

# AMERICAN LEGION

# Post 36er

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

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## POST UPDATE

Please welcome Donna Kleinmaus as the new acting commander of Post 36. As she fulfills this position, let's give Donna all the help we can to make her time as commander successful and rewarding to her and our Legion Family.



## **November is Military Family Month**

- a month to honor and celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of the families of the U.S. Armed Forces; please remember these families in your prayers.

## **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**

**DONNA's Meeting Reports – November 2023**  
**Child & Family**  
**Youth Programs**  
**WEST BEND LITTLE LEAGUE**

- **Scholarships**  
'Tis' the time to get started talking up our Scholarship and Oratorical programs
- **Oratorical**  
I am looking now for Oratorical judges, etc. for Sunday, Dec.10th, 1pm start time. Please let me know if you have any Family Members who are H.S. age and would be interested and I will make sure you get the information.
- **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.
- **A & G Scholarship Test**  
Americanism and Government Scholarship test is set for March 6-17th, 2024. This test is for 10th thru 12th grades.
- **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**  
March 2024 date is set for Wednesday the 12th. 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.
- **NATIONAL SECURITY Blood Drives**  
The next blood drive coming up is Red Cross – December 4th  
Versiti – we will meet with the coordinator early in January to set up dates .

# What's Coming Up?

## **October 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday - 2<sup>nd</sup> District Fall Conference**

Cost involved in \$23 for the meal and attending. If you choose not to have the meal you may attend for \$3. However if this is the first time you are attending, the District Commander will pay for you.

Please contact Donna at 262-305-4505 by Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> to put in your reservations for the dinner.

## **November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday – Kettle Moraine Veterans Program**

9:20 a.m. – The West Bend Color Guard will be present. At Kettle Moraine High School.

## **November 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Stars and Stripes Honor Flight**

Homecoming for the flight. Let's go down to the airport to welcome them home!

## **November 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday – Humana Speaker at meeting**

Humana's broker, Sandi Stahl, will be at our meeting half an hour early. She will be updating us all on new changes for our coverage. Post and Auxiliary meeting at 7 p.m.

## **November 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday – Veteran's Day Services**

11-11-11 Services at the Old Courthouse at 11 a.m. Please don't wait until 11 to get there.

Also, VET Java Coffee Berres Brothers at Sendik's. Donna believes the hours are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. She will join Charlie there after the Courthouse ceremony.

Veteran's Dinner at the Post – Veteran's will be free, guests will be \$10. Please call Donna at 262-305-4505 by Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> so that she may have a head count for the dinner. Thank you!

4 p.m. – Happy Hour

5 p.m. – Dinner

6 p.m. – Guest Speaker

## **November 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday – Legion Family Officers Meeting**

7 p.m. at the Post

## **December 4<sup>th</sup> – Monday – Red Cross Blood Drive**

Noon until 5 p.m. at the Post.

## **December 10<sup>th</sup>, Sunday - Post Oratorical Contest**

1 p.m. at the Post. See Donna's notes below for more info.

## **December 18<sup>th</sup>, Monday – County Exec Board meeting at Hubertus Post**

## **January 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday – County Reg Meeting at Hubertus Post**

## **January 13<sup>th</sup> - Saturday - Christmas Party at the Post.**

Details to follow at a later date.

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## Thank you!

Jim Maersch would like to thank the following individuals for their help in taking down the flags on October 21<sup>st</sup>; they did a great job!

Max Sommerfeld

Gary Logan

John Zink

## 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.

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

### 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.

# American Legion Family



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

**September/October Update**

## **September:**

The last bake sale of 2023 was held on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Farmer's Market. It was a beautiful day and we sold almost all of our baked items!

Our monthly donation of \$100 is going to Big Brothers/Big Sisters in West Bend. We also voted to present a \$500 check to the Legionnaires to help towards replacing the water heater and air conditioning at the Post.

Going over our Charter and By-Laws was discussed with the thought that this has not been done in quite a long time. Tami will get these documents and the Auxiliary will go over at a future meeting.

