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Wausau American Legion Newsletter

December 2025 - January 2026

Commanders Report

Our Legion Family - Strength in Unity

Greetings,

We have concluded a very busy month of November and have moved into December where things are going to be slowing down a bit. I wanted to say a special "Thank You" to the members of our Post 10 Honor Guard and Color Guard. This group was on the fast train the entire month of November. They had numerous Veterans Day Events they attended along with performing military honors at several funerals for our fellow veterans.

We wrapped up our 31/31 Firearms Raffle at the end of October. This is the biggest member driven fundraiser that we conduct each year. This fundraiser goes a long way to funding our veterans and children and youth programs. Thank you to all of our members that sold and purchased tickets. Thank you to Don Hildebrandt and Larry Jaeger that came in to help do the drawings. A huge Thank You to our Adjutant Dennis Borchardt, Finance Officer George Mosher and Past Commander Bob Weller that do almost all of the behind the scenes work with the raffle. From processing and tracking tickets to handling the funding, to all of the computer work that is required to run a raffle of this scale, these gentlemen do an outstanding job!

As this edition is going out, we have just concluded our November - Thanksgiving Veterans Meal Delivery. It is really something to see when 27 volunteer drivers arrive to collect the 250 meals / 125 deliveries. They are loaded up and out the door in 20 minutes to make their stops all around the Wausau, Weston, Rib Mountain and Kronenwetter Area. It is a great team effort that makes this happen. Please see the information on page 6 for more details on how to get meals for yourself or a veteran that you may know for our upcoming December - Christmas Meal Delivery.

As we move into the winter months and holiday season, please remember to check in on each other, especially a veteran or widow that may not have a lot of support during what can be a difficult time. As Chaplain Hildebrandt reminds us all the time, a simple 8 minute phone call can make all of the difference in helping a veteran that may just need some support. We are a lifeline and reaching out just to see if there is something that make their lives a little better may only be a phone call or a short visit away.

I hope you all have a peaceful and enjoyable holiday season. Take some time to relax and recharge! We will see you again in January.

Tony Nardi
 Commander, Wausau Post 10



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Greetings Members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10:

We just celebrated one of the most important holidays of the year for our veterans and their families. On November 11, 2025, last week at Bunkers, there was standing room only as Master of Ceremonies, Lieutenant Colonel Ralph Sliwicki began our Veterans Day celebration with honoring and thanking our veterans, those who are alive as well as deceased, for our freedom. Remember our flag does not fly with the wind..." It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died supporting the freedoms we have today." Marathon County Service Officer, Aaron Galindo and Mayor Doug Diny were also honored speakers at this event. There was joint rifle firing by American Legion Post 10, VFW, Man of Honor, and DAV with the VFW's bell tolling at the 11th hour, 11th day, 11th month remembering in 1918 the Armistice with Germany went into effect ending WWI. There were Echo taps by Jon Greenwood and Dale Osterbrink.

The evening of Veterans Day was spent at the UWSP Wausau Campus where Collin Hanson, "A Walk in Their Shoes", 5th Grade teacher from Edgar, brought in Chia Youyee Vang the author of "Prisoner of Wars" and Pao Yang who was a pilot in the Secret War in Laos and the Vietnam War and had been captured. We were able to honor our local veterans and also our Hmong veterans.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10 would like to take this opportunity to thank every veteran, their families and the community for the support they have given us and their sacrifice for our freedom which we know isn't free.

At this time, it is important that renewing your membership should be first and foremost on your mind. The annual dues for 2026 are \$40 for seniors and \$7 for juniors. The website to renew online is www.legion-aux.org. You can renew by phone: 317 569 4570; or mail your dues check made out to The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10 to Linda Tryczak, 807 S. Ninth Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin 54401. Your dues payment helps support sending three candidates to Badger Girls State at the cost of \$500 each. Your dues also help us provide a \$500 scholarship each year.

1. The order for the poppies has been placed. We will order 3000 poppies.
2. Veterans Meal delivery began yesterday with 200 meals distributed to veterans in the area.
3. The following are the dates for future deliveries: Dec. 17, Jan. 21, Feb. 18, and March 25.
4. December 13th will be "Wreaths Across America" at Central WI Veterans Memorial Cemetery at King. There will be a Lamars bus for anyone who would like to join leaving Bunkers at 7:00a.m.
5. Midwinter Conference January 15th – 18th Oneida Hotel, Green Bay. I have the Registration Form if anyone would like to attend.
6. We are busy working on the State Bowling Tournament April 11 and 12, 2026 which our Auxiliary is hosting. We have 18 raffle baskets so far.
7. We are in the first year of our current officers' terms for 2025 - 2026. We do have some openings for program chairs. We are in search of a Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) chair, a Juniors Chair and a Troop Support Chair. If interested in any of these positions contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

