American Legion
Zilmer-Riley
Post 84

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

Hand Salute

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Post Calendar

JULY

2—No Auxiliary meeting
4—250th Program, Noon
VFW Rib fest
12:30—3:30
Color Guard at
Twining, evening
12—Auxiliary Breakfast
12—SAL meets
14—House committee
16—Monthly meeting
24—No Fish fry; floor renewal

AUGUST

6—Auxiliary meeting; @ 5:30 p.m.
9—Auxiliary Breakfast
9—SAL meets
11—House committee
15—Family Day Picnic at Green Co, Park, Noon
20—No Monthly meeting
22-23—Booth at Pickers, Fairgrounds

SEPTEMBER

3—Auxiliary meeting @ 5:30 p.m.
8—House committee
13—Auxiliary Breakfast
13—SAL meets
17—Monthly meeting
20—Parade Wagon at Cheese Days Parade
27—Bingo starts

Passing the gavel—Past Cmdr. Laverne Robieson hands the gavel to new Cmdr. Phil Welton at June meeting. Learn all about Phil on Page 5.

Eagle Scout—On May 17, Brady Keehn received his Eagle Scout award. Brady is shown with his parents at Legion post. Brady's Scout troop is sponsored by Unit 84.

Featured Entrée Menu

Check Shopping News for monthly featured entrees

Cabin has Openings

Contact Mike Hubbard at (608) 558-0072 for arrangements and payment

From the Past Commander

By LaVerne Robieson

A huge thank you for your support these past two years. It seems the two went by so fast! I handed over the gavel to Phil Welton at the June meeting.

You may order a brick for the display in front of the Legion building. Cost of a brick is $50, and Pete Blum has a form to fill out, including your name, rank and where you served.

July 4 we will have a program at the post celebrating our 250th anniversary as a nation. It starts at Noon.

Volunteers are needed for Friday Fish fries and other functions though out the year. Volunteering once a month helps everyone!

Parking courtesy

Parking can sometimes be a challenge, especially in our limited area. In such situations, some people may be tempted to park in a neighbor's driveway for convenience. While this may seem harmless, parking on someone else's property without permission can lead to misunderstandings. Our neighbors let us park in the 4 stalls across from the front door. That is all.

There is additional parking across the street in the empty lot. If you are working an event we would like to encourage workers to park in the lots across the way and leave the stalls closer to the building for our customers. Thank you for understanding.

Scholarships awarded

This year the Zilmer Riley scholarship committee awarded two scholarships for 2026. Congratulations to Delaney Douglas and Megan Deprez. We wish our scholarship recipients continued success in their educational and future endeavors.

The Auxiliary's Poppy Princess, Aubree Drake, is shown participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

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!

Legion has been busy

By Andrew Suthers, 2nd Vice Commander

Summer is here and we still have plenty going on at our legion post! We kick off July celebrating our 250th Independence Day with a program starting at noon on July 4th and Rib Dinner following from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

I would like to thank all of those who participated in or helped out for our Memorial Day and Flag Day ceremonies. We had good weather and good attendance for both events and hope to have more next year.

We will be continuing our building projects with the other half of our building getting new flooring installed the fourth week in July. We will be closed for Fish Fry on July 24th but will reopen the following week with new floors in our entry, meeting room and bar area.

Thanks to Mike Hubbard and Dennis Potter, we have a new set of steps leading down to the pier at our Legion cabin near Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin. It was a lot of work, but they turned out great!

We will be having our Family Day Picnic on Saturday, August 15th at the Green County Park near Pleasant View. We will be serving lunch at noon with games and giveaways. All local veterans and their families are invited.

Come out and see us at the Green County Flea Market, August 22nd and 23rd at the Green County Fairgrounds. Admission and parking are free!

We will have a wagon in the Cheese Days parade this year on Sunday, September 20th. The parade starts at 12:30. Please get there early as parking is usually pretty crowded.

American Legion Post 84
PRESENTS

Our next Bingo session will begin on Sunday, September 27th. Doors open at 11, ticket sales at 12 and games start at 1.

As always you can support the post by coming to our Friday Fish Fry, monthly breakfast, and special events. We are always looking for volunteers!

Pay membership online encouraged

Peter Blum, 1st Vice Commander
SAL Commander

Summer is finally here. I hope everyone gets a chance to enjoy all the activities that Monroe Main Street has to offer. If you attend any of these events, I encourage you to wear an American Legion shirt to let more of Monroe know that we are here for our fellow veterans. And encourage them to check out and join the American Legion.