Vicki is working on getting contacts at the West Bend high schools so that we may sponsor girls for Badger Girls State in 2024. We will be looking into corporate sponsors so that we may send as many girls as possible.

## **October:**

Presentation of \$500 towards post air conditioner moved to next month's meeting.

SAL's working on an adopt a child for Christmas program and looking for individuals/groups to sponsor children; see the report from the SALs below for details. Discussion of Auxiliary sponsoring as a group if there are more children than sponsors. Tamarra to reach out to some local businesses for sponsorship. Beginning discussion regarding a Christmas program with another vet organization, similar to what was held at Easter.

Our monthly donations were \$100 to Food Pantry of West Bend and \$100 to St. Mary's for their community Thanksgiving dinner. Bernice will be reaching out to see if they also need volunteers.

Post dinners are handled through the end of the year.

Please share event photos with Patti Rhode as she is our historian.

***The next Auxiliary meeting is November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Post 36.***



## Sons of the American Legion – Squadron 36 - Lt Ray Dickop Post 36 September / October / November Update

### Membership update: (now at 61 members!!!!)

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](mailto:j.schwitz@att.net)  
cell: 1-262-483-2857

### Tile bracelets for sale:

Check out the cool new tile bracelets that are now available!! These will be available at brat frys, the golf outing and anywhere fundraising for the Post is happening!



### The American Legion Family – Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 Golf Outing – August 12, 2023

The Golf Outing had awesome weather, great turn-out and very enthusiastic participants. **THANK YOU** to all who got hole sponsors, donations and encouraged golfers to attend the Outing. **THANK YOU** to the Golf Committee and volunteers that made the day. Special kudos to Mark Gebler and Chisholm Graphics for the donation of the signage for our sponsors!!

We need to especially recognize our sponsors for the outing! Please keep them in mind and support THEM with your patronage!!

**Delta Defense / USCCA** – Premier Sponsor

**Morrie's Honda** – White Level Sponsor / Beverage Cart Sponsor and Hole Sponsor

**Fraternal Order of Police** – White Level Sponsor

**Hole Sponsors:**

Dairy Queen  
Laatsch's Piggly Wiggly  
Shumway Dental

Jakes Auto Service  
Klemme Brothers  
Koenig Industries

Sure Shot  
West Bend Vacuum  
Anonymous

Dunn Brothers Coffee  
A&W Iron  
Texas Roadhouse  
Stolley's Hogg Alley  
Regalware  
West Bend Moose Lodge  
Family Promise  
Mold Dynamics  
West Bend Harley

Matty Simz Auto  
PH Konrath Painting  
BG Decal  
Hoogester Family  
Advance Auto Parts – Kewaskum  
American Legion Post 36  
Morries Honda  
Michaleno's Pizza

Gebler/Schwitz  
Harlow's Saloon  
Engelhdardt Dairy  
West Bend East Boys Track  
Koehn & Koehn jeweler  
Richards Insurance  
FOP  
Westbury Bank



It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas and a gift giving opportunity: Carl's/Family Promise/Friends Inc. all have children/families in need

- Members will have an opportunity to “adopt” a child (or more). Ken Meuler will be getting a listing of children with ideas from a list for each
- **ACTION:** Please show support and send email to [sal36.sec@gmail](mailto:sal36.sec@gmail.com) to indicate if you are interested in “adopting” a child or two
- Barrel for donations to the Milwaukee Homeless Veteran Initiative will be at the Post and other locations throughout West Bend. The need is greater than ever and your donation will go directly to helping veterans in need
- **ACTION:** Please bring an item to share and fill the barrel here at the Post with Non-Perishable food items, Men and Women hygiene items

### 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](#)



### Newsletter Deadline

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

Please submit any information to [cschatz2000@gmail.com](mailto:cschatz2000@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **POST OFFICERS and OTHER CONTACTS**

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# Calendar of Events

## October

- 26 – National Day of the Deployed
- 28 - District 2 Conference at West Bend Post
- 31 - Halloween

