

 **AMERICAN  
LEGION**

*Post 36er*

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

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### Memorial Day Observance

West Bend's Memorial Day observance will be held on Monday, May 29, 2023. The observance will include a parade followed by a program.

- Line up for the parade will be on South Main Street between Oak Street and Decorah Road from 0815 to 0915 with the parade stepping off at 0930.

"The purpose of the Memorial Day parade and program is to honor those who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country," said Chairperson Steve Rohde. "No commercial advertising, tossing of candy or handouts along the parade will be allowed."

- Anyone wishing to participate in the parade should contact Steve at 414-581-4381.

The Memorial Day Program will begin at approximately 1030 with Scott Mindel as Master of Ceremonies. Gold Star families will be honored at this event. The public is welcome to attend the program but are asked to bring their own chairs.

### American Legion Family Golf Outing

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual American Legion Family Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and will be held at the Hon-e-Kor golf course in Kewaskum.

We are looking for golfers, hole sponsors and volunteers to help at the event.

Last year's event raised over \$8,000 for the American Legion Family!

See the insert for more details.

### Commander's Corner

As my term as Commander comes to a close, I want to thank everyone for your support. I am so grateful for the wonderful experiences and the people I have gotten to know and work beside.

We are incredibly fortunate to be part of this Post. There have been so many accomplishments over the past 4 years. This is not because of me but because of you wonderful members. The post building itself has had so many changes to provide not only for now but hopefully for generations to come. We have been able to convert our lighting to energy saving LED, we changed the toilets and bathroom faucets, two furnaces replaced and one air conditioner, the flooring has been replaced, walls painted and on top of that we paid off the mortgage. Our building is more secure with video surveillance and new locks. The bar is greatly improved and we have cold beer and soda at hand with the nice glass cooler. We are able to be more social at meetings because of the round tables and this is also desirable for rentals. We are still working to improve the kitchen and parking lot.

We are also more visible in the community and have worked on our support of veterans. Our Post hosts many blood drives throughout the year and provides other veteran organizations free use for monthly meetings. We now have brat fries during downtown farmers markets while assisting the downtown in setup and break down. We also continue our support of Stars and Stripes Honor Flight remembering and honoring our deceased members. Again, because of the action of our members.

I will miss being behind the podium but looking forward to joining my fellow Legionnaires in the chairs. I look forward to being able to put more time into projects not only for the Post but for fellow veterans. As always, give a call or tap me on the shoulder if you need something. I hope we can all join together and keep the Post moving forward. Thank you for your support.

Thank you and God Bless,  
Jay Anderson, Commander

# What's New?

## Post Make Over

**Wow!** I recently walked into the Post for a meeting and for a minute, I thought I was in the wrong building!

Two walls have been removed, the new flooring and baseboard has been installed, the walls have been painted, and everything has been rehung on the walls.

### **THE POST LOOKS GREAT!**

Some of you may be asking, where are the pictures? Well, you need to attend an upcoming meeting and take a look for yourself. The little pictures in the newsletter won't do it justice.

Special thanks to the building committee and all the volunteers who made it happen! I would try to name everyone, but I know I would probably miss more than I name as a lot of sweat and hours went into making it happen. THANK YOU to ALL OF YOU for MAKING IT HAPPEN, whether it was a financial donation or sweat equity – JOB WELL DONE!

## Brat Frys for 2023

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following dates for the Brat Frys being put on by the Post:

Saturday	May 20	Jackson
Saturday	May 27	WB Farmers Market
Friday & Sat	June 9 & 10	WB Sausage Plus
Saturday	June 24	WB Farmers Market
Saturday	July 15	WB Farmers Market
Saturday	August 19	WB Farmers Market
Monday	September 4	Car Show - WCFP
Friday & Sat	Sept 15 & 16	WB Sausage Plus
Saturday	September 30	WB Farmers Market

Yep! That is a lot of Brat Frys and it takes a lot of people to run them. Keep in mind, these Brat Frys serve as a major fund-raiser for the Post and should generate between \$5,000 - \$10,000 for the Post.

Thanks to Ed Draeger for coordinating. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, call Ed at 262-689-4144.



## Military Events in May

The month of May is filled with holidays that honor the military. As a result, in 1999 Senator John McCain introduced a bill designating May as Military Appreciation Month. It was approved by a vote of 93-0. The month of May pays tribute to everyone who has served in a branch of the U.S. military and reminds us that we owe many of our freedoms to the sacrifices made by military personnel.

West Bend recognizes military days in the month of May:

- Loyalty Day where veterans visit local schools.
- Armed Forces Day:
- Flags are placed on grave sites at local cemeteries.
- Flags are installed in the downtown area, Barton and at Veterans Plaza.
- Memorial Day where we have our parade and program at Veterans Plaza.

