

# AMERICAN LEGION

# Post 36er

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

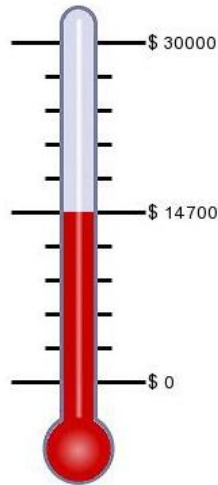
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**Mailing Address:** PO Box 921 West Bend 53095

**Post Phone Number 262-277-1919**

### **Flooring Project Update**

As you should know by now, we are looking at replacing the worn carpet at the Post with a commercial grade LVP. While the final decision on the flooring has not been made, fund raising for the flooring is off to a great state. What have raised nearly half of the \$30,000 in funding for the installation of the floor. Thanks to everyone who stepped up with donations and to everyone who participates in the monthly 50/50 drawing.



As of April 18<sup>th</sup>, \$14703 in funds have been raised.

We hope to hear from the building committee soon on a final selection, total cost, and installation date.

### **Bathroom Renovations**

Concerns about the heating system that feeds the bathrooms have been brought up to the building committee and are being looked into. No update at this time.

### **RIP Bruce Witt**

Long time member Bruce Witt has transferred to Post Everlasting. Bruce had served the Post as the Historian and was a member of the West Bend Veterans Honor Guard.

### **Commander's Corner**

Wow, it's hard to believe it has been three years. As I step away from the commander role at Post 36, I hope I leave it better and moving in a good direction.

Over the past few years, I have been able to meet so many great people and have had many great experiences. Thank you for allowing me to grow and learn. Thank you to those who have supported me through the ups and downs and those that have challenged me along the way. I know not everyone agrees with me, but I hope people will see that decisions were made to promote our Post, build our community, and help veterans achieve more. As I move on, this leaves a vacancy in the commander position besides the other officer positions.

Elections are scheduled for the May membership meeting. We have many members of our post with leadership capabilities, and I am hoping you will consider accepting stepping into a leadership role. Do not let your years of membership, your branch of service, or your prior rank deter you from running for a Post position. You are qualified and your fellow members will assist you. Please consider running for an officer position. Put your name on the ballot. Please contact me if you are willing to accept a nomination or have a nomination. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact any of your Post leadership.

Thank you and God's Blessings,

Jay Anderson, Commander

# Membership

## Membership

As of April, we are currently at 240 members which is 91% of our goal of 263.

If you know of someone that has served in the military, talk to them about the American Legion. Remember, the dates of service are NO longer an issue.

Please contact John Zink, 262-334-3055, if you are unsure of your status or if you have any membership questions. Renewal is very easy on <https://www.legion.org/>

## Are you a WI2930?

You may have heard some conversations at meetings about 2930 list and thought, "What is a 2930?". A 2930 is a member of The American Legion who is considered a Wisconsin American Legion member and not a member of a post. Some 2930 members do not realize they are not a member of the local post and can get frustrated by the lack of contact. We attempt to reach out to these members and ask them to join our Post. If you are a 2930 member, we welcome your transfer to Post 36. Contact John Zink at 262-334-3055 or by email [johnandlouisez@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandlouisez@yahoo.com) or online at <https://wilegion.org/post-transfer-request/>

# Awards

## Post 36 Awards

The April meeting was a dinner meeting held on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and featured giving out awards for the Police Officer of the Year, EMT of the Year and Legionnaire of the Year.



Justin Hill from the West Bend Police Department was honored as the Police Officer of the Year.

Being retired from the WBPD, I have known Justin since he was hired as a

Police Officer. Justin is an outstanding young officer who takes great pride in serving the community.



Christopher Bell from the West Bend Fire Department was honored as the EMT of the Year.

I have known Chris going back to when we were neighbors and he was in diapers, to being a Scout Leader in

Troop 762 where Chris served in the Boy Scouts of America. Chris is another one of our fine city employees who also takes great pride in serving the community.

Last but certainly not least is our Legionnaire of the Year, Commander Jay Anderson. As most of you know, Jay has been the Commander for the last three years after serving as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice for the three years before that. Jay is continuing to stay involved in the American Legion by becoming the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander for Washington County.

Former Commander, Bart Williams, presented the award to Jay.



# What's New?

## County Officers for 2022-23

Here are your newly elected County Officers for Washington County for the 2022-23 term:

Joe Leone, Commander  
Rodney Delcore, 1st Vice  
Jay Anderson, 2nd Vice  
Wally Kohler, Chaplain  
Bob Weidemeyer, Sgt-at-Arms  
Mark Baldwin, Parliamentarian  
Rodney Delcore, Historian

## SWEAT4VETS Event

The Cedarburg and Grafton American Legion Auxiliary Units are excited to announce the fourth annual Post-to-Post walk, **Sweat4Vets**, benefiting Patriot K9s of Wisconsin. This year's 2.5-mile walk will begin at the Grafton American Legion Post and end at the Cedarburg American Legion Post. After the walk, participants will be able to enjoy complimentary lunch (donations appreciated), beverages and music.



