

**American Legion
Zilmer-Riley
Post 84**

Auxiliary Unit # 84
1627 12th Ave
Monroe, WI 53566



Hand Salute

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April, May June 2024

Post Calendar

April

9 House Comm 5pm
14 Auxiliary Breakfast
18 Post Meeting 7:30
pm
20 VFW Pizza nite
25 Government Day
28 BINGO

May

11 Brat Bash
12 Auxiliary Breakfast
14 House Comm 5 pm
16 Post Meeting 7:30
pm
18 VFW Scholarship
Breakfast
27 Memorial Day

June

9 Auxiliary Breakfast
11 House Comm 5 pm
20 Post Meeting 7:30
pm
22 Chicken dinner

Officers sought for Legion

It is election time! American Legion, Zilmer Riley Post #84, has a ten-member executive committee that is elected in May, installed in June and takes office July 1.

Offices are: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Service Officer, Past Commander, Adjutant, and three members at-large.

Current officers are listed on the cover page of this newsletter.

The Commander appointed a nominating committee consisting of Ernest Gebhardt Jr., Dennis Gerber and Paul Whelton. They have posted a sign-up sheet at the Post headquarters. Any member in good standing can volunteer to seek office.

On the wall by the sign-up sheet is a posting of the By-laws which describe responsibilities for each position. Members can also discuss requirements with current officers or any nominating committee member.

Submitted by Ernest Gebhardt Jr.
Chairman, 608.325.5788



Last Bingo game this Spring is April 28! This group of "regulars" hopes to crack the Progressive Jackpot, which will be in excess of \$2,100! Bingo then goes on hiatus for summer, starting again in September.



Featured Entrée Menu

April

- 5—Liver and Onions
- 12—Chicken cordon bleu
- 19—Roast Beef/Hot Beef sandwich
- 26—Goulash

May

- 3—Bacon wrapped meatloaf
- 10—Shepherd's pie
- 17—Stuffed Pork Chops
- 24—Swedish Meatballs
- 31—Liver & Onions

June

- 7—Baked Chicken
- 14—Liver & Onions
- 21—Ham, Cheesy hashbrowns
- 28—Lasagna

Look for monthly highlighted dinners (See post calendar)



From the Commander

By Janel Keizer



Government day is April 25th for Green County. On this day the American Legion hosts area high school youth in a tour of government facilities and to spend time with government officials. According to the American Legion website, County Youth Government Day is designed to teach students about the importance of their county government and to give them the information and confidence necessary to increase the voting numbers at the polls. Ultimately educating the youth to become better citizens creates an atmosphere for a cleaner and more effective government.

If Legion or Auxiliary members are available on that day, please consider spending time with our youth. They will be at the Justice Center at 8:15 to register and prepare for the first talk with Judge Faun Phillipson at 8:35.

The Nomination Committee is working on determining who will be running for the next term at the Zilmer-Riley American Legion. I will not be continuing on as the Commander, so the committee is looking for nominees for that position. It starts on July 1, 2024. Thank you for considering how you can help serve in Green County.



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2024 Green County Government Day

Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024

Where: Green County Justice Center - Monroe, WI

Sponsored By: The Green County Council of the American Legion & the Green County Veterans Service Office

8:15-8:30 Registration of delegates in the Multi-Purpose room of the Justice Center

8:35 Judge Faun Phillipson will speak to students in Branch 1 Courtroom

9:15-9:45 Presentations in Multi-Purpose Room: Highway Commissioner and Coroner

9:45-11:15 Tour of the Jail and Sheriff's Department

11:15-11:30 Load Buses and transport to American Legion for lunch

11:30 Lunch at the Monroe American Legion Post, 1627 12th Avenue. The Auxiliary of the Zilmer-Riley American Legion Post will serve lunch followed by a presentation by Monroe City Administrator – Brittney Rindy.

1:00-1:15 Load Buses and transport back to Justice Center

1:15 Circuit Court - Mock Trial presented by Judge Faun Phillipson and other court officials in Branch 1 Courtroom

2:30 End of day

Get those cabin reservations in!

Those who have applications for the rental of the Legion cabin this year, are reminded to return those very soon.

They go to Mike Hubbard; any questions, call Mike @ 608.558.0072.

Did you know?

