

**American Legion
Zilmer-Riley
Post 84**

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



Hand Salute

Volume 9, Issue 4

October, November, December 2025

Post Calendar

OCTOBER

- 11—GOP Breakfast
- 12—Auxiliary Breakfast
- 12—SAL meets
- 14—House committee
- 15—Soup/potato dinner
- 16—Monthly meeting
- 18—3rd Dist Mtg at Gays Mills
- 26—Trunk or Treat
- 26—Bingo

NOVEMBER

- 8—GOP Breakfast
- 9—Auxiliary Breakfast
- 9—SAL meets
- 11—Vet's Day Dinner
- 11—House committee
- 20—Monthly meeting
- 23—Bingo
- 29—Craft show

DECEMBER

- 9—House committee
- 14—Auxiliary Breakfast
- 14—SAL meets
- 18—Monthly meeting
- 20—Christmas party (dish to pass) Noon

NOTICE

There will be NO Friday fish fries on Nov. 28; Dec. 26; or Jan. 2, 2026



Booth at pickers event: Pete Blum, Andrew Suthers, and others manned the joint Legion/VFW booth this year. 1st Vice Pete reported two new members and increased interest in our Post 84.

Photo by Curt Dickson



The Legion sponsored baseball team is featured here: Back (Left to Right) --Coach Chris Wubben, Riese McIntosh, Tyler Briggs, Ian Berg, Zane Sefrood, Skylar Steinman, Coach Jeremy Meier; Front--Kaiden Rieder, Sawyer Meier, Logan Meier, Wyatt Weckerly, Owen Hicks

First Vice Report & Sons of American Legion



**Peter Blum, 1st Vice Commander
SAL Commander**

Membership 2026 drive is in full swing. I would like to thank those who have paid their dues for 2026. I would also like to welcome the new members that have joined our American Legion Family. We only have a few members left that have not paid your dues for 2026. Please take care of this as soon as possible. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Our goal is 100%.

Email update! Are you getting our emails of our events? If not that means we don't have your email address or correct email address. Please take a minute and contact me at legionpost84@hotmail.com or <https://www.monroelezionpost84.com/contact>. We want to hear from you.

In closing, post meetings are every 3rd^d Thursday at 7:30 PM. I hope to see you there.

Enjoy the last few days for summer!

Sons of the American Legion

The SAL is always working hard. The Bingo season has started back up and the Sons of the American Legion will be at the treat stand again. A portion of the funds raised will go to the continued support of the ALF program.

The SAL also is continuing work with send care packages to deployed troops. If you know of a deployed individual, please reach out to me so we can build a box for them.

The Sons of the American Legion meets every second Sunday at 9:00 am in the small conference room.

See us at the next event.



Sons of the American Legion Post 84

Care packages for troop
Do you know of a deployed military personal? 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 address.

**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!**



**This was the table setting
at the recent Optimist
Club Awards and Officer
Installation dinner!**



Busy fall at your Legion

By Andrew Suthers, 2nd Vice Commander



Another busy Fall schedule for the American Legion, as we look forward to cooler weather and spending time with our loved ones.

First off, we have some great news as far as improvements to the building. Home Depot has approved a \$7,578.72 grant for work to be done on the exterior of the building. We will be replacing most of the exterior doors and the wood portion of the exterior siding. The project will be split into two parts and will be done with a combination of volunteers and contractors. We will be posting the dates/times when work will be done to our Facebook page, so that anyone who wants to help out can join us. This will be a team effort!

Next, we have plans to replace our flooring at some point in the future and have started raising funds for the project. We have a goal of raising \$20,000 to replace all of the carpet and tile flooring in the main entry, meeting room, bar and the dining room with a low maintenance epoxy type flooring that should last a lifetime. Donations for the project are greatly appreciated!

Our schedule will be pretty full again this fall and winter with lots of activities including: Soup and Potato Bar on Wednesday, October 15th from 4-7, Veterans Day Dinner on Tuesday, November 11th from 4-7, Bears/Packers game on Sunday, December 7th from 11-3, and our Post Holiday party on Saturday, December 20th at noon.

