



# Post 36er

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

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From your Acting Commander

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

My prayer and hope for each of you is that you do have a Blessed and Bountiful Year, minus health, financial, and people issues. I pray we can work together, and forget our petty issues.

Thank you so much for all of your support and for working with me! Yes, it has been a challenge, and if circumstance were different I would maybe think about running for Commander. They (the circumstances) haven't changed so I'm not interested. Come, our January meeting, we will have a new Commander and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Commander. I am very happy with my Youth and Scholarship Programs, and hope that I can continue to improve it as I continue as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice!

Thank you again for all your support and may God Bless us all!

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## 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**

As you can see by looking at our 3 month Calendar, we are quite busy in January. Hopefully, our Rentals will start picking up as we get a website up and running. Our renters do like having WIFI. As we move forward as a "FAMILY" I would like to see us get a Calendar for the year, with all of our base programs on it, so we have no mix ups with Rentals. So – Family – let's come prepared for all of your must have dates at our next Family Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Let's work together and work at getting some more Fundraisers going. Let's 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

- **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.

- **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.

As you can see below from all of our Family contributions, there are quite a few ways to help the less fortunate and to donate. If everyone picks one place to help out, we can do amazing things!

# **What's Coming Up?**

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> – Membership meeting, 7 p.m.**

Election of Commander and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Commander

## **January 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday - Son's Annual Drive through Brat Fry**

9 a.m. until sold out

**County Dinner Meeting** – Hubertus - all are welcome. There is a charge for the meal.

## **January 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday - Legion Family Officers Meeting – 5 pm**

**Son's meeting – 7 pm**

## **January 10<sup>th</sup> - Ed's Dance classes - 6:30 – 8:00 pm.**


Come out and have some fun!

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

Pot Luck Noon – 4? Eating at 1 p.m. Let's make this a true Legion Family time - bring your Family! Bring a couple of favorite group games; there is TV also!

# Thank you!

On behalf of Ed Draeger and Mike Henner, they would like to thank all the many Post Volunteers and significant others that attended the Volunteer Appreciation Day Event at Mike and Mary Henner's house. Just to let the Volunteers know that were unable to attend, we appreciate all that you have done throughout the year. It was a great time just getting together and sharing quality time getting to know each other. The only bad thing about the whole day was the outcome of the Packer game, which they lost to the Steelers. Hopefully this will be the start of a yearly event, which will include the many Volunteers in the Auxiliary, SAL, and Riders because without these Volunteers our Post would not exist. Thanks again for all that you've done!

For God and Country,   
Mike Henner and Ed Draeger

## 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.**

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>

### **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.

### **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 January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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

# American Legion Family News



## Unit 36 - Lt. Ray Dickop Post 36 November Update

We started off our November meeting welcoming Sandy Mack, our District 2 County President.

We will be doing a family movie night for kids and their parents on February 11, 2024 at the Post, serving hot dogs, chips, juice/water/soda, and popcorn. We are recommending ages 4 through 12.

Cards will be coming from Pack 3796 cub scouts, sponsored by the Optimist Club for Veteran's Day.

Our monthly donation for November was:

VA&R Children's Christmas (\$200 check given to Sandy Mack)

The Auxiliary is also collecting clothing and other items needed by Mr. Bob's Under The Bridge based in the Cedarburg/Grafton area. This is an amazing group that collects and distributes items for the homeless. A separate list has been attached. All clothing items MUST be clean, in great condition, and folded. They can be left at the Post for Carolyn Schatz. Collecting will continue through the February Post meeting. Any questions, you may call Carolyn at 414-378-1703. They are always looking for volunteers to help with distribution. This group is on Facebook and has a website for you to learn about their mission.

We also decided to sponsor a family through Family Promise or another organization for Christmas gifts thru the Auxiliary. Carolyn and Shirley will take care of this.

Our next meeting is December 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. A light lunch is being served beforehand.

