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Wausau American Legion Newsletter
June - July 2025

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Commanders Report

Our Legion Family - Strength in Unity

Greetings,

We may have finally made it to summer, at least the beginning of it. May was a very busy month, with numerous events taking place throughout the area. Our Wausau Legion Family participated in honoring our fallen veterans over Memorial Weekend. From distributing poppies on Friday, to participating in the parade on Saturday to hosting the Memorial Service at Restlawn Memorial Park on Monday, along with several smaller ceremonies, our members proudly and professionally represented the American Legion. As a post, we lost 38 members that passed away in the last year. This includes 5 past commanders. There is more information in this edition, but you can find full stories and photos on our Facebook page. Our historian and media guru Mike Heilmann does an outstanding job of covering our events, publicizing the events and posting pictures of what we have done.

Now that we have had a few days to catch our breath, we can start looking forward to what the summer has in store for us. Our Post 10 Baseball and Softball Teams will be busy playing full schedules. With both units having full junior and senior teams, there will be plenty of opportunities to come out and support the young men and ladies we sponsor. In this edition you will find information about schedules and a tailgate party that everyone is invited to. I want to make a concerted effort to have our membership come out to watch games and support these teams.

As we move forward into the 2025-2026 Legion Calendar year, I want to thank all of the members that have stepped up to volunteer their time as officers and board members for each of our legion family entities. The Post, Unit and Squadron are lucky to have the leadership of those volunteers to guide us into the future. These new officers and board members will be sworn in at our June 17th membership meeting.

I hope you will join us at a meeting coming up this summer. We have so many good things we are doing and some great ideas to lead us moving forward. Thank you all for what you do for our veterans and our community.

For God and Country,

Tony Nardi
Commander, Wausau Post 10



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Fran Bender

Greetings Auxiliary Members!

As I'm writing this letter, we are in the middle of our Memorial Day activities, marking the start of summer in Wisconsin. I'm looking forward to the warmer days and all of the fun summer activities.

This time of year also signifies the end of our 2024-2025 Auxiliary year. After Department Convention in July, we will start the 2025-2026 Auxiliary year with a whole new slate of officers. This also means that this is the last letter that I will be writing to you – the members of the American Legion Auxiliary. I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support over the term of my presidency! I hope that you all give your full support to our new President and the other officers. Our success is determined by the level of involvement of our members.

As I do at the beginning of every letter, I want to thank all of our members for renewing their membership for 2025! I truly appreciate each and every Auxiliary member. You are the lifeblood of our organization. Without our members, we wouldn't exist. Our 2025 membership goal is 132 members. As of 05/13/2025, we have 110 members that have renewed for 2025 putting us at 83.33% of our membership goal. If you haven't already, please consider renewing your membership for 2025. We truly can't service our mission without your support!

Our Unit has been busy over the last couple of months. At the end of the April, members of the Unit attended the 8th District Spring Conference in Wautoma. Members learned how to identify fraud and potential scams from presenters from AARP. They also heard activities and programs that other Units in the District are doing. This spring was also an election year for the District. I would like to congratulate the following Unit members on their election as a District Officer – Fran Bender for 1st Vice President, Chris Mertes for 2nd Vice President, Ruth Henkelman for Chaplain and Amanda Szalewski for Secretary.

I hope everyone received their Poppy letters in May. Thank you to all American Legion Post, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion members that donated! Member donations are what allow our Unit to do all of the great work that we do. All proceeds from Poppy donations go back into our programs and towards our Veterans.

As I alluded to above, our Unit held an election for new officers during our May membership meeting. I would like to congratulate the Unit on the selection of the new officers. They will be serving a two-year term that spans the 2025-2027 Auxiliary years. The new officers are as follows:

President – Fran Bender

1st Vice President – Linda Tryczak

2nd Vice President – Karen Maier

Chaplain – Steph Nardi

Historian – Amanda Szalewski

Sr Sgt at Arms – Christine Mertes

Jr Sgt at Arms – Kim Hildebrandt

Secretary – Eunice Baumann

Treasurer – Gladys Beese

Members at Large – Jan Pflieger, Michelle Whitehouse and Sally Szalewski

Presidents Message continued

The officers will be officially installed at the end of the June membership meeting. All members are encouraged to attend the June membership meeting to participate in the installation.

Looking ahead to future events – our Unit was selected to hosting the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary State Bowling Tournament. We will be hosting the event at Dale's Weston Lanes on April 11th – 12th, 2026. This is an amazing opportunity for the Unit to conduct fundraising and to get our name out in the state. This is a big event and we will need a lot of help from our members. There will be opportunities to plan our fundraisers, donate items to our basket raffle, put together fundraisers and volunteer to work the event. This tournament will be a regular topic of discussion at all upcoming membership meetings.

