



Post 36er

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR
FOOD STAND

Our Post, being the largest in Washington County, has a standing commitment to fill 60 slots in the Food Stand over the course of the Washington County Fair.



As of June 20th, we have only filled 33% or 20 of those slots. PLEASE click on the link below to sign up for the Food Stand.

By signing up for a shift at the food stand, you will get free entry to the Fair for the entire day. Sign-up is open to the entire extended Legion Family! We are not just talking Legionnaires, Auxiliary, Sons and Riders; sign-up the kids, grandkids, neighbors, etc! Anyone can work a shift!

Please keep in mind, sleeveless shirts are not permitted while working in the Food Stand.

CLICK HERE to Sign-Up

COMMANDER'S CORNER



Spring/summer has arrived as well as so much rain. This is the time of year when we get things done and that applies to our Legion mission as well. Our Legion sponsored little league is a great way to support our youth.

Courage is the theme for this newsletter. Bravery to do the right thing when it is tough. Continuing the mission is our main objective even when it seems like it can't be done. IT CAN!

I wish all of you a wonderful and happy summer, God bless you and God bless the U.S.A.

Charlie Young, Commander, Post 36

BE THE ONE

Be sure to 'like' and support the Facebook page, 'BeTheOne4WYYouth'.



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

1st & 2nd Vice Commanders

1st Vice Commander – Mike Hartwell

2nd Vice Commander – Donna Kleinmaus

MEMBERSHIP

We have exceeded 100% and as of June 26 we are at 103%. 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.

As of July 1, 2024, you can start renewing your membership for 2025. If you renew between July 1 – December 31, 2024, dues for 2025 are \$40. If you pay after January 1, 2025 the dues increase by \$5 and will be \$45.

Do you want to save \$15? Renew your membership prior to December 31, 2024 for 3 years and the total is \$120. If you select the 3 year option after January 1, 2025, it will cost you \$135.

Lastly, there is always the Paid Up For Life (PUFL) option. You can get specific details and pricing on this option at mylegion.org.

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

Hero of the Month, June 2024: John Zink

WEST BEND — At Lt. Ray Dickop American Legion Post 36, they like to honor veterans in their ranks by giving their outstanding members special recognition and a platform to tell their stories. Each month, the Post selects a member to be featured as the Hero of the Month. This month's Hero of the Month honors is John Zink.

Zink began his military career when he was drafted in November of 1953. He was sent to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, and underwent engineering training. He spent 26 weeks doing basic training, advanced energy training and leadership training.

After his training was complete, he was expected to be shipped out to one of two places: Europe or Korea. However, he ended up going to neither, because the war ended before he was deployed. "It just so happened that in June of '54, they signed an armistice," said Zink. "So I got as far as Seattle."

After the end of the Korean War, Zink spent the majority of his active service doing general maintenance work in Fort Lewis and building roads in Yakima Training Center.

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WEST BEND LITTLE LEAGUE – One of our two teams has wrapped up the season. Our other team has games on the following dates:

July 9 @ 1730 – East Diamond
July 13 @ 1015 – East Diamond
July 20 @ 1130 – East Diamond
July 24 @ 1730 – North Diamond
July 27 @ 0900 – East Diamond

NATIONAL SECURITY RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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



VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drives coming up are:
July 5th – More dates may become available. Check the Events Calendar on the Post Website.

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.

LEGION FAMILY WEBSITE

If you have not already done so, be sure to visit our American Legion Family website at Post36WestBend.org. You can view it on your computer, tablet or smart phone. The [American Legion News](#) page is updated daily with numerous articles of interest. Under the Archives tab, you can find Post 36er Newsletters as well as the minutes from the Executive Council Meetings and Membership Meetings. There is a tab for renewing your Membership and of course the [Event Calendar](#)

American Legion Family News

From Squadron Commander Steve

Rohde: "Thank you to all who participated in placing flags on headstones at local cemeteries in May; helped to organize and participated in the Memorial Parade and Ceremony; and cleaned headstones at local cemeteries. Thank you so much for the support!"



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!!!

UpComing Events:

- Flag holder repairs: Chris Schatz is looking for assistance for putting in flag holders at cemeteries in the local area to install markers / repair markers.
 - Washington County Memorial Cemetery – July 15 & 18 @ 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM
 - Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AFAE29A6FBC34-49972205-flag>
 - Can't use sign-up? Contact Chris Schatz at chrisschatz6@gmail.com
414-698-5211
- Hot Dog Day at Fleet Farm – July 20 1000-1400

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!

