



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

COMMANDER’S CORNER

**The boisterous sea of liberty
is never without a wave.**

Thomas Jefferson

Do we relate to this? Our preamble expresses it quite clearly. As we navigate this sea let us remember, if it is to be, it is up to me. Our membership is coming along but we still need some renewals so please help us get to our membership goals.

We have entered the Spring of the year and as flowers start to bloom and trees’ leaf out a sense of renewal comes with it. The hope of better things to come springs eternal. There are many things coming this year that need your participation. The spaghetti dinner on April 25th at the Post and the District conference on April 26th in Watertown. Our brat fry’s start soon, see Ed about helping and also possible breakfasts. Our meetings have gotten more interesting with speakers each month along with the delicious meal by the Auxiliary. When you come, bring a veteran friend, the comradery is worth it. The speaker this month is our County Veteran Service officer and will talk about your benefits. Next month the CEO of Delta Defense, so come and be part of the action.

Charles Young
Post Commander



POST ELECTIONS

Post elections will take place at the regular membership meeting in May. Nominations were opened at the April membership meeting and will remain open until the election at the May meeting.

BROTHERS AFTER WAR

From Bob Buehler



Brothers at War | movie | 2009 | Official Trailer



The 2025 movie Brothers After War will have a special showing on May 9th at 1800 at the Marcus Theater in Menomonee Falls.

Bob will be giving out free tickets to the showing that evening. Please arrive 20 minutes early as Bob would like to get inside before it starts. The official trailer for the movie can be seen here:

<https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x9eg5cq>

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER

On Friday, April 25th, the Post will be hosting a FREE Community Dinner that is open to the public. Come and enjoy spaghetti with meatballs, Italian bread and a salad. The featured guest in the National American Legion Vice Commander Roger Mathison. Entertainment will be provided by our local chapter of Guitars for Vets.



1st & 2nd Vice Commanders

1st Vice Commander – Mike Hartwell

MEMBERSHIP

There are still a few members who have not renewed their membership. These



members are John Camery, Jeffrey Camlin, Dennis Durian, Herb Kissinger, Bryan Klatt, James Modl, Eric Nelson, Olivo Samuel, James Spaeth, and Ronald Tenhaken. If you know any of these members, please reach out and encourage them to renew their membership.

We are currently at about 96% of our membership goal of 276. We need about 10 members to renew or sign up in the new few weeks.

I am continuing to reach out to Legion Members who are classified as 2930's and assigned to the Portage Post to get them transferred to our Post.

On July 1st, this process will start over again as the National Office will be accepting renewals for 2026.

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

MEMORIAL STONES – ON SALE

Now through Memorial Day, engraved stones for our [Post Flag Memorial](#) are on sale for half price. Quantities of each size are limited.

- 8x4 stone ~~\$100~~ on sale for \$50**
- 8x8 stone ~~\$200~~ on sale for \$100**
- 12x8 stone ~~\$300~~ on sale for \$150**

The requirements are simple. The honored veteran does not need to be a member of the American Legion or a resident of Washington County or even Wisconsin. It can be in memory of a deceased veteran or in honor of a living veteran.

The only requirement is that the veteran served with honor!

[Order forms are available by clicking here.](#)

Let's fill and finish the memorial!

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2nd Vice Commander – Donna Kleinmaus

SCHOLARSHIPS

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to Hilary VanBeek and Madelyn Wilmas on May 5th at the West Bend High School Awards Night.

BADGER BOYS STATE

We have all four slots filled with young men who will be attending Badger Boys State in June. We hope to have them at the July meeting to share their experiences.

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.

NATIONAL SECURITY BLOOD DRIVE DRIVES

The next Red Cross blood drive is on June 9th from 12-5.

Additional blood drives are:

August 20th, October 16th, and December 11th.



WEST BEND LITTLE LEAGUE

Our team this year is the Rangers. Below is their schedule. Please stop out and show your support while enjoying a hot dog!

