



*Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36*

*Wisconsin American Legion, West Bend, Wisconsin*

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**LEGION FAMILY MEETING SCHEDULE**

Post and Auxiliary– 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month, 7 PM

SAL – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month, 7 PM

**VETERANS DINNER**

Please join us for a catered dinner to honor our veterans. The dinner will be followed by a special presentation by Tim Yauck that you will not want to miss.

Please RSVP to Donna prior to November 1<sup>st</sup>!



**VETERANS DINNER**

**November 9, 2024**

**4 pm – Happy Hour**

**5 pm – Meal**

**6 pm guest speaker – Tim Yauck**

**Veterans are FREE and guests will be \$10**

**Please RSVP by November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024**

**Donna Kleinmaus [dkleinmaus@charter.net](mailto:dkleinmaus@charter.net)  
262-305-4505**

**COMMANDER’S CORNER**

**Quote of the Day**

Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.

Abraham Lincoln

These are some of the most stirring and prophetic words ever spoken. The day is fast approaching for us to decide who will govern us. Our duty as citizens is to vote. It is said we get who we deserve. Make your choices wisely. Learn about your candidates. Know what they stand for and vote, do not sit at home and complain. I refuse to listen to complaints from a person who did not do their duty of citizenship and VOTE! I am confident in Lincoln’s words because of the contact I have with our future leaders. On December 7th I will be interviewing the young people who want to go to one of our military academies. What a privilege to hear what the next generation will do to preserve our way of life. There is nothing to fear, we are in good hands.

We can also contribute to our government by growing the American Legion. A strong and large Legion holds our government accountable. This is just one of the reasons to grow membership. The others are serving our military, our veterans, our families, and our communities. Please join me in increasing our membership. Talk to the person wearing a military cap, or clothing, recruit the veterans you know. Do not be concerned they will reject you; they are wearing the military garb for a reason.....Pride. Appeal to that pride and engage them with how they can continue to serve. I wish all of you a wonderful and healthy holiday season. God Bless you for all you do, you are the best of us,

Charlie Young, Commander, Post 36

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander – Mike Hartwell

#### MEMBERSHIP

This is the last newsletter and reminder for the year of renewing your membership before the dues increase on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

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](http://mylegion.org). You will save \$15.



Or you can always take care of your dues ONE LAST TIME with the Paid Up For Life (PUFL) option. You can get specific details and pricing on this option at [mylegion.org](http://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.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Donna Kleinmaus

#### NATIONAL SECURITY RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive coming up is: December 19<sup>th</sup>



#### ORATORICAL

The Oratorical Contest will once again take place on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Post. Students can earn ca\$h for a few minutes of work, giving a short speech on the U.S. Constitution. Donna is looking for judges for the event. Should be at 1:00 PM.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Please encourage your children and/or grandchildren to be applying for the Legion Scholarships. Our Post Scholarship is for \$1,000 and there are others available like the Americanism & Government Test Program between March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. This is for students in the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. 33 scholarships totaling \$14,300 in Wisconsin. More information is available through the schools or by contacting Donna.

#### 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 31<sup>st</sup>. The dates are June 23 – 27 at Fort McCoy. Visit [wilegion.org/walleca](http://wilegion.org/walleca)

#### 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](http://Post36WestBend.org).

## American Legion Family News

### ELECTIONS:

The following are the election results for Squadron 36 leadership:

Steve Rohde - Commander  
Jeff Schwitz - 1st Vice Commander  
Glenn Pietschmann - 2nd Vice Commander  
Scott Mindel - Adjutant  
Don Kudek - Finance Officer  
Scott Roffers - Sergeant at Arms  
Corey Doehrmann - Sergeant at Arms  
Steve Spaeth - Chaplain  
Scott Mindel - Historian



### FROM THE PRES:

Since our last meeting on October 1st, we have had our final



bake sale for the season and did quite well! Please take the winter months to look over your favorite recipes and help out by baking next summer. The money we collect goes towards sponsoring a group (veteran or community) each month for \$100+, Badger Girls State, various raffle basket donations, and most recently to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. We were also able to purchase new blinds for the hall and kitchen which should be installed in a couple of weeks.

We have new signs for the Bake Sale tent saying who we are and that we have baked goods for sale. Thank you to Greg Jourdain for making these for us and for the ones for the Brat Frys as well!! It seems like these improvements have helped; people did not know the guys sold breakfast sandwiches!

There is still time to sign up for the Suicide Prevention Training to be held at the Mayville Post on November 9th from 9 a.m. to noon. You may contact Sandy Mack at [smack0555@gmail.com](mailto:smack0555@gmail.com) by October 31st for signup. I have also attached a program in Ozaukee County for keeping firearms in a safe place if someone is suicidal. This is for anyone, not just Auxiliary members.

The Auxiliary will now be doing the pre meeting meals; if you are interested in helping for a particular month, please let Shirley or Carolyn know for planning purposes.