Our Friday Night Fish Fry continues to be popular, with new faces every week. Our wonderful cook Anne has some good hearty specials planned every week and desserts to top it off! We will, however, be closed for Fish Fry the Fridays after Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years, to allow for our volunteers to spend much needed time with their families.

Our Monday night meals are going great as well, with a different low cost meal every week and good company at the bar.

Don't forget our Auxiliary breakfast, the second Sunday of every month with all you can eat for \$11 and all proceeds going toward the scholarship program. And Bingo every month, dates posted on the Legion Facebook page as well as flyers on the bulletin boards.

Gun Raffle tickets are still available, with our drawing on Veterans Day. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the bar. Also, the VFW has raffle calendars for sale, \$20 each with a chance to win every week. These are also available at the bar.

A reminder that the post has a Relief Fund for veterans or family members of a veteran in need. If you or someone you know is a veteran/family member in need, please let us know.

Featured Entrée Menu

From the Commander

By L. Verne Robieson



October

- 3— Beef tips and noodles
- 10—chicken pot pie w/biscuit
- 17—pork roast
- 24—beef stew
- 31—goulash

November

- 7—port chops
- 14—lasagna
- 21—turkey w/ dressing

December

- 5—bacon wrapped meat loaf
- 12—baked chicken
- 19—ham w/cheesy hash browns

Look for monthly highlighted dinners (See post calendar)

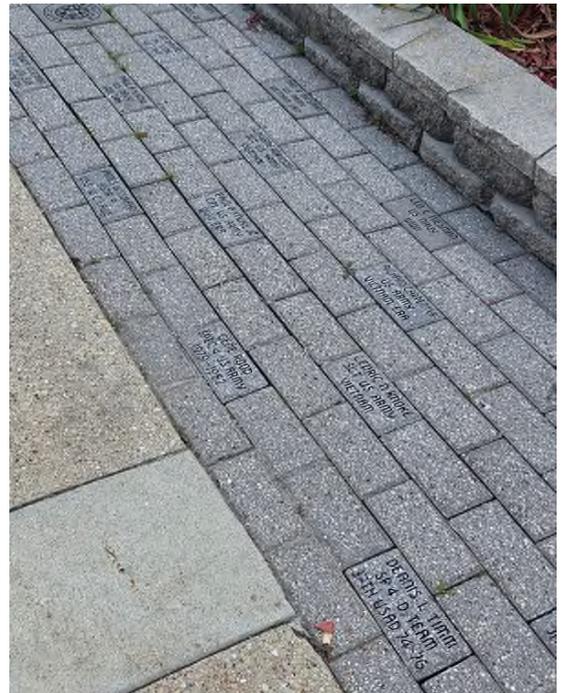
There will be NO Friday fish fries on Nov. 28; Dec. 26; or Jan. 2, 2026

We are grateful for Andrew getting completed bricks placed in front of the Legion post. Anyone who would like a brick, fill out, on a 4 x 8 paper, your name printed on first line; service and rank on second line; where served on 3rd line. Give to the Finance Officer with deposit.

Thank you to all volunteers of our post, who serve in different functions. Many volunteers are needed for Bingo, Friday night fish fry, etc.

Volunteers are needed for the Honor Guard to replace some of the older members.

Again, a big thank you for all the volunteers contributing their time serving the Post.



Flooring Fundraiser

The Legion Post is looking to replace the flooring throughout the entire building. The entire project will cost about \$20,000 to remove the old flooring and install new epoxy based flooring. Over following months we will be raising funds to get to this goal. So in spring of 2026 we can start this project. Watch for future fundraising event to achieve this goal.

Thank you for your continued support of American Legion Zilmer Riley Post No 84.

GOAL: \$20,000

26% \$5,200

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GUN RAFFLE

*American Legion
Zilmer-Riley Post 84*



DRAWING WILL BE NOVEMBER 11TH 2025

\$10 PER TICKET

Savage Axis XP .270 Bolt Action Rifle with a 3-9x 40 Bushnell Banner Scope or Cash Value of the Rifle (Must be legally able to purchase Firearm) Ticket are available at the Post for purchase. Special thanks to Martin's Sporting Goods

American Legion Post 84
PRESENTS

BINGO



2025-2026 Bingo Season

Sept 28th, Oct 26th, Nov 23, Dec 28, Jan 25, Feb 22,
March 22, 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
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www.monroeleionpost84.com/bingo

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.



