

**American Legion
Zilmer-Riley
Post 84**

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



Hand Salute

Volume 9, Issue 2

April, May, June 2025

Post Calendar

April

5—Boy Scout Breakfast
5-6—Booth at Expo
8—House Committee
12—GOP Breakfast
13—Auxiliary Breakfast
13—SAL meets
17—Monthly meeting
19—Arts/crafts Fair
26—Post 84 hosts Spring Conference
27—Bingo

May

1—Government day for high school pupils
10—GOP Breakfast
10—Brat Drive
11—Auxiliary Breakfast
11—SAL meets
13—House committee
14—Rib Dinner
15—Monthly meeting
17—Armed Forces Day
26—Memorial Day Parade, ceremonies

June

7—GOP Breakfast
8—Auxiliary Breakfast
8—SAL meets
10—House committee
14—Chicken BBQ/flag retirement ceremony
19—Monthly meeting

July 4—No Friday fish fry



SSM Health is proud to be the first hospital to partner with The Sons of American Legion Detachment of Wisconsin's Operation A.L.F. Pup Program! Operation A.L.F. stands for 'American Legion Family' and offers a soft cuddly companion to children who are hospitalized to help them cope with the difficult time in their lives. Pictured are SSM team members with Peter Blum, Sons of The American Legion Squadron 84 Commander in Monroe and Operation A.L.F. pups. More information on Pages 2 and 7

Nominations are open

Officer nominations are currently open for our post officers. If you are interested in serving during the 2025-26 year, you can add your name to the nominations roster posted on the bulletin board at our post building or let a member of the nominations committee know of your interest.

Nominations Committee: Janel Keizer, Mike Furgal, Jim Moser

Two Lights for Tomorrow

- A Historical Note and A Nationwide Call to Action

Two Lights for Tomorrow is a nationwide initiative to commence the celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States of America. The famous ride of Paul Revere occurred on the night of April 18 – 19, 1775. Two Lights for Tomorrow commemorates that famous ride and uses the imagery of that shining light today as a uniting call to action for our citizens to celebrate and serve.

To find more information about this commemorative event visit the Wisconsin Veterans Museum website: <https://wisvetsmuseum.com/america250/>



**TWO LIGHTS
FOR TOMORROW**

First Vice Report & Sons of American Legion



Peter Blum
1st Vice Commander

Membership! Membership!

If you have not paid your 2025 dues, please pay them. If you are not sure please reach out to me at legionpost84@hotmail.com. If you know of any veteran that is not a Legion member invite them to belong to our Legion Family. Being 100% membership is an important voice to be heard when it comes to veterans support.

Have you seen our website? www.monroelegionpost84.com From Friday night specials to the next Bingo schedule, the Legion website is the place to be. If you are not getting our emails you can sign up here also. Just click on the www.monroelegionpost84.com/contact to sign up so that we can keep you informed of special events. If you are signed up and are not seeing our emails please check your junk folder.

The Sons work is never done.

Along with sending care packages to troops deployed we are now working on Operation A.L.F.(American Legion Family). This is a premier program of the Sons of The American Legion, Detachment of Wisconsin. One of the goals of A.L.F. is to be ready whenever and wherever the need arises to provide comfort and help to children of deployed parents or children who are hospitalized with medical issues. There is never any cost to the families. The stuffed puppies are given with our best wishes for the health and happiness of their children. The S.A.L squadron will have a collection jug in the bar over the next few months in collecting for A.L.F. We are simply asking for pocket change. Our goal is to continue supplying these cute cuddly dogs at no cost to parents.



Sons of the American is looking for members to join. Are you and male descendant (son, grandson, stepson, or adopted son) of a Legion, of the American Legion, a veteran who died in service during WWI or since December 7, 1941 or a veteran who died after their honorable discharge from such service. We meet every second Sunday at 9:00 am if you have any further questions or details stop in.

Now that spring is here it's time to stop down to Legion post and see what is happening.



