

**American Legion
Zilmer-Riley
Post 84**

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



Hand Salute

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January, February, March 2024

Post Calendar

January

- 6 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 9 House Comm 5pm
- 14 Auxiliary Breakfast
- 17 VFW Soup & Potato Bar
- 18 Post Meeting 7:30 pm
- 28 BINGO

February

- 11 Auxiliary Breakfast
- 13 House Comm 5 pm
- 14 Valentine's Dinner
- 15 Post Meeting 7:30 pm
- 25 BINGO

March

- 10 Auxiliary Breakfast
- 12 House Comm 5 pm
- 21 Post Meeting 7:30 pm
- 24 BINGO



Post 84 kitchen has an upgrade! During the last part of December, Andrew Suthers and crew installed new cabinets, and a stainless counter top and sink area. A BIG SHOUT OUT goes to Ruchti Stainless, Inc., who fabricated and then DONATED it to the post. We are most appreciative!

Featured Entrée Menu

Jan 5 Swedish
Meatballs
Jan 12 Goulash
Jan 19 Beef Stew
Jan 26 Chicken
Cordon Bleu

Feb 2 Bacon-
wrapped Meatloaf
Feb 9 Spaghetti
and meatballs
Feb 16 Pork Chops
and dressing
Feb 23 Swiss Steak

Mar 1 Liver and
onions
Mar 8 Lasagna
Mar 16 Chicken Pot
Pie
Mar 23 Pork Roast
Mar 30 Ham

**Featured Entrees
Are now \$12!**
Due to food ingredi-
ent rising costs, the
Featured Entrees on
Friday Fish Fry day
will be \$12, effective
Jan. 1, 2024.



The new counter-top was in use at the Dec. 29 Fish Fry. Below is how the new implements look from the dining area.



**The menu
board has
been
revamped to
highlight our
Friday Fish
Fry Featured
Entrée.**

**Linda Dick-
son was re-
sponsible for
the fancy
lettering.**

From the Commander

By Janel Keizer



Were you "Mugged" this last month?

Many folks connected with the American Legion Post #84 had a holiday coffee mug with goodies in it delivered to their home by some pretty special people. They lovingly referred to the event as 'Getting Mugged'. I'd like to thank Linda Dickson,



Anne Bauman, Marla Petit, Ada Swanton and Girl Scouts #9009 who came up with the idea, organized the event and delivered the Mugs to Post 84 families. This simple and straightforward experience was a great boost in post morale. It is a great example of generous people following through



on a great idea. The impact of this event will last a long time - best mugging ever!

If you receive your newsletter through your email you may notice it looks a bit different. We are using a different system where new folks can sign themselves up for various versions of newsletters. If you received this newsletter by email already, we have included you in the new format. Do you receive your newsletter in the USPS? We'd love to reduce costs and send it to you via email. Watch for links on the website to sign up and receive this newsletter link.

Many thanks to all of our amazing volunteers who are making the post a financially healthy organization.

Check out some new countertops and cabinets in the kitchen. Join me in thanking Andrew Suthers for organizing this upgrade!

Watch for more upgrades in the post - making it a safer and more usable facility. Let me know if you have suggestions or ideas for the post.

American Legion Post 84

BINGO



1/28/2024
2/25/2024
3/24/2024
4/28/24

Plus 50/50 drawings

Doors open at noon
First Game starts at 1:00 pm

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1627 12 ave Monroe WI 53566

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 come the end of the holiday 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.monroelezionpost84.com/contact



Productive year at 'your' Legion Post #84

By Andrew Suthers
2nd Vice Commander



Happy New Year to everyone! We had a very busy and productive year in 2023 and are planning for the same in 2024. A big thank you to the community for supporting all of our weekly, monthly and special events!

We have several events in the works for next quarter, including a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Soup and Potato Bar, and a Valentine's Day Dinner. Of course, we will still have our Friday Fish Fry, monthly breakfast, and Bingo to look forward to as well.

