**
- December 13 – National Guard Birthday
- December 13 – Post 36 Oratorical Contest – 1:00 PM**
- December 19 – National Wreaths Across America
- December 21 – Executive Board Meeting
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 – Christmas Day
- December 31 – New Year’s Eve