



The Post 36er

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Veterans Day Dinner November 13th

Our annual Veterans Day meal will take place Saturday November 13th with social time beginning at 4:00 PM, Dinner at 5:00 PM. Note the earlier start!

The meal will be \$10.00 per person and RSVP is required. Spouses and friends are welcome. Tickets will be on sale again at our next membership meeting. See Jay Anderson to purchase a ticket.



Last Bugle

We remember our comrades transferring to Post Everlasting:
Alice Byrne
Gordon Sailer

Veterans Day Display Jim Maersch is working with the West Bend Memorial Library on a table which will thank veterans. Besides the display honoring veterans he has paper and pencils for the patrons to thank a veteran. These notes will then be distributed to local veterans in our nursing facilities. Feel free to stop by the display November 1-10, and bring a picture they can have for the display. Thank you Jim! What a great Idea.

November 10th - The United States Marine Corps is celebrating 246 years!

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

Commander's Corner

Thank you everyone for all we have done this year. What a change since last year. We still need to be careful if we wish to preserve our health and our freedom.

Please renew your membership if you have not done so already. Memberships for 2021 expire December 31. If you are not renewed, you could lose your membership privileges. You are important to us, if you are having difficulties with membership, contact John Zink, 1st Vice Commander.

Our Veterans Day Dinner will be Nov. 13. Please purchase tickets at our meeting. We need to have a number so the correct amount of food will be prepared. It was decided to decline getting a free meal from Texas Roadhouse and Kitchen Commander Tammi Feller has arranged for the Auxiliary to prepare the meal. I was told that money will be tight and may not cover the meal. Please consider a donation at the meal.

Elections are in May, but it is not too soon to think about running for an office. All elected positions are re-elected annually. Any member can run for any position. Please consider serving your fellow veteran.

Semper FI, God Bless,

Jay Anderson, Commander

Veterans Day Observance

Below is a list of local observances known at the time of publication:

Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School: Thursday November 4, 9:20

AM. The West Bend Honor Guard will be participating. The KMLHS students and staff always do a great presentation. If you can only get to one presentation, I would promote this one. Get there early.



Texas Roadhouse: Last year vouchers were given to veterans to return for a free meal. I have not heard what they are doing this year. They are big supporters of veterans and have been very happy to offer the Post free meals in the past.

Meals before meetings beginning in November!

Because of the pandemic and low meeting attendance, we postponed meals over the past year. We are happy to begin again. Our Kitchen Commander Tammy Feller will put together a small meal to eat prior to the meeting. Doors will open at 6 PM on meeting days to allow time to eat and socialize. Please remember that this is supported by the donations at the meal.

Flag Removal

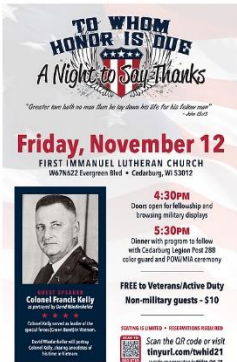
Thank you to all who helped us remove the flags decorating downtown last Saturday. We had great weather and conversation. Besides the downtown flags, we have flags in Barton and at the Old County Courthouse. A group of members will remove the courthouse flags following Veterans Day.

The flags are stored in the room behind the bar. It is quite the process every year. Flags are removed and properly disposed, poles are repaired and painted, flags are replaced and readied for next year. Much of this work is done by Jim Maersch with the sometimes arm twisting of Max Sommerfeld. Thanks guys!

2ND VICE - YOUTH PROGRAMS -Donna Kleinmaus

We will be hosting our Post Oratorical Contest December 12, at 1:30 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!

First Immanuel Lutheran Ministries, Cedarburg will be hosting a Veterans Day Presentation and meal on November 12. Meals will be free to veterans and \$10 for all others. Contact Karl Roeske, Director of Outreach & Mission, for more information at KRoeske@fils.org.



<https://www.filministries.org/serve>

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 Sausage Plus, 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.

Holiday Party Tentatively Planned

The Executive Board has planned for Saturday, January 8th to be the Holiday Party. We are looking for a person to chair this party. Without a member overseeing this party, we will need to cancel. Please speak with one of the officers to volunteer.

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



American Legion Auxiliary

No Report

Sons of American Legion

No Report

Brat Fry Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Brat Fries at the Red Shed in front of Sausage Plus and the Downtown Farmers Market. Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of American Legion. A big thank you goes to Ed Draeger for once again doing all the planning, purchasing and running of the brat fry this year. This takes time and effort and does not happen by itself. Thank you again Ed.

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.

Wreaths Across America Dec. 18 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. Jim Maersch has been working with St. John Lutheran School. The children host a ceremony in which the wreath is presented. The school children learn about veterans and respect the sacrifices many have made. If you are interested in purchasing a \$15 wreath for this event, <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

Last Newsletter? – Jay Anderson

I am stepping down from writing and publishing the newsletter. We need someone willing to take it over. This will involve collecting information, writing and proofreading, emailing, printing and preparing and finally mailing. I print using my personal printer and have the Post provide some ink and paper. Interested members should contact an officer. Your first newsletter will be Jan/Feb 2022. If no interest, this might be the final Post 36er.



Buddy Check

Each member will be getting a call to see how things are going. We want to hear your opinion of the Post and how we can better serve the membership and veterans. We also want to hear how you are doing. This also allows us to update our contact information. If your information has changed, please correct your information on www.mylegion.org If you are not contacted during November, your phone number may be incorrect. Please contact John Zink to make the correction or if you are interested in helping contact your fellow members.

Bathroom Renovations

We are hoping to get renovations of the bathrooms soon. We were very fortunate that a member has given \$5000 towards the project. We look to not only upgrade the facilities but bring them up to ADA standards. We are hoping to get membership approval at our next membership meeting.

Virtual meeting attendance! – Jay Anderson

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.

Calendar

November

- November 1 – Sons of American Legion Mttg – 7 PM**
- November 2 – Legion Membership Meeting – 7 PM**
- November 4 – Diwali begins
- November 7 – Daylight Savings Ends
- November 10 – United States Marine Corps Birthday**
- November 11 – Veterans Day**
- November 13 – Veterans Day Meal 4/5 PM**
- November 16 – Executive Board Meeting
- November 25 – Thanksgiving Day**
- November 28 – Hanukkah begins

December

- December 7 – Pearl Harbor Day
- December 6 – SAL Membership Meeting 7 PM**
- December 7 – Legion Membership Meeting – 7 PM**
- December 12 – Post 36 Oratorical Contest – 1:30 PM**
- December 13 – National Guard Birthday
- December 18 – National Wreaths Across America
- December 21 – Executive Board Meeting
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 25 – Christmas Day
- December 26 – Kwanzaa begins
- December 31 – New Year's Eve