

**American Legion
Zilmer-Riley
Post 84**

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



Hand Salute

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January, February, March 2025

Post Calendar

January

- 4 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- 12 Auxiliary Breakfast
- 14 House Comm 5pm
- 16 Post meeting 7:30
- 26 Bingo Noon

February

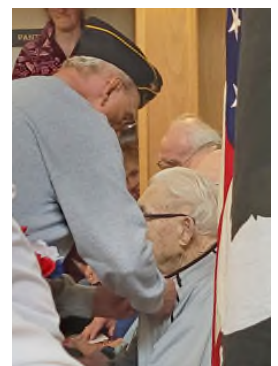
- 2 Optimist Breakfast
- 9 Auxiliary Breakfast
- 11 House Comm 5 pm
- 12 Valentine's Day Dinner
- 20 Post Meeting 7:30
- 23 Bingo Noon

March

- 9 Auxiliary Breakfast
- 11 House Comm 5 pm
- 20 Post Meeting 7:30
- 23 Bingo Noon

April

- 26 District meeting at Post 84



Veteran's Day events were celebrated in November. Here Honor Guard Andrew Suthers, Curt Dickson, Steve Hammel and Laverne Robiesen at Aster facility. The four presented mementoes to the four vets there. Earlier the entire honor guard group was at Abe Lincoln School for that event. Other presentations were at Pleasant View and Monroe Health services (see page 7).

First Vice report & Sons of American Legion



Peter Blum
1st Vice Commander
SAL Commander

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a safe a happy holiday. I see positive things as we heading into 2025. 2025 will welcome new challenges and changes for the post. In order to keep our American Legion family informed of the happenings at the post I encourage the membership and extended family to visit our website at www.monroelegiopost84.com.

If you are not receiving emails please check your junk mail folder. If you are still not getting emails please reach out to me so I can help you.

The post membership is strong. We still have few members left to pay their dues. If you have not paid your dues for 2025 please take care of this as soon as possible. I will reach out to those who have not so that we can make our 100% membership.



Reminder—Shirt Up and Show Up

Let's start a simple program: **Shirt Up and Show up.**

For many years we have many groups pass through our hall, either stopping for breakfast before a ride or just meeting with fellow club members for dinner. I would like us to return the favor. As other organizations have events I will share the information to our membership so that we can return the favor and show up for their event. I would encourage wearing a Legion or veteran supporting clothing to this event. Thus the name **Shirt Up and Show up.** Lets give back to these groups as they have given to us.



Area vets were remembered again this year as Linda Dickson and her elves conducted a “I’ve Been Socked” project that surprised more than 155 veterans! This project followed the previous years “You’ve been mugged” campaign!



In Memoriam



Past Commander Pete McGrath passed away on Dec. 4. He served in the US Army. He was a member of both the Legion and VFW, and served as SAL Advisor. Celebration of Life with military honors was held Dec. 13.

Post Hall is Accepting Reservations

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!

Hand Salute

Thank you to all who contributed to Post in 2024

By Andrew Suthers
2nd Vice Commander



As we wrap up another productive year for the post, I would like to thank all of those who have donated to all of our special projects, including the kitchen remodel, parking lot replacement and refrigerator fund. I would also like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who donate time out of their busy schedules to help with everything from Fish Fry to Sunday Breakfasts, Bingo, and Honor Guard. We absolutely could not keep the post running without our volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers!

We will be making some minor improvements to the interior of the building over the winter months with most of the major exterior projects waiting until spring.

Our calendar of events will start filling up fast, after the much needed holiday break. Keep your eye out on social media and our bulletin board for upcoming events like Valentines Dinner and a Soup and Potato Bar. The bar

will continue to be open during the week except for major holidays and we will be serving food on most Mondays and Wednesdays. The menu will change from week to week, and the bar is open to the public!

Thank You to everyone for supporting our Post!



2024-2025 Bingo Season

Dec 22, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23, April 27

Ticket sales start at noon, first game starts at 1 pm.
50/50 Raffles

Plays 10 Games Pays \$45/Game
Concession stand by the
Sons of the American Legion

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A Bingo Winner!