The Post hall is available to the public for events?

For information call the post number 608-325-4244 for rental availability and catering options!

Looking for Deployed troops

As we enter the summer season, let us not forget those who are deployed. The Sons of the American Legion Post 84 are looking for deployed personal. We would like to send them a care package. We ask that you do not post addresses on Facebook but to please use our contact page at the link below.

www.monroelegionpost84.com/contact

Lots of activities at Post In next three months

By Andrew Suthers
2nd Vice Commander



Spring is finally here and we have plenty of projects and events happening at the post and in the community. We kick off with a packed month in April, including a pancake breakfast on April 6th hosted by our Boy Scout Troop 180, a pizza night on April 20th hosted by the VFW Post 2312, and our last bingo for this session on April 28th.

In May we will have a drive-thru Brat Bash on May 11th during the Monroe city wide garage sales, a VFW scholarship breakfast on May 18th, and our Memorial Day parade and ceremony on May 27th.

In June we will have our Flag retirement ceremony and potluck date/time TBD, and a Chicken dinner on June 22nd.

Our project list includes finishing the kitchen remodel, sprucing up the flower beds, resealing or resurfacing our parking lot, and a few other odds and ends repairs/improvements.

Friday Fish Fry is still our most popular event with weekly featured entrees, great deserts, and the best fish in town. Volunteers are always needed and can sign up on our bulletin board at the legion. Don't forget to support our Auxiliary with the monthly breakfast every second Sunday of the month, with proceeds going towards their scholarship program.

As mentioned, our last Bingo for this session will be April 28th. Doors open at 11, we start selling tickets at noon, and games start at 1. Come in early to get a good seat and some great food at the lunch stand provided by the Sons of the American Legion. Our next session of Bingo will begin in September.

As always, keep your eye out in the shopping news, post bulletin board, and social media for upcoming events and thank you for supporting your local veterans.



1st Vice Commander reports membership at 97%

Our post membership is at 97%. If you have not paid your dues for 23-24 please take care of this soon so your membership does not lapse. If you have any questions about your membership please drop me a line at legionpost84@hotmail.com.

Have you seen the menu for our Friday Night Entree [Friday Night Fish \(monroelegionpost84.com\)](http://monroelegionpost84.com) or seen the [Calendar \(monroelegionpost84.com\)](http://monroelegionpost84.com) for all that is happening at the post. If you would like an email reminder of up and coming events please contact us at [Contact \(monroelegionpost84.com\)](http://monroelegionpost84.com).

Just friendly reminder the next post meeting April 18th at 7:30 pm there is always much information to pass out please try to attend.

Sincerely

Peter Blum

1st Vice

SAL thanks all for supporting Bingo lunch treat stand

Welcome to spring! Welcome to warmer weather and summer activities for all. The SAL has been busy finishing up with the Bingo season lunch treat stand. A big thank you goes out to my wife for making all the wonderful deserts for the Bingo season. She always is looking for the next chocolaty dessert to serve each month. And the Bingo players each month come up looking to what tasty treats she has made this month. Stop by each month and see what goodies she made. As we finish the Bingo season, I want to thank all the people who stopped and visited us at the treat stand to make it another successful year.

The SAL is still looking for deployed individuals to send care packages to. If you know of any individual who are deployed away please drop me line at legionpost84@hotmail.com with their deployment address we will send them some goodies.

The Sons of the American Legion meet every second Sunday at 9:00 am the Legion Post. New members are always welcome. If you have any question please reach out to me.

Sincerely

Peter Blum

SAL Commander



**AMERICAN
LEGION
POST 84**

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LOCAL MONROE COMMUNITY

The American Legion is made up of service members who have served at least 1 day of active military duty since December 7, 1941. Here are a few of the ways the Zilmer-Riley Post #84 members proudly serve the Monroe community:

- ★ Memorial Day Commemoration
- ★ Care Packages for Deployed Personnel
- ★ Honor Guard & Color Guard
- ★ Encouraging Patriotism
- ★ Events for Military Families
- ★ Flag Disposal

Many events are coordinated with the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion

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News
from
Post and
Auxiliary



By Helen Miller
1st Vice Chairman/Membership

Spring has sprung. Hope everyone made it through the winter in good health and are looking forward to participating in outside activities during some upcoming nice days.

