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Wausau American Legion Newsletter

April - May 2025

Commanders Report

Our Legion Family - Strength in Unity

Greetings,

It looks like spring may have finally arrived. Even though Mother Nature threw us some curveballs this year and we had to make some last-minute adjustments to our schedules, we were able to get our work done. I want to thank a couple groups of people that fought through the weather to get the jobs done.

First of all, a huge Thank You to our Post 10 Honor Guard who provided military honors at several funerals for our fellow veterans during, at times, terrible weather. They stood tall and represented our post in the best possible way. I know it is appreciated by the veterans' families because of all of the Thank You cards I get expressing their appreciation.

Secondly, I want to thank Past Commander Bob Weller, his wife Mary and the entire teams of volunteers that work hard to make our Veterans Meal Delivery Program a success. From the awesome staff at Bunkers that prepare the meals to the team that pack the bags and the volunteer drivers that make the deliveries, this has become a well-oiled machine. We open the kitchen door at 3:30pm and in 20 minutes we have 25 drivers out the door to make 125 deliveries. This was most evident during our March 19th delivery when an unexpected snowstorm moved in and our drivers left Bunkers in a wet, heavy snowfall to get their routes done. We had one veteran's wife meet us at the door and declare "I think you guys are crazy – but we appreciate the meals deliveries so much". This is the most important thing about the whole program: All of the hard-working participants in this program are volunteers. All they get in return is a smile and a thank you, which makes everything worth while.

As we move forward, we are hoping to get more members involved in our good works at the post. Please consider joining a committee, becoming a board member, or just come out to some more meetings. We can use some new ideas and new members to work alongside of our dedicated team of legionnaires. The things we do, the programs we run and the assistance we provide are well worth the time and effort we put into them.

Join us for a meeting and see the impact we have. There is a schedule of all of our meetings and events on the back page of this newsletter. As we get into May, look for notifications on our website, social media and by email for updated on Memorial Day events.

Tony Nardi
Commander, Wausau Post 10



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Greetings Auxiliary Members!

According to the calendar, we've officially reached spring! Although, looking out the window at the recent snowfall certainly paints a different picture. Regardless, I hope that everyone is having a wonderful year so far. As we move into spring, the Unit is ramping up for our busiest time of year.

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 03/18/2025, we have 103 members that have renewed for 2025 putting us at 78.03% 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!

Spring is a busy time of year for the Unit. In April, members of the Unit will be attending the 8th District Spring Conference in Wautoma. Spring Conference provides an opportunity for members of our Unit to connect with members from other Units around the 8th District. Attend our upcoming meetings to hear updates on what our members learned.

May is Poppy month! Watch your mailboxes for the annual poppy letter. They will be hitting the mail at the end of April / early May. Poppy distribution is our single largest fundraiser. All proceeds from the poppies go back into our programs – specifically our programs that are focused on our Veterans and our Active Duty Military. If every member donated just \$5, we would be able to assist a higher number of our Veterans and Active Duty Military. We greatly appreciate any and all donations that we receive!

In addition to the letters in the mail, members of the Unit will be out with our Poppy Baskets on May 23rd. If you are interested in helping distribute poppies, please let our Poppy Chair know. You can attend a membership meeting or contact our Poppy Chair Linda Tryczak at tryczak.l@gmail.com. We would like to cover as much of the Wausau area as we can, so volunteers are needed.

The term for our current Unit officers is coming to a close. Per our Constitution and Bylaws, officers hold a two-year term, with elections held on the odd number years. This means, at our May membership meeting, we will be holding an election of new officers. The 2025-2027 slate of officers put forth by our Nomination Committee is 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

All members are encouraged to attend the May membership meeting to participate in the election.

Looking ahead to future events – our Unit was selected to host 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 UNIT 10 – NON-PAID MEMBERS RENEWAL NOTICE

The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin Red Book 2024 – 2025 under Membership pg. 64 2. c. states as follows: Dues shall be payable annually for the succeeding calendar year or for life. A member **failing to pay such annual dues by January 31st shall be classed as delinquent and should be suspended from all membership privileges.**

Dues are \$40 for seniors (members born in 2006 are SENIORS). Dues are \$7 for juniors (members born in 2007 are JUNIORS). Dues can be mailed to Fran Bender, 1839 Kimberly Rd, Kronenwetter, WI 54455. Checks should be made out to ALA Unit 10.

