

American Legion
Zilmer-Riley
Post 84

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



Hand Salute

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July, August, September 2025

Post Calendar

JULY

- 4—Holiday: NO Fish Fry
- 12—GOP Breakfast
- 13—Auxiliary Breakfast
- 13—SAL meets
- 17—Monthly meeting
- 26—VFW Steak & potato dinner 4-7

AUGUST

- 9—GOP Breakfast
- 10—Auxiliary Breakfast
- 10—SAL meets
- 12—House committee
- 3-Day Desert Storm event: 15—Fish Fry; 16—lunch and dinner event; 17—breakfast
- 23—Family Day Picnic at Veteran's Park; all vets and families are welcome

SEPTEMBER

- 9—House committee
- 13—GOP Breakfast
- 14—Auxiliary Breakfast
- 14—SAL meets
- 17—Swiss Steak Dinner
- 18—Monthly meeting
- 28—Bingo starts!

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



**Memorial Day activities for 2025
Were again successful event**



First Vice Report & Sons of American Legion



Peter Blum, 1st Vice Commander
SAL Commander

Happy Summer:

As we come to the end of a membership year I want to thank everyone for their continual support in the American Legion Family. Membership for 2026 will start up in July. Please watch out for your notification in the mail. I would like to encourage online membership when it comes time to pay your dues. If you choose to send me your dues please take a minute and review the information on your statement, especially your dates of service, conflict you served in and your email address. The American Legion wants to make sure their information is current and correct. If something is wrong, please cross it out and make the correct change before sending it in.

Thank you for your help.

Are you receiving emails from us? If you have not seen any emails from us please check your junk or spam folder. The majority of our email service is being sent through Constant Contact and sometimes emails from the post can end up there. Please send me an email at legion-post84@hotmail.com if you are not so I can check your email address to make sure this is correct.

As The Sons of the American Legion Commander I would like to welcome our two newest members. The S.A.L. welcomes all male sons and stepsons of the American Legion. We meet every second Sunday at the Post small conference room at 9:00 am. The S.A.L. is one part of the American Legion Family. At all events that the Legion Post presents, S.A.L. members are welcome to join in. Our next meet is July 13. Watch your email for any upcoming events. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

I hope everyone has a great summer.

American Legion Post 84
PRESENTS



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

Concession stand by the

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Behring Senior Center Donut and Chat Gathering for Heroes held monthly. 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 availability and catering options!



Helen Miller presented donation check to Anna Mae Galvin for Badger Honor Flight from Legion Auxiliary June 1st at the Moose Badger Honor Flight Benefit Breakfast.

Busy summer ahead

By Andrew Suthers, 2nd Vice Commander



We have a busy summer planned for the American Legion, with special events, projects and regular operations and maintenance.

Thank you to all who donated for our new sliding glass refrigerator. It is installed and working great! (right)

Next on the list of projects is to replace some of the wood siding on the exterior of the building along with some of the exterior doors. We will see what we can get done before the snow flies!

The VFW will be hosting a Steak and Potato event on Saturday, July 26th from 4-7. Come on out for some good food and help support the VFW!



We will be having our annual Family Day Picnic on Saturday, August 23rd at the Green County Veterans Park from noon until we get tired! There will be free food, games and giveaways. The event is open to all area veterans and their families.

Bingo returns on Sunday, September 28th! Doors open at 11, ticket sales at 12, and games start at 1. Come early for lunch and to reserve your seat. Our progressive jackpot is still growing!

Don't forget our Friday Fish Fry and second Sunday Breakfast and as always we are looking for volunteers for all of our events. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway.

Stay posted on social media and keep your eye out in the paper and on the bulletin board for special events. The bar and all of our events are open to the public unless otherwise stated. Come down for a cold beer, camaraderie, and usually food on Mondays from 3-7pm.

Thank you all for supporting our post!