The post was closed during the week of the 18th through the 25th of December due to our kitchen remodeling project. New kitchen cabinets, and a new stainless steel countertop were installed, along with a new sink and backsplash for our dishwashing area.

A HUGE Thank You to Ruchti Stainless for donating the countertop, sink and backsplash! Thank you to all the legion volunteers for putting in the hard work throughout that week and every week at the post.

Keep your eye out in the paper, bulletin board, social media and hear us on the radio for upcoming events and we are always looking for volunteers!

New Year's Message from 1st Vice Commander**Happy New Year!**

Welcoming 2024 our current membership is at 90%. That means we have just a few members left to reach 100%. If you haven't paid for your 2024 membership dues please try to take of this by the end of January. It would be great for a post our size to get a 100%. If you have any membership question please contact me.

Have you seen our website? www.monroelezionpost84.com There are many things to check out, from the Friday Night Featured Entree to calendar events happening at the post. Would you like to receive emails of events? Please take a moment to fill out the contact us page.

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Our next post meeting is January 18th at 7:30pm.

Sincerely
Peter Blum
1st Vice



Veterans Day was busy for the post. Above, Ernie Gebhardt and Annie Miller gave a program at Pleasant View while Jim Glessner did the same at Aster. The Color Guard was at MHS



A Post crew stopped at Aster prior to Veterans Day to have coffee and pastries with veterans there. Left, Janel Keizer chats with residents John and Robert; while above Janel, Ernie Gebhardt and Andrew Suthers have pastries with Dave, Bob, and Jim. Right, Jim Glessner thought it was a brilliant idea, and so did the Aster veterans.



**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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Happy New Year from the SAL

Welcome to 2024. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas.

Members of the SAL have been working hard with different activities at the post, from Friday night Fish to Sunday Bingo. We are always here to lend a hand to any event as needed.

The next SAL meeting will be Jan 14th at 9:00 am. The SAL is open to all male descendants of The American Legion. We welcome any who may be interested please reach out to me at the post.

Peter Blum, SAL Commander



*Veterans Day dinner was well attended at the Post, photos above.
The Color Guard was at Monroe High School event, below.*



News
from
Post and
Auxiliary



By Helen Miller
1st Vice Chairman/Membership

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The Holidays are once again behind us. Hopefully it was a special time for you and your families. Now we can look forward to quality time indoors as the cold/snowy days are upon us!

I was hoping I would have a better report at this time regarding 2024 membership totals. We are behind last year's totals. Perhaps you have set the renewal notice aside and it has been forgotten. Your dues allow us to continue supporting and enriching the lives of our veterans, families, military and communities. It would be greatly appreciated if you could get those dues in as soon as possible. Your dues are what keep our organization strong. Many thanks to all those who have already sent in their dues.

We also would greatly like to see better attendance at our monthly meetings which are held at the Post Home the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 PM. We don't meet in December, January, July and August however. Come see us to find out what the Auxiliary is all about.

We are pleased to WELCOME two new members to our Auxiliary: Darci Bowman and Vicki Schuur. We look forward to meeting you at Zilmer-Riley American Legion.

A sad note is to report members that passed away during the year 2023. They are Jean Otteson (member since 1963), Virginia Drafahl (member since 1964), Marilyn Wells (member since 2005) and Shirley Drews (member since 2016). They will certainly be missed and remembered. Our condolences go out to their families.

Many, many thanks for our volunteers for our 2nd Sunday breakfast – our dedicated volunteers who assist us every month and those who assist us whenever they can, and to our Junior Optimists. WE couldn't get the job done without you all and it wouldn't run as smooth as it does. A HUGE thank you to everyone who attends our monthly breakfast. It is so much appreciated. The monies are used for Scholarships, Veterans and other areas that need our support.

Anyone who has (or will be) changing your address (or are "snowbirds") and will have a different address for the winter months and wish to have the Newsletter forwarded or a change of address, please let us know as each Newsletter returned costs us 66 cents. Thank you for your consideration.