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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**We
Saw
You at
Legion
Summer
Picnic**





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THANKS

FOR ALL YOU'VE GIVEN

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To show our appreciation and gratitude to veterans we are hosting a

VETERANS DAY DINNER

Tuesday, November 11th from 4:30 to 7:00

American Legion Post 84
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Rsvp at 608-325-4244 or email legionpost84@hotmail.com
This event is open to any Veteran & spouse.



Join us for a

Christmas Potluck

December 20 2025
Social Hour at 11:00 am
Dine at noon

Post will provide the meat, tableware
coffee/Juice/Water. Please bring a dish to pass.
Call (608-325-4244) or email
legionpost84@hotmail.com to sign up.

News
from
Post and
Auxiliary



By Helen Miller
President/Membership Chairman

Soon we can look forward to some colorful fall colors, which is always a beautiful time of the year. Cooler weather will be welcome, but a lot of snow, not so welcome!

First of all we need to inform you of an officer change - Chris Wenger is no longer serving as our President. I am at the present time taking on the responsibility of President until we can elect another President. Any help or suggestions would be welcome.

Membership dues notices for 2026 are just going out. Hopefully we will have a great year meeting our goal of 122. We have not met our goal for a number of years.

IT SEEMS MANY ORGANIZATIONS ARE STRUGGLING TO CARRY OUT THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO KEEP ACTIVE AND WE ARE INCLUDED. WE URGENTLY NEED MEMBERS TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS TO FIND OUT WHAT THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY IS ALL ABOUT AND SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION TO CARRY OUT WHAT WE ARE HERE FOR. WE ARE HERE TO "HONOR OUR COUNTRY AND SUPPORT OUR VETERANS". A SURVEY IS BEING RELEASED SHORTLY TO CURRENT MEMBERS IN OUR LOCALE TO GET YOUR FEEDBACK ON A CONVENIENT MEETING DATE/TIME SO WE CAN GET BETTER ATTENDANCE AT OUR MEETINGS.

COME ON POST MEMBERS – GET YOUR SPOUSES SIGNED UP! We need your support! LET'S GET RECRUITING! ALSO MEMBERS IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A MEMBER, REACH OUT AND GET THEM SIGNED UP. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS TO A VETERAN ARE: MALE SPOUSE, FEMALE SPOUSE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, SISTER, SELF, DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER. Fees are \$34.00 for a Senior Member and \$5.25 for a Junior Member. When a Junior Member turns 18 they are considered as an adult.

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

**October 12
November 9
December 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

A huge salute and Thank You goes out to all our loyal and dedicated members for their many years of keeping up their membership, and at this time are giving special recognition to eight members who have been members for over 70 plus years. They are Virginia Goetz, Ann Hudson, Anna Miller, Letta Moon, De Paulson, Beatrice Schild, Hedy Swiggum, and Jean Van Wagenen.

Thank you to those members who have been saving **Stamps for Wounded Warriors**. They are very appreciative to receive these cancelled stamps and always send a Thank You. You can send these stamps to “Stamps For the Wounded”, PO Box 297, Dunn Loring, VA 22027 or if in the area, just drop them off at the Post Home. Leave approximately ½” around the stamps. These stamps are sent to our wounded and ill servicemen and women who are in and out patients at department of Veterans Affairs hospitals and domiciliary facilities located all across the country. These people have served in the US Military as far back as WWII and in trouble spots in the world.

Everyone have a **Thankful Thanksgiving** and a **Blessed Christmas Season!**

Positive Tip: Always do good, it comes back to you in unexpected ways. Believe it!

Power of Positivity.



Above: Albany Riverfest parade August 17th. Lori Seffrood, Chris Wenger, Kathy Kuebli, Anna Miller, Julie Miller, Helen Miller.