Date	Time	Home or Away	Location
05/03/25	11:15-12:45	Away	South Diamond
05/05/25	5:30-7:00	Home	South Diamond
05/07/25	5:30-7:00	Away	South Diamond
05/10/25	12:30-2:00	Away	West Diamond
05/12/25	5:30-7:00	Away	Farmington Field #1
05/14/25	5:30-7:00	Home	West Diamond
05/19/25	7:15-8:45	Home	South Diamond
05/21/25	5:30-7:00	Away	South Diamond
05/28/25	5:30-7:00	Home	West Diamond
06/02/25	5:30-7:00	Away	West Diamond
06/04/25	5:30-7:00	Home	West Diamond
06/07/25	10:45-12:15	Away	South Diamond
06/09/25	5:30-7:00	Away	Kewaskum Kiwanis Field 3
06/11/25	5:30-7:00	Home	West Diamond
06/18/25	5:30-7:00	Away	South Diamond
06/21/25	9:00-10:45	Home	South Diamond

American Legion Family News



Membership stands at 72 members. If you know anyone who is eligible and/or interested in joining

our squadron, please have them *contact Jeff Schwitz at j.schwitz@att.net or 262-483-2857.*

Squadron Commander Steve Rohde has assumed the role as chairman of the Legion Family Golf Outing Committee. The date of the outing fundraiser is August 9, 2025 at Hon-E-Kor Golf and Country Club in Kewaskum. Delta Defense has once again agreed to be the premier sponsor for the event. The committee is looking for any and all help from members of all parts of the Legion Family in securing more sponsorships, raffle and auction items, golfing foursomes and event-day help. *Contact Steve Rohde at steverohde035@gmail.com.*

Squadron 36 member, Mark Gebler, is working on signage that will be placed inside King Pin Bowl that will include all American Legion Family logos, post rental information and possibly other promotional and/or recruitment information.

All are welcome to join SAL members in the following community volunteer opportunities:

● Veterans headstone cleaning - May 10, 2025 - 10:00 - Washington County Memorial Park Cemetery - This event is coordinated in conjunction with the West Bend East High School National Honor Society members

Contact Chris Schatz for more information at ChrisSchatz6@gmail.com

● Planting of flowers around Veterans Plaza - May 14, 2025 or May 21, 2025 (weather dependent)

Contact Steve Rohde for more information at steverohde035@gmail.com

● Armed Forces Day flag placement - May 16, 2025 - 18:00 - Holy Angels Cemetery and May 17, 2025 - 09:00 - Washington County Memorial Park Cemetery AND Union Cemetery

Contact Chris Schatz for more information at ChrisSchatz6@gmail.com

● Memorial Day Pre-parade ride to area cemeteries - This pre-parade revitalizes an old tradition that had been done for many years by the residents of West Bend on Memorial Day - May 26, 2025 - meet at the Old Courthouse at 07:00 in order to leave at 07:30

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The State Convention is coming up in July in Green Bay July 17-20 so we are working on a donation basket.

Items we are collecting include: greeting cards, thank you cards, envelopes, stationary, stamps, sticky notes, pens, etc. for an office type basket. Feel free to donate to this; it is a fundraiser for the Auxiliary Emergency Fund and is held at the convention.

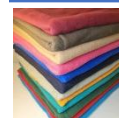
Membership for the Auxiliary continues to grow and is now at 23 members.

Our donation for April went to Camp Hometown Heroes in honor of April being the Month of the Military Child and was for \$150.



You can read about this wonderful organization online at: <https://www.camphometownheroes.org/>

Our first bake sale is coming up too - May 17th, 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Farmers Market. If you plan to bake and need containers, please contact me at 414-378-1703 or Shirley at 262-573-3668. We also welcome anyone who wants to help during the sale, and after for cleanup. Whatever time you can give is appreciated! Nominations for officers was held; all officers have remained the same for another year. We are still learning!



If anyone has fleece fabric, we are collecting it to make scarves for the homeless veterans. Or, if you would like to donate money to buy fleece that would also be welcomed. We will have a workday for this in Fall. If there are knitters/crocheters who want to make and donate mittens please let me know. Your talents will be appreciated too!

Next meeting: May 6th – Meal at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline is June 15th. Deadlines will always be on the 15th of the even months.

Please submit any information to NewsletterPost36@gmail.com. Thank you!



What's New?