Featured Entrée Menu

From the Commander

By Laverne Robieson



January

3—liver and onions
10—goulash
17—sweet/sour
chicken w/rice
24—beef tips/noodles
31— ham balls

Winter is upon us now, be sure to keep a lookout for neighbors and fellow vets!

Volunteers are still needed for fish fry Fridays, Bingo, and other meals. The current crew works together and they get it done. Volunteering one day a month helps all.

Mike Hubbard has open dates to rent the cabin for a week or two. You must be a vet, sleeps six.

February

7—bbq ribs
14—spaghetti/
meatballs
21—pork chops/
dressing
28—liver and onions

Bricks are available for placement in front of the Post. You can have your name, rank, and service data on a brick by donating \$50 to the Legion. Questions, call me at 608-426-4412.

Finally, the Post can always use donations of sidewalk salt to minimize icy pavements

March

7—bacon wrapped
meatloaf
14—baked chicken
21—pork roast
28—chicken alfredo

Look for monthly
highlighted dinners
(See post calendar)



*We saw you at
The Christmas
Party!*





The 2nd post Euchre Tournament was a huge success! Sponsored by T&M Transport, the event raised more than \$10,000 for the Post. T & M's Tim Petitt (center above) was an eager player. The funds came from T&M, corporate donations, pie sales, a basket raffle, a 50/50 raffle, and the raffle for 2 freezers filled with meat! **Well done Tim and Marla!!!**



**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
**2nd Vice Chairman/Membership/
Secretary**

Holidays are over again and we hope it was a blessed and joyful time for all. We had a small amount of snowfall for Christmas, a White Christmas seems to make it more festive. Christmas is over, now we count down until Spring!

As of this date, we have 101 paid memberships for 2025, which is 80.16%. There are still 17 members who have yet to send in their dues for 2025. It would be greatly appreciated if the remaining 2025 dues could be paid in near future so we would be at 100%. Also there are 4 members who haven't updated their 2024 dues. Your membership years can be reinstated, therefore please consider by sending both years 2024 and 2025. This is a great opportunity to show our gratitude for those relatives who have served our country and sacrificed their lives so that we may live in peace.

We are so proud of all our members. At this time a special recognition goes to two of our longtime members who have reached the age of golden 100 plus years, who have been members for over 70 years. They are Beatrice Schild (member for 77 years) and Hedy Swiggum (member for 76 years). We also wish to give special recognition to: Virginia Goetz (74 years); Ann Hudson (75 years); Anna Miller (71 years); Letta Moon (72 years); De Paulson (75 years); and Jean Van Wagenen (70 years). It is such an honor to recognize these dedicated and loyal longtime members, as well as all our members - **SALUTE**.

We are always seeking new members, so if you know of anyone who would qualify to join, we would sure welcome them aboard. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 PM at the Post Home. During the months of December, January, July and August we don't meet however. July and December we join the Post for a potluck. Our attendance at our meetings is very low. A greater attendance would assure we can keep the Auxiliary going. Our next meeting date is February 6, come join us!

I am proud to report we were able to send a considerable amount of cancelled stamps to our Wounded Warriors. Thank you so much for the people who have taken the time to save these stamps. Keep them coming!!

Again we wish to extend our gratitude for all our volunteers who help us out with our second Sunday monthly breakfasts. During the school year we have the privilege of working with the Jr. Optimists. Some of these Jr. Optimists are Foreign Exchange Students which are a delight to get to know.

Attendance at our Breakfasts has been great, **THANK YOU** for your support. Proceeds from our breakfasts go to Scholarships, and various Veteran events. We are open to the Public.

Positive Thought: Life is not about being rich, popular, highly educated or perfect, it is about being humble and being kind. Power of Positivity.

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**BREAKFAST
Buffet**

Jan. 12 Feb. 9 March 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.