Right: Auxiliary members with District president at recent meeting.

Summary of Post meetings for July and September

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

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Tuesday July 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 1932 hours by Commander LaVerne Robieson at 1932 hours. There were 17 members present for the meeting.

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice gave a report on membership. Also reported was our post will be sharing a table with the VFW and the auxiliary at the Green County Pickers. The 1st Vice made a motion for the post to spend \$100.00 for recruitment and to give away prizes at the Green County Pickers, the motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

The 2nd Vice gave his report stating Home Depot will be giving the post a grant to do upgrades to the post building. A report was given on future events with the American Legion involving the VFW at the Green County Pickers and family day picnic. Bingo will be starting in September.

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

Service Officer reported there were two requests for help this past month. The Service Officer will be following up on veteran's day programs at Aster and Pleasant View Home.

New business:

The 1st Vice made a motion to upgrade the Constant Contact up to \$300.00 yearly and it was seconded. The motion was passed.

The Finance Officer made a motion to spend \$600.00 yearly for option 1 service contract for the copy machine with Gordon Flesch and it was seconded. The motion was passed.

Mike Hubbard made a motion to move money from the ATM account to a certificate of deposit, CD and it was seconded. The motion was passed.

Mike Furgal gave a report on the state legislation concerning veteran's issues at the state capital.

The meeting was adjourned at 2027 hours.

There was no meeting held for the month of August because of the family day picnic.

September meeting:

The Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting on Tuesday September 18, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Commander LaVerne Robieson. There were 22 members present for the meeting.

Three new members were introduced at the meeting. They were Adam Bansley, Pat Bansley and Randy Bansley. They are all brothers and all three of them are Navy veterans.

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Committee reports:

The 1st Vice gave an after action report on the Green County Pickers event. An update on membership with the 1st Vice reporting the post has 118 paid members. September 27th is the 3rd district picnic held in Ar-gyle. The 3rd district fall conference is at Gays Mills.

The 2nd Vice gave a recapitulation on the events in August with an after action report on the Green County Pickers event. The 2nd Vice reported next year the event will be held in June 2026. An AAR was given on the Green County veteran's family day picnic. The 2nd Vice reported the joint honor guard was busy with seven military funerals in August. Also an AAR was given on the Swiss steak supper held at the post the night be-fore on Wednesday. The 2nd Vice reported the grant from the Home Depot was approved. The 2nd Vice gave a report on future events being held at the post for September, October, November and December. October 15th is a fundraiser for the VFW Post. November veteran's day events at the schools. An evening Veteran's day supper meal at the post. December 20th is the Christmas party starting at 1200 hours.

The Finance Officer gave the finance report for the month of July 2025. A motion was made and it was sec-onded to approve the finance report as given. The motion was passed. Next the Finance Officer gave the finance report for the month of August 2025. A motion was made and it was seconded to approve the finance report as given. This motion was passed.

Service Officer reported input for the newsletter is due September 26th. Get your reports to him before the deadline.

The Post Commander reported the Monroe Chamber of Commerce is having its appreciation dinner for all members of the chamber on Wednesday October 1st. Inform the Post Commander if you plan on attending this event, so he can make reservations for you.

New business:

Mike Hubbard made a motion for our post to raise the amount for donations from the auxiliary and the VFW to \$150.00 monthly, there was a seconded to the motion. The motion was passed.

Mike Furgal made a motion for the American Legion to donate \$2,604.00 for a joint flag pole at the new Mon-roe High School with the VFW Post. The American Legion is paying the remaining balance due, the motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

The 2nd Vice made a motion for the post to spend \$100.00 on candy for trunk and treat and it was sec-onded. The motion was passed.

This event is held on the square Sunday October 26th at 1400 hours, 2 PM

Mike Furgal gave a report on the state legislation on veteran's issues from the state capital.

Jsmil Khan gave an after action report on the American Legion state convention.

Phil Welton was present for the red can drawing this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 2045 hours.

Summaries submitted by Post Adjutant Stephen F. 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		

***Auxiliary
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***President Helen Miller
 608-325-4777
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 Julie Miller 608-329-7589***

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