



# Post 36er

*Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36  
Wisconsin American Legion, West Bend, Wisconsin*

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## LEGION FAMILY MEETING SCHEDULE

Post – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month, 7 p.m.

Auxiliary – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month, 7 p.m.

SAL (Sons) – 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of Month

## **PREAMBLE**

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

\*To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

\*To maintain law and order;

\*To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism;

\*To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in all wars;

\*To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

\*To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses;

\*To make right the master of might;

\*To promote peace and good will on earth

\*To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy;

\*To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness

*Welcome to our new Post 36 Commander, Charlie Young! He has the following message for Post 36:*

It was an honor to be elected your Commander and I truly mean YOUR commander. By that I mean to do the best job I can for all the Post 36 family. For those who don't know me, I am currently also the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander which includes the counties of Columbia, Dodge, Jefferson, Ozaukee, Sheboygan, and Washington. I am an Army veteran who served 3 years (1968-1970) with Special Forces to include a 1-yr tour in Vietnam. I completed my career with 17 years (1991-2009) in the 84<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, 98<sup>th</sup>, and 95<sup>th</sup> reserve divisions as a Drill Sergeant, First Sergeant, and S-3 NCO. In civilian life, I served 40 years in law enforcement; my last office was as Chief in Iron Ridge.

What do I want to do for you: I do not dwell on the past, so let me say that the future is bright and there is much we will accomplish together. First and foremost, I want to promote harmony. No petty bickering, because fulfilling our MISSION is too important. You will hear that word a lot because we are a MISSION/ACTION driven organization. This is not a social club. Do we socialize and have fun, YES in the context of our calling, our mission to help veterans, their families, our Community, State, and Nation. In essence, to work for a better world. We are the American Legion, the largest war time veteran's organization in the World. to be a representation of our MISSION. I want us, as Legion family, to participate in our activities. We need to do more than just contribute to our programs, we need to be seen at events and in some cases, run our programs.

The next thing I propose, is to be and work as a family. Initially I want the entire legion family: Legion, Auxiliary, Riders, and Sons to meet at a Legion member meeting once every three months and discuss what we have been doing and ideas for activities in the future. This will also be a time to offer constructive feedback on how we can improve.

The last item for now is visibility. I would like us to be a representation of our MISSION. I want us, as Legion family, to participate in our activities. We need to do more than just contribute to our programs, we need to be seen at events and in some cases, run our programs.

Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Charles E. Young  
2<sup>nd</sup> District Commander  
American Legion Department of Wisconsin

A leader is best when people barely know he exists, when his work is done, his aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.

[Lao Tzu](#)

## CONGRATULATIONS – HERO OF THE MONTH

Post 36 would also like to congratulate Mike Henner on being selected as "Hero of the Month in January 2024" There was an interesting article published on Mike in the Washington County Daily Newspaper on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024!!! Check online to learn more about one of our hero's.

Each month, the post selects a member to be featured as the Hero of the Month, honoring veterans within the community. This month's winner of the Hero of the Month honors was former Post Commander Mike Henner.

**DONNA KLEINMAUS, 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE Meeting Reports**  
**Child & Family**  
**Youth Programs**

Let's work together and work at getting some more Fundraisers going and get out in the Community so our Community knows WHO we are! I believe the downtown Brat Fry's have helped immensely. Our Community needs to know we are there to support them also.

On that note – we are discussing having once again, an Open House celebrating our Post's 105<sup>th</sup> birthday. August is our birthday month, but we are looking at even a September date. Please think about idea's for involvement other than just a Brat fry.

- **Americanism & Government Scholarship Test - 2024 Test Dates: March 4-15**

Students are given the opportunity to receive recognition and scholarships by taking an online test comprised of 50 multiple-choice, true and false questions followed by an essay question of 300 words or less. The program is endorsed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and is open to any Wisconsin student in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade. Scholarships are:

- 10th Grade- 11 \$250 Scholarships awarded
- 11th Grade- 11 Scholarships awarded \$300 Scholarships awarded
- 12th Grade- 11 \$750

- **EAGLE SCOUT OF THE YEAR**

Nominations are due March 1st of each year; eligible to receive a \$10,000 Scholarship to be awarded over a 4 year period.

- **American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund, American Legion Baseball Scholarship**

A senior may be nominated by the head coach. Deadline for this Scholarship is set at July 15th of each year.

- **WALLECA**

Lt Lichtensteiger has received the WALLECA information and will be contacting his cadets to see if there is any interest.

- **County Government Day**

Date has been changed; call Donna for date info. Be thinking now if you would like to participate and let me know.

