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Wausau American Legion Newsletter
October - November 2025

Commanders Report

Our Legion Family - Strength in Unity

Greetings,

We have had a very productive couple of months and our post is looking forward to some significant events ahead. We are always moving forward and trying to keep the post active. Some are long standing events and some are new ones that we have added that play a significant roll in serving our veterans and community.

We just conclude our Patriot Day Events. The well attended memorial ceremony kicked off the event in the morning. We want to thank the Wausau Fire Department, SAFER Fire Department, Wausau Police Department and Marathon County Sheriff's Office that attended. We then held our golf outing. Again this year it was a full field of 18 teams. While there were some good scores were turned in by the teams, the outing is meant to be fun and that was certainly the case. After the conclusion of the golf, we had the awards ceremony for our Patriot of the Year awards. At this ceremony, we honor some very deserving members of our community for the great work they are doing serving our veterans or those in need. This year we awarded our Youth Citizens of the Year: Emily and Kindal Parker, Citizen of the Year: Jeff Thelen (WSAW - Channel 7), Business of the Year: Texas Roadhouse, Protective Service Member of the Year: Tracy Duranet (Wausau Police Department) and Legionnaire of the Year: Ray Bender. Congratulations to all of the award recipients for what you do for our community. A huge "thank you" to all of our volunteers that made the event happen.

As we move into fall and to winter we have a couple of things to address. There is a notice in this edition that we are changing the starting time of our monthly membership meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month to 6:30pm. This was suggested by some members and approved by the executive board. Our membership and the unit 10 membership then approved the change at our last meeting. We are hoping that we can get our meetings over a bit earlier for winter travel. If our members like the change we will decide before summer if we want to make it a permanent change.

We will also be updating information on the Veterans Day activities that will be taking place in the community. Our honor guard is always very busy this time of year. Please check our Facebook page and website for updates.
For God and County,

Tony Nardi
Commander, Wausau Post 10



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Membership

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Greetings Members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10:

Here it is the end of September and our temperatures this week have been in the 70's and 80's. But remember this is Wisconsin and weather can change in a heartbeat. Our wonderful summer is coming to an end, and we are looking forward to a new year of supporting veterans and their families.

Today in the mail I received my 2026 **membership** renewal notice. When you receive your renewal notice, remember that your membership renewal plays a vital role in the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary. This mission with over a century of service has remained the same – improving the lives of our veterans, military, and their families. The easiest way to pay your dues is to **call 317 569 4570** – ALA National Headquarters Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. .ET. I was able to pay the dues for myself, my children, and grandchildren in less than five minutes. **Dues for seniors are \$40; juniors under eighteen are \$7. Dues should be sent to Linda Tryczak, 807 S. 9th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54403.** The website to renew online is www.legion-aux.org. With the membership dues collected, the Auxiliary Unit 10 has been able to send three delegates to Badger Girls State this summer at the cost of \$1500. The American Legion Auxiliary Badgers Girls State Government and Leadership Conference was held on June 15 – 21, 2025 at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus.

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10 has also been able to sponsor a \$500 scholarship to one of our junior Auxiliary members.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10 has been very busy supporting the veterans, the military, and their families. Here is a schedule of our activities:

April 17, 2025 –	Business Expo Cedar Creek Convention Center
May 23, 2025,	Poppy Distribution – Memorial Weekend
July 17 – 20, 2025	104 th ALA Department Convention, Hyatt Regency, Green Bay, WI
September 13, 2025,	Patriot Day Golf followed by Patriot Day Awards Ceremony
September 27,	District #8 Fall Conference, King Veterans Home
October 4, 2025 -	ALA in the Know, American Legion Pos 175, 302 N. Union St., Loyal, WI
November 11, 2025,	Veterans Day Program at Bunkers
December 13, 2025,	Wreaths Across America – laying wreaths at King.
January 10, 2026,	American Legion Christmas Party
April 11 – 12, 2026 –	WALASBA 9 – Pin Tap Bowling Tournament sponsored by Wausau Unit 10

As of June, we have a new slate of officers. They are as follows: President, Frances Bender; Linda Tryczak, 1st Vice-President; Karen Maier, 2nd Vice-President; Amanda Szalewski, Historian; Stephanie Nardi, Chaplain; Gladys Beese, Treasurer; Eunice Baumann, Secretary; Amanda Szalewski, Ex-Officio; Christine Mertes, Sr. Sgt at Arms; Kim Hildebrandt, Jr. Sgt at Arms; Linda Tryczak, Membership; Jan Pflieger, 1st Member at Large; Sally Szalewski, 2nd Member at Large; Michelle Whitehouse, Third Member at Large.

