

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**

Post 36er

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, 6 PM

COMMANDER'S QUOTES & CORNER



As we recount the events of this year it seems to me that this quote is appropriate for life in general. We have endured medical, physical, and psychological challenges. The loss of loved ones weighs heavy on the heart. There have been record weather events, including catastrophic flooding. The government isn't working together or not at all, and the economy is not performing for all. It is time to take Churchill's words to heart, be bold in your decisions and hang on tight.

With all this being said I believe there are better days ahead and we will be all right. Enduring also means moving ahead for a brighter tomorrow and reaching those goals we set for ourselves.

Lastly is membership. Please renew if you haven't yet, we are lagging behind the other Washington County Posts and we are usually first. I realize the quest for new members is an ongoing challenge, but they are out there so wear your Legion or military gear and start a conversation. Helping our fellow human beings is always a priority but at this time of year, Thanksgiving and Christmas, it is even more prevalent so please support the charity or nonprofit of your choice and give generously.

Charles Young
Post Commander

1st & 2nd Vice Commanders

1st Vice Commander – Mike Hartwell

MEMBERSHIP

We are currently at 202 members out of a goal of 278 which is 72.6%. We are currently behind both the County and District 2 with 77% and 75.5 % respectively.



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!

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.

LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR

We are currently accepting nominations for the 2025 Legionnaire of the Year.

Forms are available at the Post Meeting.

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. 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 December 11th from 12-5.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline is December 15th.



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

ORATORICAL CONTEST

We will be holding our annual Oratorical Contest on Sunday, December 14th at 2:30 PM. We are still looking for volunteers to assist with the event.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Joyce and arrive at the Post no later that 1:30 PM.

If you would like to just come and observe, please arrive by 2:15 as the doors will be locked once the contest starts and no one can enter.

American Legion Family News

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

SAL Squadron 36 membership remains 76 members. There are still 24

members who need to renew. 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.



On Sunday, December 14th the SAL will be hosting Breakfast with Santa at the Post. Children are FREE and adults are \$10.

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:



The SAL will be sponsoring one male for Boys state and one female for Girls State.



What's New?

GOLF OUTING

Preliminary numbers from the golf outing show that it raised \$12,557. Another great event.

Thank you to all of the committee members for putting the event together as well as those who help at the event and participated in the event!

If you would like to be involved in the 2026 golf outing please reach out and we will put you in contact with the right person.

LIQUOR LICENSE FOR POST

Our Post was denied the liquor license that it applied for as it was awarded to the other applicant.

At the Membership Meeting in October, it was mentioned that the Post would be applying for a beer & wine license. However, this decision was not voted on by the membership.

After further discussion at the Executive Board meeting in November, it was decided to bring this topic back to the membership for discussion and a vote.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday, January 4th, the Post will be hosting a Family Christmas Party. It will be a pot luck meal and may lead into a Packer Party depending on what time the Packers play. It is the last regular season game and it is a flex game depending on playoff implications. The Packers play the Vikings! More details at the December membership meeting.



SNOW SHOVELING

Well, it is that time of the year again. Deer hunting is over, turkey leftovers are gone, Christmas is just over 3 weeks away and SNOW is falling as I write this and send it out!



As always, we need volunteers to remove the snow around the doors of the Post.

The signup through Signup Genius can be found by

[CLICKING HERE](#)



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	wibmwriider@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

DECEMBER

- 1 **SAL Mtg – 1800**
- 1 Civil Air Patrol Birthday (1941)
- 2 **Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 7 ****National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day****
- 13 National Guard Birthday (1636)
- 14 Christmas with Santa Breakfast
- 14 Oratorical Contest
- 17 National Wreaths Across America
- 16 **Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 20 Space Force Birthday (2019)
- 25 ***Christmas Day***
- 31 New Years Eve
- 29 VFW Day

Federal Holiday

****Flags at Half-****

JANUARY

- 1 ***New Year's Day***
- 4 Pot-luck Holiday meal at Post
- 5 **SAL Mtg – 1800**
- 6 **Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 19 ***Martin Luther King Day***
- 20 **Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**

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

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SNOW SHOVELING TECHNIQUES



Assess Your Heart Health

Consult a healthcare professional before shoveling, especially if you have a history of heart issues or are not regularly active, to ensure your heart can handle the exertion.



Choose the Right Shovel

Opt for a lightweight shovel with an ergonomic design to reduce strain on your body, making the shoveling process more efficient and less physically demanding.



Proper Posture

Maintain a straight back, shoulder-width apart feet, and bend your knees while shoveling. Avoid twisting your torso to prevent back injuries and strain.



Don't Rush the Job

Pace yourself during snow shoveling, taking breaks to prevent fatigue, and maintain proper form. Rushing can lead to overexertion and increase the risk of injury.



Lift Correctly

Lift the snow using your legs, squatting with knees bent, back straight, and engaging your abdominal muscles to avoid using your back.



Stretch

Warm up your muscles with stretching exercises before and after shoveling to prevent injuries and enhance flexibility.



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

www.Post36WestBend.org