Are you a member of our Unit and a bowler? Since we are hosting the tournament, it would be fun to have a team from our Unit participating in the tournament. Teams consist of four people for this 9-Pin Tap tournament. If interested, let me know or as I always say, come to a meeting!

Remember, every member is welcome to attend any of the events that are upcoming, participate in any of our programs and join us at our meetings. Reminder! Our Unit meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (except July and December) at 7pm at Bunkers. I look forward to seeing everyone there! Thank you members for everything you do to support our military members, veterans and our communities!

Respectfully,
Amanda Szalewski
Unit 10 President
Email: badger_girl2005@live.com



2025 Banners On Grand Ave

The 2025 Banners are up!!! Thanks to the Dudley Foundation for funding the sponsorship again, and also to our community for supporting this event. After Mike Heilmann's article in the newspapers and social media sites announced the project for 2025, sales came in quickly. Of interest, banners were purchased with meaningful messages about their beliefs and the American Legion. Banners such as, "Forever Grateful – Forever Proud", "Duty-Honor-Country" and "For God and Country". Also, there are banners saluting the Honor Guard and our Unit 10 Auxiliary. The City of Wausau Electrical Department placed all banners and flags for our Post while our Post provided all needed replacement hardware and flags for the program.

A parade from the south side of Wausau (Brickner Motors parking lot) to Restlawn Memorial Park occurred on Monday, Memorial Day. The police escorted the flag draped vehicles past the 50 banners and 16 US Flags up Grand Avenue to Restlawn where they participate in the annual Memorial Day event.

For those who were unable to have a banner displayed for yourself or your favorite Veteran, the 2026 Registration form is already available on our Post 10 website at www.wausaupost10.com. If you have any questions please contact Bob Weller, Past Commander at 715-571-3476 or email him at pastcmrdrbob@wausaupost10.com

Chaplains Corner - Devotional

Spring cleaning is when we get rid of a lot of old junk from our houses. we unload all the stuff we have been holding onto for years. it gives us a free, uncluttered feeling. God wants us to feel this for our lives. Chances are, each of us has been carrying around " spiritual junk" that is weighting us down and robbing us the joy of our salvation.

What are you weighed down with today? What do you need to get out of your life so you can enjoy the life God created you for? He created us to be pure, but we tend to pick up the dirt of the world and need to be cleansed by him. He has a new unencumbered and free life for us.

Why not pray what King David did and watch what God does with your life:

" Search me, O God , and know my heart; point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life." (Psalm 139:23-24 NLT)

Here's to " spring cleaning" our lives!

Don Hildebrandt Chaplain American Legion Post 10



MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY IN MEMBERSHIP YEAR 2024-2025

NAME	YEARS	ERA	NAME	YEARS	ERA
Elgart Baumann	51	Vietnam	Thomas Nienow	20	Korea
Donald Beese	52	Korea	John Pijan	43	Vietnam
Harry Blaire	34	Korea	Darla Porter	15	Leb/Grenada
Donald Blarek	14	Vietnam	Gary Puariea	23	Korea
Joseph Buska	5	Korea	Roland Rasmussen	3	Vietnam
Roger Dean	15	Korea	Mark Redetzke	32	Korea
Donald Feit	15	Korea	Robert Reuter	14	Korea
Jim Francken	6	Vietnam	Ken Rohmeyer	1	Vietnam
David Groth	24	Vietnam	Elroy Ruechel	39	Korea
Eugene Hauer	32	Vietnam	Ralph Sanders	43	Korea
Alan Hoffman	47	Vietnam	Arthur Schilling	37	Korea
Les Hotchkiss	22	Korea	Geraldine Schlamp	10	Korea
Richard Hubert	7	Vietnam	Michael Siegel	43	Vietnam
David G Johnson	36	Korea	Jack Stacker	4	Vietnam
David Johnson	15	Korea	Mike Syring	12	Vietnam
Robert Knishka	26	Korea	Jerome Volkman	44	Vietnam
Kenneth Kraimer	5	Korea	Patrick Zachmeyer	40	Vietnam
Willian Lazotte	40	Korea	Gary Zumann	40	Vietnam
Kenneth Marth	5	Vietnam			
Peter Nielsen	31	Vietnam			

A special thank you to those listed for their service and for their years of membership in
The American Legion

As you can see, with the loss of so many, we need to actively recruit and retain members.

MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED OR TRANSFERRED TO OUR POST. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND HOPE YOU FEEL WELCOMED AND WILL BECOME ACTIVE.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BRANCH OF SERVICE</u>	<u>ERA/CONFLICT</u>
Ricardo Alcantra	Army	Other Conflicts
Julianne Barkholz	Navy	Active Duty
Gary Baumann	Army	Gulf War
Walter Borchardt	Army	Vietnam
Saquanna Carrillo	Marines	Persian Gulf
Richard Dennis	Navy	Other Conflicts
David Derby	Army	Other Conflicts
Byron Engstrom	Army	Other Conflicts
Alan Erickson	Army	Other Conflicts
Steven Jeske	Army	Other Conflicts
Mandy Kipp	Army	Gulf War
Allen Kruse	Army	Other Conflicts
Vylius Leskys	Army	Gulf War
Bruce Melco	Navy	Vietnam
Michael Pisca	Marines	Other Conflicts
Charles Rainville	Army	Other Conflicts
David Rheinschmidt	Marines	Other Conflicts
Stephen Riggle	Air Force	Other Conflicts
Marie Rubey	Army	Persian Gulf
Edward Sahadi	Air Force	Korea
Larry Slagoski	Marines	Other Conflicts
James Smith	Marines	Vietnam
Alvin Strassburg	Air Force	Vietnam
William Vega	Navy	Gulf War

MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED AS OF MAY 19, 2025

James Binkowski	Sam Blalock	Susan Chen	Bill Cooper	David Eckman
Robrt Evsich	Keith Frenzel	Robert Germinaro	Richard Kobart	Gary Koskey
Leonard Lelko	Peter Lundin	William Miller	Arthur Miller	Howard Pries
John Domino	Ronald Sell	Gordon Steinke	David Taggart	Orin Togerson
Frederick Veenstra	Robert Wylie	Kevin Zirbel		

If anyone has a question about their renewal or membership status. Please call or email- Adjutant at 715-574-1882 or adjutant@wausaupost10.com

Are you interested in becoming more involved in our Post ? We have several committee opportunities for members to be a part of. We are seeking members to join these committees. You can become involved in our Youth Programs, work with our membership & recruitment, help with post activities, assist with funding / fundraising or media opportunities or working with veterans. We will be making committee appointments at our July Executive Board Meeting. Please reach out if you would like to become involved. It is truly a rewarding experience.

Please email: commander@wausaupost10.com or call the post office

Post 10 American Legion Baseball & Softball

Our complete softball and baseball team schedules are posted on the post website at wausaupost10.com. Both our teams have Facebook Pages and do a great job of updating information. We will also share that information on our page as well. It is crucial that our members come out and support our teams. It is truly some entertaining baseball / softball played by our teams. Please join us to kick off the season with a post sponsored "Tailgate Party". We will have Baseball and Softball doubleheaders with both our Junior and Senior teams playing. Post 10 and Post 492 will provide **free food and drinks** for all in attendance.



Wausau Post 10 & Rothschild Post 492 invite you to a TAILGATE PARTY



Wednesday, June 18th - Wausau East High School
American Legion Baseball & Softball Doubleheaders

Post 10 Jr Polar Bears vs Post 492 DC Everest Jr - Baseball - 5pm

Post 10 Patriots Juniors vs Post 492 DC Everest Juniors - Softball - 5pm

Post 10 Patriots vs Post 492 DC Everest - Softball - 7pm

Post 10 Bulldogs vs DC Everest - Baseball - 8pm

Post 10 & Post 492 will fire up the grills & will provide food and drinks between the junior & senior games. Everyone is welcome. Come down to support and cheer on your American Legion teams.

Wausau Post 10



BULLDOGS BRYAN

Patriots



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POLAR BEAR BASEBALL

Memorial Day - Restlawn Cemetery

Our American Legion Family along with the staff at Restlawn Cemetery co-hosted the Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony in the Veterans section. Together with the Man of Honor Society, we conducted a well planned and very meaningful ceremony to honor the brave men and women who have the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedoms. We had a beautiful day full of sunshine and a large crowd was in attendance. We wish to express our thanks to Heather Carlson and the staff at Restlawn for all of their planning and hard work to make this event a success again this year.



Post 10 Honor Guard

The Honor Guard represents the American Legion Post 10 by honoring veterans that are entitled to having military honors. We also serve the community by providing our Color Guard for parades, sporting events and Veterans events.

All members of the honor guard are a very close knit family from all branches of the military. We have a lot of enjoyment before and after our services. We have fun like we did back in the barracks.

The honor guard prides ourselves on dignity, respect and honor. If you are interested in becoming a part of the honor guard, please contact Commander John Pelligrino at 715-551-1039.

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Calendar of Events for the Wausau American Legion Family

June 9th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
June 17th	Post & Unit Membership Meetings	7pm
June 18th	Legion Baseball / Softball Tailgate Party	5pm
July 14th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
No Post and Unit Membership Meetings in July		
July 17-20	Department Convention - Green Bay	

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 adjutant@wausaupost10.com

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