We are need of Program Chairs for some of the Programs we have in place. We are in need of the following: Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Chair, a junior chair, and a Troop Support Chair. If anyone is interested in any of these positions and would like to hear more about what the duties involve, please call me at 715 573 7728.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Bender,
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 10

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Greetings from the new Vice Commander!

I would like to introduce myself to Post 10, and say thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. I'm sure it will be a learning curve to get started, but then everything in life has a bit of a learning curve attached to it.

It's always hard, at least for me, to talk about yourself. Taking into consideration the Family we all share through the American Legion, and of course our individual military experiences, makes sharing an easier task for sure!

So to begin I'll start by stating that I am not a Wisconsinite by birth, but rather a Minnesotan, growing up in West-Central Minnesota in a small town of about 2,000. Initially right out of high school I gave up a graphic arts scholarship to attend the law enforcement training at Minnesota's premier trade school at the time. My first job as a Police Officer was in South Dakota, and from there I entered the US Army in 1983. My MOS was to be with the Military Police where I specialized my training with becoming a K9 Handler with a Patrol Dog. After 3 years I entered the Reserves until I re-entered service in 1989 joining the Warrant Officer Corps flying helicopters. I started flying OH58 Scouts and quickly moved into the AH64 Apache. My first station of choice was Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO. While on Active Duty I was the BN Combat NVG Unit Trainer and local BN artist, designing unit insignias, patches, and challenge coins. My patch for the 1-4 AV Attack Regiment is still worn today.

Leaving the active duty scene I remained with the National Guards of North Dakota, Hawaii, and Wisconsin as I travelled around flying civilian helicopters for a tour company, and a couple EMS hospital based helicopter programs. Later in my NG life I transitioned to the UH60 Blackhawk. I retired with the Army National Guard in 2016, with my last assignment being an Instructor at the Ft. McCoy Military Academy Officer Candidate School, where I was the first Warrant Officer to hold that position with the OCS. It was a hard job teaching Lieutenant "wanna-be's" that Warrant Officers were a real thing and not just a myth. I finally gave up 33 years of flying, civilian and military, to start a retail business with my wife, Julie. What we started was a "clean business" since we make plant based soap, and other soap based products that are good for your skin, and the environment. Our store is located in the River District on 3rd Street, of Wausau. The name of our business is Naturally Up North...so come see us!!

On the more personal side of life, I love to be outdoors fishing, hunting, and anything else that involves the wild world of outdoors. I've travelled to 7 Countries, and been to 48 States...trying to complete the 50 some day! I also enjoy woodworking projects. My wife and I live in Stettin with our critters we call our kids... cats, a dog, a parrot, fish, and even chickens! They all keep us busy along with our business venture. Back to the American Legion. I look forward to learning my new Post, and all the names associated with all of you that make the Post a success in what it's meant to be for the Community. I encourage each of you to reach out if you need help, and to be a positive influence on everyone around you. Remember, "The only time you should ever look down on your neighbor is when you are bending over to help them stand up!"

--1st Vice Commander Brian Fox

Important Notice - Membership Meeting Time Changed

As we prepare for the upcoming winter months and the shorter days that we get with daylight savings time in the winter, we are going to make a small change in our meeting times. It was proposed by the executive board and approved at the membership meetings for both the post and the unit, that the general **membership meetings will begin at 6:30pm instead of 7pm**. This change will take place in November for the meetings on the 18th. While this is in a "trail period" for the winter months and we will make a decision going into next summer if we want to keep the new hours. We hope this will make it a bit easier for travel as we get into those winter months.

Chaplains Corner

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. “Well”, she said, “I think I’ll braid my hair today.” So she did, and she had a great day. The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw she had only two hairs on her head. “Hmmm”, she said, “I think I’ll part my hair down the middle today.” So she did and she had a grand day. The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. “Well”, she said, “today I’m going to wear my hair in a ponytail.” So she did and she had a fun day. The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror, and noticed that there wasn’t a single hair on her head. “Yay! She exclaimed “I don’t have to fix my hair today!”

