

AMERICAN LEGION

Post 36er

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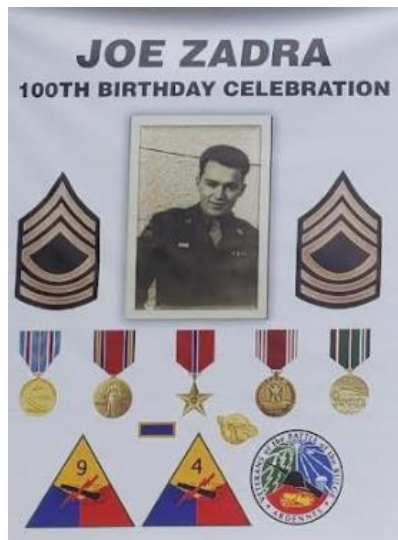
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Happy Birthday Joe

In case you missed it, a birthday party for long time Post member, Joe Zadra. If you drove anywhere near the Post, you know it was the 100th Birthday for Joe!

The party was held on July 20th at the Post to a theme of a WWII Mess Hall. A large gathering of between 150-200 from the Post and the community welcomed and celebrated with Joe!



Commander's Corner

So hard to believe summer is almost over. The last couple of months have been very busy for our Post. We have had very successful brat fries, the county fair was busier than I have seen and the Golf Outing was a great event. I want to thank all who contributed whether you took part in planning, cooking, cleaning, selling, advertising, etc, or simply provided support to others. None of this took place because of one person. We have other opportunities in the near future and need continued assistance.

I also want to thank the Color Guard and Firing Squad. They continue to tirelessly give honor to our veterans. Over 40 funerals this year alone. Many times, with the same individuals performing 2-3 funerals on the same day. This is very appreciated by family and friends of the departed. Thank you for all you do.

It has been more than 20 years since the 9/11 attack on America. AmeriCorps has asked that this day be recognized as a day of service. Find a way to volunteer. Give something back to your community. This is a chance for the American Legion to take a leadership role. Get out there and do something whether it's finding an organization who needs volunteers or simply walking around the neighborhood or park and picking up garbage. We can make a difference in our community.

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



What's New?

Post 36 Family Golf Outing

The golf outing was held on August 20th at West Bend Lakes. In all there were 21 teams who participated in the golf outing. Committee members were able to secure 40 hole sponsors as well as beverage cart sponsors raising several thousand dollars to fund the event.



Morries West Bend Honda put up \$500 for a hole-in-one, which no one won, but it did generate \$650 from people participating.



The total for the 50/50 raffle was \$1,000 and Zach Brester, from SAL 375 in Mukwonago took home \$500.

The final numbers of how much was raised were not available when this newsletter went to print.

Congratulations to Ben Wolff and his teammates, Jake Erfourth, Adam Wildt, and Tom Wolff who won the golf outing, and their names will be engraved.



A huge thank you to the West Bend Lakes Golf Course for their support of our golf outing.

Special thanks to the SAL, Steve Rohde, Todd Kaebisch, Tim Hansen and all of the committee members from the SAL, Auxiliary and Post who made the golf outing a huge success.

A special thanks to Mark Gebler who printed signage for the outing for all of the hole and beverage cart sponsors.



Volunteer Service Hours

If you have been to one of the last 2 or 3 meetings, you have heard Jay talk about the CPR. No he is not talking about that kind of CPR. This CPR is the Consolidated Post Report.

CPR

The CPR is an annual report that each Post is supposed to submit to Legion HQ and it accounts for all of the activities the Post is involved in within our communities and how the American Legion makes a difference! It allows the powers to be in Washington to lobby for the American Legion and veteran benefits.

Many members of the post are involved in other organizations beyond the American Legion. The hours and personal expenses you have in these other organizations can be counted on our CPR as it still comes down to veterans making a difference in the community.

Maybe you teach Hunter Safety or are a Scout leader. Maybe you belong to a civic organization like the Rotary, Optimist Club or Kiwanis. Maybe you volunteer at a school, church, or a local 4-H club. Maybe it is at the Senior Center, Interfaith Caregivers or the Red Cross. All of these hours that you spend volunteering can be reported on our CPR. Your personal expenses can also be reported.