As we go forward with 26-27 membership I would like to encourage members to pay on line. Or at least log in to your account and update your information. This helps me, the state and the national in help with mailings and other information from the American Legion. Our membership has grown over the past year. I would like to encourage each member to reach out to one fellow veteran that is not a member of our post and invite them to our next event.

If you get them to sign up I will buy you and that member the following t-shirt. This offer will start July 1 2026 to July 1 2027. This shirt is only good one time per member per new member.

Have a great summer and hope to see everyone at Family Day in August.

Sons of Legion membership details

Happy summer! The SAL membership cards are coming soon. Check your mail when they come and pay your dues as soon as possible. Our membership has been slowly growing but there is always room for more. All male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during the period of April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918, or any time from December 7, 1941, to date, who served honorably, as set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

We meet every second Sunday of the month at 9 a.m. in the small conference room. Our next meeting is July 12th. Please try to attend.

We have many plans on the calendar that SAL can help with the post.

Have a great summer.

Peter Blum

SAL Commander

Meet our new commander

Phil Welton

Dec. 31, 1951, my twin brother and I were born. Over the next 15 years we grew up as farm kids in Green County. Everything from milking cows to feeding pigs and lots of field work.

In the mid 60s, my family gave up farming and moved to Monroe. I graduated from MHS in 1970, during the years after moving to town and graduation, I worked at local businesses.

In January 1971 I joined the US Navy where I spent the next 4 years and 2 months working on the USS Towers, and then the USS Cook in engineering operations. Our department kept the engines and generators running. Throughout this time I experienced visiting several continents: South America, Australia, Asia, along with many countries. Memories of these places are for the most part great experiences.

After leaving the Navy in 1975, I lived in California for a short time and then decided to return to Wisconsin. My years in the Navy included receiving letters from a young lady in Monroe. The biggest reason for returning was that same young lady.

After returning, I decided to attend UW Whitewater where that same young lady was attending. In December, 1976, I married that young lady and we lived happily in various parts of Wisconsin and Minnesota. We had three children who are now all in their 40s. Sadly Marlene passed from cancer in 2016.

I bought a house in Mountain, WI., and lived there a few years. While here I was involved with the American Legion, along with living and working in the area. I retired in 2016 and returned to Monroe, to be near our grown children. I visit my children and grandson as time allows. I'm good at updating and fixing my home on the south side of Monroe. My lady friend Terri now lives with me and we together enjoy gardening, dancing, and playing golf.

Life moves on!

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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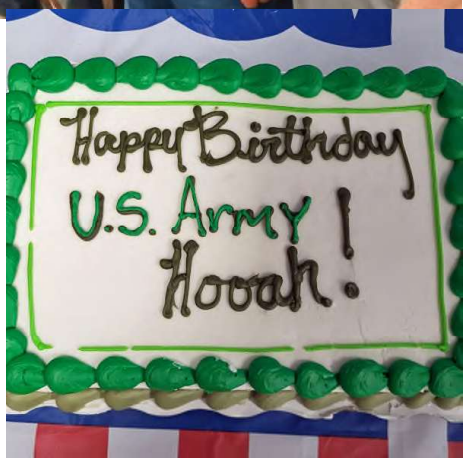
Memorial Day parade and ceremony at Greenwood Cemetery

FLAG DAY CERE MONY & PRO GRAM

New steps installed at Legion cabin near Lake Tomahawk

The Legion's Army Vets Celebrated The Army's Birthday In style!



President Chris reports; new officers named

By Chris Wenger
Unit #84 President

We are united, focusing on respect and kindness to all members and nonmembers. We have a lot to accomplish this year. Memorial Day was a commemoration event attended by many.

We are planning on a 25 year recognition of 9/11. It gave everyone a wake-up call to not take our FREEDOM and privileges as we know as everyday life, for granted.

We had a successful Poppy Day distribution held on May 15. We are very grateful for the many volunteers who gave their time helping us distribute poppies and the businesses who allow us to be at their locations. Poppy donations help the American Legion Auxiliary assist veterans, military and their families, providing comfort and care for America's Heroes.

Our new officers elected for the upcoming year are: President: Chris Wenger, Vice President: Anne Bauman, Treasurer: Lori Burmeister, and Secretary: Becky Rood. Helen Miller will continue as Membership Chairman. Looking forward to working with all of you.