## Mr. Bob's Under The Bridge – Donation Guidelines & Info

**We accept donations at our facility on Monday evenings from 4-6pm and Thursday evening from 5-7pm. at: 2360 Dakota Drive, Grafton, WI 53204**

- Below is a list of items that we are accepting for donations. Please only donate items from the following list, as that will make our sorting process much easier and ensure our friends are getting the items they need. We are streamlining items to be more gender-neutral. All items must be gently used, laundered, odor free and free of major stains and tears as they go straight to our homeless friends
- Items with minor stains, rips or tears are at the discretion of Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge

### Jackets

- Men's/Women's/Children's
- New and Gently Used
- Winter Jackets: *September - March Only*
- Summer Jackets: *April - August Only*

### Women's Pants

- All Sizes
- Jeans
- Hiking Wear
- Athletic/Hiking Shorts: *May - August Only*

### Sweatpants / Leggings

- Gender Neutral
- All Sizes

### T-Shirts

- Unisex
- All Sizes
- Long Sleeve
- Short Sleeve

### Under Garments

- Men's / Women's / Children's
- All Sizes
- New Underwear
- New or Used Bras (All Sizes; especially 36 & 38)
- Long Underwear

## Kid's Clothes

- Boy's / Girl's / Gender Neutral
- Winter Clothing: [September - March Only](#)
- Summer Clothing: [April - August Only](#)
- All Sizes

## Luggage / Backpacks / Purses

- New or Used

## Men's Pants

- All Sizes, especially waist sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40
- Jeans
- Hiking Wear
- Belts
- Athletic/Hiking Shorts: [May - August Only](#)

## Hoodies / Sweatshirts

- Gender Neutral
- All Sizes; especially XL, 2X and 3XL

## Seasonal Items

- Winter Hats/Gloves/Hand Warmers: [September - March Only](#)
- Baseball Hats: [April - August Only](#)
- Flannel Shirts: [September - March Only](#)

## Socks

- New and Used
- All Sizes
- Men's / Women's / Children's

## Shoes (*No Dress Shoes*)

- New and Gently Used
- All Sizes
- Men's / Women's / Children's
- Boots: [September - March Only](#)
- Athletic Sandals: [May - August Only](#)

## Sleeping Bags

- Pillows
- Blankets
- Sheets
- Comforters
- All Sizes **Bedding**

## Hygiene Products - New Unopened

- Travel-sized: Bar Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, Toothpaste, Deodorant
- Regular-sized: Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Packaged Razors, Clippers, Hair Picks
- New Washcloths
- Bath Towels: New or Gently Used

## [Other ways to help:](#)

### ENGAGE

Gather a group and volunteer to serve our friends on Saturday mornings. You can help by handing out needed hygiene items, food, and clothing. Get to know the many great people who visit us and need some support. This is a great opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.

### SPONSOR

There are many ways to sponsor Mr. Bob's under the Bridge. Donations help us purchase gas to get to the park, hygiene and clothing items. Food donations help us to feed our friends every week, and partnerships help us serve the needs of our friends who may need a little extra support. Please call us to see how you can help.

### VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are our lifeline. 100% of all resources donated go directly to our friends. We need help sorting items in our facility, help on-site on Saturday mornings taking care of our friends, and any other talents you wish to share. This organization is run solely on volunteers and we need you!

414-207-6615

[mrboboutreach@gmail.com](mailto:mrboboutreach@gmail.com)

To check out their website go to: <https://mrbobsunderthebridge.org/>



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

### December 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: (These make a great stocking stuffer!!)

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!! A check recently was presented to Camp American Legion for \$1,080 as a result of this fundraiser!



**Milwaukee Homeless Veteran Initiative Barrels** for donations are 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.

**Family Promise of Washington County** is looking for the community to support them as they ready to open a new facility. A Target Registry available online and our assistance would be greatly appreciated.