Beginning in July, there have been slips of paper on each table that you can fill out and turn them in to Jim, our Post Adjutant. If you can't make a meeting, you can also email Jim at jgeld@charter.net with the information.

Thank you for taking time to report your activities and THANK YOU for all that you do to make a difference in the community.

Patriot Day Activities

Post 36 will be observing Patriot Day on Sept 11 at 0900 at the Veterans Plaza located at 5th and Poplar Streets. The Reverend Clarissa Martinelli will be acting as Master of Ceremonies. The Wreath laying ceremony will be done by both the WBPD and Wbfd followed by a 3 rifle volley and the playing of taps. Local churches are encouraged to ring their bells at 8:46 AM in remembrance of the attack on our country and the strength of our nation.

Membership

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While we met our goal of 100% for 2022, now that July is here and gone, we are suddenly in a new year for membership for 2023. **Our goal is to hit 265 for 100% by December 31st of 2022.** That's right, 100% by the end of this year. No sense in putting off till tomorrow, what you can do today.

Take 5 minutes out of your day and go to <http://www.mylegion.org> and renew your membership for 2023.

If you need help renewing your membership, you can also contact our new 1st Vice, Paul Sipe at 262-617-0741 or by email at pjsipe@hotmail.com

To encourage members to renew their membership sooner as opposed to later, Commander Anderson has instituted a Monthly Prize Drawing for those who have renewed their membership for the 2023 year as well as those members who are Paid Up For Life (PUFL). The drawings will be monthly between now and the October meeting. At the August meeting, John Zink's name was drawn, (how ironic that he is the former 1st Vice)



and he won a bottle of vodka. To be eligible for the drawing, you must have renewed (or PUFL) **and** be present at the meeting!

**If we hit 100% by December 31st,
Jay will shave his head!**

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 to join.

New members can continue to join Post 36 for only \$30.

Past National Commander Speaks

Denise Rohan, who was the 1st female elected National Commander and 1st Wisconsin Elected National Commander, was the guest speaker at our August meeting for Post 36.



Denise gave a very heart felt talk about veterans helping other veterans and the 4 pillars of the American Legion. She focused on how individuals can make a difference.

50 Years in the American Legion!

Congratulations to Larry Kritz who received recognition for being in the American Legion for 50 years.



Post Officers for 2022-23

At the July Executive Board meeting, John Zink, Gary Logan and Ed Draeger were appointed to the Executive Board into open past commander positions by a nomination committee of Board members.

At the membership meeting in August, Paul Sipe was appointed as the 1st Vice. A complete list of the current officers is in the back of the newsletter and posted at the Post.

The Parliamentary position is still open. If you would more information, talk to Commander Anderson.

Other Good Stuff

Notes from Our 2nd Vice – Donna Kleinmaus

The Oratorical contest is quickly approaching. Time to spread the word to those with kids in high school, that a short speech on some aspect of the constitution, could be worth **BIG MONEY!** Donna will have more details as we get closer, but the judging will be December 11th.

The Post 36 Angels of the WB Little League won their championship in “thrilling walk off fashion”.

Any questions on youth programs should be directed to Donna at 262-305-4505.

Blood Drives

Thanks to everyone who gave blood at the two blood drives in August. The next blood drive will be November 1st.



50/50 Raffle

At the July meeting, Wayne Stoffel won \$50 in the 50/50 raffle and donated it back to the Post for the flooring project.



At the August meeting, Jerry Krug won \$37 in the 50/50 raffle.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the 50/50 raffle!

Meals before meetings

Meals are continuing to be planned for the upcoming meetings. **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.

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.

This list keeps getting smaller. Thank you to everyone who have worked at the brat fries this year. Only 4 more to go!

- 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

Celebration of Freedom

September 9 & 10, the WWII traveling memorial will be at the Columbia County Fairgrounds on Veteran Memorial Field. This is a statewide event bringing Wisconsin residents together to CELEBRATE our freedom, HONOR those who continue to serve, and REMEMBER through education, the importance of patriotism and freedom.

There are events schedule for both days as well as live entertainment all day Saturday.

For more information, sponsorship details and volunteer opportunities, visit wilegion.org

Post Everlasting

The following Post members have passed on and have been transferred to Post Everlasting: James Koehn, Clyde Ehler, Bruce Witt, Darrell Olson, Thomas Smith, Tom Walloch, Brian McDonald, and Jacob Hansen

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.