Our American Legion Auxiliary Breakfast Volunteers
Kris Wenger, Lori Seffrood, Shad and Deb Myers

Positive Tip: "You cannot change what you are, only what you do." Philip Pullman, *The Golden Compass*.



Junior Optimists pitch in to assist at our American Legion Auxiliary Breakfasts. Their help is greatly appreciated!

Below: A big thank you to the Jr Optimists and Thomas Suthers for a job well done at our American Legion Auxiliary Breakfasts.

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Legion Auxiliary unit 84
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BREAKFAST Buffet

January 14
February 11
March 10

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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What Is A Veteran?

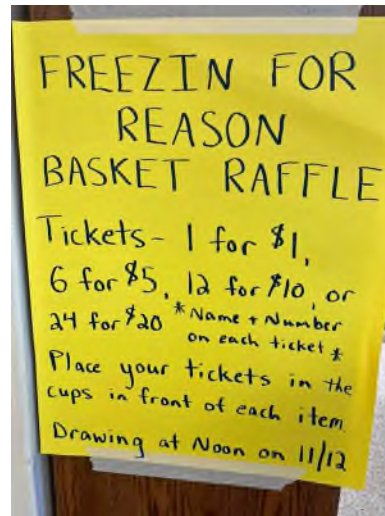
A "Veteran" - whether active duty, discharged, retired, or reserve - is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America," for an amount of "up to, and including his life."

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

Watch emails, webpage and Facebook for featured dinners and other information!



Freezin' for a Reason fundraiser was held in conjunction with Veterans Day. The basket raffle, left, was popular; and "Deer Camp" nifty blaze orange shirts, below, were snatched up. A few remain, see Andrew if you want one!



Freezin'
For a
Reason
Proceeds
Aided
Service
Fund



Scout Troop 180 held a Pancake Breakfast at Legion Post 84 Is sponsor of this Scout unit.





Freezin' for a Reason also held a camp out at Post building; see photos above. Camping equipment ranged from camo, to boxes, to an auto.

The Bingo event at Freezin' featured meat prizes; with many happy winners, photos right.



If you have an old Flag or worn out one, there is a flag disposal receptacle in front of the Post 84 building.

These will be properly disposed of with a ceremony event in June 2024.



Summary of Post meetings for October and November

There was no post meeting in December

Here is a summary of the October meeting minutes.

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting Thursday October 19, 2023. There were 16 members present for the meeting.

The adjutant read the minutes from the September meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. The motion was passed and carried.

The 2nd Vice Commander reported our post raised more than \$5,000.00 on the euchre tournament.

The 2nd Vice Commander gave the finance report for September. A motion was made and seconded to approve the finance report as given. The motion was passed and carried.

The Service Officer gave his report on the finances for the service and relief fund.

A motion was made and seconded to spend up to \$5,000.00 to make the repairs and construction on the kitchen. The motion was passed and carried.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$500.00 to the Green County 4-H for their shooting programs. The motion was passed and carried.

A motion was made and seconded to spend \$50.00 for Trunk and Treat on the Monroe Square. The motion was passed and carried.

A motion was made and seconded to raise the price of our specials on Friday night to \$12.00 effective January 2024. The motion was passed and carried.

No one was present for the red can drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

Here is a summary of the November meeting minutes.

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday November 16, 2023. There were 13 members present for the meeting.

The adjutant read the minutes from the October meeting. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the minutes as read. The motion was passed and carried.

The finance officer gave the finance report for October. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the finance report as given. The motion was passed and carried.

The service officer reported \$2,259.00 was raised for Freezing for a Reason Veterans Day Weekend. There is a total of \$4,009.83 in the service and relief fund.

A motion was made and it was seconded to raise our post membership dues to \$45.00 starting in July 2024. The motion was passed and carried.

No one was present for the red can drawing.

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.

As your Adjutant, I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish our members and their families a Happy New Year in 2024.

Report submitted by:
Stephen F. Hammel
Post Adjutant

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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



President Donna Douglas
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Helen Miller 608-325-4777
Treasurer
Julie Miller 608-329-7589

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