This little story shows us a woman who was determined to have a positive, joy-filled outlook on life. Wouldn’t our lives be so much better if we followed her example.?

Be happy [in your faith] and rejoice and be glad - hearted continually (always)

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Don Hildebrandt

Chaplain, American Legion Post 10

Be The One



Last Chance – To get tickets – Our 31/31–Gun Raffle Starts October 1st. Please call the Post at 715-581-5210 or email adjtant@wausaupost10.com or purchase on line at

<http://www.wausaupost10-raffle.com/>



**31
Chances
To
Win**

**Wausau American Legion
31/31 Raffle**
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 1001 Golf Club Rd, Wausau WI 54403

Only \$25.00
 \$25 Per Ticket
 Maximum Sold: 2,000
 Need Not Be Present To Win
 All Federal and State Laws Apply.
 Rules listed on back of this page.



**31
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Win**

**A winner will be drawn for every day in October 2025
Winners are re-entered!**

Raffle License #: R0002881-A-98315

OCTOBER 2025						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 BROWNING X BOLT 2 AAA MAPLE DELUXE 7MM REM MAG	2 SMITH & WESSON EQUALIZER W/LASER 9MM	3 HENRY GOLDEN BOY 22LR	4 BENELLI NOVA 12 GA
5 RUGER LCP MAX 75TH ANNIVERSARY 380 AUTO	6 SAVAGE 110 TRAIL HUNTER TUNGSTEN 270 WIN	7 WINCHESTER SXP FDE DEFENSE 12 GA	8 GLOCK G19 9MM	9 STOEGER STR-40 40 S&W	10 REMINGTON 783 SYNTHETIC 243 WIN	11 ROCK ISLAND M1911 A1 GI STANDARD 45 ACP
12 BROWNING X BOLT MAX LONG RANGE 380 WIN	13 TAURUS M65 STAINLESS 4" 357 MAG	14 MOSSBERG PATRIOT BANTAM CAMO SCOPED 6.5 CREED	15 SAVAGE 334 WALNUT 30-06 SPRG	16 SMITH & WESSON M&P9 SHEILD W/NIGHT SIGHTS 9MM	17 STOEGER P3000 WALNUT 12 GA	18 TIKKA T3X LITE 300 WIN
19 SAVAGE AXIS XP COMPACT 7MM 08 REM	20 SMITH & WESSON FOLDING PISTOL CARBINE 9MM	21 CVA OPTIMA V2 LONG RANGE TH CAMO 50 CAL	22 WINCHESTER XPR HUNTER STRATA 7MM REM MAG	23 TAURUS TRACKER SS 6.5" REVOLVER 22LR/22VWMR	24 STOEGER STR-9 9MM	25 FRANCHI MOMENTUM FD RIFLE 308 WIN
26 SAVAGE 334 6.5 CREED	27 RUGER NEW VAQUERO HIGH GLOSS SS 45 COLT	28 CVA CASCADE SB VEIL 308 WIN	29 SPRINGFIELD RONIN 1911 10MM	30 SMITH & WESSON M&P15 VOLUNTEER 5.56 NATO	31 BROWNING X BOLT COMP STALKER 300 WIN	

POST 10 News and Notes

Trailer Donated to Our Post

Our Post was able to obtain a steel framed trailer with solid flooring, lights and jackstand. Wausau Kayak/Canoe Inc. donated the trailer. The trailer was formerly utilized for the transportation of an electronic scoreboard that is now obsolete.

Previously, the post borrowed trailers from others. The new trailer will have permanent posts for banners or signs and will be used in both the Memorial Day and Christmas parades.

The design is not yet finalized. Individuals with design experience or practical skills are welcome to support the project. For more information, contact Bob Weller at 715-571-3476

DDMI – Dick Dudley Memorial Invitation Is Being Replaced in 2026

Over the past twelve years, our Post has received financial support from the DDMI golf event, that provided funding for outreach projects. These projects included supporting Patriot K-9's training at Red Granite, purchasing three tiny homes for veterans, and acquiring "Sarge," a comfort and support dog for PTSD. This past year, the event did not take place.

The Executive Committee is creating a plan to host the 2026 event with input from interested groups. Details will be shared as planning continues. Volunteers are needed for tasks before, during, and after the event. Together, we can meet our financial goals and support our community—
Veterans Helping Veterans.