Post 36 will be observing Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 20. Members of the American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, Legion Riders and volunteers will be placing flags on grave sites of veterans at Washington County Memorial Park and at Holy Angels Cemeteries. "This is a memorable event where the community becomes involved," said Coordinator Chris Schatz. "It is gratifying to see so many volunteers honor those who have served our country. We want to thank everyone who participates." Those interested can meet Chris at Holy Angels Cemetery, Steve Rohde at Washington County Memorial Park, or Glenn Pietschmann at Union Cemetery. The event begins at 9:00 A.M.

United States flags will also be in place on light poles throughout the city. Flags will fly in the Barton area and at Veterans Plaza. "Each flag is dedicated to those who are serving our country as well as those who have served," said Legion Flag Coordinator Jim Maersch. Some flags will fly year-round. At Veterans Park, four flags will fly in honor of the four chaplains who, when their troopship was torpedoed during World War II, gave up their own life jackets to save the lives of their fellow shipmates.

Armed Forces Day was established in August of 1949 to honor all military services on the same day.

# 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

## Membership

We are currently at 96% and need only 9 member renewals or new applications to reach 100%.

Please encourage your friends who are veterans to become a member. New membership is only \$30 and renewals are \$40.

Maybe it is time to consider a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership, then you don't have to worry or listen to us talking about renewing your membership every year. No doubt it is an expense, but when I did mine, I considered it an investment and a commitment.

We can only grow with your help encouraging other veterans to join.

Having a strong American Legion is what gives us a strong voice in Washington looking out for and fighting for veterans' rights and benefits.

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

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.

Please contact Jay Anderson (262-677-1798) if you have a name you want contacted.

## Post Elections – May Meeting

AS you read in the last newsletter, the Post elections will take place at the May meeting. We will be electing the Post Officers for the 23-24 term. Their positions will be effective at the end of the June membership meeting. Nearly every position is up for election. There have been several nominations made, however it is not too late. There will be a last call for any additional nominations prior to voting at the meeting. Here is one of many opportunities to get involved and make a difference!

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

The Post has awarded our two high school scholarships to Joshua Wagner who attends WB East and Nicole Walters who attends WB West. Jim Maersch and Max Sommerfeld also presented American Flags to the Foreign Exchange Students.

## Post Little League Sponsorship

This year we are sponsoring the A's. Below is their schedule:



Saturday	4/29	0915-1100	South Diamond
Wednesday	5/3	1730-1915	South Diamond
Monday	5/8	1730-1915	South Diamond
Wednesday	5/10	1915-2045	West Diamond
Saturday	5/13	1000-1200	West Diamond
Monday	5/15	1730-1915	South Diamond
Monday	5/22	1730-1915	South Diamond
Wednesday	5/24	1730-1915	South Diamond
Wednesday	5/31	1730-1915	West Diamond
Monday	6/5	1915-2045	West Diamond
Wednesday	6/7	1730-1915	South Diamond
Wednesday	6/14	1730-1915	West Diamond
Monday	6/19	1915-2045	West Diamond
Wednesday	6/21	1915-2045	South Diamond

Be sure to stop out and cheer on the A's.

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

## Blood Drives

Upcoming scheduled blood drives:

**Red Cross:** May 3, Jul 5 & Oct 5.

**Versiti:** May 24, Jul 21, Oct 20 & Dec 15.



## Be the One

BE sure to 'like' and support the Facebook page,

**'BeTheOne4WIYouth'**

Together we can make a difference with our military veterans and with our kids.

# American Legion Family

## Sons of the American Legion

Membership update: (now at 55 members)

SAL membership continues to grow.

If you have family members who might qualify, please encourage them to join!!

Contact Jeff Schwitz with any membership questions:

j.schwitz@att.net cell: 1-262-483-2857



Tile bracelets for sale:

Check out the cool new tile bracelets

that are now available!!

These will be available at

brat fries, the golf outing and anywhere fundraising for the Post is happening! All proceeds being donated to Camp American Legion!



SAL and Auxiliary hosted Easter lunch for families through Family Promise on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Enough food, Easter baskets and snacks were available to also share with Friends of West Bend. Thank you to all who donated time and food items.

American Legion – Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 Family Golf Outing is being held on August 12, 2023 at Hon-e-Kor Country Club. This is a joint effort by all Legion Family members. Please see the attached flyer for more information on times and registration. Committee members should be able to assist with any questions you might have about this volunteer opportunity:

Legion Committee members: Mike Feller, Chuck Clark, Mike Hartwell

Auxiliary Committee members: Tami Feller, Vikki Hansen, Jen Kaebisch

SAL Committee members: Todd Kaebisch, Steve Rohde, Tim Hansen, Ken Meuler

## American Legion Auxiliary

Happy Spring! It's finally good to see sunshine and longer days.



The Post remodeling is coming along and the kitchen has new flooring so the Auxiliary is beginning to organize and clean the kitchen. We ask that you no longer drop off items you think we might use; please contact the Auxiliary for approval of items you would like to donate. We seem to have quite a few things we don't really use/need.

We also drew up a wish list of essentials we will be needing in the future for when the kitchen is completed, and we do more events.