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Thank you for your continued support of the American Legion Auxiliary. Our meetings are the third Tuesday of the month at Tribute (Bunkers) Clubhouse, 1001 Golf Club Road at 6:30 p.m. We do not meet in July or December. Please come and join us and support the veterans and their families in our community. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Bender,
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You are invited to
**The Montgomery-Plant-Dudley
Wausau American Legion Family
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday, January 10, 2026 at Oliva's Restaurant
at Gulliver's Landing in Rib Mountain**

**Cocktails-Cash Bar 5:00 to 5:45 pm with Dinner at 5:45pm
\$10 per person for Members
\$12 per person for non-members/guests**

**Salad, Broasted Chicken, Hot Ham, Mashed
Potatoes & Gravy, Corn and Dinner Rolls**

**HOSTED BY: Unit 10 Auxiliary
Please RSVP by December 19, 2025
To Linda Tryczak at 715-848-2686 or email:
tryczak.l@gmail.com**

Post 10 High School Scholarships



It's time to apply for Post 10 scholarships. The application date to apply is November 1, 2025, until January 15, 2026.

You must be a graduating high school senior. You must be a son, daughter, grandchild, brother, sister or nephew, including stepchild, of a current paid member of the American Legion, Wausau Post 10. You also must plan on attending an accredited college or technical school. A high school grade transcript must be submitted with the application.

How do you get an application? They are on our website – Wausau Post 10.com. Click on the Scholarship tab on the left side tool bar. You can submit it online and email it, or print a PDF from the site and mail it to me. We have up to \$8000 worth of scholarships to be awarded again this year.

Thank you for supporting our Children & Youth Programs

Ray Bender

Children & Youth Committee

Unit 10 Fundraiser at Red Robin on December 16th

Red Robin® will give

**20% OF FOOD SALES*
BACK TO**

**AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY UNIT 10**

**Show this flyer or simply mention the fundraiser to
your server to have your sales counted.**

FUNDRAISER DETAILS

225548 Rib Mountain Dr, Wausau, WI 54401

December 16, 2025*

Chaplains Corner

Have you ever overheard coworkers or friends talking about a great party they all attended the night before?

They're joking and reminiscing, recounting the highlights of what was clearly a good time. There's one problem, however: you weren't invited.

It's not fun being left out while others celebrate, feeling overlooked and ignored, unimportant- or worse- unwanted. However the greatest party in history is one that's still going on and one that you're most certainly invited to attend. In fact, you're not only invited but you can bring as many friends and family members as you want!

The good news of the birth of Christ continues to be for all people. Not for the elite, or the hip, or the wealthy or successful. But for everyone. Our father loves us all. God's son was born and died and rose again for everyone. The party is just getting started.

Here's to the Greatest Party for everyone!

Don Hildebrandt

Chaplain, American Legion Post 10

Be The One



Membership Committee - Membership Milestones / Deceased Members

Special recognition of our long- term members as of November 1st

25 Year Members

Raymond Bender
Lamont Bonham
Danny Braatz
Gary Buchberger
Fred Fenhaus
David Gajewski
Mark Mattice
James Schroeder
Robert Stepan
Roy Thout

30 Year Members

Eric Barnes
Richard Boller
Lester Weko

35 Year Members

Joseph Calderaro
Thomas Depasse
Eugene Helke
Richard Marquardt
Peter Philipp
Charles Roe
John Stange
Thomas Vogt

40 Year Members

Lee Cherek
John Courtion
Dale Evans
Ervin Kruesel
Steve Rudell
John Shebuski
James Sislo
William Strampe

55 Year Members

Kenneth Fristed
Jeffrey Wegner

56 Year Member

William Shean

58 Year Member

Dale Gerlach

61 Year Members

Eugene Jacobson

65 Year Member

Roger Eisenman

Deceased members as of November 1st

Elgart Baumann	51 years	Vietnam
Donald Beese	52 years	Korea
Dennis Denzin	18 years	Vietnam
Ronald Dirks	53 years	Vietnam
Harold Eisenman	61 years	WWII
Laverne Grunenwald	36 years	Vietnam
Guy Hartl	18 years	Vietnam
Roger Jossiger	39 years	Korea
Franklin Lewitzke	23 years	Korea
Michael Siegel	43 years	Vietnam
Joan Winterhoff	42 years	Vietnam

Membership - Continued

We have been very fortunate for 8 new members who have joined or transferred to our Post in recent months. Their new ideas and any input for the betterment of our Post will always be appreciated.

Joe Campbell—Army Gulf War on Terrorism

Joe has already assumed the position of 2nd-Vice Commander

Richard Dennis- Navy

Other Conflicts

Mark Kohlman-Army

Gulf War on Terrorism

Larry Rhyner-Army

Other Conflicts

Stephan Riggie -Air Force

Other Conflicts

Verlyn Schwantes –Air Force

Other Conflicts

Bruce White - Air Force

Gulf War on Terrorism

James Wirig-Army

Other Conflicts

We are currently at 365 for membership. 116 members have not renewed as of Nov 16th

The goal set by national is 510, so we not only need everyone to renew but will need 30 more additional members to achieve a 100% rating.