Even More Good Stuff

E-Mail vs Snail Mail – mylegion.org

Effective July 10, 2022, First Class Postage for a letter has gone 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.

(One of you contacted me after the last newsletter asking to add your email. Unfortunately, I was traveling, and I lost the scrap paper I wrote the note on. Could you call me again?)

Newsletter Information

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 normally due by the 15th (even months) of the month prior to publication. **However due to my travel schedule, the deadline for**

November/December newsletter is October 1st.

Thank you!

Thank you Fox Brothers Piggly Wiggly

Fox Brothers Piggly Wiggly had designated Post 36 as their monthly charity for May, giving customers the option to 'round up'.

A check for \$3,412.00 was presented to Jay Anderson at the West Bend Piggly Wiggly store owned by Fox Brothers.



Thank you Washington County Deputies Assoc.

At the July meeting, Deputy Cody Ausloos from the Washington County Sheriff's Department presented Jay Anderson with a check for \$500 from the Deputies Association. The money is to be used towards the new flooring for the Post. Cody is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and like so many of our friends in law enforcement, is a great supporter of our veterans.



Thank you Auxiliary

At the August Meeting, Tammy Feller from the Auxiliary presented a check to the Post for \$500, also to be applied towards the flooring project.

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Ride to Remember 9/11

At the July Post meeting, information was presented regarding Tarra Gundrum’s Ride to Remember. Tarra is a USMC veteran and will be taking on a 950 mile expedition to Washington DC to raise funds for the Wisconsin 9/11 Memorial and Education Center in Kewaskum. With a goal of raising \$25,000, a motion was made to donate \$100 to the cause. The motion passed.



Following the motion, Post member Wayne Stoffel matched the \$100, bringing the total donation to \$200.

While her journey began on August 14th, it will conclude on September 3rd. The final 10-mile leg of the journey will begin at 1700 at Rusco Drive and ride the Eisenbahn Trail to Kewaskum, arriving at the 9/11 Memorial by 1800. Supporters are encouraged to join her for the last 10 miles or just greet her upon her arrival in Kewaskum.

You can read more information at:

www.thepossibleprojectpodcast.com

Humana Presentation on Medicare

DO you have questions about Medicare - What is it? Who is eligible? Do I need additional coverage? If so, please join Sandi Stahl from Humana on Thursday, October 27th, at 2 PM and 6 PM to learn all about Medicare.

In this “Medicare 101” educational program Sandi will discuss who is eligible for Medicare, the different enrollment periods available, the different Medicare options available and some helpful resources available. After a brief break, Sandi will highlight one of the New Humana 2023 Plans!

This presentation is open to those new to Medicare as well as those currently covered by Medicare.

Please join us and have your questions answered by Sandi!

RSVP by October 26th (262) 234-2822

VFW Post 1393, 260 Sand Dr, West Bend WI 53095
Thursday, October 27th, 2022

2:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Open to the Public

Calendar of Events

September

- National Suicide Prevention Month
- National Service Dog Month
- 2 VJ Day (1945)
- 4 LEGION BRAT FRY & AUXILARY BAKE SALE
Downtown Car Show – 0700-1600
- 5 Labor Day**
- 6 Post Membership Meeting, 1900
- 9 LEGION BRAT FRY & AUXILARY BAKE SALE
West Bend Sausage Plus – 0800-1400
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- 11 Patriot Day***
- 12 SAL Meeting, 1900
- 16 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 18 Air Force Birthday (1947)
- 18 Office of the Secretary of Defense Birthday
- 18 Air National Guard Birthday (1947)
- 25 Gold Star Mother’s Day
- 29 VFW Day

October

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Ms Veteran America Pageant
- 1 LEGION BRAT FRY & AUXILARY BAKE SALE
Downtown Farmers Market – 0600-1100
- 1 SAL Fall Conference – Juneau
- 3 SAL Meeting, 1900
- 4 Post Membership Meeting, 1900
- 10 Columbus Day
- 13 Navy Birthday (1775)
- 26 Day of the Deployed
- 27 Navy Day
- 31 Halloween

BOLD - Federal Holiday

*** - Flags flown at Half Staff**



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