

AMERICAN LEGION

Post 36er

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

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Post 36 Golf Outing

AS an American Legion Family at Post 36, we are hosting a golf outing on August 20 at West Bend Lakes Golf Course. While this project is being spearheaded by SAL it is a Legion Family Event!

At \$80 per golfer, this is one of the best bargains in the world of golf outings. Being a scramble format, you don't need to be a good golfer, just come out and have fun. We need foursomes to play!



We also need volunteers to run the event! Like so many things that we do, many hands make light work for all.

We also need donations for the raffle and hole sponsorships!

You can find all of the forms under the SAL thread within this newsletter!

Not sure where to start or have questions, contact:

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Commander's Corner

Thank you for your vote of confidence by re-electing me as Commander. It was my intention to hand off the gavel. Your many words of encouragement gave me the courage to give it one more year. Thank you to the members who stepped forward to serve our post as officers. Thank you to those officers who are stepping back, we appreciate your service.

We have many ways for members to assist the Post in the next couple months. Please consider putting aside some time to serve alongside your family members. Opportunities are listed in the newsletter. Support your local veterans and our community. Many hands not only make for light work but bring us closer and advance our support of American Legion values.

Thank you to everyone who made the past couple months special. Parades, flags downtown and Barton Main Street, flags on veteran gravesites in local cemeteries, flag disposal ceremony, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day and Flag Day. This shows just how strong we are when we work together. We are doing so much more than we did years ago to support our community.

We have so much we could be doing, and we will get there. We need to stay positive and keep moving forward.

Thank you and God's Blessing,
Jay Anderson, Commander

What's New?

Post Officers for 2022-23

Newly elected and re-elected Post Officers from the May meeting were sworn in at the June meeting. Thank you to all of you for your additional commitment in either taking on a leadership role or continuing with your role within the Post! Thank you also to those who have held leadership positions. The Post can not continue to move forward without volunteers stepping forward taking on addition duties. Thank You!



Honor Flight

At the June meeting, Paula Nelson from Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Wisconsin gave an update and talked about the Honor Flight Program. According to Paula, the shutdown from COVID-19 created a back log of 800-900 service members on the waiting list for an Honor Flight. They are back in full operation and trying diligently to put a dent in that list. Jay Anderson presented Paula with a check for \$250. The check is a culmination of money set aside. Each time we lose a member to Post Everlasting, \$25 is donated to the pool.



50 Years in the American Legion!

Congratulations to Clarence Kertscher and Robert Kirmse who have both been in the American Legion for over 50 years! Both



Clarence and Robert served in the US



Army, but during different eras. Clarence (in the red) served in Vietnam and Robert (pictured with his wife) served in Korea. Commander Jay Anderson personally delivered their 50 Year Certificates that were awarded from the National Commander.

Educator of the Year

Congratulations to Scott Mindel for being selected as the Educator of the Year. Scott is a teacher at the West Bend High School and works hard to promote and recognize veterans within the school system. Just walk through the main hallway and look at all of the veterans who have graduated from West Bend. Scott created and maintains this video display.



Post Everlasting

Post members Darrel Olson, Thomas Walloch and Thomas Smith have passed on and have been transferred to Post Everlasting.

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.

Membership

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As of June, we make 100% and are currently at 257 members. Job well done!

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.

American Legion Food Stand Washington County Fair

It is that time of year again for the Washington County Fair. The American Legion Food Stand is a long-standing tradition and an important source of funding for our County and local Posts.

Before and after the fair, we must clean out, set-up/receive deliveries and clean-up the food stand.

Clean Out Day: Monday, July 18 from 9-Noon
Set-up/Delivery Day: Monday, July 25 from 9-Noon
Clean-up Day: Monday, August 1 from 9-Noon

We need 2 volunteers for each of the above dates.

We will also have a membership trailer near the food stand and are looking for volunteers to be at the trailer when possible. This is also open to the entire Legion Family!

This year's fair is from July 26 – July 31. Tuesdays are no longer free however Wednesday is still free for veterans (w/ID) and one guest.

However, if you work a shift at the food stand, entry is free for the entire day (not just your shift) as we will provide you with a wrist band for entry!

As you may or may not know, staffing at the food stand is split up among the Posts from Washington County.

So most importantly we need to staff the food stand during the fair. These duties are split up between all of the Posts within the county.

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Here is a breakdown of the positions we need to fill within the food stand during the fair. This is open to the entire Legion Family as well as your close personal friends!

Tuesday, July 26 – Each Post in the County supplies 3 people, working together from 5 PM to Closing. All 3 slots are full! Great job!

Thursday, July 28 – We work together with the Posts from Hartford and Allenton, each supplying 6 members from 6 PM – Closing. We currently have 4 of the 6 slots filled.

Saturday, July 30 – The biggest day at the fair! We have the largest Post within the County, so we get the biggest day!

Breakfast – Each Post again supplies 3 people to work together from 5:30 AM – 9:30 AM to get the day started! All 3 slots are full! Great job!