- **Badger Boys State**

The 81st Session of Badger Boys State is June 9-15, 2024, to be held again at UW Eau Claire in Eau Claire Wisconsin. I will be contacting some new History teacher contacts to get this information in their hands once they themselves are back into school.

# American Legion Family News



**Unit 36 - Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36**

**December 2023/January 2024**

At the December 5, 2023 meeting it was reported that the Auxiliary Christmas giving had been completed. At first, it looked like we would not be able to get a family thru Family Promise to sponsor but at the last minute another family was added to their shelter. Shirley and Carolyn went out and did the Christmas shopping and wrapping for this family and then took the gifts to Family Promise for their Christmas giving. The ladies had decided to get food for the West Bend food pantry before we were given a family so they also shopped and bought enough baking items (flour, sugar, powder sugar, chocolate chips, etc.) for 5 families; this was delivered in time for Christmas baking.

Our donation for the month went to the Albrecht Clinic on Hwy 33 since we are in flu season.

February 11 at 11:30 the Auxiliary will be hosting a children's event with a movie, crafts, and light lunch. Age 4 through 12 will be welcomed along with a parent.

It was also voted on to collect clothing items, and other necessities as noted on the website for Mr. Bob's Under The Bridge. This organization delivers warm clothing and blankets to people in need. The collection point was at the Post at the January meeting by Carolyn and Shirley who will also deliver the items to Mr. Bob's.

Jan 2, 2024 – Happy New Year to all!

Thank you to all who donated clothing for Mr. Bob's Under The Bridge. Items were dropped off on Monday, January 8 by Shirley and Carolyn to Mr. Bob's. It was great to see men's items for this collection along with some winter jackets and hats.

Our kids event is set for February 11 at the Post with start time of 11:30. We are hoping to have kids ages 4-12 accompanied by a parent from The Boys & Girls Club and Friends, Inc. Tamarra is working on a Valentine project for the kids, Margie is getting coloring pages, there will be a movie playing, and hot dogs/chips, etc. will be served. Each child will also receive a small goody bag.

Our donation for the month went to NAMI for \$100. In light of the time of year and season, we felt it best to help those struggling with mental health issues.

Our next meeting at the Post is February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Hope to see you all there!



**Sons of the American Legion –  
Squadron 36 - Lt Ray Dickop Post 36**

Membership update:

SAL membership continues to grow. If you have family members who might qualify, please encourage them to join !! Contact Jeff Schwitz with any membership questions: j.schwitz@att.net cell: 1-262-483-2857

Tile bracelets available:

Bracelets are available at stores around West Bend and anywhere fundraising for the Post is happening! Jeff's Spirits is now proudly displaying and offering these to their customers!!!

Brat Fry:

Did you miss the Jan 6th Brat Fry?? While the snow kept some folks away, others braved the roads!!! Was such a success, we're having another at the Post!! Mark your calendars for: February 17th at the Post at 8 AM to 2 PM. Come enjoy Brats, Burgers, Hot Dogs and Soup!!!! Tell your friends, tell your neighbors!!

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative – Donations

There were 5 full pickup loads of donated items taken to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative thanks to the generosity of members of the community!! Thanks to those businesses who supported the effort and those who donated!!!

Thank you from Friends, Inc.

Friends Inc. posted the following recognizing and thanking the SAL and a certain Santa and Ms. Patti the Elf for their efforts this Christmas.

Santa Claus made a special visit to the kiddos at FRIENDS over the holiday break, and a jolly time was had by all.

Thank you to the Sons of the American Legion - Lt Ray Dickop Post 36 group for the generous donation of your time and gifts. You made this holiday much brighter for those who needed it the most and we are so grateful.

#SantaClaus #happyholidays #SupportSurvivors #ENDviolence #BelieveSurvivors #supportlocal #Generosity

Thank you from the family of Ron Heinecke:

To: The Sons of the Legion, 712 Park Avenue, West Bend WI 53090

From: Walt Heinecke, Dave Heinecke, and Phyllis (Heinecke) Schaefer

Subject: Banners of our brother, Ron Heinecke

Thanks to all who made it possible to have banners of our brother, one of which was displayed in 2023 around the Heritage Center in West Bend. We were so proud of the effort to place his and others on display to honor their service and sacrifice.

A special thanks to Scott Mindel for responding to my request and delivering them right before Christmas. Both of my remaining brothers have poor health and were so impressed to get one and will display proudly as I will. In our passing, our children or those designated will keep the tradition going so we all never forget the loss.

I have enclosed a donation for your generosity and kindness.