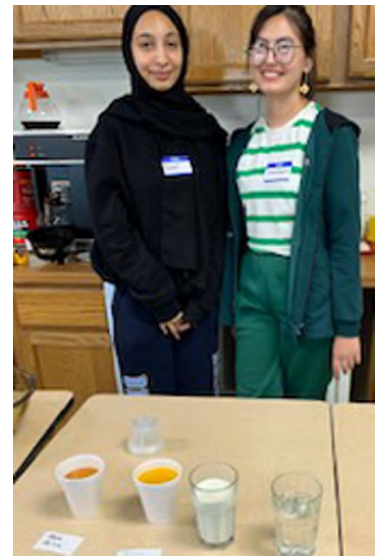
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Vet's Day ceremonies were held at Pleasant View (12 vets) and Monroe Health services (3 vets). Participating were Jim Glessner, service officer, speaker, above with Anne Miller, Auxiliary; and Georgia Verdonck, Mayor Donna Douglas, Miller, top right. At Monroe Health Services, the three Auxiliary members are shown with the vets there.



Auxiliary 2nd Sunday Breakfast is bolstered by volunteers from the MHS Jr. Optimist club. The club also had foreign students assisting!





Always yummy desserts

*Our Legion
Flag set at
Aster Vet's
Day
ceremonies*



Playing Bingo

Care packages for troops

Do you know of a deployed military member?

We would like to send them a gift from home. The Sons of the American Legion would like to send them care package. Please email legionpost84@hotmail.com with mailing address and email so we can get a package out.

Retired Flags

Do you have an American Flag that needs to retire? You can drop off your retired flag at any time in our drop box in front of the Post.

Consider Volunteering

The Legion Post is looking for volunteers. We have many activities happening at the post. From Friday night fish to Second Sunday Breakfast. Stop by the Volunteer board & check out the signup sheets. Sign up today! You need not be a post member to help out.



Summary of Post meetings for October , November, December 2024

October meeting

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday October 17, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Post Commander LaVerne Robieson. There were 16 members present for the meeting.

Opening ceremonies were held with the prayer by the 1st Vice.

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

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice made a motion for the post to spend \$50.00 for candy for the post to participate in the trunk and treat for Halloween on the downtown square. There was a second to the motion. The motion was passed.

The 1st Vice made a motion and it was seconded for the post to spend \$64.90 for an ad in the Monroe Newspaper on Veterans Day. The motion was passed.

Another motion was postponed for a fundraiser for the post for memorial bricks for our members.

The 2nd Vice gave his report with an update on the kitchen projects. Also an updated report on quotes for repairs, replace the cement to the front terrace.

Also updates on future events at the post. Along with upcoming Veterans Day programs at our schools involving the Honor Guard.

The 2nd Vice made a motion to raise the price of our deserts from \$2.00 to \$3.00 and it was seconded. The motion was passed.

The Finance Officer gave their finance report for September 2024. A motion was made and it was seconded to accept the finance report. The motion was passed.

The Service Officer gave his report on upcoming Veteran's Day programs at Pleasant View, Aster and the Monroe Manor.

New business:

A member made a motion to raise the price for the hall rental to \$150.00 a \$25.00 increase. For our veterans it will still be \$100.00 to rent the hall. The hall rentals that are already booked are grandfathered in. This will be effective January 1, 2025. There was a second to the motion. The motion was passed.

There was no one present for the red can drawing.

Closing ceremonies were held with prayer by the Chaplain. The meeting was adjourned at 2035 hours.

November meeting:

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday November 21, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Post Commander LaVerne Robieson. There were 18 members for the meeting.

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Opening ceremonies were held with the prayer by the Chaplain.

New members present were Dean Furgerson and Paul Meudt.

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

Committee reports:

The 2nd Vice gave the report for the 1st Vice with an update on our membership roster.

The 2nd Vice gave his report with an after action report on the Veterans Day programs at our schools with the Honor Guard. Also an after action report on our Veterans Day dinner at the post.

The 2nd Vice made a motion for Double G Concrete to do the cement work for the front terrace for a price of \$6,611.00 and it was seconded. The motion was passed.

The 2nd Vice made a motion to give a Christmas bonus for \$250.00 to Cindy and to Anne Bauman each for a total of \$500.00. There was a second to this motion. The motion was passed.