Shift 1 – 9:30 AM – 2 PM – We have a total of 21 slots to fill for this shift. We currently have 16 of the 21 filled.

Shift 2 – 2PM – 6 PM – We have a total of 21 slots to fill for this shift. We currently have only 7 of the 21 filled.

All of the slots are now available to see and sign up on Signup Genius at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0f4aadad2ea7fa7-american>

If you don't have online access or need help signing up, please contact Mike Hartwell at 262-305-4036.

Thanks in advance!



Other Good Stuff

Notes from Our 2nd Vice – Donna Kleinmaus

Members, it is not too early to be thinking about next year and the Legion’s Scholarships. Do you have a child and or grandchild who is thinking about going to college? Our Oratorical Constitutional Scholarship is first up on the Fall calendar. Please be thinking about this great opportunity for your children and grandchildren. What an opportunity we have to promote our post activities. Any questions on the scholarships should be directed to Donna at 262-305-4505.



We are also celebrating Joe Zadra’s 100th birthday Monday, July 20th at the post, 4:30 to 7:30. Casual and open house style dining in the “mess hall” with typical picnic cook out - brats, hb’s and hot dogs. Come out and wish Joe a Happy Birthday. Just in case you missed it, Joe’s wife also turned 100 earlier this year!

Blood Drives

The next two blood drives will be on August 12th and 25th from 1230-1730. The one on the 12th is with the American Red Cross and the one on the 25th is will Versiti. While they may be too close together to give at both, hopefully you can donate at one of them!



We are looking bringing back our “Spotlighting our Veterans” piece. Please complete the attached form and return it to Donna in person or by email at dkleinmaus@charter.net

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 makeup 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.



Submissions are due by the 15th (even months) of the month prior to publication. So, the deadline for the September/October newsletter is August 15th! Thank you!

50/50 Raffle

At the June meeting, Tim Hanson of the SAL won \$47.50 in the 50/50 raffle and donated it back to the Post to be put towards the flooring project.



Bray Fry Dates



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.

- 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

American Legion Family

Sons of American Legion

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: \$80 per Golfer
INCLUDES: 2 Drinks, 18 holes w/cart, Dinner
Contact: Todd Kaebisch - Cell: 1-262-707-4912
E-Mail: todd.kaebs71@gmail.com

Looking for Golfers, Volunteers AND Sponsors!

- [ALF sponsor sign up](#)
- [ALF Entry Form v7](#)
- [ALF Golf Flyer v6](#)
- [ALF Golf Outing sponsorship donatations V2](#)
- [Donation listing](#)

ALF Golf Outing Sign up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AFAE29A6FBC34-american>

New Members: (now at 46 members)

We welcome our new members:

Garrett Kindelspire and Hugh Jones

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

Thanks much! Tim Hanson, Adjutant



Happy 3rd Anniversary to the SAL! We are all glad to have you as a part of our family!

American Legion Auxiliary

In May we received our 100% Membership certificate and ribbon; thank you to all who renewed/joined as a new member!



Our rummage sale brought in \$1,877.96. A HUGE thank you goes out to Shirley Tuttle for organizing this event along with the Auxiliary, Legion, and SAL members for making this a success!!

We are still looking for a Badger Girls State coordinator; if you are interested, please contact Tammy Feller.

Our Unit is sending some cards to victim families of the Texas shooting to show our care and support.

Carol is making a basket to be donated to the Allenton fundraiser for Daniel Seehafer National Commander candidate. The Allenton Post is also asking for baked goods.

We have bake sales coming up as follows; please help by donating baked goods or your time at the sales:

- July 9 - West Bend Farmers Market, 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- July 15 & 16 - Sausage Plus on Hwy 33, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Aug 12 & 13 - Sausage Plus on Hwy 33, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Aug 27 - West Bend Farmers Market, 6 am. to 11 a.m.
- Sept 4 - Downtown West Bend Car Show, 7 a.m. to 4
- Sept 9 & 10 - Sausage Plus on Hwy 33, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Oct 1 - West Bend Farmers Market, 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The West Bend Post 36 family (Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and SAL) are sponsoring a golf outing. Lots of information on the golf outing under the SAL and on the front page of the newsletter!

If there are any questions for any of these events, other than the golf outing, please contact Tammy Feller.

There will be NO meeting in July. We will meet again at the Post on August 2nd. Hope to see you there!

Even More Good Stuff

American Legion Conventions

The Department Convention will be held in Green Bay from July 13-17 at the Hyatt & KI Center. More information can be found at <https://wilegion.org/department-convention/>

The National Convention will be held in Milwaukee from August 26 – September 1 at the Convention Center. More information can be found at <https://www.legion.org/convention>

Both conventions are a short drive from Washington County and a great opportunity to learn more about the Legion and to become more involved!

