



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 QUOTES & CORNER

The distinctions between Virginians, Pennsylvanians, New Yorkers, and New Englanders are no more.

I am not a Virginian but an American. - Patrick Henry

This was true then and is true now fifty times over. We must embrace our Americanism and its culture. We are one people “indivisible with liberty and justice for all.” But we must not give up our freedom to accept all that our government does. It is a fine line and one we must be ever vigilant of. You, as veterans, are the gatekeepers and as such you have a responsibility to maintain the principles our country was founded on, teach them to your children and grandchildren as well as all youth.

Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death! - Patrick Henry

I hope your summer was great and everything you hoped it would be. Time with friends and family and all this season offers. As it comes to Fall, we have another call for help. On September 7th we will join the Son's, Auxiliary, Riders, and VFW to give back to those serving in our local National Guard unit a well-deserved Family Day celebration. Please consider joining this event honoring our next generation of service to our Country. We need lots of help as this will be for 400+ Guard members and families. Come to the Sept. 2nd meeting to sign up and get more details. We also need veterans there to show our support, just say thank you, and swap a story or two.

Charles Young
Post Commander

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

One of the many benefits of belonging to the American Legion and SAL is that you may qualify for up to \$3,000 in Grants from the National Emergency Relief Fund. The Auxiliary has an AEF Grant as well.

An individual (Legionnaire) NEF grant may provide immediate emergency assistance to current members of The American Legion in areas devastated by a declared natural disaster, such as floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, and related adverse weather events. The Legionnaire must have been displaced because of damage to the primary residence (or evacuated due to official government order and unable to return to the residence because of unsafe conditions or damage) and had out-of-pocket expenses for food, clothing, and shelter.

In addition to the requirement that an emergency declaration be made for a natural disaster, applicants must be current on their membership prior to the disaster and at the time of application submission, and must provide photos, receipts, insurance paperwork, and FEMA statements if possible.

Applications must be filed through the Wisconsin Department of the American Legion. The application can be found at www.legion.org and then search for NEF Application.

If you were impacted by the recent flooding, I encourage you to apply for this additional assistance.

1st & 2nd Vice Commanders

1st Vice Commander – Mike Hartwell

MEMBERSHIP

We made it to 100% in 2025 - by the narrowest of margins and timing.

We are well on our way for 2026 with nearly 60 %

of our membership having already renewed their membership!.

Membership dues are \$45 for 1 year. You can renew for 1 year or 3 years (locking in the current rate for all three years) by going to mylegion.org. You may also want to check out a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership, in which you pay once and never again!



RENEW ONLINE NOW!

Renew your American Legion Membership quickly and easily online!

Simply visit the web address shown below, and follow the easy instructions. You can renew your membership and even print out a temporary membership card. Quick and secure credit card payment.

VISA MASTERCARD DISCOVER

www.legion.org/renew

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 and go to <http://www.mylegion.org> and renew your membership for 2026.

2nd Vice Commander – Joyce Bultman

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 October 16th from 12-5.

Additional blood drive on:

December 11th.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline is November 15th.

Please submit any information to

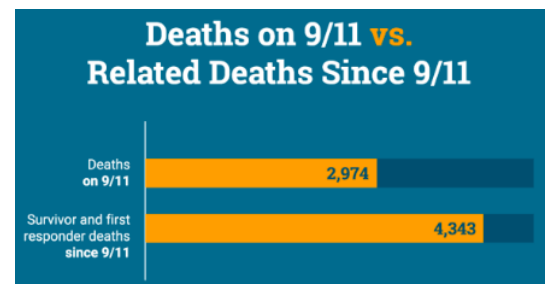
NewsletterPost36@gmail.com. Thank you!



PATRIOT DAY

On Wednesday, Thursday September 11, 2025, the West Bend American Legion Post 36 will observe Patriot Day with a ceremony at Veterans Plaza on Sixth Avenue and Poplar Street in West Bend, WI. The event starts at 9 a.m.

While we were all around on that historic day, we must NEVER FORGET and continue to educate the young who were not born yet or too young to remember while we continue to remember the victims and honor the heroes. As of 2021, there have been more first responders who have died from health issues from the clean-up, that from the attacks themselves.



American Legion Family News

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

SAL Squadron 36 membership remains 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 or 262-483-2857. It's also time to renew memberships. Again, contact Jeff in order to renew.

