



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 QUOTE

Leadership is solving problems. The day soldiers stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. They have either lost confidence that you can help or concluded you do not care. Either case is a failure of leadership.

Collin Powell

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Washington County Fair will be held July 22-27, 2025. Once again we will be doing our part in taking a variety of shifts to run The American Legion Washington County Food Stand. We have the same slots as last year. CLICK HERE to view the slots and to sign-up.



There are still 21 slots to be filled!

COMMANDER'S CORNER

Hello, My Fellow Post 36ers,

Summer is here and with it come many Legion activities. My calendar is full between the District and the Post, but it is a good thing and one I look forward to. Your State Commander Jim Johnson and I are coming to the end of our terms of office at the State and District level and are extremely proud of you, the heart and soul, of the Legion, for all your accomplishments this year. Thank you Post 36 for hitting the 100% goal, onward and upward.

As I reflect on the last two years and the quote from Colin Powell (to the left), I realize the work we have done and the successes we have had. Great job West Bend! I am proud to have been re-elected and look forward to serving you. Let us go forward together with a future that is bright and full of promise. I have plans that will require your support and aid, like starting a Legion Baseball Team, so join the train it is starting to move.

The upcoming meetings in July and August have speakers that will give you information on your veteran's benefits and what is going on in the city. Our County Veterans Service Officer Kurt Rusch will join us in July and our Police Chief in August. Please join us and bring a friend.

Charles Young
Post Commander

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

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

### MEMBERSHIP

Thank you Post 36 for helping us make it to 100% for membership. As of this writing, the final numbers are not in, but we should be over 100%.

And just like that, we start the process all over again. Effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, you can renew your membership for 2026. As of now, membership dues are \$45 unless the National Legion Office decides to do a last-minute increase. So lock in your 2026 membership today by going to [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) and renewing your membership for 1 or 3 years are \$45 per year. Or even better yet, take the plunge and *never pay a membership fee or increase again* by becoming a PUFL, Paid Up For Life. Rates on this vary based on your age. More information can be found on [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) in your account.



If you choose to renew through our website, the only option is to renew for 1 year. The 3 year and PUFL options are not available through the Post.

If you are a PUFL, your membership card will be mailed directly to you at your home. If you renewed under the three-year option, I have your membership card and will get it to you

If you renew it annually, I will get your card to you after your dues are paid.

**Take 5 minutes out of your day (after 7/1/25) and go to <http://www.mylegion.org> and renew your membership for 2026.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Joyce Bultman

### BADGER BOYS STATE

Be sure to join us at the July meeting to hear from at least one of the young men who attended Badger Boys State.

### 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 Red Cross blood drive is on August 20<sup>th</sup> 12-5.

Additional blood drives are: October 16<sup>th</sup>, and December 11<sup>th</sup>.



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

Deadlines will always be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the even months.



Please submit any information to [NewsletterPost36@gmail.com](mailto:NewsletterPost36@gmail.com). Thank you!

### MEMORIAL STONES – ON SALE

Now through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 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 event 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!**

## American Legion Family News



SAL Squadron 36 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 with any membership questions at [j.schwitz@att.net](mailto:j.schwitz@att.net) or 262-483-2857.

The West Bend American Legion Family Golf Outing 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](mailto:steverohde035@gmail.com).

Patriotic bracelet sales continue in businesses throughout West Bend. This fundraising effort continues to provide funding exclusively to Camp American Legion. Over \$400 has been raised so far for 2025. You can find the bracelets in the following cooperating businesses:

- Jeff's Spirits on Main
- Laughing Mountain Popcorn
- The Candyman on Main
- Dunn Brothers Coffee
- West Bend Vacuum
- West Bend Harley
- MAC 15 Sports
- Respawn Retro Gaming
- Xpressions Unique Boutique

Several community events were successfully organized and completed by Squadron #36 members. These included:

- Veterans' headstone cleaning at Washington County Memorial Park Cemetery in conjunction with the West Bend East High School National Honor Society members.
- Armed Forces Day flag placement at Holy Angels Cemetery, Washington County Memorial Park Cemetery and Union Cemetery.
- Highway cleanup project along Hwy 144

Summer is moving along now that the weather feels like summer! Our first two bake sales have

done well, although not as well as they have previously. The first one was on a colder, misty rainy day and the second on a 90+ degree day. Turnout for workers and baked goods has been great though and I would like to thank everyone for their contributions to these events! I have compiled a list of where we donate our proceeds to so that the customers at the bake sales can see what they are investing in. It is amazing how many organizations (Veteran and our community) and things around the Post we have been able to donate to! Our next bake sales are July 19 and August 16; we have a good time for those couple of hours so come out and join us!