The website to renew online is www.legion-aux.org. You can also renew by phone. If your address has changed or if you have moved into an assisted living facility, please send your updated information to Fran Bender, 1839 Kimberly Rd; Kronenwetter, WI 54455, call her at 715 359-8469, or email her at csmr@charter.net.

This notice is not intended to badger anyone to renew, but just to inform you of your status. If you no longer wish to belong to the American Legion Auxiliary, please notify us at 715 359 8469 or send an email to csmr@charter.net.

Thank you for your continued support of the American Legion Auxiliary. We hope to see you at our next meeting on April 15, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bunkers Clubhouse, 1001 Golf Club Rd., Wausau, WI 54403.

Barbara Ann Allen	Carolyn Berkman	Judith Brennan	Jenny Buska	Laurie Crooks
Beatrice Doede	Barbara Drake	Sally Johnson	Karen Kromrei	
Samantha Oliva Effering	Doris Peters	Carolyn Viergutz	Maria Walters	

Chaplains Corner - Devotional

Sometimes we think encountering God is something reserved for a select few specially enlightened people. A monk or nun praying multiple times a day. A saint who changed the world. Or even the Son of God. It's easy to think there are some "special" people who are more attuned to the spiritual life than everyday people like you and me.

While the biblical story is full of exceptional characters, most of the time they are normal people who are willing to let God act in their lives. A little boy like Samuel hears God's voice and responds. A teenage girl like Mary is told she will bear God's son and boldly proclaims what God has done. This passage in 2 Corinthians reminds us that every single one of us has access to God, and we are being transformed in God's image. The ordinary are extraordinary in the eyes of God.

Here's to our ordinary extraordinary lives we were blessed with!

Don Hildebrandt Chaplain American Legion Post 10

Be The One



NOTES FROM OUR ADJUTANT

First off thank you to all members who have renewed. We still have over 60 members who have not renewed yet. If you are in doubt about your membership status, please call me at 715-574-1882.

We are receiving a good response on our 2025 Firearms raffle tickets and will try to process them and enter into the drawings as fast as possible.

One problem we are experiencing is not receiving change of address notification and for members who have extended stays in other states during the winter months. Many of our letters with the firearms raffle information in them were returned marked -TEMPORARILY AWAY. We will resend the letters to those travellers in May.

There are two other interesting bits of information, I would like to pass on. Many of you may remember how our Post was instrumental in helping complete the documentary "Honor in the Air". It was about a Wisconsin native, Scott Alwin, who served 5 tours in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. He is acknowledged as one of the most decorated Army aviators in history. He has family in our area and is buried in a small cemetery east of Wausau. Our great Honor Guard did a moving graveside ceremony there last year. He has been selected for induction into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame in conjunction with the EAA in Oshkosh. The ceremony will be held October 18th of this year. All friends and family are cordially invited to attend.

We are honoured to have many Vietnam War Era veterans in our Post and many that served in country. I sincerely hope many of our members read the article in the last Legion magazine titled "This is about what we all did"

There is also a documentary called "Truths and Myths About the Vietnam War" which is well worth watching. You can view it at avvba.org. You will be greatly surprised about some new information brought to light.

Thank you,

Adjutant

Post 10 Veterans Programs

Our Veterans Assistance Programs are one of our cornerstones. We have many programs we support, but serving our fellow veterans is paramount to Post 10. We conduct fundraising efforts and events so that we can provide money to those who need it most. We were proud to host 2 of the recipients of that funding at our March 19th Meeting. Jim Klement, the director of Camp American Legion in Lake Tomahawk, gave our members an update on what is happening at camp and an overview of the upcoming year. Our post made our annual donation of Kwik Trip Gift Cards to camp to purchase fuel and needed food items. Lani Rethaber, the Executive Director of Patriot K-9's of Wisconsin - and Post 10 member, gave an update on their program and spoke about an upcoming fundraising event they are hosting. We also made a donation to their program to cover the full cost of providing and training a new K-9 for a veteran in need.