Phyllis Schaefer

## **Ronald Mathias Heinecke**

**Specialist Four**

**PROV SIG CO, 125TH SIG BN, 25TH INF DIV, USARV**

**Army of the United States**

**Theresa, Wisconsin**

**July 23, 1945 to August 18, 1968**

**RONALD M HEINECKE is on the Wall at Panel W48, Line 43**

**See the full profile or name rubbing for Ronald Heinecke**



## Last Bugle

Legion member, Armand Miller, age 82 passed away on December 24, 2023. His funeral was held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Bend. Armand was a busy man (see his Obituary online) during his lifetime and will be missed by many. Our condolences to his wife, Joyce, and their children.

## Post Reminders

### Membership

Please encourage your friends who are veterans to become a member. New membership is only \$30 and renewals are \$40.

Maybe it is time to consider a Paid Up For Life (PUFL) membership, then you don't have to worry or listen to us talking about renewing your membership every year. No doubt it is an expense, but when I did mine, I considered it an investment and a commitment.

We can only grow with your help encouraging other veterans to join.

Having a strong American Legion is what gives us a strong voice in Washington looking out for and fighting for veterans' rights and benefits.

If you know of someone that has served in the military, talk to them about the American Legion. Remember, the dates of service are NO longer an issue to join.

**Please take 5 minutes out of your day and go to <http://www.mylegion.org> and renew your membership for 2024.**

### Legion Family Calendar

The calendar for the American Legion Family that was created by Scott Mindel has a new link as the old one expired. Click on CALENDAR below to go to the new calendar in Google Docs. It is there as a resource for you. If you get this email electronically, click on the calendar and it should take you there. [CALENDAR](#)

## Honor Guard Recruitment



As mentioned in the previous newsletters, Richard Gerard has taken over the coordination duties of the Post 36 Color Guard. The Color Guard is always looking for more members to serve on the West Bend Veterans Honor Guard for parades, funerals and other events. In addition, a two-person team presents the U.S. flag and American Legion flag at the beginning of each monthly meeting and retires them later. Any Legion, SAL, Rider or Auxiliary members are welcome to perform this Post Meeting function. Please consider joining this squad. See Richard at a meeting or call him at (414) 916-8253. Thank you.

## **Post Help Needed**

From Mike Hartwell: Per the Executive Council, I was requested to make a SignUp Genius like last year for the show shoveling. A manual signup sheet had been started and those names have been plugged in. See attached link for sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0F4AADAD2EA7FA7-46318708-snow>



The newsletter is now going to be sent out monthly. Please submit any info you would like included by the following Tuesday (one week later) after the meeting night. Info can be submitted to [cschatz2000@gmail.com](mailto:cschatz2000@gmail.com).

Thank you!

# Calendar of Events

## February

3 - Four Chaplain's Day

5 - Son's meeting 7p.m.

Legion Family Meeting 5 p.m.

6 - Membership & Auxiliary meetings 7p.m. Memorial to be held for members who passed in 2023.

Special Guest: Paula Nelson from Honor Flight

10 - Membership Rally, place to be determined, 9:30 a.m.

12 - **Lincolns Birthday**

14 - Ed's dance class at Post

17 - SAL Brat fry at Post 10 a.m.

Oratorical District Contest at Horicon Post 10 a.m.

19 - **Washington's birthday (Presidents Day)**

Rental Committee Meeting 10 a.m.

County Executive Meeting 7 p.m. in Jackson. All are welcome to attend

20 - Executive Meeting 5 p.m.

24 - Sheriffs Dept SWAT Day. Call Donna for more info

**\*\***West Bend VFW fundraiser for Honor Flight

27 - Red Cross Blood Drive at Post - 12 - 5 p.m. - go to their link to sign up ahead of time

DAV - 1 pm

28 - Ed's dance class at Post

***Bold denotes Federal Holiday***

### **\*\*SPECIAL NOTE FOR THE VFW HONOR FLIGHT FUNDRAISER:**

TO BE HELD AT: VFW Post, 260 Sand Drive, West Bend  
Saturday, February 24, 2024

Start Serving at 3:00PM, \$10/Plate

Choice of chicken leg quarters, pulled pork, or hamburgers. Includes sides & desserts. (All food made is donated by VFW patrons and the Post.)

Live classic rock music by "CRIPS" 5:00PM - 8:00PM

Silent Auction, Raffles, and 50/50s!

All proceeds go towards the Honor Flight. If you would like to donate towards Raffles, please contact the VFW Post - 262-334-9190

Hope to see you at this very worthwhile event that several of our members have been honored to be participants in!!

## LEGION FAMILY CONTACTS

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"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime." – Babe Ruth