Badger Girls State is now in the books and we sent 3 girls. Hopefully we can get them to come tell us of their experiences at our July or August meeting.

Our current membership of amazing ladies is at 23, we have 3 more great ladies in the process of becoming members of Unit 36!

County Fair is July 22<sup>nd</sup> thru July 27<sup>th</sup>. Several have signed up to help on the 26<sup>th</sup> already but there is still room for more help so please consider signing up. This is our biggest day to work at the Fair and there are a couple of shifts that day. It is usually quite warm but we have fun and work with a great crew of people! The Family Golf Outing is coming up on August 9<sup>th</sup> and help is needed there too. If you need signup info I will try to have that at our next meeting. The Auxiliary is putting together a margarita basket for the raffle table so we will need to get working on this soon!

Our next meeting is July 1<sup>st</sup> – 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting. Looking forward to seeing more of you then!



## What's New?

### GOLF OUTING

American Legion - Lt. Ray Dickop Post  
36 Family 2025 Golf Outing



You are invited to help support Veterans and  
Veteran Causes in our Community!

Saturday, August 9, 2025



Address: 1141 Riverview Drive  
Kewaskum, WI 53040

Registration: 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

Players to Carts: 10:00 AM

Honor Guard / National Anthem:  
10:15 AM

Shotgun Start 10:30 AM

Dinner: 4:30 PM



Early Birdie registration is \$100 per  
golfer must be paid by July 19th

\$115 after July 19th per Golfer

Includes: Cart

Four-person 18-hole Scramble

2 Drink tickets

Lunch and Dinner provided

Raffles & 50/50



Registration due: August 1, 2025

Dinner only option: \$30

[CLICK HERE for a REGISTRATION FORM](#)

### POST ELECTIONS

Post elections were held at the May membership meeting. The only change in leadership is that Joyce Bultman is now the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander having taken over for Donna Kleinmaus.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of

each month starting May 17<sup>th</sup>. The dates of the brat fry events are:

**July 19<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>, September 20<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>.**

We will also have a brat Fry on **August 31<sup>st</sup>** at the Wheels on Main Car Show downtown.

### 50/50 RAFFLE RETURNS

At the June membership meeting, the 50/50 raffle returned with two ways to win. Raffle ticket sales totaled \$255 with \$128 going to Mike Adell and the raffle ticket for a chance at a \$66,000 grand prize went to Robert Buehler.

If you missed it, the 50/50 has returned, *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 Citizens 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. That's \$50,000 to 'Pick Your Ride' and another \$16,000 to pay Uncle Sam! 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

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

## Family Contacts

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**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>	Joyce Bultman	203-249-1933	<a href="mailto:jbultman16@hotmail.com">jbultman16@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Adjutant</b>	Jim Geldreich	262-707-6686	<a href="mailto:jgeld@charter.net">jgeld@charter.net</a>

**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

### JULY

- 1 **Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 4 \*Independence Day\*
- 7 **SAL Mtg – 1900**
- 15 **Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 21 Food Stand Set Up at Wash Co Fair
- 22-27 Washington County Fair
- 28 Food Stand Clean Up Wash Co Fair
- 25 National Hire a Veteran Day
- 29 Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary

### AUGUST

- Antiterrorism Awareness Month
- 4 Coast Guard Birthday (1790)
- 4 **SAL Meeting – 1900**
- 5 **Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 7 Purple Heart Day
- 10 US DoD Birthday
- 10 Agent Orange Awareness Day
- 19 **Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 29 USMC Reserve Birthday (1916)

**\*Federal Holiday\***

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

**A special shout out to Donna Kleinmaus for everything she has done as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, stepping in as the Commander and everything else she does! Have no fear, Donna will still be around. THANK YOU DONNA!**

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

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

July/August 2025

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

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