



*Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36*

*Wisconsin American Legion, West Bend, Wisconsin*

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**LEGION FAMILY MEETING SCHEDULE**

Social 6:00 PM – Meeting 7:00 PM – **This is changing in April to Social 5:00 PM – Meeting 6:00 PM**

Post and Auxiliary– 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month, 7 PM

SAL – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month, 6 PM

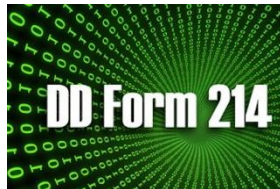
**COMMANDER’S CORNER**

Don’t be confused! While we will be setting our clocks ahead one hour in March, in April we will be moving our meeting time back from 7 PM to 6 PM with social; starting at 5 PM.

**DD214**

Is your DD214 on file with the Washington County Veteran Service Office?

It is a good idea to have your DD214 on file there to help ensure you receive veteran benefits that you are entitled too.



**CHANGING THE MEETING TIME**

At the February membership meeting the membership voted to move the meeting times to 6:00 PM. The Post will open at 5 PM for social hour and a light meal before the meeting at 6 PM. Feel free to stick around after the meeting to socialize, play some cards or just chat. This is **your** Post!

**BRAT FRY EVENTS**

Mark your calendars. Here are the dates for the Brat Fry events: May 30, June 6, 20 & 27, July 18, August 8 & 15, September 6 & 26 & October 3.

**POST ELECTIONS**

Post elections will take place at the May Membership Meeting and the newly elected officers will take over at the end of the June Membership Meeting.

This is your opportunity to get involved and guide the direction of the Post. Elected positions include the Commander, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander, Adjutant and Finance Officer.

Nominations will open at the March meeting and remain open up to the election in May.

If you would like more information on what is involved in any of the positions, feel free to talk to any of the current Executive Board members or better year, take some of the online WI Legion College courses outlines below.

**WI LEGION COLLEGE**

We are very fortunate to have the WI Legion 9College here in Wisconsin. Through this program, there are numerous courses offered to give you an insight to the various positions within the American Legion. The classes are open to Legions members, as well as the SAL and ALA.

More information can be found by [CLICKING HERE](#) or visiting [WiLegion.org](http://WiLegion.org) The classes available are also listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

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

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

### MEMBERSHIP

If you have not renewed your 2026 membership, you are considered expired and in a grace period.

**Please renew your membership today!**

We are currently at 87.7% of our goal with 244 members out of our goal of 278. We are making progress with renewals and a few new members, but we are still last in the County (90.9%) and District (91.3%).



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

### BUDDY CHECKS

March kicks off a fresh batch of Buddy Checks. Please see the First Vice for a couple of pages from the membership. We would like to have them ALL completed by the membership meeting in May.

### SPRING AHEAD

Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour on March 8<sup>th</sup> for Daylight Savings Time.



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The next deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Oops, that is also tax day!** 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!

### LEGION FAMILY WEBSITE

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

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

### SCHOLARSHIPS

We have received 21 scholarship applications! I am looking for volunteers to serve on the scholarship committee to determine who will be receiving the scholarships.

### BLOOD DRIVE DRIVES

The next Red Cross blood drive is on April 15<sup>th</sup> from 12-5. Additional blood drives are: June 17<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and December 10<sup>th</sup>.



### BROTHERS AFTER WAR – Free Showing!

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a free showing and seminar of the Award Winning Brothers After War movie. One day only! Lunch is included. Reservations are required. [CLICK HERE](#) or scan the QR Code.

The showing will take place at Movie Tavern Brookfield Square, 175 S Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI. The timeline is as follows:

- 12pm** - Watch the Award-Winning Documentary film, BROTHERS AFTER WAR - Enjoy FREE lunch & camaraderie of other Service Members!
- 2pm** - Interactive, Instruction & Workbook Session with Certified Facilitators and the Filmmaker
- 4pm** - Event Concludes



### SERVICE OFFICER

In addition to Post elections, we are looking for someone to take over as the Service Officer for Jim Maersch. Instead of one person doing everything, we would like to see several people involved in taking specific areas, but ultimately working through one person who would be the Service Officer. If you are interested and would like more information, please see Charlie.

## American Legion Family News



SAL Squadron 36 membership stands at 82 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.

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

In January, Yiayia Wischki presented the 'One of a Kind' award to Squadron 36 for our support and participation in the "Be The One 4 Our Youth" program.

The SAL and ALA will be hosting a fundraising event at the Pizza Ranch restaurant in West Bend during the evening of March 2, 2026 from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Tips and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. Please consider stopping by to enjoy the best broasted chicken in the county and help support veteran causes.

### GOLF OUTING

Planning for the AL Family Gold Outing is under way. Get your foursome together and mark your calendars:

## Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

We need items for the Silent Auction and the Raffle Baskets. We need your help in promoting the event, the day of the event and getting foursomes together.

This is a major fundraiser for all parts of the AL Family.



Bake sales have been set as follows for the Farmers Market in West Bend on Saturday

mornings: May 30, June 20, July 18, August 8, September 6 (car show downtown) and 26. As you know by now, Bernice has passed away and we will definitely be missing her (and all the baked items she made!). She made the best butter horns and cinnamon rolls, plus many other yummy items – anyone else able to do these items especially?