We appreciate those Auxiliary members that have updated their 2024 dues so far. We hope those members (11) left to update their 2024 dues will honor those family members who graciously served our country and will forward your dues in the very near future. "Veterans have served us, so we need to serve them". At the end of April they will already be starting the process of pulling the current members' roster for 2025.

We are so pleased to inform you we have two new members – Candace Wiesenberg (grandfather Frances Hermanson) and a Junior member Sophia Field (grandmother Bonnie Field).

Again, a huge thank you to the public for supporting our Auxiliary Second Sunday Breakfast and for the volunteers who help us make the Breakfast a success. Many of the same helpers put in their time every month and it is so very much appreciated - we couldn't do it without you. The Jr. Optimists, who include Foreign Exchange students coming from many foreign countries, help us out graciously during the school year. They are so interesting to get to know, a great bunch to work with. **Many, Many Thanks!** The monies raised for the breakfasts are used for Scholarships, Veterans and other areas that need our support.

It is soon time to honor those veterans by purchasing a Poppy. Auxiliary members and Post members will be offering the poppies at various locations throughout the city in May to support our veterans. Thank you in advance for your support and the volunteers who help us distribute the poppies. The Poppy Princess for 2024 will be Alexys Crooks. She is the granddaughter of Judy Crooks.

Anyone who has, or will have, a change of address and wishes to have the Newsletter forwarded, please let us know as each returned Newsletter costs us **68 cents**. Thank you for your consideration.

Positive Tip: "Never regret a day in your life, good days give happiness, bad days give lessons, and best days give memories." -- *Power of Positivity*.





Fun Bingo sessions

American Legion Post 84

BINGO

Progressive
Jackpot will
be more than
\$2,100.00
4/28/24
Plus 50/50
drawings
Doors open at noon
First Game starts at
1:00 pm

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What Is A Veteran?

A "Veteran" - whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his life."

That is honor. And there are way too many people in this country today, who no longer understand that fact.



Auxiliary Assistants highlighted
 These are stalwarts at Auxiliary Breakfasts:
 Top: Jr. Optimist group; at range: Neal Schwartz &, Annie Miller. Paul Manthei keeps the dishwasher humming!



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BREAKFAST Buffet

April 14 May 12 June 9

Sunday 8am-noon.

Ages 11 to adult \$10
 Children 3 to 10 \$5
 Children under 3 eat free

Proceeds are used for student scholarships and veterans.
 Open to the public.

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SPRING FLING

CRAFTS & VENDOR EVENT

April 27th - 9am - 4pm

American Legion
 1627 12th Ave - Monroe, WI

Registration is open for the Wisconsin Warrior Summit



Register here or go to
[https://www.mhawisconsin.org/warrior-summit-
registration](https://www.mhawisconsin.org/warrior-summit-registration)

Attendees will learn and share information about veteran suicide prevention activities in Wisconsin, gain insights into national efforts to prevent suicide among veterans, and network with other organizations focusing on veteran suicide prevention.

8:30 AM to 4:00 PM | 13 May 2024

University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

This event is made possible through the support of the Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

For more information, visit our
website.

[https://mcwsuicideprev.org/2024-
wisconsin-warrior-summit](https://mcwsuicideprev.org/2024-wisconsin-warrior-summit)

Summary of Post meetings for January, February, March 2024

January 2024:

The regular meeting of the Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 was held on Thursday January 18, 2024. There were 13 members present for the meeting.

Minutes from the November 2023 meeting were read by the Commander. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. The motion was passed and carried.

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice gave his report on membership. The post is at 92% with 151 members.

The 2nd Vice gave his report with upcoming events. Also an update on projects being done in the kitchen cabinets and center counter replaced with new ones. Also a report on future projects to be done inside to the floor being replaced. Also the parking lot needs to be resurfaced.

Finance Officer gave his report for December 2023. A motion was made and seconded to approve the finance report as given. The motion was passed and carried.

Service Officer gave his report with \$4,047.83 in the relief fund.

A motion was made and seconded to remove the gaming machines and replace them with a jukebox. The motion was passed and carried.

A motion was made and seconded to pay Mike Hubbard a maximum of \$50.00 each time he plows and does snow removal to the parking lot. The motion was passed and carried.