Our donation for the month of October was \$150 and went to Dogs 2 Dog Tags – an amazing organization that trains service dogs for veterans who suffer from PTSD and anxiety.

If you know of someone who is interested in joining the Auxiliary, please let Carolyn know and you will get the proper form and information for them to sign up for 2025. Dues are \$34.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

SAL membership continues to grow and is at 69 members. If you have family members who might qualify, please encourage them to join!! Contact Jeff Schwitz with any membership questions:

[j.schwitz@att.net](mailto: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!!!



### VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Squadron 36's own Corey Doehrmann will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for a Veterans Day Program at the Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School which will be held in the high school Performing Arts Center on 11/7 at 09:20.

### PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

Squadron 36 held a successful fundraiser at the West Bend Pizza Ranch on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

## What's New?

### FAMILY GOLF OUTING

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Family Golf Outing has been wrapped up. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped out. A special thanks to those on the committee for all of their hard work. The outing had a net profit of \$17,213.57. This will be divided between the three parts of the family. The Post will be receiving a check for \$5,737.86.

### FLAG REMOVAL

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the flags in the downtown area and Barton will be taken down. Maintenance will also be performed including the cutting of some of the poles from 6 feet to 5 feet as well as getting everything ready for next spring.

Help from the SAL with the younger arms is always appreciated.

We will be meeting at the Post at 9:00 AM.

### VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day is November 11<sup>th</sup>. A special THANK YOU for your service.



There are several programs to honor veterans. Here are some of them but there are probably more:

- 11/7 – KMHS – 9:20 AM
- 11/8 – Library – Kurt Rusch – 9 AM
- 11/9 – Post 36 Veterans Dinner – 4 PM
- 11/11 - Veteran's Plaza Ceremony – 10:45 AM

### ELECTION DAY

November 5<sup>th</sup> is Election Day. Be sure to get out and vote. Your political affiliation does not matter but exercising your right to vote does.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Clocks fall back 1 hour at 2:00 AM on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, so set them back on November 2<sup>nd</sup> before you go to bed and get that extra hour of sleep. This is also the prime time to replace the batteries in smoke alarms.

### 2024 BRAT FRY EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who put in a ton of hours to make all of the brat fry events a success this year. The money made from these events allows us to be successful and support so many different organizations. A special thanks to Ed Dragger for coordinating all of the events.

### AN AUTHUR IN OUR POST?

On Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, Dick Gerard, Chaplain of American Legion Post 36 will give a presentation on his book about the Black Hawk War in Wisconsin Territory in 1832.

The presentation will be held at the West Bend library during the Library's Free Coffee Friday series on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 0900 with his book presentation beginning at 1000.

### LEGION FAMILY WEBSITE

If you have not already done so, be sure to visit our American Legion Family website at [Post36WestBend.org](http://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](#)

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Deadlines will always be on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:NewsletterPost36@gmail.com). Thank you!



## Family Contacts

### LEGION FAMILY CONTACTS

**Post 36 - Legionnaires**

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Mike Hartwell	262-305-4036	<a href="mailto:wibmwriter@gmail.com">wibmwriter@gmail.com</a>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander</b>	Donna Kleinmaus	262-305-4505	<a href="mailto:dkleinmaus@charter.net">dkleinmaus@charter.net</a>
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**Unit 36 - Auxiliary**

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<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander</b>	TBD		
<b>ALA Secretary</b>	Shirley Tuttle	262-573-3668	

**Squadron 36 - Sons of the American Legion**

<b>Commander</b>	Steve Rohde	414-581-4381	<a href="mailto:Sprohde@charter.net">Sprohde@charter.net</a>
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## Calendar of Events

### NOVEMBER

- National Veterans & Military Families Month
- Warrior Care Month
- National Family Caregivers Month
- 1-5 National Veterans Small Business Week
- 3 Daylight Savings – Fall Back 1 Hour
- 4 SAL Mtg – 1900**
- 5 ELECTION DAY**
- 5 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 9 Veterans Dinner - 1600**
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday - 1775
- 11 Veterans Day\*
- 14 Guitars 4 Vets Jam - 1900
- 19 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 28 Thanksgiving\*

### DECEMBER

- 1 Oratorical Contest
- 1 Civil Air Patrol Birthday – 1941
- 2 SAL Meeting – 1900**
- 3 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 7 National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day\*\*
- 12 Guitars 4 Vets Jam
- 13 National Guard Birthday – 1636
- 17 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 19 Red Cross Blood Drive – 1200
- 20 Space Force Birthday – 2019
- 25 Christmas Day\*
- 31 New Years Eve



\*Federal Holiday\*  
\*\*Flags at Half-staff\*\*

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

[www.Post36WestBend.org](http://www.Post36WestBend.org)

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**RENEWAL  
REMINDER**

**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](http://www.Post36WestBend.org)