Featured Entrée Menu

From the Commander

By Laverne Robieson



July

- 4—No Dinner
- 11—Swedish Meatballs
- 18—goulash
- 25—beef tips

August

- 1—meatloaf
- 8—baked chicken
- 15—pork chops
- 22—chicken Parmesan
- 29—liver/onions

September

- 5—pork roast
- 12—spaghetti & meatballs
- 19—ham
- 26—baked chicken

Look for monthly highlighted dinners (See post calendar)



On May 18, we took off from the Beloit Community Church at 5 a.m. Heading down the road, we observed overpasses with EMS, fire trucks with flashing lights, and signs on overpasses saying “Welcome to Vets.” The State of Illinois also had signs which said: “Welcome to the Vets on Vets Roll.”

As we headed into Lafayette, IN., we were welcomed by school kids lining the sidewalks at a church school. There we enjoyed an amazing dinner. Once back on the buses, we headed to Dayton, Ohio, to the Air Force Museum.

Rosie the Riveter was on our bus. Her family was there to welcome her and a 90-year-old vet. Then off the bus we went for a picture-taking session.

Next we went to a museum. It was filled with small model planes, planes of all kinds: old and newer ones, drones, rockets, and a plane that dropped a bomb on Japan. A bomb was sitting next to the plane along with a smaller bomb that was dropped. We enjoyed a New York Strip dinner under the planes. After dinner we retired to our motel for the night.



In the morning, we ate breakfast, headed to a former church turned restaurant in Pittsburgh, PA. Next stop was a Gateway Stop in Pennsylvania. There the buses refueled and emptied their garbage. We went into shops and had ice cream. Aboard buses again, we headed for Virginia for supper and turned in for the night.

At 4 a.m. Eastern Time we had breakfast, then loaded the buses. Wearing our blue shirts we then headed out to the monuments. We arrived in time to see the changing of the guards at Arlington, twice. Next we visited the Iwo Jima monument. There was quite the detail there. A vet from Monroe, Carl Munz, was there when the flag was raised.

Re-busing we went to the WWII Monument where we had a group photo taken. A large crowd was there, including an Arizona Honor Flight and school trips from Indiana. There were also 5 bus loads of vets and helpers. Next we visited the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Wall, and the Korean Monument. After those visits, we returned to the motel for a short nap, then supper, and went to bed.

Next day, 4 a.m., breakfast, loaded buses and headed home. En-route, we stopped at Cleveland Indians Stadium for a fabulous dinner, then back on buses to continue our journey home. We enjoyed a box lunch on the buses.

Upon arriving in Beloit, there was a grand Welcome Home at the church.



Following Flag Day activities Legion Vets gathered to celebrate the Army's 250th birthday!



Left photo: Jim Moser and Dennis Gerber give the brick area in front of the post a good cleaning up!



Right photo: 1st Vice Pete Blum and Finance Officer Curt Dickson told attendees at the recent Thrivent sharing event all about our Legion opportunities.

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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**Annual Flag disposal
Ceremony held June 14**





Photography by Amy Burkhalter, Bobbie Bernet, Peter Blum, Jim Glessner



Memorial Day 2025 Observed





New cement Terrace is Installed at Legion Post



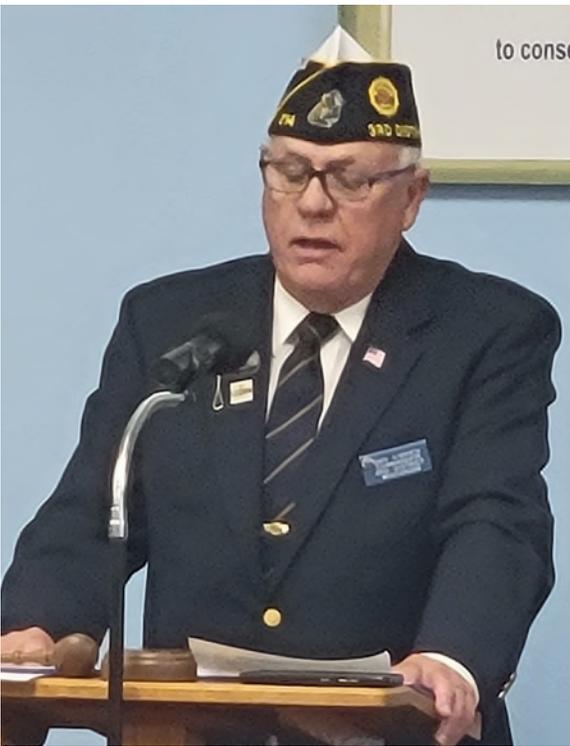
Care packages for troops

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.