**The Post 84
Cabin still has 2
weeks open:
May 31-June 7
June 28-July 5
If you are inter-
ested call Mike
Hubbard at
608-558-0072 for
more details!**

**Badger Honor
Flight Breakfast
at Moose Lodge
June 1st, 8-Noon**

**Behring Senior
Center Donut
and Chat Gather-
ing for Heroes
April 29, 9 a.m.
Vets invited!**

**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 avail-
ability and cater-
ing options!**

Lots of events planned for Post

By Andrew Suthers, 2nd Vice Commander

As winter comes to an end, we are gearing up for spring projects and activities at the post. Some of the events planned so far include, 3rd District Spring Conference in April, Rib Dinner in May, and Chicken BBQ in June.



We have started our planning for Memorial Day and are hoping that the weather will cooperate for our parade and ceremony again this year. The schedule of events will remain the same as in the past, with our raising the avenue of flags at 6 am, decorating our veterans graves at 7 am, staging for the parade at 8 am, stepping off on parade route at 9 am and ceremony starting at roughly 9:30.

Along with our Chicken BBQ in June, we will be celebrating Flag Day, with a small flag retirement ceremony which is open to anyone who wishes to attend.

Our list of spring projects includes, a new concrete apron at the front of the building, replanting the flower beds, replacing wood skirting on the north side of the building, and a good spring cleaning throughout the entire building.

April will be our last Bingo of this season. We will start up the next season in September

Fish Fry continues to be very popular with new customers every week. We are always looking for new volunteers, especially assistant fryers. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the legion or stop by on Friday to see what our kitchen and wait staff is doing.

As always, keep your eye out on social media, bulletin boards and listen on the radio for events that we are having at the post and thank you for supporting our veterans.



**The stage area
at the Legion
has been re-
modeled ! Ku-
dos go to An-
drew Suthers
and Curt Dick-
son the splendid
job!**

Featured Entrée Menu

From the Commander

By Laverne Robieson



April

4—Swedish meatballs

11—beef roast

18—chicken bacon ranch casserole

25—ham

May

2—beef tips/noodles

9—pork chops

16—goulash

23—ham balls

30—baked chicken

June

6—lasagna

13—meatloaf

20—liver & onions

27—pork roast



Look for monthly highlighted dinners (See post calendar)

We are gearing up for our 3rd District Spring Conference on April 26. Auxiliary members will be meeting at the Methodist Church; sign in at 8; meeting starts at 9. Legion members will meet at the Post 84 proper with sign in at 8; meeting starting at 9.

Lunch will be served at both venues!

Government Day for Green County students will be May 1 at the Justice Center in Monroe. The Legion is the host for these high school students touring government facilities and learning the workings of the judicial system.

Students will meet with the health, sheriff, coroner and highway departments and hear explanations of each. Then students will move to the Justice Center to hear from Judge Jane Bucher.

Then lunch will be served at the Legion Post, followed by a mock trial back at the Justice Center to learn how court cases work.

We still need volunteers for all Legion events, to give our regulars a break!

Bricks project for vets is continuing and any vet who wants to purchase a brick can contact me



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American Legion Post 84
PRESENTS



2024-2025 Bingo Season

Last Bingo of year on April 27

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

50/50 Raffles

Plays 10 Games Pays \$45/Game

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*New sign in front win-
dow—Finance Officer
Curt Dickson with new
front window sign
designed by Linda
Dickson.*

