

**American Legion
Zilmer-Riley
Post 84**

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



Hand Salute

Volume 10, issue 4

October, November, December 2026

Post Calendar

October

1—Auxiliary meeting
@5:30
10—H-K-B, 1158th &
64th ROC reunion, 4:30
11—Auxiliary Breakfast
11—SAL meets
13—House committee
14—VFW Potato/Soup
Bar 4-7
15—Monthly meeting,
7:30
25—Bingo
25—Trunk or Treat,
Square

November

5—Auxiliary meeting;
@ 5:30 p.m.
8—Auxiliary Breakfast
8—SAL meets
10—House committee
11—Vets Day Dinner,
4-7
19—Monthly meeting,
7:30
22—Bingo
27—NO Fish fry

December

3—Auxiliary meeting
@ 5:30 p.m.
8—House committee
13—Auxiliary Breakfast
13—SAL meets
17—Monthly meeting,
7:30
19—Post Christmas
Party, 11 am
25—NO Fish Fry
27—Bingo



**The Legion Post 84 has a new sign out front!
Made possible by several donations!**



**A look at the second installment of new floors at the Legion.
Bar and front office area completes the project. Photos on Page 6.**

Check Shopping News for monthly featured entrees

Calendars

Are needed

Various direct mailers are now sending out 2027 calendars

If you have extra, drop them off at Legion Post and SO Jim will get them to Pleasant View for residents there!

From the Commander

By Phil Welton



The month of October is upon us, meaning that 2026 is quickly coming to an end.

We will soon be waking up to grass that crunches or a field of white across everything we see. Plus clearing a driveway so that we can get to our destination. On the positive side, most of us are Wisconsin natives, which means we have lived with these conditions all of our lives. With all this comes some of our favorite holidays: Thanksgiving where we can eat until we are uncomfortable while enjoying the company of family and friends. Following that we get Christmas. The last six days of December that includes getting together with family and friends, relatives, children, grandchildren and others who have a constant impact on our lives. *Altogether a time to enjoy.*

The month of September had busy days, mostly, Cheese Days in Monroe. Days that are enjoyed by many, including people who do not like cheese!!!! WHAT????

Then again there is the rest of us who grew up with cheese always on the table. Many of us are or were farmers and cheese was part of what we did.

Back to Cheese Days, a good time. Lots to do even though the weather was a bit damp. Standing in the rain, waiting for the parade to begin, then the parade itself with 107 groups in celebration. Damp, but still a good time for a good cause.

NOTE: volunteers are always needed to help out with post functions. Thank you to all who participate in various capacities throughout every given week, month and year. Volunteering even once a month helps everyone. Helping can produce a feel-good period in all of our lives.

All Legion members are welcome to attend meetings. This is the best way to hear what is on the calendar and also to participate in planning and decisions.



Post held a ceremony on September 11, commemorating the 9-11 event. City, fire and first responders attended. (Above) Service Officer Jim Glessner presented a slide deck on the Flight 93 Memorial.

**Post Hall is
Accepting
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ing options!**



Hand Salute

Legion is always busy

By Andrew Suthers, 2nd Vice Commander



As Summer winds to an end and Fall/Winter set in, we will continue to stay busy at the American Legion. We have completed most of our larger projects like the flooring, which turned out very nice, but we will still have plenty of smaller projects around the post to get done over the winter.

Our schedule will stay busy as well, with different events every month and also our regular events as well.

*The VFW will host a
Soup and Potato Bar on
Wednesday, October 14th from
4-7 pm. Dine in or carry-out.*

*We will have our
Veterans Day Dinner on
Wednesday, November 11th
from 4-7 pm, which is a free
dinner open to all veterans and
their spouses.*



***Our Post Christmas Potluck will be on Saturday, December 19th
with a social hour starting at 11 and lunch at noon.***

We serve a \$5 meal every Monday from 3-7 and the bar is open as well. Friday Fish Fry continues to be very popular, as well as the Auxiliary's Second Sunday Breakfast. We are always looking for volunteers for both of those events.

Our first session of Bingo started in September with a very nice crowd. The progressive jackpot continues to climb and we have multiple raffles, food stand and the bar open as well. Please continue to follow us on Facebook, e-mail, and our bulletin boards, as new events and information are posted regularly.

Memberships & check your info

By Peter Blum,
1st Vice Commander



2027 Membership

Membership for 2027 is well on its way! Please remember to pay your 2027 membership dues. Our goal is to reach **100% membership by Veterans Day**. Every membership is important, and your continued support helps make our Post successful. If you have any questions about your membership, please contact me at legionpost84@hotmail.com.

Veterans Day Meal

Please mark your calendar for **November 11th**. Join us at the **American Legion Post** from **4:00–7:00 PM** for our Veterans Day Meal. **This meal is open to all veterans and their spouses.**

Has Your Contact Information Changed?

Has any of the following changed?