The Monroe Unit continues to hold our regular monthly second Sunday breakfast. We're grateful for all the people who attend our breakfasts and our many volunteers. We wouldn't be a success without all of you! We are working on holding fundraisers and more community exposure. We are striving to work together for a solid foundation.

God Bless our Unit and ALL our Veterans.

Auxiliary Group at Memorial Day Parade and program

Auxiliary meets 1st Thursdays at 5:30

Auxiliary notes

By Helen Miller

Membership Chairman

Days, months, years, and seasons have a way of slipping away on us fast. Now we are headed into summer where many activities are planned. Hope your summer will be filled with many memorable activities and friendships.

I wish I could report our unit's goal has been met, but there are still a few who have yet to send in their 2026 dues. I reiterate that members who haven't updated their 2026 dues at this time, those members aren't in current standing and are considered delinquent and have lost all privileges of membership. Once dues are updated however, 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".

In July a new Roster and Membership Cards for 2027 will be printed and dues notices will be sent. National states dues for 2027 are due by12/31/26. We hope we can count on all of you to remain a member, the **Veterans** and the **Auxiliary needs your support.**

As our President Chris Wenger stated, we have installed new officers for the upcoming year. We look forward to working with these new officers and giving them our support. We are very pleased to report attendance has increased at our meetings. New members plus our regular members bring new ideas and keeps us abreast of what the Auxiliary is all about and involved in to support our Post and Veterans.

We have changed our meeting time to 5:30 p.m. at the Post Home on the first Thursday of the month to accommodate working members. Hopefully we will see more of our members at meetings. We do not meet in January, July, August, and December.

We are sponsoring two Junior students from Monroe High School to attend the Badger Girls State. They have an opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens by learning about duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship. It encourages their participation in the democratic process as they progress into adulthood. This "hands on" method is unique and extremely effective and was held June 21-26 in Oshkosh, WI. The Badger Girls are Lian Truong and Aridni Acosta. These girls will give a presentation on their experience and knowledge gained, at a later date.

It is sad to report we have lost three members since our last newsletter – Ann Wells passed away in March and was a member since 2015. Ann's late father George Wells was a very active member of the Post. Phyllis Huebner was a member since 1994 and also passed away in March. Hedy Swiggum was a member since 1949 and passed away on June 22. Hedy was 102 years young! Our condolences to the families.

On a joyful note, it is a honor to report one of our long-time members since 1948 Bea Schild, is celebrating her **104th** birthday on July 4th. If you would like to send Bea a card, you can send it addressed to Bea in care of the Post Home, 1627 – 12th Avenue and we will see that she gets it.

Positive Tip: When you over think, remember this quote: "Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace".(Power of Positivity)

Above: Next Generation 4-H club helped @ June 14th Auxiliary breakfast; other breakfast photos right

Badger Honor Flight Donation—Auxiliary Unit 84 Chris Wenger and Helen Miller presented a $100 donation to Beatrice Patterson at the Moose Lodge for Badger Honor Flight.

Summary of Post meetings for April, May, June

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

April:
The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday April 16, 2026. There were 18 members attending.. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Post Commander LaVerne Robieson. Opening ceremonies were held with prayer by the 1st Vice Peter Blum.

The minutes from the March 2026 meeting were ready by Phil Welton, It was moved, seconded and approved as read.

Committee reports:
1st Vice Peter Blum: Membership update as the post is at 106%. 3rd District Conference held in Dodgeville.

2nd Vice Andrew Suthers: Update on projects and improvements made inside the post building. Calendar of events at the post in April, May, June and July.
Youth in Government Day, Memorial Day activities, June as read. Flag Disposal Day activities and July 4th Independence Day activities. An after action report was given on the Monroe Home Show and the Green County Conservation League on our booth, display set up

Finance Officer Curt Dickson: The finance report for March 2026 was given. It was moved, seconded and approved as read.The Finance Officer reported receiving a bad check at Bingo. The Finance Officer is working with the Monroe Police Department and the bank to resolve and recover the $50.00 plus for the bad check.

New business:
A motion was made and it was seconded to move our savings account to the Community Credit Union here in town for an improved interest rate. The motion was passed.

Closing ceremonies were held with prayer by the 1st Vice Peter Blum. The meeting was adjourned at 2030 hours.