Goings-on at the Post

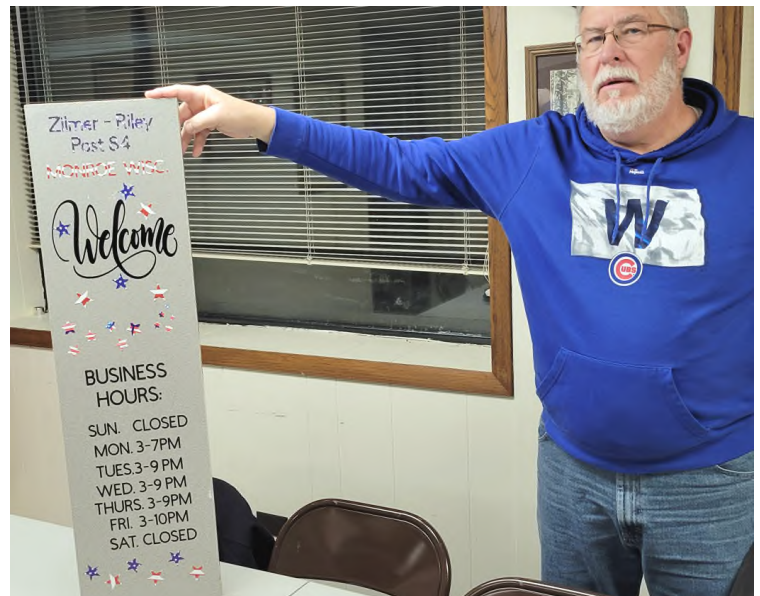
Vets invited to history session

All Post 84 veterans are invited to a WWII history session at the Behring Senior Center.

Titled Europe and North Africa: Key events, battles and perspectives, this will be presented by Mark Peterson of HHC. This is a 3-session 90-minute each class which explores the cultural backgrounds of the key nations: Germany, Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy and the Jewish peoples.

The sessions will be held April 2, 9, and 16 from 1:30-3 p.m.

The classes will cover Hitler's rise to power, key battles and the Nazi invasion of Poland. The course also examines Germany's current view of the war and its relations with European neighbors.



**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**

Hooray Spring has sprung! Hopefully you all made it through the winter months in good health. Our winter snowfalls this year were below normal, overall a pretty mild winter.

We now are down to only seven members whose dues for 2025 are still outstanding. Reminder notices have been sent so hopefully, these members will see to it these memberships are kept up-to-date soon. It seems early to be thinking of 2026, however our new roster will be printed for 2026 around the first of April and notices will be sent out around first of September. We are pleased to welcome a new member, Susan Sinnett, who was originally a member of discontinued Unit #256. **Welcome aboard Sue!**

Our Poppy Day recognition will be held in Monroe on May 16. Auxiliary/Post members will be offering poppies at various locations throughout the city to support our veterans. Proceeds from the poppy distribution are sent to various Veteran facilities throughout Wisconsin. Our Poppy Princess this year is **Harper Mayer**. She is the granddaughter of Lonna & Steve Mayer.

Third District Spring Conference for the Post/Auxiliary is being held in Monroe on April 26. If you haven't already had access to the registration form, you can find it in the April Informer. If this is not obtainable for you and are interested in coming, send me an e-mail (hlmler@wekz.net) and I will see that you get the form (forms should be received by April 12), otherwise we do accept walk-ins for registration.

Thanks to all your support for our Friday Night Fish Frys, second Sunday Breakfasts and other supportive events, to all our Kitchen/Dining Room Helpers and all the volunteers who make this possible. We are proud to serve you. With all the support of everyone our organization remains strong.

Positive Tip: *There are four very important words of life – Love, Honesty, Truth and Respect – without these in your life, you have nothing.* **Deep Motivation**



**Jr. Optimists has
volunteers at
Auxiliary
Breakfasts.**

Thanks Ladies!!!

Providing caring comfort to children whenever and wherever needed

Operation A.L.F.
is the premier
program of the
Sons of The
American
Legion,
Detachment of
Wisconsin.



**While nothing can
replace a mother or
father in Uniform
Deploying halfway
across the world,
the Sons of The
American Legion
is hoping our
comfort-pup can
soften the pains of
separation.**

Whether it be a child hospitalized for a serious medical issue or the children of deploying parents, the Wisconsin Sons of The American Legion are proud to provide an A.L.F. puppy to children who need a soft cuddly companion to help them cope with difficult times in their lives.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Unfortunately, there are still more deployments occurring, and kids in need, which means we need to continue to raise funds to support this impactful program.