April is month of the Military Child and we will again do our short presentation for the Post members at that month's meeting.

Badger Girls is coming up and we need candidates so if you know of anyone who is a Junior in high school or equivalent for homeschooling, please let me know and we will contact them. Last year we had 3 girls going and would like to do the same this year if we can!

The Legionnaires are changing the meeting time and this will take place in April. The social/supper will be at 5 p.m. and the meeting will start at 6 p.m. We will be doing the same with our meeting time. Looking forward to getting home earlier on those nights! See you all March 3rd, social/dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. still at the regular times in March.



# What's New?

## WI LEGION COLLEGE - continued

### The schedule is:

- Feb 28 (9AM-Noon) – Basic Social Media for the Post/Unit level
- Mar 7 (9AM-Noon) – Adjutant Course
- Mar 11 (6-9PM) – Post Commander Course
- Mar 12 (6-9 PM) – County Commander Course
- Mar 14-15 (9AM to Noon both days) – The Basic Course
- Mar 17 (6-9PM) – Consolidated Post Report Course
- Mar 18 (6-9PM) – Basic Social Media for the Post/Unit level
- Mar 19 (6-9PM) – Public Relations for the Local Legion Family
- Mar 21 (9AM to Noon) – Mylegion.org Course
- Mar 21 (9AM to Noon) – Post Commander Course
- Mar 24 (6-9PM) – Post Finance Course
- Mar 25-26 (6-9PM both evenings) – The Basic Course
- Mar 31 (6-9PM) – County Commander Course
- Apr 1 (6-9PM) – Mylegion.org Course
- Apr 1 (6-9PM) – Generational Leadership Issues at the Post Level
- Apr 2 (6-9PM) – Adjutant Course
- Apr 4 (9AM to Noon) – Post Finance Course

## 50/50 RAFFLE RETURNS

Then 50/50 raffle has returned!!!



We are continuing the 50/50/TWIST! In addition to someone winning half of the pot collected, someone will win a ticket Cash Paradise Raffle being put on by American Legion Wisconsin with the drawing taking place on July 18<sup>th</sup> in Appleton at the state conference. You DO NOT need to be present to win. You can win a ticket here in the 50/50 raffle or you can also purchase a ticket from Charlie for \$20. Within the raffle, there are ten cash prizes ranging from \$15,000 to \$200 with a total payout of \$33,000. You can't win if you don't play, so empty out those piggy banks!



## RAFFLE TICKETS – WIN \$15,000

Commander Young has received several dozen tickets to sell for the Cash Paradise Raffle that will take place at the Legion Conference on July 18, 2026 in Appleton.



You **DO NOT** need to be present to win!

Tickets are \$20 each and there are 10 cash prizes:  
 \$15,000, \$6,000, \$4,000, \$3,000, \$2,000,  
 \$1,000, \$800, \$600, \$400, \$200

Proceeds from the raffle support various programs through American Legion Wisconsin. Please see Charlie to purchase a ticket or to get some tickets from Charlie to sell.

Between now and June, you can also win one of the tickets by participating in the Post 50/50 raffle at our Membership Meetings!

## SNOW REMOVAL

Thank you to everyone who shoveled snow at the Post this winter. We are covered with volunteers through March but the slots in April have not been filled. Hopefully we will not have any snow in April, but we do live in Wisconsin!



Please sign up for April and hopefully you will not have to do anything!

Sign ups run from Monday through Sunday so they only impact one weekend.

To sign up, [CLICK HERE](#) or go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4AADAD2EA7FA7-60804476-copy>

## Family Contacts

### LEGION FAMILY CONTACTS

**Post 36 - Legionnaires**

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<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

### MARCH

- Women's History Month
- 2 SAL Mtg – 1800**
- 3 Navy Reserve Birthday (1915)
- 3 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1900**
- 4 Hug a GI Day
- 5 Seabee Birthday (1942)
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 13 National K9 Veterans Day
- 17 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 21 Rosie the Riveter Day
- 25 Medal of Honor Day
- 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day

### APRIL

- Month of the Military Child
- 1 April Fool's Day
- 3 Good Friday
- 5 Gold Star Family Day
- 5 Easter Sunday
- 6 SAL Meeting – 1800**
- 7 Membership & Auxiliary Mtg – 1800**
- 9 National Former POW Recognition Day
- 14 Air Force Reserve Birthday (1948)
- 15 Purple Up Day
- 21 Post Exec Council Mtg – 1700**
- 23 Army Reserve Birthday (1909)
- 30 National Military Brats Day



**\*Federal Holiday\***

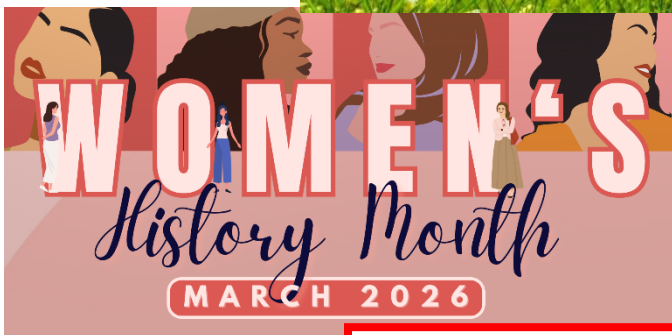
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*More information on additional events, news, notes,  
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