E-Mail vs Snail Mail – mylegion.org

Effective July 10, 2022, First Class Postage for a letter is going from .58 cents to .60 cents. Currently out of the 250+ members, the majority of our members receive this newsletter via e-mail. However, about 80 of you still receive it through the US Post Office. Now let's do a little math. We send the newsletter out 6 times a year. $6 \times 80 = 480$ mailings. Sixty cents each equals \$288 just for postage. Now add in the copying costs for approximately 8 pages per newsletter, times the 80 copies, times the 6 publications, at about .10 cents per page and we have an additional \$384 in potential costs for mailing the letter via snail mail.

Adding your email to your account is easy. Anyone can do it by going to <https://mylegion.org>, log into your account and add your email.

Or give us your email on a slip of paper and we can make the change for you. If you need help setting up internet or an email or getting into your mylegion account, call Mike Hartwell at 262-305-4036 and I will get you all set up.

Thank you!

A big THANK YOU to Jim Maersch, Dale Tuttle, Max Sommerfeld, John Zink, Mike Feller, Gary Logan, Joel Hausmann, Dick Gerard, Jerry Krug, John Draeger, and Keith Keehn and all of the spouses who let the boys out in the morning to put up the flags in the downtown area, Barton and at Veterans Plaza. It all looks great! (Hope we didn't miss anyone).



Camo Quilt Project

Have you ever heard of the Camo Quilt Project out of Plymouth, Wisconsin? This organization is organized through the Franklin Legion Post 387 which is a 501(c)19 organization and they make quilts for troops that are deployed to the Middle East as well as for veterans in assisted living, nursing homes, hospice and homebound.

The quilts are 45" x 72". The one for the troops in the Middle East folds into thirds and rolls up like a sleeping bag. The quilts for those senior veterans are personalized and represent the veterans branch of service.

To learn more, visit their website at <https://camoquiltproject.wordpress.com/>

You can also contact the founder Linda Wieck at 1-920-627-3460 or linda.camoquilt@gmail.com

Meals before meetings

Meals are currently being planned for July and August! **HOWEVER**, the tip jar has not been covering even a quarter of the expenses. This is not a budgeted item for the Legion and should not be coming out of anyone's pocket to cover the shortage. Don't think of the tip as 20% if you got good service, think of it as payment for what you are eating **AND** tip the 20%. If the expenses are not covered through donations, the meals will be dropped! Doors open at 1800.

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SPOTLIGHTING OUR VETERANS

(Please answer these questions and return to Donna)

NAME: _____ **BIRTHDAY** _____

BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____

YEARS OF SERVICE (active duty & or national guard): _____

YOUR MOS ('S): _____

OCCUPATION AFTER SERVICE (civilian job(s): _____

MARITAL STATUS: _____ **years** _____

SPOUSES NAME: _____

CHILDREN('S) NAME(S): _____

LEISURELY ACTIVITIES: _____

What are your hobbies? _____

POSITIONS HELD IN THE LEGION POST(S) (you've been a part of) _____

What is something nobody knows about you? _____

Your first car _____

Your favorite car _____

Favorite Food(s) _____

Favorite vacation(s) _____

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Calendar of Events

July

- 4 **Independence Day**
- 5 Membership Meeting, 7 PM
- 9 LEGION BRAT FRY & AUXILARY BAKE SALE
Downtown Farmers Market - 6-11
- 13-17 Department Convention in Green Bay
- 15 LEGION BRAT FRY & AUXILARY BAKE SALE
West Bend Sausage Plus - 8-2
- 16 LEGION BRAT FRY & AUXILARY BAKE SALE
West Bend Sausage Plus - 8-2
- 19 Executive Board, 5 PM
- 20 Joe Zadra's 100th Birthday – 4:30-7:30
- 26-31 Washington County Fair
- 27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day*

BOLD - Federal Holiday

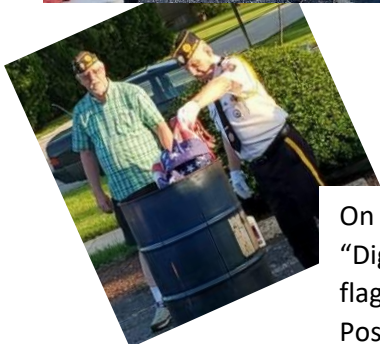
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August

- 2 Membership and Auxiliary Meeting, 7 PM
- 4 Coast Guard Birthday - 1790
- 7 Purple Heart Day
- 12 American Rd Cross Blood Drive – 1230-1730
- 12 LEGION BRAT FRY & AUXILARY BAKE SALE
West Bend Sausage Plus - 8-2
- 13 LEGION BRAT FRY & AUXILARY BAKE SALE
West Bend Sausage Plus - 8-2
- 15 Post 36er Publication Deadline
- 16 Executive Board, 5 PM
- 20 Post 36 Golf Outing – West Bend Lakes
- 25 Versiti Blood Drive – 1230-1730
- 26-1 National Convention in Milwaukee
- 27 LEGION BRAT FRY & AUXILARY BAKE SALE
Downtown Farmers Market - 6-11
- 29 Marine Corps Reserve Birthday - 1916



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On June 14th, Flag Day, a formal "Dignified disposal of unserviceable flags" service was held in front of the Post. Approximately 350 flags were properly disposed of and destroyed.