



*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

**COMMANDER’S CORNER**

*Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.*

*Abraham Lincoln*

Yes, Legionaries we are not through yet. In these tumultuous times we must hold fast to the words of a great leader and what our preamble states. Do not fear, the system works. Whether you are for or against what our Country is going through, we are right where we are supposed to be. This republic has seen much in its young 249 years and will see much more in the next 249.

Remember we are the glue that binds us and will sustain us through easy and tough times, especially our Veterans and those who support us. Veterans strengthen America.

I look forward to seeing all our members at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and bringing a friend or spouse. Meal at 6:20P, meeting at 7P with a speaker to inform and delight.

Charlie Young, Commander, Post 36

**POST ELECTIONS**

Post elections will take place at the regular membership meeting in May. That is only three months away. Nominations for officer positions can take place at both the March and April meetings.

To help members learn more about the various positions, the Department of Wisconsin puts on the

American Legion College. In the spring the classes are held online and are free!

Here is a list of the classes and dates:

**Mylegion.org Course**

- March 2, 9AM-Noon or
- March 27, 6PM-9PM

**Consolidated Post Report Course**

- March 2, 9AM-Noon or
- April 2, 6PM-9PM

**Post Commander Course**

- March 5, 6PM-9PM or
- April 5, 9AM-Noon

**Adjutant Course**

- March 8, 9AM-Noon or
- March 19, 6PM-9PM

**County Commander Course**

- March 8, 9AM-Noon or
- March 25, 6PM-9PM

**Effective Social Media Course**

- March 6, 6PM-9PM or
- March 15, 9AM-Noon

**General Leadership at the Post Level**

- March 19, 6PM-9PM

**Public Relations**

- March 20, 6PM-9PM

**The Basic Course**

- March 12-13 6PM-9PM each night or
- March 22-23 9AM-Noon each day

For more information go to:

[wilegion.org/legion-college](http://wilegion.org/legion-college)

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

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

#### MEMBERSHIP

The dues for renewal have officially increased to \$45.

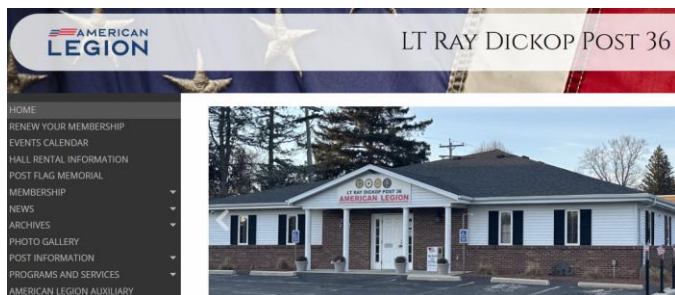


Unless you have been living under a stump or buried in snow, you know that the National Headquarters increased dues back on July 1<sup>st</sup>. We tried to save you a couple of bucks by not increasing the dues for the Post until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The good news is that the majority of our membership have renewed for either one year or three years at the fixed rate of \$40. We are currently at about 90% of our goal of 276.

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

#### 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](#)



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

#### ORATORICAL

Haley, advanced to District and presented her oratorical on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Be sure to attend the next meeting to get an update from Donna on how she did.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

Please encourage your children and/or grandchildren to be applying for the Legion Scholarships. Our Post Scholarships are 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. Thirty-three scholarships totaling \$14,300 in Wisconsin. More information is available through the schools or by contacting Donna.

#### 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)

#### BADGER BOYS STATE

With the donation received from Delta Defense, we will be sending multiple young men to Badger Boys State. Gary Logan is continuing to collaborate with Donna and the schools on this securing funding as well as recruiting young men for the program.

#### 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 are accepted of course and very much appreciated. Please tell your family, friends, and neighbors that we 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).

#### NATIONAL SECURITY BLOOD DRIVE DRIVES

The next blood drive is with VERSITI on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-1:30.

The next Red Cross blood drive is on April 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-5.

Additional blood drives are:

June 9<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and December 11<sup>th</sup>.



## American Legion Family News

This is a reminder that you should record your SAL volunteer hours using [this link](#).



I will try to embed this link into the minutes from now on as well. If you have any questions or problems with the link, please let me know.

Thanks!  
Scott Mindel

### AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY GOLF OUTING

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Golf Outing has been scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Hon-E-Kor Golf Course in Kewaskum.