Next the 2nd Vice made a motion to raise the price of our mix drinks up \$1.00 and raise the price of tap and bottled beer up 0.25 cents. This would be effective January 1, 2025. There was a seconded to this motion. The motion was passed.

The Finance Officer gave their finance report for the month of October 2024. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the finance report. The motion was passed.

The Service Officer gave an after action report on the Veterans Day programs held at Pleasant View, Aster and the Monroe Manor.

New business:

The Commander made a motion to pay Tollefson Emery Bricks \$15.00 and a donation of \$35.00 to our post for a fundraiser for a total of \$50.00 for an engraved memorial brick with your name, rank and branch of service. There was a seconded to this motion. The motion was passed.

NOTE; You can write out a check made out to the American Legion Post or pay cash for your memorial brick. Give your payment to Curt Dickson our Finance Officer.

A member made a motion that if a person renting our hall needs to use our kitchen there is a \$25.00 increase of pay for this use. Also the only person allowed in the kitchen is a post member. There was a second to this motion. The motion was passed.

There was no one present for the red can drawing.

Closing ceremonies were held with prayer by the Chaplain. The meeting was adjourned at 2026 hours.

December meeting:

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday December 19, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 1933 hours by Commander LaVerne Robieson. Opening ceremonies were held with the prayer by the 1st Vice.

There was a guest speaker at our meeting and it was Jeremy Meier a Monroe High School baseball

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coach. Jeremy spoke how the high school would like to have its players play in the American Legion Baseball program. It would give the baseball players more opportunities to play in an organized league. Jeremy was asking if our American Legion Post would like to sponsor the Monroe High School American Legion team to play baseball in this program. A motion was made and it was seconded for our post to sponsor an American Legion high school baseball team. The motion was passed.

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

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice gave his report with and update on membership. Also reported a retirement party on January 7, 2025 for Chris Beer. Chris worked in the Green County Veterans Service Office for many years. The retirement party will be downstairs at the Pleasant View Complex.

The 2nd Vice gave his report stating he will be submitting a work order for the cement work to be done for the front sidewalk and terrace. The 2nd Vice gave an update on future events at the post. The 2nd Vice made a motion for our post to pay the costs for 2 memorial bricks ordered by Pete McGrath. There was a second to this motion. The motion was passed.

The Finance Officer gave their finance report for November 2024. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the finance report. The motion was passed.

The Finance Officer reported the Green County Republican Party donated \$850.00 to our Service and Relief Fund to help out veterans in need of help.

Nothing to report from our Service Officer.

New business:

The Adjutant made a motion for our post to purchase a \$100.00 gift card from the Swiss Alps for Chris Beer who is retiring from the Green County Veterans Service Office January 7, 2025. There was a second to this motion. The motion was passed.

The red can drawing was held and the winner of this month's drawing was 1st Vice Pete Blum. There was \$37.00 in the red can. Pete donated the money back to our general fund.

Closing ceremonies were held with prayer by the 1st Vice. The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

As your Post Adjutant I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2025 to our post members and their families.



Legion Post website:

WWW.MONROELEGIONPOST84.COM

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Zilmer-Riley American Legion Post #84 Officers for 2024-25

Elected Officers (Executive Committee)

Commander - LaVerne Robieson	426-4412
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 - Janel Keizer	293-1598
Adjutant - Stephen Hammel	558-6493
Member at Large - Mike Hubbard	558-0072
Member at Large - John Schild	558-8680
Member at Large - Gene Rood	214-1699

Appointments by Commander

Historian - Ernest Gebhardt Jr.	325-5788
Chaplain - Michael Fungal,	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	574-4502
Adjutant	Barry M. McGuire Jr.	325-4399
Treasurer	Paul Donovan	426-0928
Sgt. At Arms	Robert Homerding	426-0685
SAL Advisor		

Auxiliary Zilmer-Riley Legion Post 84



**President Donna Douglas
608-214-8566
2nd Vice president
Helen Miller 608-325-4777
Treasurer
Julie Miller 608-329-7589**

**Bar Hours
Monday-Friday
3 p.m. to close
Food Mon & Wed**