



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

PATRIOT DAY – 9/11 CEREMONY

Following the terrorist attacks on 9/11, on October 25th, 2001, a bipartisan bill was introduced in the U.S. House to make September 11th, a National Day of Mourning. The result of the resolution was to proclaim September 11th, 2002 as the first Patriot Day.

While Patriot Day is not a federal holiday, the US Flag is flown at half-staff at the White House and on all federal buildings and establishments throughout the world. Americans are encouraged to display flags in and outside their homes. Additionally, a moment of silence is observed to correspond with the attacks, beginning at 8:46 AM (EST), the time the first plane struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center.



Memorial ceremonies are held around the country in remembrance and honoring the 2,977 victims of the attacks.

Locally, on September 11, at 9:00 AM, West Bend will have a ceremony at the Old Court House - Veterans Plaza which will be presented by the West Bend Fire Department, West Bend Police Department and veterans from within our community.

In Kewaskum, at the 9/11 Wisconsin Memorial, an annual remembrance event will be held from 1:00 – 2:00 PM.

With the timing of the two events, you have an opportunity to attend both and **NEVER FORGET!**

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Far better is it to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure... than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in a gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt

Is this not the way we lead our lives. We stood the test, held the line and have the satisfaction of knowing we served and are still serving. I am hoping to see more members attend meetings because it enhances comradeship and communication. I plan to start bringing in speakers to give us information about what is happening in our city, county and state. Please come and be part of our recognition and celebration of the freedoms WE helped to preserve.

Charlie Young, Commander, Post 36

WHEELS ON MAIN – BRAT FRY

The Wheels on Main Car Show is back on Main Street Sunday, September 1st, in West Bend, following last year's temporary relocation due to the downtown construction.



Once again, our legion Post will be putting on a Brat Fry, selling breakfast sandwiches, brats and burgers.



This is a huge event for the Post and we need your help! Lots of help!

1st & 2nd Vice Commanders

1st Vice Commander – Mike Hartwell

MEMBERSHIP

We ended 2024 at 103% with 274 members. Unfortunately, it took us till June of 2024 to get there.

We are well underway with renewals for 2025. Our membership goal for the year is 276 members. As of 8/21/24, we are at 59% of our goal. We would like to be at 100% by December 31, 2024 (that is just over 100 days away). Getting there will also save you some money.



Right now, dues for 2025 are \$40 however on January 1, 2025, they go up to \$45. Save a little more by doing a 3-year renewal at \$40 per year online at mylegion.org. You will save \$15.

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

If you have not paid for 2024 or 2023, you still can so that you do not have a break in service time.

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

While yes, we need each of you to renew your membership, we need to continue to encourage veterans to join the American Legion.

Not just people that you know, but those veterans you see out and about every day. You know who they are! The ones wearing the ‘veteran’ hats, the shirts, bumper stickers, veteran license plates, etc. Take a minute to thank them for their service and strike up a conversation. Invite them to a meeting or an upcoming event.



2nd Vice Commander – Donna Kleinmaus

NATIONAL SECURITY

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

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



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The next blood drives coming up are: September 6th – More dates may become available. Check the Events Calendar on the Post Website.

ORATORICAL

The Oratorical Contest will once again take place in December. Students can earn ca\$h for a few minutes of work, giving a short speech on the U.S. Constitution. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIPS

School is starting and high school seniors will be applying for scholarships. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to apply for the Legion Scholarships through their schools.

COUNTY GOVERNMENT DAY

County Government Day has been scheduled for February 26, 2025. Hopefully this new time frame will result in less conflicts. Contact Donna for more details.

WALLECA

Applications for the 2025 Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy will be available in January 2025 with a deadline to apply of March 31st. The dates are June 23 – 27 at Fort McCoy.

RENTAL COMMITTEE

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.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline is October 15th.

