



Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36

Wisconsin American Legion, West Bend, Wisconsin

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LEGION FAMILY MEETING SCHEDULE

Post and Auxiliary– 1st Tuesday of month, 7 PM

SAL – 1st Monday of Month, 7 PM

MILITARY MAY

The month of May was designated as Military Appreciation Month by the late Senator John McCain who made the proposal on April 30, 1999. Congress then chose the month of May due to many military related observances that are being celebrated during that month.

The military events are:

- May 1 - Loyalty Day.
- May 5 - Public Service Recognition Week
- May 8 - Victory Over Europe Day
- May 10 - Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- May 13 - Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 3rd Saturday in May - Armed Forces Day
- 4th Monday in May - Memorial Day
- Military Caregivers are also recognized in May.

On Saturday, May 18, 2024, America will be celebrating Armed Forces Day. This is the day we honor the combined armed forces including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and the Space Force. Armed Forces Day was first observed on May 20, 1950 and was declared a National Holiday on March 18, 1961. In observing this day, the West Bend American Family and many volunteers place flags at gravesites at local cemeteries.

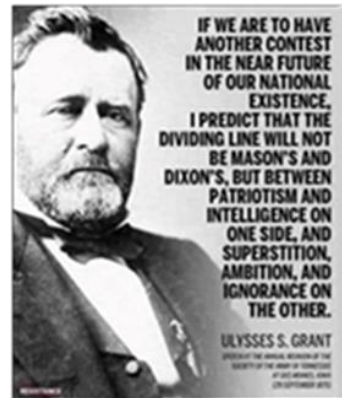
The event will start at 0900:

- Chris Schatz will be at Holy Angels Cemetery.
- Steve Rohde will be at Washington County Memorial Park.
- Glenn Pietschmann will be at Union Cemetery.

The public is welcome to participate. On that same day, American Legion members will be installing flags on light poles through the downtown area, Barton and Veterans Plaza.

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Quote of the Month



The votes have been cast and I hope you all did your patriotic duty. Old U.S. may not have been our greatest President, but he was a wise one. As tenacious as he was in battle, he strongly defended democracy. The

rights of an informed voting population cannot be overstated.

I am happy to report that our post is thriving and is doing its Mission. We are close to 100% membership, which I am confident we will make and the District is in 3rd place of the 12 Districts, close behind 2nd and within a whisker if 1st. Keep up the great work I know we can be #1. The mark we are making in the community is being noticed as we come into our busiest time of year. We are on the right track and moving our Mission forward. The MAY 7th meeting will be momentous as we enjoy the entire family attending. This is a first and a tradition I hope will continue. I look forward to seeing you all there and hearing your input.

Charlie Young, Commander, Post 36

1st & 2nd Vice Commanders

1st Vice Commander – Mike Hartwell

MEMBERSHIP

We are closing in on 100% for the year. As of 4/17 we are at 261 out of 267 with several being processed. If you or someone you know has not paid for 2024, it is not too late. Jump on mylegion.org and get their membership renewed before they have a gap in service.

National dues go up July 1st. If you want to save a few bucks, go to mylegion.org prior to July 1st and renew your membership for 3 years.

Take 5 minutes out of your day and go to <http://www.mylegion.org> and renew your membership for 2025.

POST AWARDS

At the June 4th meeting, we will be presenting and honoring the award recipients for the Legionnaire of the Year, Police Officer of the Year, Firefighter of the Year and EMT of the Year.

FAMILY WEBSITE

Our American Legion Family now has a website. The site continues to be a work in progress and always will be. However, a few of the highlights include an [event calendar](#), [hall rental information](#), information on the [Family Golf Outing](#) and [American Legion News](#) which is updated daily with numerous articles of interest.

Last Bugle

It is with great sadness to share the passing of David Wendt. David was a resident of Kewaskum, US Army veteran and a member of Post 36.



It is with great sadness to share the passing of Francis 'Jerry' Wanty. Jerry was a resident of Jackson and US Army veteran and a member of Cedarburg Post 288 but also had ties to Post 36.

2nd Vice Commander – Donna Kleinmaus

SCHOLARSHIPS - The American Legion Scholarships will be handed out at the High Schools Award Night on May 6th.

WEST BEND LITTLE LEAGUE - Our two seasons are paid for, so the next thing is getting the dates of the games.

BADGER BOYS STATE - The 81st Session of Badger Boys State is June 9-15, 2024, held again at UW – Eau Claire in Eau Clair, WI. We have 4 boys from the West Bend area who will be participating.

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION LAW ENFORCEMENT CAREER ACADEMY – WALLECA

Camp is July 29 – August 2nd At Fort McCoy.