Commander Tony Nardi & Jim Klement



Commander Tony Nardi & Lani Rethaber

Our goal is to have a guest speaker at each Post 10 Membership Meeting. Our April 15th meeting will feature Carla Ruuskanen, the Vice President of Northwoods Veterans Homestead in Rhinelander. She is going to speak about the new complex they are building to house homeless veterans in northern Wisconsin. Please join us at a meeting and you can gain valuable information on many veterans related programs taking place in our area.

Post 10 High School Scholarships

Each year, as part of our Children and Youth Program, we provide scholarships for the family members of Post 10 members that are seniors in high school going on to attend a college or technical school. This year we provided 9 scholarships for \$1000.00 each to qualifying seniors, Congratulations to our recipients!



Elenor Erwin - Wausau West HS
Kaden Goff - DC Everest HS
Joseph Ramsey Jr. - Mosinee HS
Ellen Spoor - Home Schooled
Elise Holtenbeck - West DePere HS

Elexa Dreager—Wausau West HS
Logan Chase DC Everest HS
Max Black - Merrill HS
Orion Ison - Wausau East HS

Congratulations to our recipients and best of luck as you pursue your academic goals!

Post 10 American Legion Baseball & Softball

Our baseball & softball programs have continued to grow at our post and in the region over the last few years. We are proud to sponsor both Junior and Senior Boys Baseball Teams. Our Post 10 Junor Polar Bears and our Post 10 Senior Bulldogs. We are equally proud to sponsor our Junior and Senior Girls Softball Teams - our Post 10 Patriots. The full schedules for each team are posted on their facebook pages and will be on our website as the season gets closer. We are also going to be hosting a baseball and softball doubleheader early in the season with a Post 10 / Post 492 Tailgate Party to get the season off and running in June. Check the next newsletter for schedules and for updates on exciting events for our teams. As a post, we want to get our members to support our teams, come out and watch some games and get to know our players. They play some great ball and admission is always free.

Each year the post makes donations to each of the teams to support their programs. Both programs conduct fundraisers to raise the funds to pay for program needs. Please help support these programs with their fundraising efforts as well.

2025 Wausau American Legion Baseball raffle tickets are now available!

Prizes include \$1500, \$500, \$100 , Brewers tickets....AND that 5 night stay at a beautiful beachside condo in Key Colony Beach Florida (travel not included). Tickets will be available from Legion players, at Loppnows Sports Bar, Bunkers and The Chatterbox in Wausau. You can also snail mail a check made out to Wausau American Legion Baseball to Tom Magnuson 154658 Marshall Hill Rd Wausau 54403....or Venmo @Tom-Magnuson-5.

2025 Wausau American Legion Baseball Raffle	2025 Wausau American Legion Baseball Raffle
Name _____	Prizes Include:
Phone # _____	\$1500 CASH • \$500 CASH • \$100 CASH
13801	5 Night Stay at Florida Keys Condo
\$20 per ticket	Brewer Tickets
	and More!
	Drawing: Monday, June 9, 2025 • 5:30 pm
	at Loppnow's Sports Bar.
	All proceeds support Wausau Legion Baseball
	\$20 per ticket
	License # R000 2881-02845

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Post 10 *Patriots* **Softball**

2nd Annual Golf Outing

Sunday June 8, 2025 4 Person – 9 Hole Scramble



**PROCEEDS BENEFIT WAUSAU AMERICAN LEGION POST 10 PATRIOTS
GIRLS SOFTBALL PROGRAM**

Limited to the first 18 Registered Teams

Team Check-in: 9am | Shotgun Start: 10 am

Cost \$60.00 per Person

(checks can be made to Wausau American Legion Post 10)

Includes 9 Holes of golf w/cart, Lunch, Raffles & Prizes

Trapp River Golf Course

243124 County Highway WW, Wausau WI 54403

Contact Commander Tony at 715-297-0150 or
Email: commander@wausaupost10.com to register a team, be a sponsor for the event or donate a prize for the raffle after the outing. Everyone is welcome to come out and participate in the raffle after golf for a chance to win some great prizes.

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Calendar of Events for the Wausau American Legion Family

April 7th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
April 15th	Post & Unit Membership Meetings	7pm
April 16th	Veterans Meal Delivery	3:30pm
May 12th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
May 20th	Post and Unit Membership Meetings	7pm
May 24th	Memorial Day Parade	
May 26th	Memorial Day Ceremony - Restlawn Cemetery	

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