

**American Legion
Zilmer-Riley
Post 84**

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



Hand Salute

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April, May, June 2026

Post Calendar

APRIL

- 2—Auxiliary meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
- 3,4—Booth at Home Show, Slice
- 12—Auxiliary Breakfast
- 12—SAL meets
- 14—House committee
- 16—Monthly meeting
- 19—VFW Scholarship Breakfast 8—11:30
- 22—Government day for Green Co. students
- 25—Craft Show
- 26—Last Bingo

MAY

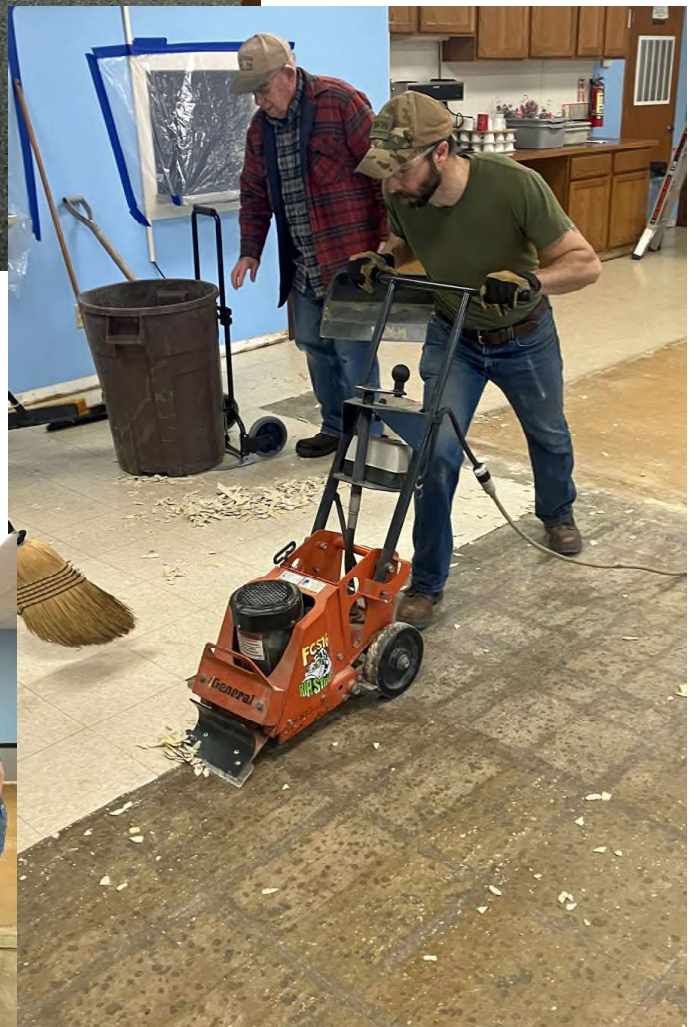
- 7—Auxiliary meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
- 9—Brat sale during city garage sale event
- 10—Auxiliary Breakfast
- 10—SAL meets
- 12—House committee
- 21—Monthly meeting
- 25—Memorial day parade, ceremonies

JUNE

- 4—Auxiliary meeting @ 4:30 p.m.
- 9—House committee
- 14—Auxiliary Breakfast
- 14—SAL meets
- 14—Flag Day events
- 18—Monthly meeting



Dining Room has a new look; Legion members stripping; bare floor (upper right) and the new surface (above)



Here's an update on membership

Peter Blum, 1st Vice
Commander
SAL Commander



If you are reading this, I want to take a moment to say thank you for joining our American Legion Family. There are many exciting things happening at the post. And one of them is the welcoming of new members. So if you see a new face at the post and you don't know them take a minute and reach out and introduce yourself and welcome them.

We have just a few members yet to pay your dues, check your membership card it should read 2026 on the top. If it does not, check your membership status at <https://mylegion.org>, if you don't have your account set up take a minute to do so. Keep your information up to date to help keep the national, state, district, and the post membership information current.

Membership post meetings are every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. Please plan to attend the next meeting. And there is always chance to win the red can. If you are not sure what the red can is come to the next meeting and find out.

As the weather warms up I hope you stop down and see all the great things happening at the American Legion post.