- Address
- Email address
- Phone number



If any of your information has changed, please take a moment to update us by visiting:

www.monroeleghionpost84.com/contact/

Please let us know what information has changed so we can keep our records up to date.

Are You Receiving Our Emails?

If you are not receiving emails from the Post, we may not have your current email address. Please take a moment to visit: www.monroeleghionpost84.com/contact/ And provide your current email address so you can stay informed about Post activities, events, and announcements.



Sons of Legion seeks memberships

By Pete Blum
SAL Commander

Fall & Winter Update

As we come to the end of summer, fall and winter will soon be upon us. The SAL is not slowing down!

Our first objective is membership. We always welcome new members who qualify. To join the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), you must be a male of any age who is a direct descendant, adopted son, or stepson of a member of The American Legion or an eligible veteran. Please email me at legionpost84@hotmail.com if you have any further questions.

Our second objective is to support the American Legion Post and the veterans in our community. We are proud to help our Post and give back to those who have served our country.

Our third objective is to support the ALF program. Operation A.L.F. (American Legion Family) is a Wisconsin program run by the Sons of the American Legion that provides free plush comfort puppies to children in need of deployed family member.



Bingo Season

With Bingo season starting, the SAL will once again be running the **treat stand during Bingo**. This is our major fundraiser for the year, and your support is greatly appreciated. Stop in and have lunch on Bingo Sundays—whether you stay to play Bingo or not!

Thank you to everyone who supports the SAL and helps us continue our mission of supporting our veterans, our Post, and our community.



Legion Post 84/VFW had a booth and display at the Pickers event at the Green County Fairgrounds.

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:

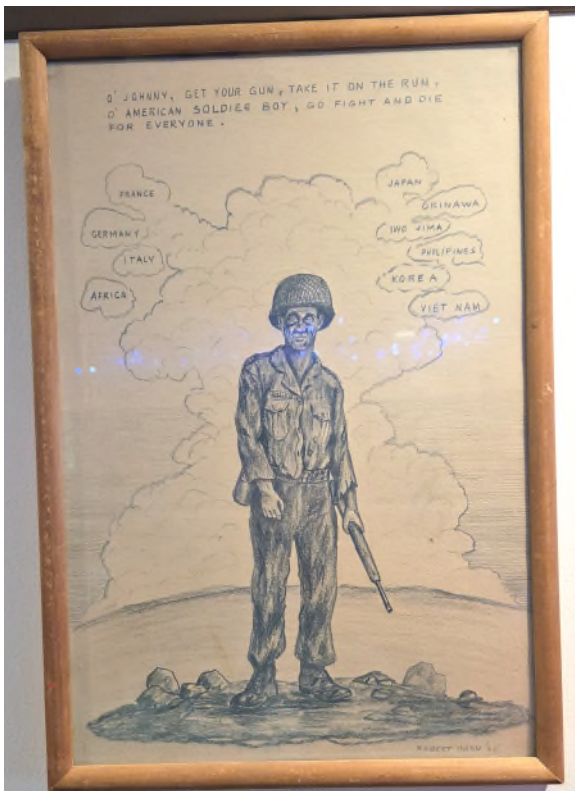
- ★ Memorial Day Commemoration
- ★ Care Packages for Deployed Personnel
- ★ Honor Guard & Color Guard
- ★ Encouraging Patriotism
- ★ Events for Military Families
- ★ Flag Disposal

Many events are coordinated with the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion

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Installing the new floor in bar and office area in July!



Post has a new addition in the bar area. New member Rich Ranum is shown with Commander Phil Welton. The sketch portrays a GI with world battle locations in the background.





250th anniversary was observed with a program at Post 84 on July 4. Participants included Andrew Suthers, Phil Welton and Mike Furgal



Legion Post 84 and VFW Post 2313 combined to finance the new flagpole at the new Monroe High School



President Chris reports: Busy months for Auxiliary

It's been a few busy months at the American Legion Auxiliary.

We have been busy with parades, getting involved with the community events and helping at the nursing homes. We had our monthly breakfast and bake sale. On 9-11 we honored our police, fire department and EMS, remembering the ones who lost their lives.

We are always looking ahead for new ideas to honor and help our veterans and their families.

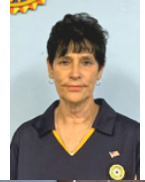
GOD BLESS our Veterans and the USA !! Thanks to all who serve.

New officers for the Auxiliary (above right)

Auxiliary members at the Albany parade (right)

A successful bake sale at a recent Auxiliary breakfast (below)

By Chris Wenger
Unit #84 President



Auxiliary member Ann Miller poses with the new aprons featuring poppy logo and Auxiliary lettering



Auxiliary
meets 1st
Thursdays
at 5:30



Get dues in; note app changes

By Helen Miller

Membership Chairman

Fall is upon us and always is a beautiful time of the year. Along with fall comes gorgeous tree colors, fallen leaves and cooler weather. Hope many of you will experience this beautiful time of the year.

