

July/August 2023

 **AMERICAN
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Post 36er

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

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Outgoing Commander's Corner

Thank you to Post 36 for all your support over the years. I had a great time learning how to be a commander. During my time I have met so many great people and have gained some wonderful friendships.

Thank you to all the officers I had the privilege to serve alongside. You are truly an inspiration and deserve more credit than you get. Without your willingness to serve, the Post does not exist.

A big thank you to Jim Geldreich for not only your friendship but your continued willingness to serve as adjutant. I and the Post owe you much appreciation.

Please continue to support your officers. Things may be different, but this does not mean you should not support those elected. Communicate when you have a question or concern. A simple call, text or email can solve so many more problems than guessing and gossip.

Thank you and God Bless,
Jay Anderson, Past Commander

Incoming Commander's Corner

Hello Legion Family,
I would like to thank all the members who voted me in last month, not knowing too much about me. I will continue to move forward on keeping our Post stable. Most of all for what we stand for when it comes to supporting Veteran Affairs & Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism, and Children and Youth Organizations.

With the help of the Executive Committee and the membership, there are going to be some helpful improvements around the Post. To start off with, establishing assortment of committees to overlook the Post. Besides the building and hall committees, we have introduced a budget, brat fry, and nomination committees. Here is your opportunity to get involved into our Post! There are still openings in most of these.

Before I sign off. I would truly like to thank all the recent donations from organizations, Legion members, and for 2 special little girls who setup lemonade stands to give all their proceeds to our American Legion Family Fund.

Take care and be safe.
God Bless America,
Mike Henner
Commander of Post 36

What's New?

Lemonade Stand

These young ladies ran a lemonade stand and in turn donated \$100 to the Post!



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	June 24	WB Farmers Market
Saturday	July 15	WB Farmers Market
Saturday	August 19	WB Farmers Market
Sunday	September 3	Car Show - WCFP
Friday & Sat	Sept 15 & 16	WB Sausage Plus
Saturday	September 30	WB Farmers Market

The first three brat fries this year have raised over \$4,500. Thanks to all the volunteers who have worked these events!

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



Eagle Project

Alexis Naumann from Troop 6780 came to the May meeting and explained the Eagle Project that she is working on. She is building tables and a kitchen at Lac Lawrann and needs to raise \$500 for building supplies. The membership voted to make a donation of \$300 towards her project.

Notes from the 2nd District Spring Conference

Jay Anderson, Jim Geldreich, Donna Kleinmaus, Mike Feller, Charlie Young and Ed Draeger attended from Post 36. Here are some highlights:

- Charlie Young was elected as the new 2nd District Commander
- Ed Draeger was named as the 2nd District Legionnaire of the Year
- Scott Mindel was named as the 2nd District Educator of the Year.

The 2nd District FALL Conference will be held at our Post in West Bend on October 28th.

A Little History Lesson

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

American Legion Family Golf Outing

The 2nd Annual American Legion Family Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, August 12th and will be held at the Hon-e-Kor golf course in Kewaskum. Last year's event raised over \$8,000 for the American Legion Family!

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

See the insert for more details.

1st & 2nd Vice

Membership

We are currently at 100% with 265 members!!!

Didn't come in time to have Jay shave his head, but at least we got it done before July 1.

Now it is time to start over again!

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 2024.

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 Greg Jourdain (262-388-6005) if you have a name you want contacted.

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.

Notes from Our 2nd Vice – Donna Kleinmaus

Blood Drives

Upcoming scheduled blood drives:

Red Cross: Jul 5 & Oct 5.

Versiti: Jul 21, Oct 20 & Dec 15.



To sign up for the Blood Drive on July 5th, click on this link: [JULY 5th BLOOD DRIVE](#)

Even BIGGER News on Blood Drives

The FDA has lifted the restrictions on giving blood if you fell into any of these categories:

- Spent time in the UK from 1980-1996
- Spent time in France & Ireland from 1980-2001
- Were US Military personal that were stationed in Europe

Tball Schedule

The Tball team we sponsor has the following games remaining:

7/8	2:00PM-3:00PM	East Diamond
7/13	5:30PM-6:30PM	East Diamond
7/15	2:15PM-3:15PM	North Diamond
7/22	12:45PM-1:45PM	East Diamond
7/29	11:30AM-12:30PM	East Complex

We are the AWAY team for all of these games.