Sons of Legion busy during winter

The SAL has been busy this past winter. We are finishing up the treat stand during the Bingo season as part of our fund raising for this year. I want to thank everyone for all the donations we have received and my wife for baking all the goodies we sell for this event. We are blessed for this opportunity. The funds we raise from these events go toward the ALF project and for goodies we buy for care packages for troops.

The SAL would like to give a big thank you to Shoe Sensation for their generous donation of over 300 pairs of socks. These socks are destined for the VA hospital in Madison where they will be distributed to veterans in need. Thank you Shoe Sensation for your generosity.

**Bingo
Feb. 22**



Featured Entrée Menu

From the Commander

By L. Verne Robieson



APRIL

- 3 Ham & cheesy hash browns
- 10 Swedish meatballs
- 17 Pork medallions in gravy
- 24 Chicken bacon ranch pasta bake

Look for May and June menus in the Shopping News!

Bricks are still available for the brick display in front of the Post, cost is \$50. To obtain one, give the Finance Officer the following: Slip of paper with: Line 1: Name; Line 2: Rank and Service; Line 3: Where served.

Government day for high school students is April 22. Legion members who wish to join the students can come to the lower door of Justice Center at 8 a.m. Participants will learn how the justice system works. They will visit the jail, see a K9 deputy in action, hear the judges explain how a trial works. At noon the students are bused to the Legion for lunch. After lunch they return to the Center to take part in a mock trial.

Memorial Day is May 25. Legion organizes the Avenue of Flags, then with community assistance, decorate the graves of the service members. Back at the city pool the annual parade is formed, followed by ceremonies at Greenwood honoring fallen service members of the previous year.

July 4 celebrates our nation's 250th anniversary, with an observance at the Legion Post at Noon.

A reminder that volunteers are always needed at the Post events.

Cabin has Openings

The LEGION CABIN HAS THE FOLLOWING OPEN DATES:
June 20 and June 27
July 11, 18, and 25
August 29
September 5 and 12
Contact Mike Hubbard at (608) 558-0072 for arrangements and payment



Legion is making the public aware of our visibility in the community.

This booth was at the Conservation League Gun Show on March 27-28.

It was also at the Home Show April 3 and 4. Both events were at Slice.

Members staffed the booth.

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!**



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



Projects are underway

By Andrew Suthers, 2nd Vice Commander



Spring is almost here and our projects are well underway. We have a brand new floor in the dining room, new siding and trim on the north side of the building and two new entry doors into the bar area. The rest of the flooring project will take place in July. Thank you to all of our volunteers for moving tables, stripping floors, and putting everything back. Also, thank you to Janelle and the crew from Home Depot for our new siding and exterior doors. It looks great!

After a week off, we will be back in business for our Friday Night Fish Fry. Come out and see our new floor in the dining room and have some great food!

The VFW will be having a Scholarship Breakfast on Sunday, April 19th from 8-11:30. We will be serving croissant sandwiches with hashbrown, biscuits and gravy, coffee, juice or water, all for just \$10.

We have started our planning for Memorial Day. The schedule of events will be much the same as last year, with flag raising at 6 am, decorating graves at 7, staging for parade at 8:30, step off on parade at 9, and ceremony starting at roughly 9:30. Come join us to honor our past veterans.

We will also be planning for our Flag Day ceremony in June and our 250th Anniversary of our Independence on July 4th. The winner of the Henry American Legion Tribute Rifle will be drawn that day.

April will be the last month of Bingo for this session. We will begin the next session in September.

As always, keep your eyes out on our website, social media, newspaper, the bulletin board, and listen on the radio for upcoming events. Don't forget the hall is available to rent, but plan your event early, because the schedule fills up fast.

Retired Flags



Do you have an American Flag that needs to retire? You can drop off your retired flag at anytime in our drop box out front.



The Monroe Chamber recently held a well attended AI workshop at Legion Hall. This thoughtful discussion was on using AI to help shape the way we work, communicate, and do business. From practical applications to future possibilities, it was an informative session with great questions and valuable take-aways. The presenter, Bev Scheider from AI'mIn, ran a great workshop (Photo above). Chamber issued a huge thank you to our American Legion Post #84 and Anne Bauman (photo below) for the wonderful hospitality and delicious lunch.