May:
The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday May 21, 2026. There were 23 members attending. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Post Commander LaVerne Robieson. Opening ceremonies were held with prayer by Chaplain Mike Furgal.

The Adjutant read the minutes from the April 2026 meeting. They were moved, seconded and approved as read. The Adjutant gave an after action report on the 3rd district conference. The Adjutant gave information on the Memorial Day ceremony to be held on Sunday at the Green County Veteran's Memorial Park.

Committee reports:
1st Vice Peter Blum: Update on the membership of the post. Our membership cards will be arriving late. Also members can upload the app and renew their membership.

2nd Vice Andrew Suthers: Update on the projects at the post building. Memorial Day activities and the time line. Information on Flag Day Disposal ceremony at the post home.

Finance Officer Curt Dickson: The finance report for April 2026 was given, moved, seconded and approved as read.
Service Officer Jim Glessner: Update on our service relief fund is at $5,606.01.The Service Officer will do a report on our deceased veterans on the radio station.

Past Commander Janel Keizer: 3 to 4 member teams needed for decorating the graves on Memorial Day. Update on the American Legion state cash raffle prizes.

New business:
A motion was made and it was seconded to give a $50.00 gift certificate from our post to Dennis Potter for helping with the cabin clean up and work done to the cabin. The motion was passed.

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A motion was made and it was seconded to raise our deductible to $5,000.00 from $1,000.00 on our insurance policy. The motion was passed.

Ernest Gebhardt, Moved nominations be closed and an unanimous ballot cast for those presented by the nomination committee. Seconded and approved.
Commander is Phil Welton,
1st Vice is Peter Blum.
2nd Vice is Andrew Suthers,
Finance Officer is Curt Dickson,
Service Officer is Jim Glessner,
Adjutant is Stephen Hammel
Past Commander is LaVerne Robieson.
Members at large are John Schild, Gene Rood and Mike Bennett.

No one was present for the red can drawing.

Closing ceremonies were held with prayer by Chaplain Mike Furgal. The meeting was adjourned at 2041 hours.

June:
The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday June 18, 2026. There were 24 members attending. The meeting was called to order at 1935 hours by the Post Commander LaVerne Robieson. Opening ceremonies were held with prayer by Chaplain Mike Furgal.
The Green County Commander Rhonda Waldvogel was in attendance.

The Adjutant read the minutes from the May 2026 meeting. They were moved, seconded, and approved..

Committee **reports:**
1st Vice Peter Blum: Update on our post membership. Update on SAL activities.
There is a sign up sheet for the Green County Pickers to volunteer to work at our booth.

2nd Vice Andrew Suthers: Update on the flooring project tear up on July 18th and 19th at 0800 hours. The 2nd Vice made a motion and it was seconded not to spend more than $500.00 to rent a dumpster. The motion was passed. An after action report was given on the Memorial Day ceremony and the Flag Day disposal ceremony. Future events for Independence Day, July 4th activities including the honor guard. The VFW Post will be sponsoring a rib dinner here at the post. Our annual family day will now be held on Saturday August 15th at 1200 hours. There are still dates available to rent the cabin.

The finance report was given by 2nd Vice Andrew Suthers. Motion was made, seconded and approved.

Service Officer Jim Glessner: There is $5, 806.01 in our service account. Reports for Hand Salute are due June 26th.

New business:
A motion was made and it was seconded to remove the beer tappers in the bar. The motion was passed.

A motion was made and it was seconded to have an advertisement ad to sponsor the Monroe High School Cross Country team at the Platteville Invitational Event for $55.00. The motion was passed.

The red can drawing was held. Drawn was Dean Furgerson and he was present for the drawing.

Closing ceremonies were held with prayer by Chaplain Mike Furgal. The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hours.

Reports submitted by Adjutant Stephen Hammel.

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Zilmer-Riley American Legion Post #84 Officers for 2026-27

Elected Officers (Executive Committee)

Commander - Phillip Welton	715-701-0487
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 Cmdr - LaVerne Robieson	426-4412
Adjutant - Stephen Hammel	558-6493
Member at Large - Mike Hubbard	558-0072
Member at Large - John Schild	558-8680
Member at Large - Mike Bennett	

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

Auxiliary Zilmer-Riley Legion Post 84

President: Chris Wenger, 426-2452; Vice President: Anne Bauman, Treasurer: Lori Burmeister, Secretary: Becky Rood. Helen Miller Membership Chairman.

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		

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