At the June 4th meeting, new officers were elected as follows:



President – Carolyn Schatz
Secretary – Shirley Tuttle
Treasurer – Carol Hausmann
Chaplain – Bernice Mueller

\$250 was donated to the SALs for a basket for the Family Golf Outing this year to be held on August 10th at Hon-E-Kor.

We are looking at doing t-shirts, etc. with the Auxiliary logo. You would be supplying your own shirt. More info to come at the July meeting.

Bake sales have been going amazingly well! If you would like to bake something, we now have 2 different size clear containers for holding individual servings – A flatter one for bars, and a taller one for cupcakes, muffins, etc. You may contact either Shirley or Carolyn to get some of these containers. The bake sales coming up at the Farmer's Market in downtown West Bend on Saturday morning are as follows: July 13, Aug 17, Sept 21, and Oct 12. Setup starts at 6:30 a.m. and clean up starts at 11 a.m. if you are interested in helping with either of these jobs.

The Washington County Fair is coming up in July; please think about putting in some hours to help on the days Post 36 is there. Signup info can be found on the Post website: post36westbend.org

Looking forward to seeing more of you at our next meeting on July 2nd at 7 p.m. at the Post in West Bend!

Last Bugle

Tom Dobberstein

What's New?

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.kaebis71@gmail.com.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline is August 15th.

We have gone back to a bi-monthly newsletter as this saves the Post over \$700 annually. 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 based 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!



BRAT FRY DATES FOR 2024

Brat Fries are off and running or in some cases swimming with the rain! But rain or shine, people still eat! 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, 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



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Then in January of 1955, he would be tasked with constructing test sites for atomic bombs. "Congress said, 'Why are we paying all these contractors to build these sites out in the desert to blow them up? Why don't we use our engineers since the war is over?' said Zink. "So they put together a unit, and we boarded a train with all of our equipment, went down to Las Vegas, then drove about 30 miles out into the desert." Zink worked in shifts with his fellow engineers on these test sites, getting to see the destructive power of atom bombs firsthand until he was eventually shipped back to Fort Lewis, where he continued doing odd jobs until his tour of duty ended in 1955. "If I would have decided to re-enlist, they would have sent me to Fort Belvoir, Virginia for advanced engineering training, which is a great opportunity," said Zink. "But I just wanted to go home."

While Zink was never in combat, he still takes pride in his work and appreciates the discipline it gave him that he retains to this day. "It's the discipline that is the thing that is so great," said Zink. "It's such a simple little thing, and to this day, we don't go away without making our bed." Now, Zink has found a new call to service: to advocate for those who need it most with the American Legion.

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Family Contacts

LEGION FAMILY CONTACTS

Post 36 - Legionnaires

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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	Carolyn Schatz	414-378-1703	cschatz2000@gmail.com
1st Vice Commander	TBD		
ALA Secretary	Shirley Tuttle	262-573-3668	

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

JULY

- 1 **SAL Mtg - 1900**
- 2 **Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Versiti Blood Drive - 1000
- 6 **Brat Fry**
- 13 **Brat Fry**
- 16 **Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 23 Washington County Fair
- 24 Washington County Fair – Military Day
- 25 Washington County Fair
- 26 Washington County Fair
- 27 Washington County Fair
- 27 National Korean War Veterans Day
- 28 Washington County Fair
- 29 Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

AUGUST

- Antiterrorism Awareness Month
- 3 **Brat Fry**
- 4 Coast Guard Day (Birthday) 1790
- 5 **SAL Meeting – 1900**
- 6 **Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 7 Purple Heart Day
- 10 Legion Family Golf Outing
- 10 US Dept of Defense Birthday
- 10 Agent Orange Awareness Day
- 16 National Airborne Day
- 17 **Brat Fry**
- 20 **Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 27 Red Cross Blood Drive – 1200
- 29 Marine Corps Birthday 1916
- 30 **POW/MIA Silent March - Sheboygan**

Be sure to check the Post website Event Calendar for additional events and information.

www.Post36WestBend.org

AMERICAN LEGION

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June 2024: John Zink**

He said one of the things he likes most about the American Legion is the advocacy and camaraderie that come with membership, and the importance of having a support system comprised of those who have been there before.

“I think I read once that it takes 10 people to support a combat veteran, so I think we’re all here to lend support to those that are active now,” said Zink. “We try to service the families of our veterans; our Post services over 60 funerals a year, multiple parades, school visits and more. We try to show visibility, so people don’t forget. That is the one thing we fear, that people are going to forget why we have this freedom.”

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Be sure to check the Post website for additional events, news, notes and information.

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