[www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/fpwc-build-project-2023](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/fpwc-build-project-2023)

# Calendar of Events

## 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. Federal Holiday

- 2. \*Flags flown at Half Staff all Day
- 3. \*Flags flown at Half Staff

## January

- 1 – New Year’s Day**
- 2 – Membership Meeting 7 p.m.
- 6– Son’s Brat Fry
- 8 – Legion Family Officer’s Meeting, Son’s Meeting
- 10 – Ed’s Dance Classes
- 13 – Post Christmas Party
- 15 – Rental Committee Meeting 10 a.m., **Birthday of Martin Luther KING, JR.**
- 16 – Executive Meeting 5 p.m.
- 23 – DAV 1 p.m.
- 24 - Ed’s Dance Classes

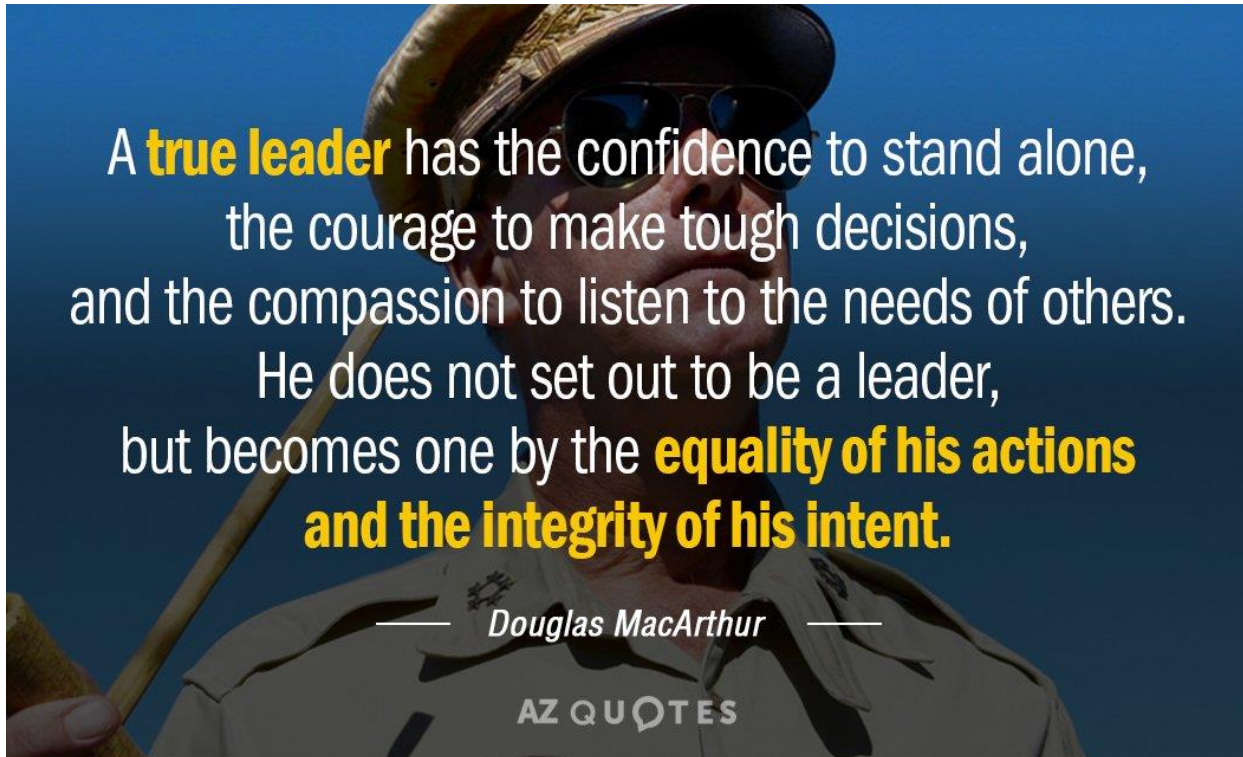
## February

- 3 - Four Chaplain’s Day
- 5 - Son’s meeting 7pm
- 6 - Membership meeting 7pm
- 12 -Lincolns Birthday**
  - Legion Family Officers Meeting 5 pm
- 14 - Ed’s dance class
- 19 - Washington’s birthday (Presidents Day)**
  - Rental Committee Meeting 10 a.m.
  - County Executive Meeting 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend
- 20 - Executive Meeting 5 p.m.
- 27 -RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE – 12 – 5 p.m. - go to their link to sign up ahead of time**
  - DAV – 1 pm
- 28 - Ed’s dance class

**POST OFFICERS and OTHER CONTACTS**

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