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Wausau American Legion Newsletter

December 2024 - January 2025

Commanders Report

Our Legion Family - Strength in Unity

Greetings,

Now that Veterans Day has come and gone, I want to thank all of you for your service to our country. Reflecting back on what was an incredibly busy couple of weeks to start November, I was reminded time and time again of the sacrifices made by all of those who served. Without you we would not be enjoying the freedoms that we have.

I want to extend a huge THANK YOU to our Post 10 Honor Guard. This group puts in a lot of time in general over a Veterans Day week performing ceremonies at schools, for other organizations, community events and hosting the county veterans ceremony at Bunkers. This year was especially taxing. Mixed in with all of these events, due to a high number of deaths, our Honor Guard performed military rites at 8 funerals over the course of 11 days. Two of the funerals took place in one day and were unfortunately performed for two of our Post 10 Past Commanders. I am proud to be a part of this group. Thank you again, your dedication to our fellow veterans and our community is commendable.

As I stated earlier, this has been a difficult couple of weeks for our post. We lost 3 past commanders in the last 2 weeks. Elgart Baumann, Pete Nielsen and Lyle Freiberg served our post at the highest level. We extend our sympathy to their families and pray for God's grace in their lives as they grieve.

On a bright note, we have several things coming up as we head into the holiday season. Our Veterans Meal Delivery Program is back up and running. Our team lead by Past Commander Bob Weller delivered meals to 105 veterans for Thanksgiving. We will be doing our Christmas Meal Delivery on Wednesday, December 18th. If you would like a meal, please contact the Post at 715-298-1606. Also coming up is our Wausau American Legion Family Christmas Party on January 11th. There is more information in this edition on how you can join us. Our Post 10 Scholarship Applications is now open for High School Seniors that are family members of the post. Our application process is now ON-LINE. Details on how to apply are in this edition.

As we move into the Christmas Season, please remember the reason for the season. Our Motto is "For God and Country". We are here to help those we can and through the grace of God we are able to do great things. Spend time with your families and take the time to help those you can along the way. Thank you all for your continued service !

Tony Nardi
Commander, Wausau Post 10



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Greetings Auxiliary Members!

As we move through November and into December, I want to take a moment to give thanks to all of you, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary. Without each and every one of you, we would not be able to serve our military members, veterans and their families. Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! I hope everyone takes some time to enjoy the holiday season and spend some quality time with your families.

Once again, as I do at the beginning of every one of these, I want to thank all of our members for renewing their membership for 2024 and for 2025! Now that we are approaching the end of the year, we are closing out our 2024-membership year and focusing on our 2025 renewals. Please remember, just paying your dues every year makes you an active member. While we would like every member of our Unit to attend meetings, we understand that may not be feasible or possible. Just paying your dues every year is the easiest way to contribute to our mission. Our 2025 membership goal is 132. As of 11/13/2024, we have 56 members that have renewed for 2025 putting us at 42.42% of our membership goal.

Our Unit has been pretty quiet the last few months. With some changes that have taken place with our program chairs, the Unit is starting to reevaluate what programs we focus on. Now is the time for members to make the decision to be more involved! Join us as at our next membership meeting in January as we continue to discuss the future direction of our Unit. Are there programs or causes that you wished our Unit would support or become involved with, let us know! Now is the time to make your voices heard! I look forward to hearing your suggestions and ideas.

Coming up in January is the annual American Legion Family Christmas Party. All members are encouraged to attend. I hope to see you all there!

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 Wausau American Legion Scholarships



The American Legion Wausau Post 10 scholarship applications are online, or on hard copy. It's your choice how you fill out the form. The time to submit your application is **NOW!** The deadline for applications is **JANUARY 15TH, 2025.** To be eligible, you must be a son, daughter, grandchild, brother, sister, niece or nephew of a current paid member of the Montgomery-Plant-Dudley Post 10. If you are related, please continue:

Your online application is at <http://www.wausaupost10-scholarship.com>

Fill in the blanks, attach a copy of your YTD GPA/Transcript form, and hit submit it.

It's that simple. We do the rest. Be sure you have all the contact information required on the form. Any questions, please contact Ray Bender at 715-581-6259.

Our Committee will be selecting the winners of the \$1000.00 Scholarships to be presented in the spring. All you need to do is apply.

YOUR OPINIONS ARE IMPORTANT WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

WE HAVE HAD LOW TURNOUT AT OUR POST 10 MEMBERS MEETINGS OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. WE WANT TO GET AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE TO ATTEND. PLEASE LOOK AT SOME OF THE QUESTIONS BELOW AND EMAIL YOUR ANSWERS TO

commander@wausaupost10.com

1. Post / Unit Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm.
Do you like this day / time Yes No
If we did changed the meeting day to Saturday at 10am or 1pm would you be more likely to attend meetings? Yes No
2. Would you be more likely to attend if meetings were shorter? Yes No
3. If we were able to offer virtual attendance to meetings, would you be more likely to attend?
 Yes No
4. We are trying to increase involvement at the post officer and board level. If we offered an incentive to be more involved, would you be more interested in volunteering for one of these positions? Yes No
What type of incentive? _____
5. Any comments you have on anything we can do better to serve our members?