The Commander gave her report. The Monroe Park and Recreation Department is asking the post to sponsor youth sports programs.

Money for the red can was collected. No one was present for the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.

February 2024:

The regular meeting of the Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular on Thursday February 15, 2024. There were 15 members present for the meeting.

Minutes for the January 2024 meeting were read by the Commander. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. The motion was passed and carried.

Committee reports:

1st Vice reported membership is at 93%. Also as members we should reach out to Monroe area American Legion members not assigned to a post.

2nd Vice reported a bench is being donated in honor of Fritz and Rosie Wenger by their son, Fritz Wenger. He gave a report on homeless veterans and available resources in our area. He so reported on upcoming events.

Volunteers are needed to help out with these events.

Finance Officer gave his report for January 2024. A motion was made and seconded to approve the finance report as given. The motion was passed and carried.

Service Officer gave his report. A local veteran needs a hospital bed. Contact the Service Officer Jim Glessner if you know of an available bed. He also noted upcoming spring election e to fund Pleasant View Nursing Home. Mike Furgal reported there would be no increase to our taxes.

Commander's report. Upcoming oratorical contest for District 3. This upcoming Sunday the County meeting here at our post.

The money for the red can was collected. No one was present for the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 2014 hours.

(Continued on next page)

Minutes continued from previous page:**March 2024:**

The regular meeting of the Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting Thursday March 21, 2024. There were 16 members present for the meeting.

The Adjutant read the minutes from the February 2024 meeting. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the minutes as read.

Committee reports:

1st Vice reported the post is at 97% membership. The post gained a new member Dennis Timm.

2nd Vice gave an after action report of the rib dinner and the fish fry. Upcoming events Boy Scout pancake fundraiser on April 6th. VFW Post fund raiser on April 20th. Start planning for Memorial Day meeting March 25th at 1700 hours.

Finance Officer gave the finance report for February 2024. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the finance report as given. The motion was passed and carried.

Service Officer requested reports for the newsletter be emailed to him by March 31st.

A motion was made and it was seconded to purchase 2 achievement awards for 2 seniors not to exceed \$200.00. This includes the medals and engraved name plate on the plaque. The motion was passed and carried.

Ernie Gebhardt will be in charge of the nominating committee for the upcoming election of American Legion Post Officers. Election is in May. The new officers take their position in July.

Youth in Government Day is April 25, 2024. This is event is sponsored by Green County. All the county American Legion Post members help with this event. Volunteers are needed to help out. We meet at the Green County Justice Center. The time frame is 0800 until around 1430 hours.

Money for the red can was collected. No one was present for the drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 2005 hours.

*Report submitted by
Adjutant Stephen F. Hammel*

Legion Post website:

WWW.MONROELEGIONPOST84.COM



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Zilmer-Riley American Legion Post #84 Officers for 2023-24

Elected Officers (Executive Committee)

Commander - Janel Keizer	293-1598
1st Vice Commander - Peter Blum	293-7633
2nd Vice Cmdr – Andrew Suthers	325-2742
Finance Officer - Curt Dickson	558-7132
Service Officer - Jim Glessner	558-0719
Past Commander - Pete McGrath	325-1839
Adjutant - Stephen Hammel	558-6493
Member at Large - Mike Hubbard	558-0072
Member at Large - Laverne Robieson	426-4412
Member at Large - Paul Schipper	325-1541

Appointments by Commander

Historian - Ernest Gebhardt Jr.	325-5788
Chaplain - Michael Furgal,	325-2670
Sergeant at Arms - Jim Mosher	325-7838
Sergeant at Arms - Dennis Gerber	293-0887
Judge Advocate-Peter Kind	325-7137



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

Commander	Peter Blum	293-7633
Vice Commander	Eric McGrath	636-9455
Adjutant	Barry M. McGuire Jr.	325-4399
Finance Officer	Jim Connors	325-6495
Sgt. At Arms	Robert Homerding	426-0685
SAL Advisor	Pete McGrath	325-1839

Auxiliary Zilmer-Riley Legion Post 84



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Helen Miller 608-325-4777
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Julie Miller 608-329-7589**

**Bar Hours
Tuesday-Friday
3 p.m. to close**