NATIONAL SECURITY RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

May 1st, 1200 - 1700

The next blood drives coming up are: June 26th, August 27th October 23rd and December 19th



May 24th, there will be a special program going on at the West Bend Library, run by Kurt Rusch. Donna and John Kleinmaus will also be presenting the POW/MIA Table that morning.

RENTAL COMMITTEE

REMINDER

Hall rentals for the General Public are \$250.00 for the day and \$150.00 per every 6 hours.

Veterans can rent for \$75.00 and Post Members can still get the hall for \$50.00.

All Veterans groups and Law Enforcement partners will get it free, along with funeral rentals. Donations of course are accepted and appreciated. Please tell your family, friends and neighbors that we do rent the hall and it is a great space for nearly any type of event. Rental agreements can be found online at Post36WestBend.org.

BE THE ONE

Be sure to 'like' and support the Facebook page, 'BeTheOne4WYOUTH'.

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



American Legion Family News



May is a very busy month and there are numerous volunteer opportunities coming up!

Volunteer opportunities:

May 11th, 1000 - 1200 Headstone cleaning at Washington County Cemetery.
Need volunteers to assist with high school students' cleanup efforts. Scott Mindell will be the lead contact.

Armed Forces Day Flag placement
Friday, May 17th at 1800
Meet Chris Schatz at Holy Angels
Saturday, May 18th at 0900
Meet Steve Rohde at Washington County Cemetery
Saturday, May 18th at 0900
Meet Glenn Pietschmann at Union Cemetery

May 27th Memorial Day pre-parade procession through local cemeteries:
Meet at courthouse at 0730. Step off at 0745 processional through local cemeteries prior to the main Memorial Day parade and ceremonies.

Post 36 American Legion Family Golf Outing – **August 10th** @ Hon E Kor
Please contact Todd Kaebisch to volunteer!!
Phone: 262-707-4912
Email: todd.kaebis71@gmail.com
Raffle items / ideas needed as well!!
Golfers Needed – Get some foursomes signed up!

Membership Update:
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 Available
Bracelets are available at stores around West Bend and anywhere fundraising for the Post is happening!
Jeff's Spirits is now proudly displaying and offering these to their customers!!!



Nothing was submitted.

FOOD STAND – Washington County Fair

PLEASE sign-up for the Food Stand at the Washington County Fair.

Assuming we have the same duties as last year. Fair Dates: July 23-28

[CLICK HERE](#) to [Sign-Up](#)



ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

This Saturday, April 27th. Meet at 0800 at Eddie's Lake House parking lot – corner of Hwy 144 and Wallace Lake Road. Wear boots or waterproof shoes, bring gloves and a grabber if you have one.

HONOR FLIGHT RETURNS



There will be an Honor Flight on May 18th and June 15th. If you would like to go to Milwaukee to welcome our heroes back, contact Donna at 262-305-4505.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline is June 15th.

We are going back to a bi-monthly newsletter to cut our costs in half, which will save the Post over \$700 a year. To help reduce these costs even further please enter your email address into your profile at mylegion.org. If you need assistance, call Mike Hartwell @ 262-305-4036. Deadlines will always be on the 15th of the even months.



If you are submitting anything for the newsletter, please plan accordingly on what is coming up over the next couple of months so our membership has the opportunity to get involved!

Newsletters over the last several years are now available on the Post website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Please submit any information to NewsletterPost36@gmail.com.

Thank you!

What's New?

MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

West Bend Memorial Day observances have been scheduled for Monday, May 27, 2024. The events will start with an early 'pre-parade' which tours local cemeteries honoring veterans who have passed away. The official parade and program will follow, starting at 0930 and will end at the Tower Heritage Center on 6th and Poplar Street with the Memorial Day program to follow shortly after.



Line-up for the parade will be from 0815 to 0915 on South Main Street between Oak Street and Decorah Road. Anyone wishing to participate should contact Steve Rohde at 414-581-4381. Student groups are welcome.

The purpose of the Memorial Day Parade and Program is to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country. *The tossing of candy, passing out handouts or commercial advertising will not be allowed.*

Those planning to attend the program are asked to bring their own chairs as seating is limited.

FAMILY GOLF OUTING

The 3rd Annual American Legion Family Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th 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.

\$500 per foursome or \$125 per golfer which includes: 18 hole scramble, cart, 2 drink tickets, lunch, raffles, 50/50, and dinner.

The dinner only option (non-golfers) is \$30.

Hole sponsorships are \$150. A great opportunity for businesses that *you* patronize to support the American Legion. Sponsorship information is available on the Family website or [CLICKING HERE](#).

Last year's event raised over \$15,000 for the American Legion Family! That was \$5,000 for each group!!!

For more information and to volunteer, please contact Todd Kaebisch (SAL) at 262-707-4912 or by email at todd.kaebs71@gmail.com.