AWARDS

At our membership meeting in June, we will be honoring our Legionnaire of the Year and Police Officer of the Year. We also hope to have our scholarship recipients present. We will also recognize continuous membership at the 5-year interval. This year we will recognize the following members:

55 YEARS

Cliff VanBeek

40 YEARS

Richard Lindbeck
Donald Niemisto
Merlin Stockhausen
Dale Tuttle
Steve Zacher, Jr

35 YEARS

Joseph Daley, Jr
Patrick Davidson
Mike Jansen
James Krudwig
James Maersch
John Zink

30 YEARS

James Mikkelson, Sr
Kevin Walsh

25 YEARS

Arthur Fellers
Micheal Hartwell
Thomas Heun
Ervin Jurgilanis
Gene Reinhardt
William Thompson
Bart Williams

20 YEARS

Clay Williams
Christopher Coleman
Michael Pettit
Paul Schleif
Ralph Seymer

15 YEARS

Thomas Allen
Kenneth Fisher
David Hammer
Henry Helminski
Ronald Kegley
William Mikyska
Bernd Rehm
Dale Schubel

10 YEARS

Robert Berndt
John Gonnering
Clarence Harmon
David Kelln

Clarissa Martinelli
Martin Martinelli
Michael Wandrey

5 YEARS

Kevin Abbott
Robert Beck
Jared Cox
Robert Fitzpatrick
Kelly Fox
Vincent Haizel
Mitchell Knox
John Meyer
Richard Radtke
Jeffrey Sullivan
Mayna White
Mark Zirbes

These awards are based on 5-year intervals. Next year we will be honoring a member who has been in the American Legion for 60 years!

We hope to see all of these members at the June meeting to receive their certificate for continuous membership. Job well done!

BRAT FRY

It is that time of year again to fire up the grills! This year we will be hosting the farmer's market on the 3rd Saturday of each month starting May 17th. The dates of the brat fry events are:



**May 17th, June 21st,
July 19th, August 16th,
September 20th and
October 18th.**

We will also have a brat Fry on **September 1st** at the Wheels on Main Car Show downtown.

50/50 RAFFLE RETURNS

Starting at the June membership meeting the 50/50 raffle will return, *with a twist*.

In addition to someone winning half of the pot collected, someone will win a ticket to the '[Classics for a Cause - Pick Your Ride](#)' raffle, which is sponsored by the Senior Center Activities, Inc. Each ticket for the Pick Your Ride raffle normally sells for \$50 each or 3 for \$100. The winner of this raffle will win a grand prize valued at \$66,000. You can't win if you don't play, so empty out those piggy banks!



If you would like to purchase tickets for the Pick Your Ride raffle, they are available from [Mike Hartwell](#).

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](#).

Family Contacts

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Post 36 - Legionnaires

Commander	Charlie Young	920-948-6602	c_tyoung@charter.net
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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	Scott Mindel	262-689-1274	sal36.sec@gmail.com

Calendar of Events

MAY

- Month of the Military Caregiver
- National Military Appreciation
- 1st Week – Public Service Recognition Week
- 1st Week – National Correctional Officers Week
- 1 Silver Star Service Banner Day
- 1 Loyalty Day
- 1 National Day of Prayer
- 6 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 6-12 National Nurses Week
- 8 VE Day (1945)
- 9 Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 10-17 Armed Forces Week
- 11 Mother’s Day
- 11-17 National Police Week
- 12 SAL Mtg – 1900**
- 13 Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day
- 17 Armed Forces Day
- 20 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 22 Maritime Day
- 26 *Memorial Day**

JUNE

- PTDS Awareness Month
- 2 SAL Meeting – 1900**
- 3 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 6 D-Day
- 8-14 National Flag Week
- 12 Women Veterans Day
- 14 Army Birthday (1775)
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father’s Day
- 17 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 19 Juneteenth
- 23 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday (1939)
- 27 PTSD Awareness Day

Federal Holiday

****Flags at Half-staff till Noon****

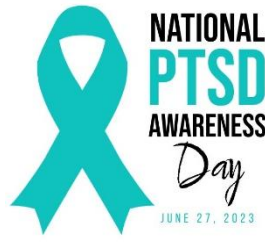
*Be sure to check the Post website Event Calendar
for additional events and information.*

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AMERICAN LEGION

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

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