By now you all should have received your dues notice for 2027, unless you are Paid Up For Life members. Thank you for those members who, after receiving their notice, have already forwarded their dues. The dues remain the same as in previous years, \$34.00 for a senior member and \$5.25 for a Junior Member. When a Junior Member turns 18 they are considered an adult. Since some of our Junior members have reached the age 18, our Junior membership is shrinking. We are asking if you have a grandchild who would be eligible, please consider making them a part of our organization. Junior members are the future of our organization to keep it active and strong. Junior members are eligible to apply for scholarships.

•National has made changes to our membership application. Changes are:

•Grandmother now says Grandparent; Mother now says Parent; Sister now says Sibling; Daughter now says Child; Granddaughter now says Grandchild

Two Degrees of Consanguinity means: Great-grandparents, great-grandchildren or any further generations are not included. *This is per IRS requirement 2019.*

•We are pleased to report one of our past members, Kristy McNett, has rejoined our Auxiliary – **Welcome back Kristy**. Also we have a new member, Doralyn Wilson, who qualified under her deceased father (Vietnam Era) Fred Wittek. **Welcome Doralyn!**

•Our Auxiliary meets the first Thursday of every month at 5:30 PM in the Post Home. We hope you can join us at our meetings to see what we do. The mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. With Veterans Day (**November 11th**) right around the corner – let's all remember this mission as well as every day of the year.

•Although this message is very early – hope you all have a very Happy Holiday Season.

•Positive Tip: Your mind believes what you tell it, so tell it positive things.

ZILMER-RILEY AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 84

Buffet Breakfast

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY

SERVING FROM
★ 8:00 – 11:30 AM ★

AGES 11 TO ADULT ★ **\$11** ★ CHILDREN 3 TO 10 ★ **\$5**

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Legion's oldest ACTIVE member Jim Glessner was presented a pie for his 90th birthday at a recent Auxiliary breakfast

Summary of Post meetings for July and September

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

July 2026:

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday July 16, 2026 . Meeting was called to order at 1931 hours by Post Commander Phillip Welton, with 21 members in attendance. Opening ceremonies were held with prayer by Chaplain Mike Furgal.

Minutes from the June 2026 meeting were read, moved, seconded and approved.

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice gave his report on membership. The membership cards will be getting out to the members. A challenge was given to get new members signed up. Also members who have belonged to the post for a long time will be recognized.

The 2nd Vice gave his report with projects starting this weekend for the new flooring. The calendar of future events and activities at the post and the community. An after action report was given on the July 4th activities held at the post. Planning for the 25th anniversary of the September 11th attack for a ceremony to be held at our post.

Finance Officer gave his report for June 2026 and it was seconded and approved.

Service Officer gave his report if any veteran needs help because of the weather to contact him.. Also the Service Officer will be doing a presentation of on the history of the Swiss Colony at the Cheese City Social Center.

Other business: Steve Ranum donated a pencil sketching of a soldier to our post.

The red can drawing was held and Commander Phillip Welton was present to win the drawing. The Commander won \$27.00 and donated \$4.00 back to the red can.

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

There was no monthly meeting held in August 2026.

September 2026:

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Thursday September 17, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 1932 hours by Post Commander Phillip Welton with 21 members present.

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Jennifer Kaiser, **(right)** the SSM Hospice Volunteer Coordinator, gave a presentation for the We Honor Veterans program.

A new member was in attendance being Sean Sweeney. Another member was in attendance who has not been at a meeting for a long time being Chris Dearth.

The Adjutant read the minutes from the July 2026 meeting, which were seconded and approved.

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice gave his report on membership, the post is at 61% paid members. The 3rd district conference is at the Barneveld American Legion Post on Saturday, October 17th with registration starting at 0800 hours and the meeting starting at 0900 hours. The Monroe Chamber of Commerce appreciation night is on Wednesday September 30th at Hawk's Landing Winery in Browntown.

The 2nd Vice gave his report on the new floor that was installed. An updated report on the post building with a new sign for the post and a new water heater. An after action report was given on the following post activities: veterans family day picnic held at our post because of the rain; Green County Pickers at the fairgrounds; September 11th ceremony. Future events and activities held at the post and in the community. Information on participating in the Cheese Days Parade. We will need a caller for bingo. Veteran's day activities held at the Monroe schools.

The Finance Officer gave his finance reports for July 2026 and August 2026. Both were moved, seconded and approved..

Service Officer reported on veteran's day program at Pleasant View at 1430 hours on Veteran's Day. The Cheese Center museum will be open this weekend.

New business: A motion was made and it was seconded to donate \$100.00 to purchase candy for trunk and treat. The motion was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours.

Reports submitted by Adjutant Stephen Hammel.



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.

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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



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

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