Please consider renewing your membership as soon as possible. After December 31 anyone that has not renewed is considered delinquent by national.

Our dues are \$45.00 and can be sent to American Legion Post 10, 1001 Golf Club Rd., Wausau, WI 54401-2272

Anyone who signs up a new member will receive a \$25.00 Kwik Trip Gift Card.

If you have any questions about your membership, feel free to contact the Adjutant at 715-574-1882

2025 -2026 Veteran and Widow Meals Program

Holiday Meal Distribution for Our Community

The Veteran and Widow Meals Program is dedicated to honoring and supporting veterans and widows in our community by providing nutritious and festive meals during the holiday season. This year, we are pleased to announce two special meal distributions to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Holiday delivery schedule is Nov 19th for Thanksgiving and Dec 17th for Christmas. Each delivery includes two delicious meals, ensuring that recipients could share with a spouse, friend, or neighbor. This gesture not only provides nourishment but also encourages companionship and community spirit.

This year, the program will make 125 deliveries, each containing two meals. Our dedicated team of 25 volunteer drivers plays a crucial role in bringing these meals to the homes of veterans and widows. Over the years, thanks to their commitment and generosity, we have successfully delivered more than 7,250 meals to those in need.

All meals are freshly prepared by Chatterbox, ensuring quality and taste for every recipient. The meals are distributed from Thrive Church, which serves as the central hub for coordination and pickup by our volunteer drivers.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone involved in this program—especially our volunteer drivers, Chatterbox, and Thrive Church. Your dedication makes a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans and widows, fostering a stronger, more caring community.

If you are need of meals, for whatever reason: health, incapacitated, alone without support, financial, give us a call on our Hot Line 715-298-1606. We just need your name, address, and phone number to make the next delivery possible. If you would like to volunteer or support future meal distributions, please contact Bob Weller, our Post Activities Director, at 715-571-3476 or email pastcmdrbob@wausaupost10.com. Together, we can continue to make the holidays and future months brighter for those who have served and those who have lost loved ones.

Honoring Our Heroes: Banner Program Opens to Veterans and Protective Services

Celebrate Service and Sacrifice—A Perfect Holiday Tribute

A Special Announcement: Expanding the Banner Program

We are thrilled to announce that our Banner Program is now open to include not only our beloved veterans but also members of our local protective services. This meaningful expansion is a heartfelt recognition of the unwavering dedication, courage, and sacrifice demonstrated by those who have served our country and our community.

Who Is Eligible?

The Banner Program now honors:

All military veterans—past and present—who have bravely served our nation.

Members of protective services, including police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and other first responders, who strive daily to keep us safe.

Why Participate?

Displaying a banner is a visible way to show gratitude and respect for the commitment shown by these extraordinary individuals. Each banner serves as a lasting tribute, ensuring their stories of service and sacrifice are recognized and remembered by the entire community.

This Christmas, Give a Gift That Honors

With the holiday season approaching, consider giving a banner as a unique and heartfelt Christmas gift. Whether for a family member, friend, or neighbor, a personalized banner is a meaningful way to celebrate their service and let them know how much their sacrifices mean. It's a gift that goes beyond material value—it is a public gesture of honor and appreciation.

How to Get Involved

Nominate a veteran or protective service member for the Banner Program by completing the Registration form downloaded from our website www.wausaupost10.com or contact Bob Weller at 715-571-3476 or

pastcndrbob@wausaupost10.com

Choose a custom message or image to be displayed on the banner.

Select where you want the banner to be displayed, Grand Ave in Wausau or Schofield Ave in Weston.

Order in time for the holidays to ensure a banner certificate can be presented or displayed this Christmas season.

Together, Let's Show Our Appreciation

Join us in celebrating the heroes among us. Whether you have a loved one in the military or protective services, or simply want to honor those who serve, the Patriot Avenue Banner Program offers a wonderful way to express gratitude during this season of giving. Let's make this Christmas a time of remembrance, gratitude, and community



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Calendar of Events for the Wausau American Legion Family

December 8th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
NO Post & Unit Membership Meetings in December		
December 13th	Wreaths Across America - King Veterans Cemetery	
January 10th	Legion Family Christmas Party - Bunkers	5pm
January 12th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
January 15-18th	Mid-Winter Training - Green Bay	
January 20th	Post & Unit Membership Meetings	6:30pm

You can still sign up to receive the full color version of this newsletter electronically up to 2 weeks before the mail version. Email our adjutant to sign up at

Check out the events calendar on our new website for a current and very detailed list of events. Wausaupost10.com