Please consider volunteering for the West Bend Army National Guard Family Day event to be held **Sunday, September 7th** at Regner Park. This is a great opportunity to show our appreciation for the dedication of the Guard members and their families to our community, state and nation. It's also a great way to expose and promote the Post and our Legion Family organizations since the event is being held nearby. If you are interested in more information, please contact Tim Hansen at hdsixpack@gmail.com. If you would like to sign up for a volunteer "shift", please use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4AACA29A6F85-57660724-2025#/>



Patriotic bracelet sales continue in businesses throughout West Bend. This fundraising effort continues to provide funding exclusively to Camp American Legion. 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

Upcoming Events for the Auxiliary:

One of our new members, Sue Eaton, gave us an overview of a pocket flag project which we can do, then send to the troops. Next month she will be doing a demo for us. Sue is also going to be our Americanism Committee Chairman – thanks Sue for volunteering!



We will be doing another collection for the Milwaukee Homeless Vets Initiative of SE Wisconsin this Fall. We are collecting food and supplies for the vets who live in the cars or on the street, i.e. shelf stable boxed milk, protein bars, pop tarts, shelf stable pudding, prepackaged nuts, and anything that does not need to be cooked. You can start bringing in your donations and give them to any Auxiliary member.

Sept 7 - Military Family Day at Regner Park (contact Tim - mail: hdsixpack@gmail.com, phone: 262-305-5984, or sign up via sign up genius online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4AACA29A6F85-57660724-2025#/>

This a great event to show support to our local units who can be deployed at any time.

Sept 20 - ALA Fall Conference in Hubertus at their Post (8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.) Need at least 1 more person to go to this.

Auxiliary Unit 36 Bake Sale at Farmers Market in West Bend 6 a.m. to noon

Oct 4 - Homeless women's day at Camp Minikani (more info to follow)

Oct 5 - Post 36 family pancake breakfast (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Oct 18 - Auxiliary Unit 36 Bake Sale at Farmers Market in West Bend 6 a.m. to noon

Nov 8 - All county Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast at Allentown Post (more info to follow) Our next meeting is September 2nd – dinner 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. We will be having a potato bar with lots of great toppings!

What's New?

GOLF OUTING

By the sound of things, once again the Legion Family Golf Outing was a huge success. We were very fortunate to have held the event on Saturday before the heavy rain that caused some local flooding. If the event had been scheduled for one day later, it literally would have been a total washout. Our prayers were answered!

While the final numbers have not been reported yet, it is not too early to say THANK YOU to everyone involved in the event.

If you know a business that sponsored the outing in any way, please reach out and patronize their business and thank them for their support.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

Veterans Day Ceremony Details

- **When:** November 11th, annually, beginning at 10:45 a.m.
- **Where:** Veterans Plaza, located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Poplar Street.
- **What to expect:** A program hosted by the West Bend Veterans Honor Guard, including a siren, three-round volley, and Taps at 11 a.m.

Veterans Day Service
 Washington County History Center
 Memorial Area
 5th & Poplar, West Bend
 November 11th
 10:45 a.m.

BRAT FRY EVENTS

Our biggest Brat Fry event will be **August 31st** at [Wheels on Main](#). We need help between 6 AM – 3 PM.



The remaining dates for the farmer's market brat fry's are:

September 20th and October 18th.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who have been working these events at the farmer's market during the summer.



50/50 RAFFLE RETURNS

At the September 2nd regular meeting, we will hold our last hybrid 50/50 raffle in which you can win half the cash or a raffle ticket for 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

Family Contacts

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Post 36 - Legionnaires

Commander	Charlie Young	920-948-6602	c_tyoung@charter.net
1st Vice Commander	Mike Hartwell	262-305-4036	wibmwriter@gmail.com
2nd Vice Commander	Joyce Bultman	203-249-1933	jbultman16@hotmail.com
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

SEPTEMBER

- National Suicide Prevention Month
- National Service Dog Month
- 1 *Labor Day*
- 2 **Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 2 VJ Day (1945)
- 7 National Guard Family Day – Regner Park
- 8 **SAL Mtg – 1900**
- 11 ****Patriot Day****
- 16 **Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 17-23 Constitution Week
- 18 Air Force Birthday (1947)
- 18 Office of the Secretary of Defense Birthday
- 18 Air National Guard Birthday (1947)
- 19 National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 28 Gold Star Mother’s Day
- 29 VFW Day

Federal Holiday
****Flags at Half-****

OCTOBER

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Ms. Veteran America Pageant
- 6 **SAL Meeting – 1900**
- 7 **Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 13 *Columbus Day*
- 13 Navy Birthday (1775)
- 21 **Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 26 Day of the Deployed
- 27 Navy Day
- 31 Halloween

NOVEMBER

- National Veterans & Military Families Month
- Warrior Care Month
- National Family Caregivers Month
- 1-5 National Veterans Small Business Week
- 2 Daylight Savings Ends – Fall Back 1 Hour
- 3 **SAL Meeting – 1900**
- 4 Election Day
- 4 **Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 10 Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
- 11 *Veterans Day*
- 18 **Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 27 *Thanksgiving*

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

www.Post36WestBend.org

AMERICAN LEGION

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

www.Post36WestBend.org