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2026 Banner Sales

After Veterans Day on November 11, the banners on Grand Avenue will be taken down and returned to donors, ending the 2025 season. It also marks the beginning of the 2026 banner season.

Nine banners have been sold during presales. The opening price is discounted to \$399 per banner for the new season, reverting to \$450 after January 1. If you are interested in the early bird rate, contact me for details and a registration form.

Look for the upcoming press release on local media channels.

Bob Weller
Post Program Manager

2025-2026 Calendar of Events – Wausau American Legion

October 12 th	Marathon County Fall Legion Meeting – Unity Post @ 1pm
October 13 th	Executive Board Meeting
October 21 st	Membership Meetings
November 10 ^h	Executive Board Meeting
November 11 th	Veterans Day – Wausau Veterans Council Ceremony – Bunkers 10:30am
November 18 th	Membership Meetings *** Start time of 6:30pm***
December 8 th	Executive Board Meeting Membership Meeting (NO MEETINGS in December)
January 10 th	Wausau Legion Family Christmas Party – Bunkers
January 12 th	Executive Board Meeting
January 15-18 th	Department Mid-Winter – Green Bay
January 20 th	Membership Meeting
February 9 th	Executive Board Meeting
February 17 th	Membership Meeting
March 9 th	Executive Board Meeting
March 17 th	Membership Meeting
April 13 th	Executive Board Meeting
April 21 st	Membership Meeting
May 11 th	Executive Board Meeting
May 19 th	Membership Meeting
May 23 th	Memorial Day Parade
May 25 th	Memorial Day Ceremony – Restlawn Memorial Park
June 8 th	Executive Board Meeting
June 16 th	Membership Meeting
July 15 th – 19 th	Department Convention (Wisconsin State Legion Conference) – Appleton, WI

Post 10 Committee Information

Much of the work that our post does begins at the committee level. We are always looking for members to join a committee. Your ideas, knowledge and input are always welcome. Please consider joining a committee and work with your fellow members at accomplishing our goals. We have the following:

Children, Youth & Americanism Committee
Membership & Recruitment Committee
Veterans Services and Family Resources Committee
Public Relations & Media Committee

Post Activities Committee
Post Funding Committee
Honor Guard Committee
Fiscal Overview Committee

Contact our commander if you would like to join - email: commander@wausaupost10.com

Veterans Day Events

Post 10 will once again host the **Veterans Day Ceremony** on November 11th. The Wausau Veterans Group conducts the ceremony each year. As we did last year, we will be in Bunkers at Tribute Golf Course. ... will be the Master of Ceremonies, with guest speakers. Military honors will be contacted by

Again this this year “**A Walk In Their Shoes**” program will have a special guest speaker at UWSP - Wausau Campus on November 11th at 6:30pm. This special presentation will include Retired Captain Pao Yang and author Chia Youyee Vang. Vang who is a professor of History at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, wrote the book PRISONER OF WARS which tell of the experience of Captain Yang. He was a T-28 pilot that was shot down in Vietnam and captured by communist forces. This will be a memorable presentation that will be a must see for our veterans and the entire community.

There are numerous restaurants and business that have specials for veterans that include free meals or discounted services. Our Patriot Day Business of the Year award recipient - Texas Roadhouse if one of these businesses. Keep an eye on our Facebook Page and Website for a listing as they become know to us.

Our Post 10 Honor Guard and Members attend the Veterans Cermonies at area high schools. Newman Catholic High School invites our post to attend their ceremony each year. We are also working with the officers of the Wausau West High School chapter of the National Honor Society as they wish to have a veterans service as well. We will update these events as we get more info.

Patriot K-9's of Wisconsin

Last spring, our post was able to support this great organization and fully sponsor a service dog. We were able to name the new “puppy” when the staff brought him to a Post 10 membership meeting. Sarge is the name our members chose that night. Patriot K-9's has been updating us on his progress as he is working on his training to be come a full time service dog for one of our veterans that can benefit from his companionship and service. Sarge is growing up fast and has been progressing quickly. Thank you for the updates and will look forward to see them!



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Calendar of Events for the Wausau American Legion Family

October 12th	Marathon County Meeting - Unity Post	1pm
October 13th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
October 21st	Post & Unit Membership Meetings	7pm
November 10th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
November 11th	Veterans Day	
November 18th	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 adjutant@wausaupost10.com

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