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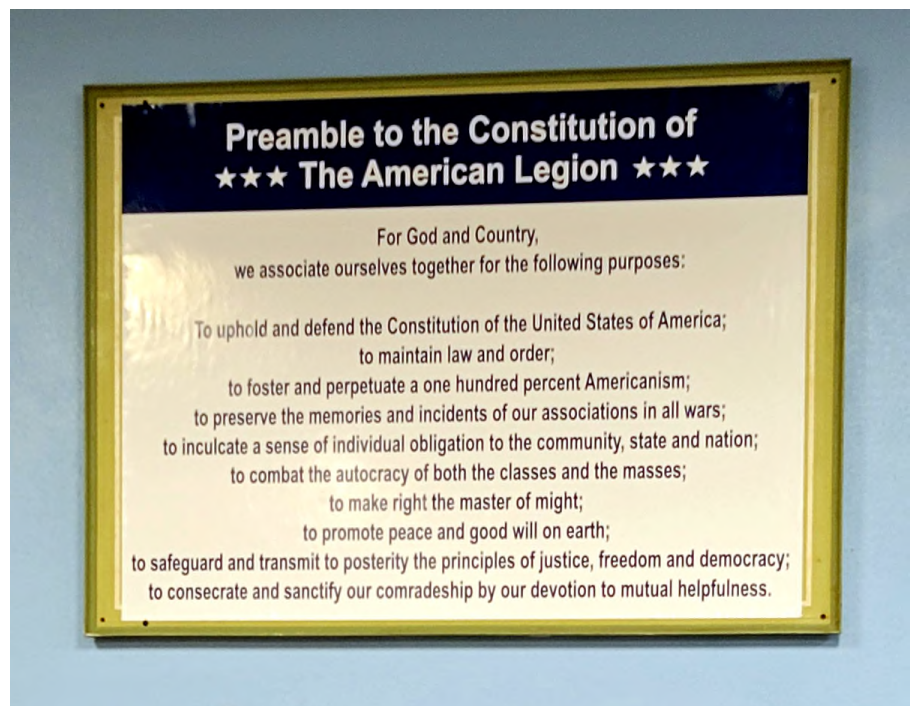
Operation A.L.F. stands for **A**merican **L**egion **F**amily, so children can name their new friend whatever they want, that way it is personally theirs.



In early January, 2nd vice Andrew hosted a volunteer recognition dinner to thank dedicated volunteers for all their efforts!



A new version of the Legion Preamble has been installed at the Legion post home. The words have deep meaning!



Reminders of important events, dates, Poppy Day

Sons of The American Legion:

Our Spring Conference was held April 6 in Monroe, WI. Mineral Point has submitted their SAL Charter application and Hazel Green is now working on one too

American Legion:

Saturday April 26 will be our 3rd District Spring Conference at the Monroe Legion Post. Please get your reservations for noon lunch sent in. Registration is from 8am to 9am with the Conference starting at 9am. Lunch registration deadline is Saturday, April 12.

American Legion Auxiliary:

Don't forget to send in your meal reservation for the 2025 Third District Conference being held on April 26 in Monroe at the Monroe United Methodist Church located at 2227 Fourth Street. Lunch registration deadline is Saturday April 12. A woman veteran from "Shield of Sisters" and Jodi Barnett, a woman veteran herself, with the State Department of Veterans Affairs, will be guest speakers.

April — Month of the Military Child

April 15 — Purple Up! Day for Military Children

April 26 — American Legion Family Day

In the United States, **National Poppy Day** is observed on the Friday before Memorial Day, which in 2025 falls on **May 23**. It's a day to honor those who have died in service and to support veterans and their families. Monroe will be selling Poppies on **Friday May 16**. Someone will be calling you to see if you can help sell poppies. If you are available, that would be great!

Here's a more detailed explanation: Purpose: National Poppy Day is a time to wear a red poppy, a symbol of remembrance and sacrifice, to honor the men and women who have died fighting for our country.

Origin: The American Legion Family brought National Poppy Day to the United States by asking Congress to designate the Friday before Memorial Day as National Poppy Day.

Tradition: The red poppy tradition originated in the aftermath of World War I, with the poem "In Flanders Fields" playing a significant role in its symbolic meaning.

American Legion Family: The American Legion Auxiliary leads the effort to distribute Poppies and encourages donations to support veterans and their families.

Memorial Day: While Remembrance Day is a similar tradition in other countries, in the United States, we don't typically wear poppies on Veterans Day, which is set aside to honor all living veterans.

Keep the poppy going please...for Veterans!



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.

Summary of Post meetings for January, February, March 2025

(Editor's Note: Administrative material deleted to save space; all actions included)

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday January 16, 2025. There were 20 members in attendance.