Early Bird Registration **by May 1** - \$20

Register **after May 1** - \$25

Day of Event - \$30

Veterans – Free (Includes T-Shirt)

Kids 12 & Under - Free (\$10 for T-Shirt)

**\*Register by May 1 to guarantee an event t-shirt.\***

More details and information can be found at <http://www.cedarburglegion288.org/index.php?id=115>

## Our Sympathies

We attempt to contact our members who are in the hospital, fallen ill or have lost a close family member. Much of the information we receive is by word of mouth. We look through the obituaries, but it is often difficult to know if that is a loved one of a member. If you or your loved one is hospitalized, greatly ill or a death has occurred, please contact either James Maersch, 262-338-0991, or one of the officers. We are very sorry if we missed an opportunity to express our thoughts.

## May Meeting – Elections

It has been mentioned over that last several meetings that Post elections will take place at the May meeting. If you have read the Commander's Corner, you know that after 3 years, Jay Anderson is stepping down from that roll. So yes, we need someone to step up and become the next Commander. Former rank does not matter, nor does your branch of service or the number of years you served. All that matters is that you are in good standing within Post 36 and looking to take on a leadership role. There are a lot of good people who will support you and coach you through the process.

★ YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE ★



In addition to the Commander's position being open, all office positions are up for grabs. While some officers may be willing

to stay on the Executive Board in their existing role, all positions are subject to the election and vote if necessary.

***Lets PACK THE POST for the elections!***

## Little League Teams



We are sponsoring 2 West Bend Little League teams again this year. Just don't know who yet! We will get a blurb sent out to the membership as soon as we know and when the schedules come out.

## Blood Drive

We had a very successful Blood Drive with the American Red Cross on April 26 at our Post.

Our next Drive is June 23 from Noon-5:30 PM with Versiti. The Blood Drive with again be here at the post.



# Other Good Stuff

## Notes from Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Donna Kleinmaus

CONGRATULATIONS going out to our two American Legion Scholarship Recipients. Our first place picks were both receiving substantial scholarships so our runner up selections for both East and West will get our Legion Scholarships. On May 2, I will be presenting a \$500 check each, to East Senior -Desire Wollner and West Senior Hannah Helmbrect. Max Sommerfeld and Jim Maersch will be presenting American Flags to 4 Foreign Exchange Students at the event as well.

We will be working with WBPD to see if we can send someone to the WALLECA - Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy in 2023.

Our hall rentals are really picking up and everyone seems to be happy with the space. Myruhm & Schmidt funeral homes are sending families to us to use the space for their lunches and dinners. We are looking for help for Shari, as she is not always available to spruce up the space before a rental. Please contact me or any member of the Board if you can help out. Please remember to contact me if you are interested in a date for the post. The calendar at the Post is not always right up to date.

## Flag Disposal

Flag disposal will take place on June 14 at 7:15PM at the post.

## Armed Forces Day – Flags on Grave Sites

On Saturday, May 21 at 9AM, members of the American Legion Family will be placing flags on gravesites of veterans at Washington County Memorial Park and at Holy Angels Cemetery.



If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, meet Chris Schatz at Holy Angels Cemetery at 9AM or meet Steve Rhode at Washington County Memorial Park at 9 AM

## New Newsletter Writer

The Post 36er is only as good as the information that is provided to be included in it. I am not going to make up stuff to just take up space. I need your contributions! If you have information you would like to see in the Post 36er, please send it to [newsletterpost36@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterpost36@gmail.com).



Submissions are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication. So, the deadline for the July/August newsletter is June 15<sup>th</sup>! Thank you!

## 50/50 Raffle

At the April meeting, \$200 was raised in the 50/50 raffle with Jerry Krug winning \$100 but donated it back to the Post.



## Bray Fry Dates

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Jackson Rummage Sale.

This one is at Jay Andersons house for the community rummage sale – BIG EVENT! **N165 W21220 Tartan Ct** Loading on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 2PM at the Post. Brat Fry will be Saturday from 6AM – 3PM.



- June 18 – 6AM-11AM – Downtown Farmers Market
- July 9 – 6AM-11AM – Downtown Farmers Market
- July 15 – 8AM-2PM – West Bend Sausage Plus
- July 16 – 8AM-2PM – West Bend Sausage Plus
- August 12 – 8AM-2PM – West Bend Sausage Plus
- August 13 – 8AM-2PM – West Bend Sausage Plus
- August 27 – 6AM-11AM – Downtown Farmers Market
- September 4 – 7AM-4PM – Downtown Car Show
- September 9 – 8AM-2PM – West Bend Sausage Plus
- September 10 – 8AM-2PM – West Bend Sausage Plus
- October 1 – 6AM-11AM – Downtown Farmers Market

A lot of Brat Fry events will take a lot of people! Mark your calendars! If you have questions, call Ed Draeger at 262-689-4144.

# American Legion Family

## Sons of American Legion



### **Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative Barrels**

Another successful collection effort has been completed resulting in multiple loads of needed supplies being delivered. Thank you to all who donated!!