American Legion Post 84
PRESENTS

BINGO



2025-2026 Bingo Season
April 26

Ticket sales start at noon, first game starts at 1 pm.
50/50 Raffles
Plays 10 Games Pays \$45/Game
Game 11 Progressive Jackpot / Blackout \$100
Consession stand by the
Sons of the American Legion

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



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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Dry Storage Room has been remodeled. Additional shelving was added. The new space looks great (left).

January 25 Bingo players are really involved. (Below)





Honored--This is Evan Keister, a Marine First Sergeant from WWII. He turned 104 years old in March. He has been a member of Zilmer-Riley Post #84 for 78 years. Wendy Pickett made this afghan and donated it. Linda and Curt Dickson presented it to him as a deserving recipient.



Recycling Container—Legion donated \$500 in 2025 to the Greener Monroe Project. That group applied our American Legion logo and post information onto it. Those who would like to check it out can locate it at the North Shelter House at Twining Park.



Partnering with Community

Vet Assistance—Bobby King, center, was identified by Family Promise as a veteran needing help with assistance of a home purchase here. In partnership with Family Promise’s Exec. Dir. Wendy Currie (left), Zilmer Riley Post 84 Service Fund was able to provide some funds. Service Officer Jim Glessner is at right.



A last salute was held honoring Past Commander and award-winning Cheesemaker Jim Curran.



An Irish trio—Mayor Donna Douglas was joined by Anna Miller and Anna's daughter on St Patrick's Day celebration.



**ZILMER-RILEY
AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY
UNIT 84
presents:
BREAKFAST
BUFFET**

Sunday
April 12
May 10
June 14

Ages 11 to adults \$11
Children 3 to 10 \$5
Children under 3 eat free
Proceeds are used for student
scholarships and veterans.

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Open to the public

Auxiliary
meets 1st
Thursdays
at 4:30



Auxiliary notes

By Helen Miller

President/Membership Chairman

Welcome Spring! Winter was long and snowy this past season and hopefully everyone made it through in good health and looking forward to enjoying nicer weather.

Appreciation is extended to those loyal members who have updated their 2026 dues. Perhaps those members whose dues are outstanding have just been set aside and forgotten. Members who haven't updated their dues as of 12/31/25 are not in current standing and are considered delinquent and have lost all privileges of membership. Once dues are updated privileges are reinstated. By being a member of the Auxiliary you are showing your support of a family member who served or is currently serving in the military.

EVERY MEMBER COUNTS.

“HONOR OUR COUNTRY AND SUPPORT OUR VETERANS”.

We are very pleased to report we have a new member, Sue Sacker. Her mother is Jane Swenson, Jane has been a member of the Auxiliary since 1988. **WELCOME SUE!**

Auxiliary meetings are at 4:30 PM at the Post Home on the first Thursday of the month. We do not meet in January, July, August, and December. Attendance at our meetings is greatly appreciated. If some of you could attend our meetings and the time does not work for you, let us know so we can better accommodate your attendance.

Per the Bylaws of American Legion Auxiliary Unit #84, May is Election Month and the following offices will be voted on at that meeting. We need these offices filled to keep the Auxiliary active. We will be voting on a President, Vice President, Treasurer and Membership Chairman. Your willingness to take on an office will assure the Auxiliary can keep supporting our veterans.

May is Poppy Time again. We will make our presence in the community on Friday, May 15. Hopefully we will have great support of our volunteers and donators. Proceeds from the Poppy Fund is distributed to various Veteran Facilities throughout Wisconsin. Our Poppy Princess this year is Aubree Drake, who she is the daughter of Andrew & Lindsey Drake and granddaughter of Lonna & Steve Mayer.



Third District Spring Conference is being held at the Dodgeville High School, 912 W Chapel Street, Dodgeville, WI on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Some of us will be representing our Auxiliary and if anyone else would be interested in attending, please contact me. A good attendance is appreciated.



Positive Tip: The best way to start your day is with a positive attitude and a grateful heart. (Purpose in Life)

AUXILIARY AT DISTRICT--Helen Miller, Sue Sennet and Anna Miller attended the 3rd.Dist. dinner & meeting at the Verona Legion Club.

Summary of Post meetings for January, February, March

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

January:

Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday January 15, 2026. Meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Commander LaVerne Robiesons. There were 20 members present for the meeting. Opening ceremonies were held with prayer by the Chaplain. Terry Dillon was introduced as a new member of our post. Terry is an Army National Guard veteran.