American Legion Family News

From Squadron Commander Steve

Rohde: Thank you to the Golf Committee for their

efforts putting together another great Golf Outing!! Another outstanding event that all who participated in should be proud of!!!



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. Check the website event calendar for upcoming dates and locations.
 - Contact Chris Schatz at chrisschatz6@gmail.com 414-698-5211 for more details.
- **West Bend Family Day** – September 8th at 9 AM for set up
 - Picnic for the West Bend Army National Guard in West Bend put on by the American Legion Riders – District 2
 - Inviting all from Post 36 who may want to help or just attend and be part of a great day with active-duty soldiers and their families
 - Contact Tim Hansen for information: hdsixpack@gmail.com 262-305- 5984
- **Fundraiser and membership drive**
 - Where: West Bend Pizza Ranch 2020 W. Washington Street
 - When: October 14
 - What: Join us for a slice or 2!! The SAL will be there helping out the staff, fundraising and sharing information about the Legion Family!

Our donation for the month is the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative



located in West Allis. Part of their mission states: *"Founded and run by veterans, we offer unique programs to fill the gaps and don't duplicate what others do. When possible, we partner with the Veterans Administration, Wis. Dept. of Veterans Affairs, County Veterans Service Officers, and other non-profit agencies."*

A list of items needed has been sent out separately. We voted to spend \$200 to supply items from the list. Shirley and Carolyn went shopping and did an excellent job with purchasing! We will accept items from the list or cash donations. The items purchased along with other donations will be displayed at the September meeting and hopefully we will get a few more donations. The plan is to ask for a tour of the facility and bring down our donation items sometime after the October meeting. Their website is:

www.mhvivets.org

We also discussed and voted to get an estimate on replacing the blinds in the Post building. We are looking at doing cordless pleated shades. At the September meeting we will be presenting a certificate and neck medal to a young West Bend girl who helped save her mom's life. Following our meeting, we will also introduce and recognize her at the Post meeting.

Our last bake sale in August was great! We brought in over \$700 again! If you need containers for cake, muffins, cupcakes, etc., we have



them at the Post. You can pick some up at the next meeting. Cookies are usually put in baggies, quantity 6 for \$3. You will need to label your items with the contents (please specify if there are nuts in the baked goods or if they are gluten free, sugar free, etc.) and the price. Feel free to call Shirley at 262.573.3668, or Bernice at 262-353-1323 for pricing. The next bake sale is Saturday, September 21st at the downtown West Bend Farmers Market.

What's New?

FAMILY GOLF OUTING

The Golf Outing on August 10th was a success with 21 teams participating. Many volunteers from the committee are still processing the end-of-the-event information so all of the information will be accurate.

WANTED:

Does anyone know who made these metal stands that are used at the Post Brat Fry Events?



The are super nice and the Auxiliary would like to look into obtaining some as well! Please contact Carolyn Schatz at cschatz2000@gmail.com.



BRAT FRY DATES FOR 2024

Brat Fries are winding down for the season, but people are still eating! These events are major fundraisers for the Post. 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:

Sunday, September 1 – 0600-1500

West Bend Downtown Wheels on Main 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

AMERICAN LEGION SHIRTS

If anyone is interested in having their own T-shirt with the Auxiliary logo, please contact Carolyn Schatz at 414.378.1703. We wore them at the County Fair food stand and have been wearing them at the Bake Sales so people become aware of who we are and the organization we represent.

The Post is looking into options for Post specific shirts to be available. More information will be forthcoming.