BRAT FRY DATES FOR 2024

It is that time of year again and these brat fry events play an important role for the Post as we expect to make between \$6,000 - \$12,000 over the course of the summer. Help out when you can! Contact Ed Draeger at 262-689-4144 or by email at drygulch@reagan.com.

These are the dates for our Legion Brat Fry's:

Saturday, May 18 – 0600-1400

Jackson City Wide Rummage

Saturday, May 25 – 0600-1100

HOST West Bend Downtown Farmers Market

Saturday, June 8 – 0600-1100

West Bend Downtown Farmers Market 2 spaces

Saturday, June 15 – 0600-1100

HOST West Bend Downtown Farmers Market

Saturday, July 6 – 0600-1100

West Bend Downtown Farmers Market 2 spaces

Saturday, July 13 – 0600-1100

HOST West Bend Downtown Farmers Market

Saturday, August 3 – 0600-1100

West Bend Downtown Farmers Market 2 spaces

Saturday, August 17 – 0600-1100

HOST West Bend Downtown Farmers Market

Sunday, September 1 – 0600-1500

West Bend Downtown CAR SHOW

Saturday, September 14 – 0600-1100

West Bend Downtown Farmers Market 2 spaces

Saturday, September 21 – 0600-1100

HOST West Bend Downtown Farmers Market

Saturday, September 28 – 0600-1100

West Bend Downtown Farmers Market 2 spaces

Saturday, October 12 – 0600-1100

HOST West Bend Downtown Farmers Market

Saturday, October 19 – 0600-1100

West Bend Downtown Farmers Market 2 spaces

POST ELECTIONS – MAY MEETING

At the membership meeting in April, nominations were opened for the



upcoming Post elections that will take place at the May meeting. We will be electing Post Officers for the 24-25 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!

Family Contacts

LEGION FAMILY CONTACTS

Post 36 - Legionnaires

Commander	Charlie Young	920-948-6602	c_tyoung@charter.net
1st Vice Commander	Mike Hartwell	262-305-4036	wibmwriider@gmail.com
2nd Vice Commander	Donna Kleinmaus	262-305-4505	dkleinmaus@charter.net
Adjutant	Jim Geldreich	262-707-6686	jgeld@charter.net

Unit 36 - Auxiliary

ALA President	Tami Feller	262-685-7895	tfeller@mtlcraft.com
1st Vice Commander	Jenny Kaebisch		jennykaebs31@gmail.com
ALA Secretary	Jeni Griswold		geno182@hotmail.com

Squadron 36 - Sons of the American Legion

Commander	Steve Rohde	414-581-4381	Sprohde@charter.net
1st Vice Commander	Jeff Schwitz	262-483-2857	j.schwitz@att.net
2nd Vice Commander	Glenn Pietschmann	262-689-9329	Glenn440@charter.net
Adjutant	Tim Hansen	262-305-5984	sal36.sec@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

MAY

- Month of the Military Caregiver
- National Military Appreciation Month
- 1 Red Cross Blood Drive 1200-1700**
- 1 Silver Star Service Banner Day
- 1 Loyalty Day
- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 2-8 National Correctional Officer Week
- 6-12 National Nurses Week
- 7 Legion Family Mtg – 1900**
- 8 VE Day
- 10 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 11-19 Armed Forces Week
- 12 Mother’s Day
- 12-18 National Police Week
- 13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day*
- 18 Armed Forces Day
- 18 Honor Flight – MKE
- 21 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 22 Maritime Day
- 25 Brat Fry**
- 27 Memorial Day**

JUNE

- PTSD Awareness Month
- 3 SAL Meeting – 1900**
- 4 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 6 D Day - 1944
- 8 Brat Fry**
- 9-15 National Flag Week
- 12 Women Veterans Day
- 14 Flag Day
- 14 Army Birthday - 1775
- 15 Honor Flight – MKE
- 16 Father’s Day
- 18 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 19 Juneteenth
- 19 Fraud Presentation – 1800**
- 23 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday – 1939
- 26 Red Cross Blood Drive 1200-1700**
- 27 PTSD Awareness Day

**Flags flown at Half Staff*

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SCAMS and IDENTITY THEFT PRESENTATION-

On June 19th, our American Legion Post will be hosting a presentation on Internet Scams and Identity Theft. West Bend Police Detective Stacy Bruss will be the guest speaker. Detective Bruss specializes in internet crime of all types. The presentation is being sponsored by Westbury Bank and Landmark Credit Union in collaboration with BMO, the VFW, and the Senior Citizen Activities Center. The presentation is scheduled to start at 1800 and last for approximately 2 hours, giving plenty of time for Q & A.

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, SO PLEASE TELL YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND NEIGHBORS!