### **Golf Outing:**

Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 American Legion Family Charity Golf Outing August 20, 2022



**Where:** West Bend Lakes Golf

**Format:** 4-Person 18-Hole Scramble

**Golfer Price:** \$75 per Golfer

**INCLUDES:** 2 Drinks, 18 holes w/cart, Dinner

**Contact:** Todd Kaebisch - Cell: 1-262-707-4912

E-Mail: [todd.kaebs71@gmail.com](mailto:todd.kaebs71@gmail.com)

Looking for Golfers, Volunteers AND Sponsors! Sign up information will be made available soon!

### **Memorial Day activities on May 30<sup>th</sup>:**

- Pre-parade Memorial Day ride through of local cemeteries beginning at 730 AM.
- Memorial Day Parade West Bend beginning at 930 AM
- Memorial Day service beginning at 1030 AM
- Contact Steve Rohde – Cell: 1-414-581-4381

E-Mail: [Sprohde@charter.net](mailto:Sprohde@charter.net)

### **New Members: (now at 44 members)**

We welcome our new members:

Michael Adell, Elijah Bergseth, James Russell, John Sipe, Mike Burkwald, Robert Miller, Chuck Clark, Walter Pretsch, Jeff Kaebisch

SAL membership continues to grow. If you have family members who might qualify, please encourage them to join of family!

Contact Jeff Schwitz with any membership questions:

Cell: 1-262-483-2857

E-Mail: [j.schwitz@att.net](mailto:j.schwitz@att.net)

Thanks much! Tim Hanson, Adjutant

## American Legion Auxiliary



No Report.

### **Meals before meetings**

Thank you to our Kitchen Commander Tammy Feller for putting together a small meal prior to Post meetings. Doors will open at 6 PM on meeting days to allow time to eat and socialize. Feel free to play cards or games. Please remember that this is supported by the donations at the meal.

### **Virtual meeting attendance!**

The Commander is continuing to broadcast the meetings 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. The Post 36er and other information is also posted to this page along with interesting information that is received from other sites. Non-renewed members will be dropped at the beginning of the year.

### **Honor Flight**



The Honor Flights are starting again! The next flight is May 21 and June 18.

If you are selected to go on an Honor Flight, PLEASE reach out to a member of the Executive Board and let us know. We do not get notified by Honor Flight when one of our members attends.

The crystal ball is in the shop for repairs, so unless you tell us, we will not know!

If you would like to send mail for the Honor Flight, send it to:

**SSHF Mail Call**

**Veteran's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**P.O. Box 547**

**Pewaukee, WI 53072**

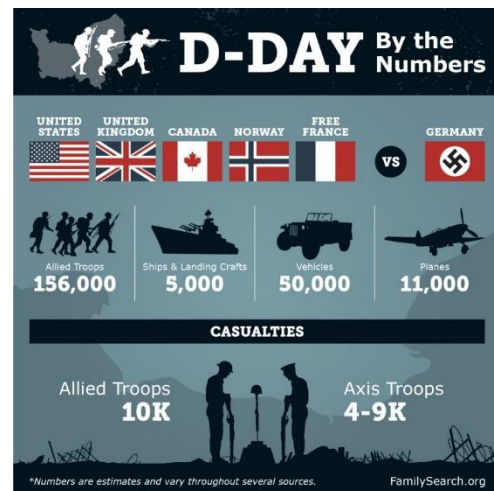
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## May

- Month of the Military Caregiver
- National Military Appreciation
- 1<sup>st</sup> Week Public Service Recognition Week
- 1<sup>st</sup> Week National Correctional Officers Week
- 1 Silver Star Service Banner Day
- 1 Loyalty Day
- 5 National Day of Prayer
- 6 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 6 - 12 National Nurses Week
- 8, 1945 VE Day (Victory in Europe)
- 8 Mother's Day
- 13 Children of Fallen Patriot's Day
- 14 -21 Armed Forces Week
- 15 Peace Officer's Memorial Day\***
- 15-21 National Police Week
- 21 Armed Forces Day
- 22 Maritime Day
- 30 Memorial Day\*\***

## June

- PTSD Awareness Month
- 6, 1944 D-Day
- 12 Women Veteran's Day
- 12 -18 National Flag Week
- 14, 1775 Army Birthday
- 14 Flag Day
- 18 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth
- 23, 1939 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- 27 PTSD Awareness Day



\*May 15-Flags flown at Half Staff.

\*\*May 30-Flags flown at Half Staff till noon.

## POST OFFICERS and OTHER CONTACTS

- \*Commander** Jay Anderson 262-677-1798
- \*First Vice** John Zink 262-334-3055
- \*Second Vice** Donna Kleinmaus 262-305-4505
- \*Adjutant** Jim Geldreich 262-707-6686
- \*Finance Officer** Michael Feller 715-216-7485
- Historian** Sharon Prag 920-285-2504
- Chaplain** Richard Gerard 414-916-8253
- SGT at Arms** Ed Draeger 262-689-4144
- Service Officer** James Maersch 262-338-0991
- Parliamentarian** Brian McDonald 262-353-3418
- \*Past Commander** Bart Williams 262-323-1491
- \*Past Commander** Bob Kudek 262-675-2801
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