Zilmer Riley hosted 3rd Dist. Meeting on April 26



News
from
Post and
Auxiliary



By Helen Miller
**2nd Vice Chairman/Membership/
Secretary**

Can't believe one half of the year has gone by already. Hope everyone's summer will be a memorable and enjoyable time for all.

Even though we are short only three members who haven't paid their 2025 dues, we have had a very good year with members keeping up their dues. We are hoping those unpaids will still see it clear to remain active. Won't be long and our new roster will be printed and notices for 2026 will be released sometime in September.

We are pleased to report we have two new Senior Members, Rebecca Rood (her husband Russell Rood is a member of Post #84) and Barbara Williams-Meyer, whose father was Harry Williams (deceased) and belonged to the VFW and American Legion, as well as her mother Eileen Williams. Barbara is a Lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary.

Welcome aboard Rebecca and Barbara! It always gives our Auxiliary a boost when we get new members who recognize, acknowledge and support our American Legion Family members.

Our new President for the 2025/2026 year is Christina Wenger, let's all show her our support as she leads us into another year. Our retired President, Donna Douglas, was our leader for 17 years and chose to step down. We all **Thank Donna** for the many hours of Leadership and Talent you displayed over all those years. There comes a time when we all get older and choose to step back and let the younger generation take over.

Welcome Christina.

Our Second Sunday breakfasts have been going over well. The May breakfast was a great turnout, families honoring their moms, etc. Thank you to all the people who support us as well as our dedicated volunteers. We see many familiar faces every month and it is so great! Proceeds from our breakfasts go towards Scholarships, Veteran's Needs and Community Service.

Positive Tip: May every Sunrise bring you hope, may every Sunset bring you peace. Power of Positivity.



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

**July 13,
August 10,
September 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

Chris' comments

By Chris Wenger, Auxiliary president



A lot going on in District 3. We have a new President. My name is Chris Wenger. I grew up outside of Monroe and now live in Argyle. We have been very busy recruiting new members and we are always looking for new members. If you know of someone who would be eligible to join please consider supporting the Auxiliary. Applicant's relationship to a Veteran can be a Male Spouse, Female Spouse, Mother, Grandmother, Sister, Daughter, Granddaughter or Self.

I want to thank all the businesses, volunteers, and the community who helped us with our Poppy Distribution. The total collected was \$5,513.06! A fantastic job everyone!! All monies collected are sent to various Veteran Facilities throughout Wisconsin, as well as reimbursement to Veterans who make the Poppies.



Also Poppies of the American Legion Auxiliary and the VFW are combined with tree sprigs to decorate Veteran's graves locally on Memorial Day. The Poppy Program actually began in 1920. The Poppy is the official flower of the American Legion Family. The red color of the Poppy symbolizes the blood shed of the Soldiers during World War I.

We have many other events coming up at the American Legion. So please help us out and be active. Come and be part of the Auxiliary Family.

A huge **THANK YOU** to Donna Douglas for the many years she served as our President.



Post 84 Auxiliary was at the Brodhead parade June 28. Included, left photo, were Georgia Verdonck, Becky Rood, Chris Wenger, Barb Haug, Anna Miller, Judy Crooks, Julie Miller, Kathy Kuebli, Helen Miller; above is Poppy Princess Harper Mayer and grandparents Steve and Lonna (auxiliary member) Mayer. Anna Miller coordinated the parade appearance.

Summary of Post meetings for April, May, June 2025

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

April meeting:

On Thursday April 17, 2025 the Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1933 hours by Commander LaVerne Robieson. There were 20 members presents for the meeting.