Membership will be going up in 2024 to \$35; the Juniors will stay the same.

The donations for the month of March were: \$100 each to Camp American Legion and the Washington County Humane Society.

Elections for 1st and 2nd Vice and Chaplain were held in April with the following results:

1st Vice: Jenny K.

2nd Vice: Vicki

Chaplain: Margie

NOTE: The venue for the golf outing on August 12th has been changed to Hon-E-Kor in Kewaskum. We will be putting together raffle baskets for that event.

Donations for the month of April were:

- \$100 to the Legion's Be The One campaign
- A basket to the Legion Riders for a silent auction to benefit several groups

Our next meeting will be May 2nd, at the Post 7PM; hope to see you all there!

May/June 2023



# American Legion - Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 Family 2023 Golf Outing



You are invited to help support Veterans & Veteran Causes in our Community!

## Saturday

# August 12, 2023

\$100 per Golfer includes:

Cart, 2 Drink Tickets

Four-person 18-hole Scramble

Lunch & Dinner provided

Raffles & 50/50

Dinner only option: \$30

Limit 100 golfers



Register Now!



Registration: 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

Players to Carts: 10:00 AM

Honor Guard / National Anthem: 10:15 AM

Shotgun Start: 10:30 AM

Dinner: 4:00 PM

Registration due August 4, 2023



Address: 1141 Riverview Dr.  
Kewaskum, WI 53040

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## American Legion - Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 Family 2023 Golf Outing Registration Form

Sign up Golfers below. \$100 per Golfer

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL

### Registration due August 4, 2023

Please mark payment and form response type:

- Mail -in Check
- Mail -in registration form
- Venmo: @sal36
- Email registration form

**Venmo payment: @sal36**  
**(Please do not toggle the "Purchase" button)**

**Email registration form to:**  
<mailto:americanlegionfamilygolfouting@gmail.com>

**Check payment & registration form:**  
**Sons of the American Legion**  
**523 Clear View Drive**  
**West Bend, WI 53090**

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\*Executive Council Member

2/20/23

**Legion Family Calendar**

Not sure what is happening or when? Be sure to check out the calendar in Google Docs that Scott Mindel has put together. It is there as a resource for you. If you get this email electronically, click on the calendar and it should take you there. [CALENDAR](#)

**Golf Anyone?**

Are you looking to get out for some golf? Gary Logan and Jeff Sullivan from the Post play in a Veteran's Golf League every Thursday at 0830 at Arrowhead Golf Course on Holy Hill Road. They play 9 holes and then visit for a while as most of the golfers are in the Legion or VFW. For more information, contact Gary Logan at 262-442-8024. First round is May 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Raffle Licenses**

The Post has received both the Class A and Class B Raffle Licenses from the state, so we are now compliant with raffles conducted by the Post. This includes the 50/50 raffle which will resume at the next meeting.

**Honor Guard Recruitment**

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Richard Gerard has taken over the coordination duties of the Post 36 Color Guard. The Color Guard is always looking for more members to serve on the West Bend Veterans Honor Guard for parades, funerals and other events. In addition, a two-person team presents the U.S. flag and American Legion flag at the beginning of each monthly meeting and retires them later. Any Legion, SAL, Rider or Auxiliary members are welcome to perform this Post Meeting function. Please consider joining this squad. See Richard at a meeting or call him at (414) 916-8253. Thank you.



**Snow Shoveling at the Post**

Thanks to everyone who dug in and shoveled snow. We should be done with it for about 6 months!

**Newsletter Deadline**

The next deadline is June 15<sup>th</sup>. Please submit any information to [NewsletterPost36@gmail.com](mailto:NewsletterPost36@gmail.com). Thank you!





## May

- Month of the Military Caregiver
- National Military Appreciation
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wk Public Service Recognition Week
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wk National Correctional Officers Week
- 1 Silver Star Banner Day
- 1 Loyalty Day
- 1 SAL Meeting, 1900
- 2 Post & Aux Meeting, 1900
- 3 Blood Drive at Post
- 4 National Day of Prayer
- 6-12 National Nurses Week
- 8 VE Day (1945)
- 12 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 13-21 Armed Forces Week
- 14 Mother's Day
- 14-20 National Police Week
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day\*
- 16 Post Exec Board Meeting, 1700
- 20 Armed Forces Day
- 20 Brat Fry - Jackson
- 22 Maritime Day
- 27 Brat Fry – WB Farmers Market
- 29 **Memorial Day\*\***



## June

- PTSD Awareness Month
- 5 SAL Meeting, 1900
- 6 Post & Aux Meeting, 1900
- 6 D Day (1944)
- 11-17 National Flag Week
- 12 Women Veterans Day
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 US Army Birthday (1775)
- 18 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth**
- 20 Post Exec Board Meeting, 1700
- 23 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday (1939)
- 27 PTSD Awareness Day

**BOLD - Federal Holiday**

\* - Flags flown at Half Staff all Day

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