DONATION COLLECTION FOR MHVI

The Auxiliary is collecting items for the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. Here is a partial list of items accepted:

Cleaning Supplies: All purpose cleaners, Bleach wipes, Window/glass cleaner, Ajax/Comet, Floor cleaners, Dish soap, Cans of Lysol, Brooms/dust pans, Sponges, Buckets, Mops, Laundry Baskets, Laundry detergent (small load sizes), Toilet bowl cleaner, Toilet bowl brush, Furniture polish (ex. Pledge)

Pets: Cat and Dog food, Treats, Food/Water bowls, Toys

Food: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Bread, Crackers, Spaghetti Sauce, Bottled water, Bottled juice, Jello cups, Fruit snacks, Applesauce cups, Juice boxes, Shelf-stable milk, Pudding cups, Granola bars Cookies, Barbecue sauce, Cereal, Pancake mix, Oatmeal, Oatmeal packets, Fruit Cups, Poptarts, Vegetables, Low Sodium Vegetables, Baked beans, Fruit, Spam, Soup, Tuna/Chicken, Stews/Chili, Canned pastas, Spaghetti/Pasta, Ramen Noodles, Rice/Rice-a-roni, Macaroni and cheese (box and microwave cups), Non-perishable meals (Hormel, etc.), Ground coffee (and coffee filters), Tea, Flour, Salt & Pepper

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Please bring the items to the Post at the next meeting! Thank you!

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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](#)

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

On Friday, September 20, our nation pays tribute to former prisoners of war in remembrance to keep our promise as a nation to bring all of our heroes home.

Congress passed a resolution authorizing POW/MIA Recognition Day on July 18, 1979.

Each year the President issues a proclamation recognizing prisoners of war.

At present there are more than 81,000 members of the U. S. military that are missing or unaccounted for.

The POW/MIA flag was designed by Mrs. Michael Hoff to honor her husband who was missing in action. The flag represents sorrow, anxiety and hope.

Family Contacts

LEGION FAMILY CONTACTS

Post 36 - Legionnaires

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2nd Vice Commander	Donna Kleinmaus	262-305-4505	dkleinmaus@charter.net
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Unit 36 - Auxiliary

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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

SEPTEMBER

- National Suicide Prevention Month
- National Service Dog Month
- 1 Brat Fry/Car Show 0600 Downtown**
- 2 *Labor Day***
- 2 SAL Mtg - 1900**
- 2 VD Day (Victory over Japan) (1945)
- 3 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 6 Versiti Blood Drive - 1000
- 8 National Guard Family Day
- 11 ****Patriot Day**** & Ceremony 0900
- 14 Brat Fry - 0600**
- 14 Shred Day – Horicon Bank 0900-1100
- 16 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 17-23 Constitution Week
- 18 Air Force Birthday (1947)
- 20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 21 Brat Fry - 0600**
- 21 County Dinner Mtg - 1800
- 28 Brat Fry - 0600**
- 29 Gold Star Mother’s Day
- 29 VFW Day

OCTOBER

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Ms. Veteran America Pageant
- 1 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 2 Flag Burning Ceremony – 1730**
- 7 SAL Meeting – 1900**
- 10 Guitars 4 Vets Jam
- 14 *Columbus Day*
- 12 Brat Fry – 0600**
- 13 Navy Birthday (1775)
- 15 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 19 Brat Fry - 0600**
- 23 Red Cross Blood Drive – 1200
- 26 District Fall Mtg – 0900 – Hubertus FD
- 26 Day of the Deployed
- 27 Navy Day
- 31 Halloween
- *Federal Holiday***
- **Flags at Half-staff****

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

www.Post36WestBend.org

September/October 2024

AMERICAN LEGION

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****Special Requests****

Veterans are requesting items that are low sodium, low sugar. In addition to adults, we do serve families and provide food for children.

Kids: Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Body wash/soap, Dishes and eating utensils, Coloring books and crayons, Socks, Winter clothing for youth and teens

Personal Care: Socks (men, women), Undergarments (men, women), Soap, Lotion, Shampoo and conditioner, African American hair products (shampoo, conditioner, hair oil), Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Dental Floss, Mouth Wash, Q-tips, Razors (men/women), Shaving cream (men/women),



BE THE ONE

AMERICAN LEGION

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

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

More information on additional events, news, notes and information can be found on our family website:

www.Post36WestBend.org