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice gave his report for membership. Also upcoming community events for recruiting events in Monroe. The 1st Vice gave his report for the SAL along with the 3rd district American Legion Christmas party.

The 2nd Vice gave an update on the flooring project and the Home Depot project here at the post. The 2nd Vice reported on the calendar of events here at the post for January and February. Also an after action report on the volunteers appreciation dinner here at the post was given. Also the American Legion gun raffle.

The Finance Officer gave his report for December 2025. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the finance report.

The Finance Officer reported on behalf of the Service Officer a donation was made by Keith Ginner for \$300.00 earmarked for a single veteran with a hardship.

The meeting was adjourned at 2007 hours.

February:

Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday February 19, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 1932 hours by Commander Laverne Robieson. There were 19 members present for the meeting. Opening ceremonies were held with prayer by the 1st Vice. Mike Bennett was introduced as a new member to the post. Mike is an Army Veteran.

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice reported our membership is at 105% per cent. Our post can have a table at the Green County Conservation League and Monroe Home Show for recruiting. Sign up sheets are available to volunteer. The 1st Vice stated our post could adopt a National Guard unit. The 1st Vice gave a report on the SAL along with taking courses on line through the American Legion College.

The 2nd Vice gave an update on our post projects. Volunteers are needed to help tear the floor out and move the tables in the dining room. The 2nd Vice made a motion to rent a dumpster not to exceed \$500.00 for clean up and it was seconded. The motion was passed. Future calendar of events at the post was given. The 2nd Vice stated planning for Memorial Day, Flag Day and July 4th Independence Day, Family Day in August will be started.

The Finance Officer gave his report for January 2026. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the finance report. The motion was passed.

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The Service Officer reported supporting some veterans with funds. Also the Chamber of Commerce Dinner last night.

The meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours.

March:

Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday March 19, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Commander LaVerne Robieson. There were 25 members present for the meeting. Opening ceremonies were held with prayer by the 1st Vice. Richard Ranum and Brandon Fiez were introduced as new members of the post. Both Richard and Brandon are Army Veterans.

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice gave his report on membership with our post being at 106% per cent. Also the 1st Vice encouraged us to renew our memberships on line. Volunteers are needed for recruiting events at the Conversation League and the Home Show. It was reported we have candidates for scholarships rewarded from our post. Again college courses from the American Legion College. The 1st Vice does have a listing of all the courses he can print off.

The 2nd Vice gave his report updating on the projects taking place here. The 2nd Vice made a motion to replace the concrete by the dining room entrance for \$1000.00 and it was seconded and passed. Planning is started on several events this spring and summer.

The Finance Officer gave his report for February 2026. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the finance report. The motion was passed. The Finance Officer made a motion to transfer \$2000.00 in funds from our ATM machine account into our CD, certificate of deposit account, the motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

The Service Officer reported our post gave \$500.00 to help a veteran pay the closing costs on buying a home here in Monroe. The money is from our service, relief fund. The veteran showed proof with his DD 214.

The Commander reported Youth in Government Day is Wednesday April 22nd meeting at the Justice Center in the meeting rooms. .

The Adjutant gave an after action report on the 3rd district Christmas Party held at the American Legion Post in Verona.

New business: Ernie Gebhardt made a motion for our post to pay for the last 3 years for the name plates for the American Legion athletic awards at the Monroe Senior High School, seconded and passed.

The Past Commander made a motion for the post to support the Monroe New Glarus martial arts club to go to Penn State for a martial arts tournament for \$500.00 and it was seconded. The motion failed and was not passed.

The red can drawing was held. Dean Ferguson was present for the drawing. Dean donated \$16.50 back to the general fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 2037 hours.

Reported submitted by Adjutant Stephen Hammel



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Zilmer-Riley American Legion Post #84 Officers for 2025-26

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 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	574-4502
Adjutant	Barry M. Mcguire Jr.	325-4399
Treasurer	Paul Donovan	426-0928
Sgt. At Arms	Robert Homerding	426-0685
SAL Advisor		

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**Bar Hours
 Monday-Friday
 3 p.m. to close
 Food Mondays**