Committee reports:

1st Vice Pete Blum gave an updated report on our membership. Pete reported use of our website, the media platform and facebook. Also nominations for next year's officers is coming up.

2nd Vice Andrew Suthers gave the house committee report. Andrew reported the calendar of events in February, March and April. He also reported on Government Day, Memorial Day events and June 14th Flag Day.

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

Service Officer Jim Glessner reported a donation from the Green County Republican Party of \$910.00. The balance in the account is \$4,936.01. Jim reported the post made a one time grant to an American Legion member for a furnace repair bill.

Finance Officer Curt Dickson made a motion to move, transfer \$5,000.00 to open up a CD, certificate of deposit for 3.5% for 7 months at the 1st National Bank. This motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2009 hours.

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday February 20, 2025. There were 18 members in attendance for the meeting.

Committee reports:

1st Vice Pete Blum reported our post is at 85% paid membership. Pete reported our post will have a booth at the Home Show this year. Pete gave an update on SAL activities at our post. He also reported an update on Government Day probably May 1st this year.

2nd Vice Andrew Suthers reported on the calendar of events and the planning of these future events. Andrew reported the upcoming district meeting held here at our post. Also to start planning for Memorial Day next month and flag day.

2nd Vice Andrew Suthers made a motion for our post to donate \$500.00 to the Green County Leaders Group to sponsor 1 recycling container getting our name on it. This motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

The finance report was given by 2nd Vice Andrew Suthers for January 2025. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the finance report as given. The motion was passed.

Service Officer Jim Glessner gave his report. Jim stated the post should recognize Linda Dickson for making the table settings in our dining room. Jim also recognized the Green County Republican Party for their donation to our post. Jim reported upcoming classes on WW II in April at the Cheese City Senior Center.

Commander LaVerne Robieson stated there is a sign up sheet for post officers for next year in 2025.

New Business: A member made a motion for our post to purchase \$100.00 in raffle tickets from the American Legion and it was seconded. The motion was passed. The money from this raffle will help the American Legion programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 2013 hours.



(Continued on Page 11)

(Minutes continued from page 10)

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday March 20, 2025. There were 18 members in attendance for the meeting.

Committee reports:

1st Vice Pete Blum reported our post is at 146 paid members. Pete stated there is a sign up sheet to work the home show. Pete gave his report on SAL activities and its programs.

2nd Vice Andrew Suthers gave an AAR (after action report) on the last month post activities. Andrew reported on future post events in March, April with the district meeting and bingo. He also reported on planning for May Memorial Day activities and June 14th flag day activities. The first planning meeting for Memorial Day is Tuesday March 25th at 1700 hours.

Finance Officer Curt Dickson gave the finance report for February 2025. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the finance report as given. The motion was passed.

Service Officer Jim Glessner stated for everyone to get their reports into him for the upcoming newsletter.

Commander LaVerne Robieson stated Green County Youth in Government Day is Thursday May 1st. American Legion members are to meet downstairs at the Green County Justice Center in the multi-purpose rooms at 0830 hours.

Chairman of our post American Legion Cabin Mike Hubbard reported there are 3 weeks that are still open to rent the cabin.

Janel Keizer gave an update on youth activities and the raffle for the American Legion programs along with the upcoming 3rd district meeting.

Mike Furgal gave an after action report on the National VFW Conference held last week in Washington D.C. New business:

1st Vice Pete Blum read section VI-5 of the post by laws amendment stating a motion needs to be made to change this. A motion was made and it was seconded for section VI-5 to be changed that the bingo committee will be charged with the operation of the bingo games. The motion was passed. This update on the by laws takes out the wording of the beer garden at the Green County Fair which our post no longer does. The Post Adjutant does have a copy of the bylaw if anyone would like to read it all.

A motion was made and it was seconded for our post to purchase 2 medals along with the engraving for 1 male and 1 female Monroe High School student athlete for \$250.00. The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.

**Submitted by Steve Hammel,
Post adjutant**

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WWW.MONROELEGIONPOST84.COM



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

Elected Officers (Executive Committee)

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| 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

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|----------------------------------|----------|
| 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

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| 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



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

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