Thanks to Steve Rohde who has stepped up to chair the golf outing committee. If you would like to be directly involved in the committee, please reach out to Steve Rohde (SAL) or Mike Hartwell (AL).

Even if you are not directly involved in the golf committee, we still need your help. While the committee does a great job with hole sponsors and the raffles, we need foursomes to play.

While you may think you are too old or not good enough to golf, that is hogwash! The golf event is a scramble or 'best ball' event, carts are provided, and the event is a lot of fun! Everyone knows someone who plays golf. Talk about the event now and put the date out there. There are a lot of golf outings as fundraisers, but why shouldn't these golfers that we know support our event?

Last year alone, this event raised over \$17,000 which was divided within the family giving each over \$5,700 to support our missions.

No report.



### SNOW SHOVELING

Thanks to everyone who has already signed up for the snow shoveling at the Post.

**There are still a few slots to fill at the end of the season in March and April (hopefully no snow then!)** Here is the link to signup:

### [SNOW SHOVELING SIGN UP](#)

There will also be a hard copy at the Post.

Sign-ups are for a 7-day block, starting on Monday and ending on Sunday. For example, if you sign up for Monday, 12/16/24, you would have shoveling duties through Sunday, 12/22/24.

When you have the week of shoveling, be sure to check the events calendar on the website or call Donna so we ensure the snow is removed in a timely manner as it relates to our rentals

Shoveling includes the area around all the doors of the Post and the area in front of the Post by the parking curbs (so they don't get hit by the plow. It does not include the sidewalk area adjacent to the street).

PLEASE DO NOT shovel the memorial. The stones are very slippery.

BYOS - Bring your own shovel.

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline is April 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 can 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!

# What's New?

## MILITARY CRUISE

From February 9-16, several of us went on a military cruise with Celebrity on the Constellation. I have included a few pictures here as well as some general information.

We departed from Tampa, Florida. During the cruise, we had three ports of call. The first was in Progreso with is a port city outside of



Merida, Mexico. The next stop was in Belize City, in Belize and the final stop was in Costa Maya, Mexico.



If you are wondering about the ship, it was not one of the mega ships that carries between 5,000-7,000 passengers plus the crew. Nope! The Constellation is a smaller ship by today's standards having a capacity of 2,107 passengers. The ship was built in 2002 and



Like any cruise, there were numerous excursions available. For the most part, each of us did our own thing both on the ship and with the excursions.



refurbished in 2013. The ship was nice and the food was very good. There were very few kids on the ship and I would guess that the average age was about the mid 60's.



While we had a small number of veterans with our group, there were a large number of veterans on the ship. During the cruise, the ship had a couple of veteran get-togethers in which you could

meet and mingle with other veterans from all over. In fact, one of the couples that I had dinner with each evening was a veteran from the USMC and was from Puerto Rico.



**I would be interested in an Alaskan Cruise in the summer of 2026. Is there anyone else who may be interested? If you are, please reach out to Mike Hartwell – 262-305-4036.**

## 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

### MARCH

- Women’s History Month
- 3 Navy Reserve Birthday (1915)
- 3-14AL Americanism Scholarship Program**
- 3 SAL Mtg – 1900**
- 4 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 4 Hug a GI Day
- 5 Seabee Birthday (1942)
- 6 VERSITI Blood Drive 0900-1330
- 9 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 13 National K9 Veterans Birthday
- 15 American Legion Birthday (1919)
- 15 County Dinner Mtg -
- 18 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 20 Guitars for Vets Graduation
- 21 Rosie The Riveter Day
- 25 Medal of Honor Day
- 25 DAV - 1300
- 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- 29 Regional & Dept Oratorical – Ripon 1000

**\*Federal Holiday\***

**\*\*Flags at Half-staff\*\***

### APRIL

- Moth of the Military Child
- 1 April Fool’s Day
- 1 Spring General Election
- 1 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 7 SAL Meeting – 1900**
- 5 Gold Star Spouses Day
- 9 National Former POW Recognition Day
- 10 RED CROSS Blood Drive
- 10 Guitars for Vets Jam Session
- 14 Air Force Reserve Birthday (1948)
- 15 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 15 Purple Up Day
- 18 Good Friday
- 20 Easter Sunday
- 23 Army Reserve Birthday (1909)
- 26 District Conference - Watertown
- 30 National Military Brats Day

*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**



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

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