Please just email the answer 1. Yes or No 2. Yes or No 3. Yes or No
4. Yes or No and a comment 5 Your comments

Taking 3 or 4 minutes of your time will help us greatly to serve our members better!



You are invited to
**The Montgomery–Plant–Dudley
Wausau American Legion Family
Christmas Party**

Saturday, January 11, 2025 at Bunkers Restaurant

Cocktails - Cash Bar 5:00 - 5:45pm with Dinner at 5:45pm

\$10 per person for Members

\$12 per person for non-members / guests

*Pasta Dinner w/ two choices of sauce, grilled chicken,
meatballs, Garlic Bread and a side salad*

Enjoy live entertainment this year by the Shepherd Strummers

*HOSTED BY: Unit 10 Auxiliary
Please RSVP by December 23rd at
715-359-8469 or email: csmrb@charter.net*



Chaplains Corner - Devotional

For to us a child is born...And he will be called wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting father, Prince of Peace.

I am taking care of you. Feel the warmth and security of being enveloped in my loving presence. Every detail of your life is under my control. Moreover, everything fits into a pattern for good, to those who love me and are called to my design and purpose.

Because the world is in an abnormal, fallen condition, people tend to think that chance governs the universe.

Events may seem to occur randomly, with little or no meaning. People who view the world this way have overlooked one basic fact: the limitations of human understanding. What you know of the world you inhabit is only the tip of the iceberg. Submerged beneath the surface of the visible world are mysteries too vast for you to comprehend. If you could only see how I am to you and how constantly I work on your behalf, you would never again doubt that his is wonderfully caring for you. This is why you must live by faith, not by sight, trusting in his mysterious majestic presence. While you journey through life in his presence, his Glory brightens the world around you. So here is to the months ahead of Joy and Blessings.



Chaplain Don Hildebrandt. Post 10

On Saturday, December 14th our Honor Guard will be taking a bus to King Veterans Home to participate in Wreaths Across America. We will help place 7500 wreaths on the graves of our fellow veterans. We would like you to join us. A charter bus leaves Bunkers at 7:30am and should return by 1pm. There is no cost to ride the bus. Contact John at 715-551-1039 if you would like to go. It is a memorable event.

REMEMBER

HONOR

TEACH



WREATHS
across
AMERICA

Veterans Day - Post 10



Mayor Doug Diny



Lt. Col Sliwicki



Marathon County VSO Jill Geoffroy



Tolling of the Solemn Bell



Combined Wausau Veterans Groups Rifle Squad

LOOKING FOR A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR A VETERAN?

You can honor their service with a Banner on Grand Ave this coming year!

2025 Veteran Avenue of Honor Reservation

Please Print to Avoid Errors

Name of Honoree: _____
(This will appear on the banner, Rank, Title, Name, etc.)

Honored by: _____
(This will be written on the bottom of the banner)

Branch of Service:

Army _____ Navy _____ Marines _____ Air Force _____ Coast Guard _____
World War II _____, Korea _____, Vietnam _____, Iraq _____, Afghanistan _____, Other _____

Service Years (Dates): _____ (Example: 1961 -1965)

Distinctive Service Awards Info: Examples are...
Purple Heart _____, Bronze Star _____, Silver Star _____ etc. _____

Photo & Information sheet of Honoree: Enclosed _____ Electronic _____

**MAILING... SEND PHOTO AND REGISTRATION TO:
AMERICAN LEGION WAUSAU POST 10, 1001 GOLF CLUB ROAD, WAUSAU, WI
54403**

**EMAILING: SEND PHOTO AND INFORMATION SHEET TO:
pastcmdrbob@wausaupost10.com**

Photo return required? Yes ___ No ___ If Yes, return photo to the following:

Name: _____ Address: _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Contact Person/Sponsor for additional information if needed:

Name _____ Phone _____

All banners will be displayed from mid- May 15 through Veterans Day on Grand Ave, Wausau. Copies of the full color booklet showing all banners will be provided. In Nov banners will be presented to sponsors.

BANNER PAYMENT OPTION: EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: \$450 – until Feb 28, 2025

PAYMENT ENCLOSED: _____ PAYMENT DEFERRED: _____ (invoiced March 1, 2025)

Thank you for your support.

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Calendar of Events for the Wausau American Legion Family

December 9th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
<u>No Post and Unit Membership Meetings in December</u>		
December 18th	Veterans Meal Delivery	3:30pm
January 13th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
January 11th	Christmas Party	5pm
January 17-18-19	Department Midwinter Conference - Appleton	
January 21st	Post and Unit Membership Meetings	7pm

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