## November

- 2 – Kettle Moraine Veteran’s Program
- 4 – Stars & Stripes Honor Flight
- 5 – Daylight saving time ends
- 7 – Post and Auxiliary meetings at 7 p.m., Election Day
- 10 – Marine Corp. birthday
- 11 – Veteran’s Day**
- 23 – Thanksgiving Day**

## December

- 1 - Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) birthday
- 3 – first day of Advent
- 4 - Red Cross Blood Drive
- 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 8 – Hanukkah
- 10 – Oratorical Contest
- 16 – National Wreaths Across America
- 18 – County Board Meeting
- 20 Space Force birthday
- 21 – Winter Solstice
- 24 – Christmas Eve
- 25 – Christmas Day**
- 31 – New Year’s Eve

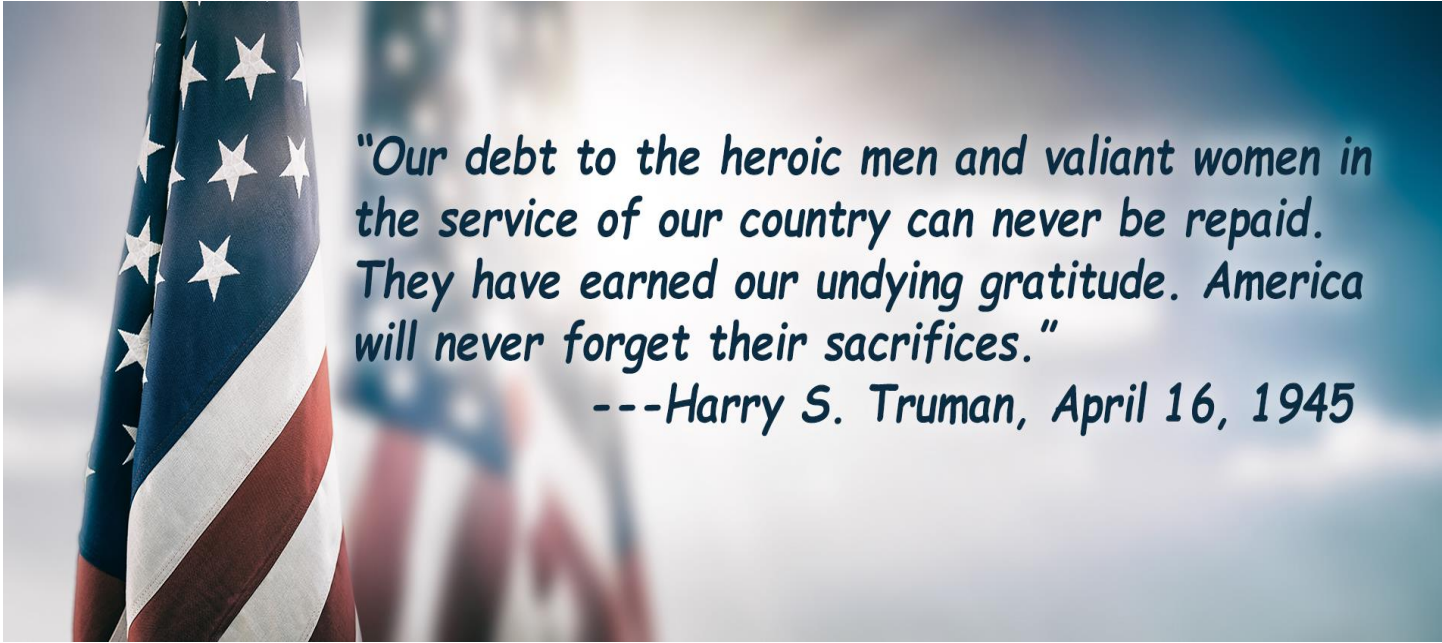
1. **BOLD - Federal Holiday**
2. **- Flags flown at Half Staff all Day**
3. **\*\* - Flags flown at Half Staff**



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A photograph of an American flag, with the stars and stripes clearly visible. The flag is slightly out of focus, and the background is a soft, blurred blue and white.

*"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."*

*---Harry S. Truman, April 16, 1945*