Our 3rd District Commander Dan O'Brien was a guest at our meeting. The Commander spoke about American Legion Posts being active and involved along with being visible communicating to our members doing buddy checks and reaching our goals.

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice gave his report with an update on membership. Also the 1st Vice gave an after action report (AAR), on the home show. There is a sign up sheet for post activities.

2nd Vice gave a recapitulation on past activities. Also an update on the spring conference needing volunteers to help out at the post. Future events with Government Day and Memorial Day, July 4th activities. The 2nd Vice stated the post will be purchasing a new refrigerator

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

Service Officer report, FYI left over socks will be given to patients at Pleasant View.

The Commander spoke about the balanced budget amendment. Our Commander will be gone out of town on May 18th through the 22nd going on the Vets Roll tour to Washington D.C.

Mike Furgal reminded the post members and all veterans of meeting your state lawmakers at the capital on April 22, 2025.

A motion was made and it was seconded to have all the Post Officers have their picture taken and shown. The motion was passed.

May meeting:

On Thursday May 15, 2025 the Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Commander LaVerne Robieson. There were 20 members present for the meeting.

Committee reports:

The 1st Vice gave his report on membership with the post having 188 paid members. The post gained 4 new members. The 1st Vice made a motion to have Jamil Khan as our delegate at the State American Legion Conference, it was seconded. The motion was passed.

The 1st Vice made another motion to reimburse the delegate Jamil Khan \$300.00 when he presents a stamped voting certificate from the state convention to the Post Finance Officer. This motion was seconded. The motion was passed

2nd Vice gave his report on projects around the post and upcoming Memorial Day events. There are still opened dates to rent our cabin.

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

Nothing to report from the Service Officer.

The Commander stated the memorial bricks are in.

There will be a ceremony at the Green County Veterans Park on Sunday May 25th at 1300 hours.

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(Minutes continued from page 12)

Past Commander Janel Keizer was the nominating officer next year's post officers for 2026: Nominated were the following post members.

Commander LaVerne Robieson; 1st Vice Peter Blum; 2nd Vice Andrew Suthers; Adjutant Stephen Hammel; Finance Officer Curt Dickson; Service Officer Jim Glessner; Past Commander Janel Keizer; Members at large: Mike Hubbard, Gene Rood and John Schild.

A motion was made to have the nominations be closed and an unanimous ballot be cast for those candidates presented by the nominating committee. The motion was seconded. The motion was passed.

June 2025

On Thursday June 19, 2025 the Zilmer Riley American Legion Post 84 held its regular meeting. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by Post Commander LaVerne Robieson. There were 23 members present for the meeting.

Committee reports:

1st Vice report on membership our post will be at 90% plus for the year. Upcoming events is the Green County Pickers this fall.

2nd Vice reported our post purchased a new refrigerator and it is paid for. An after action report, (AAR) was given on our chicken Bar B Que and the flag day ceremony at the post. We will be having a Swiss steak supper and Bingo starting in September.

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

The Finance Officer made a motion and it was seconded to spend up to \$100.00 for flowers to be given to Ann Bauman. The motion was passed.

Continuing on the Finance Officer made a motion and it was seconded to give Danette of Nett's bar a \$50.00 gift certificate from the post and thank you card for donating bar stools to our American Legion Post. The motion was passed.

The Finance Officer made another motion and it was seconded to give a \$50.00 gift certificate from the post and a thank you card to Jim Rackow for grilling and wrapping the chicken for our chicken Bar B Que fund raiser. The motion was passed.

The Service Officer briefly reported an incident involving Reservists from Indiana. Our Service Officer was contacted by Green County Human Services involving the Reservists. The Service Officer stated to let him know if any of our own veterans need help.

The Commander reported the memorial bricks are in. The Commander reiterated if any member is in distressed to pass it onto the Service Officer.

The Past Commander gave an after action report AAR on the Green County American Legion Meeting.

**Submitted by Steve Hammel,
Post adjutant**












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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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2nd Vice president
Helen Miller 608-325-4777

Treasurer
Julie Miller 608-329-7589

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