Tile bracelets for sale:

Check out the cool new tile bracelets that are now available!!

These will be available at

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



American Legion Family

Sons of the American Legion

Membership update: (now at 58 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



Thank you from Squadron 36 Commander Steve Rohde:

For all who helped plant flowers at Veteran's Square and helped with Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony – **THANK YOU** is just not enough! Special thank you to SAL 36 member Marty Schulties for his presentation!

The American Legion Family–Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 Golf Outing – August 12, 2023

The Golf Outing is fast approaching, and we are in real need family members gear up for the outing to make it a successful event!!

This is a collaboration of the Post 36 Legion Family.

Time is of the essence, and we absolutely need the help of everyone in the Family!

What do we need to do?

- Spread the word!! Work your network of friends and co-workers to put teams together!!
- Need sponsors and raffle, basket items!!! -- It is KEY to track which companies have been contacted and by whom -- see this listing for last year's donations as well as track this year's donations/sponsors!!! [2023 Donation Listing](#)

Questions? americanlegionfamilygolfouting@gmail.com

See the enclosed fliers.

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

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American Legion Auxiliary

Mary Montag from District 2 visited

our meeting on May 2nd and again

offered valuable information and

clarification for ALA programs and

questions we had. We also learned about setting up a

table for Military Children to help bring awareness for another aspect of the military family. Items are being

collected and the table should be presented to Post 36

in August. A stuffed comfort support dog, ALF, was also brought to our attention from the Spring Conference.

These stuffed puppies are a program through the Sons

of the American Legion and are distributed to sick kids,

nursing homes, and deploying members kids. For more

info, see: <https://wisal.org/alf/>

There is a group still working on baskets for the golf

outing being held at Hon-E-Kor this fall. Talk to Tammy

Feller if you are interested in helping out with this

project.

The bake sales for the summer are at the WB Farmers Market on July 15th, Aug 19th, and Sept 30th. Setup is 6

a.m. with the sale going thru 11:30 a.m. followed by

cleanup afterwards. We have our booth on the corner

nearest the monuments of the Old County Courthouse.

We welcome your baked goods and your help with these events too!

Our May \$100 donation went to a military family whose daughter has cancer to help with expenses. We also

voted to donate \$500 to the Auxiliary Emergency Fund

which is available to all Auxiliary Members who meet

the criteria on the application. This is a temporary grant

and can be of help when there is a natural disaster

especially. The application can be found on the District

ALA website at <https://www.legion-aux.org/af>

We had no meeting in June due to The Post 36

Awards/Recognition Dinner with installation of new

officers. Welcome to Mike Henner as the new Post 36

Commander!

We do not have a meeting in July so our next meeting

will be August 1st at 7 p.m. We welcome any new

members interested in joining the Unit 36 Auxiliary!



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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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6/24/23

Legion Family Calendar

The calendar for the American Legion Family that was created by Scott Mindel has a new link as the old one expired. Click on CALENDAR below to go to the new calendar in Google Docs. 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](#)

Thank You

Just a personal note to all of those who reached out with love and support in the passing of my wife, Martina Hartwell.

Honor Guard Recruitment

AS mentioned in the previous newsletters, 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.

Newsletter Deadline

The next deadline is August 15th.

Please submit any information to NewsletterPost36@gmail.com.

Thank you!



Calendar of Events

July

- 4 Independence Day (1776)**
- 5 Blood Drive at Post
- 10 SAL Meeting, 1900
- 11 Post & Aux Meeting, 1900
- 15 Brat Fry – WB Farmers Market
- 25 National Hire a Veteran Day
- 27 National Korean War Veterans Day
- 29 Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

BOLD - Federal Holiday

* - Flags flown at Half Staff all Day

** - Flags flown at Half Staff till noon

August

- Antiterrorism Awareness Month
- 1 Post & Aux Meeting, 1900
- 4 Coast Guard Birthday (1790)
- 7 SAL Meeting, 1900
- 7 Purple Heart Day
- 10 US Dept of Defense Birthday
- 10 Agent Orange Awareness Day
- 12 Legion Golf Outing – Hon-E-Kor
- 16 National Airborne Day
- 19 Brat Fry – WB Farmers Market
- 29 Marine Corps Birthday (1916)

