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**Wausau American Legion Newsletter**  
February - March 2025

**Commanders Report**

***Our Legion Family - Strength in Unity***

Greetings,

I hope everyone is managing to stay warm during these lengthy winter months. We did not make the decision to cancel our January membership meetings lightly. The health and welfare of our members comes foremost to all we do. We did not want to take a chance on someone becoming stranded on the road with temperatures that were -20 after dark and -40 with the windchill. Fortunately, spring will be just around the corner, and we can look forward to things greening up and getting warmer.

After what has been a very busy November and December, we have started to slow down just a bit. We are doing some training and trying to get our post membership renewals in line for the upcoming year. If you have not renewed your membership yet, please do so. It makes a big difference in the programs we support.

We want to get your input and opinions on how we are doing as a post. We also want to provide some information on how you can become more involved at the post level. On Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am we are having an informational meeting at Bunkers. We would like to have you join us to learn more about what we are doing, get your input on what we can do better and explain what you can do to get more involved in our post. I hope you will take a couple of hours in the morning to join us. We will provide a lunch to all of our attendees afterwards.

As we move forward and look at upcoming events, we will continue our Veterans & Widows Meal Delivery Program each month ending in April with our Easter Meals. This program has been a huge success. It started with Thom Passow teaming up with our great partners at Bunkers and has evolved over the last 3 years under the direction of Past Commander Bob Weller. We serve 250 meals monthly, delivered by our 26 volunteer drivers, which are made up of our members and community volunteers. If you would like to participate in this program, please reach out to post and call our hotline at 715-298-1606.

Tony Nardi  
Commander, Wausau Post 10



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Greetings Auxiliary Members!

Let me take a moment to wish everyone a Happy New Year! It was wonderful to see everyone at the Christmas Party that we had at the beginning of January. Now that 2025 is underway, it's time to recommit to our organization and our mission of "Service, not self" as we do what we can for our military members, veterans, their families and our community.

As I do at the beginning of every letter, I want to thank all of our members for renewing their membership for 2025! We have closed out our 2024 membership year and our focus is now solely on our 2025 membership goal. 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 01/21/2025, we have 95 members that have renewed for 2025 putting us at 71.97% of our membership goal.

Our Unit is starting to get back into the swing of things. Unfortunately, our Unit hasn't had the opportunity to meet since the last newsletter went out. We decided to cancel our January meeting due to extreme cold weather. However, we will be meeting at our normal time in February and everyone is encouraged to attend. We are still reevaluating what programs we focus on. Now is the time for members to make the decision to be more involved! Join us as at our membership meetings 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.

There are a few upcoming events that our Unit will be participating in. We have 8<sup>th</sup> District Spring Conference coming up at the end of April. All members are welcome to attend. We also have poppy distribution coming up in May. We would like to have members at as many businesses as we can on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please consider helping out. Details will follow in a future newsletter or email me if interested.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## Chaplains Corner - Devotional

### Available

Too often we allow ourselves to become overly concerned about our weakness. You don't have to be worried about your weakness. God is not looking for ability, he's looking for availability.

As the ship Dorchester took on water after a torpedo struck the ship, four chaplains on board calmed the frightened soldiers, aided the wounded and guided the disoriented to safety. As the ship went down they linked arms, sang hymns, and prayed. I was honored that the mayor of Wausau after I asked to make the first Sunday in February "Chaplains Sunday" in the city of Wausau.

I was asked by my 1st SGT before a deployment do you know why were here, then he said "then I heard the voice of the Lord say, whom shall I send? And whom will go for us? Then I said Here am I, send me. This became my favorite and closest verse for me ( Isaiah 6-8 ) I was asked and told to me.

I encourage you to wake up every day and say : here I am God, do you have something for me today. I'm available for whatever you have planned for my life. You'll be amazed the ways God will use you to change the world around you.

Here's to our availability to God, and also to our American Legion Post 10.  
Amen

Chaplain Don Hildebrandt. Post 10



Sadly, we have lost many members last year and this is why it is so important to try and retain and recruit new members. Their names are respectfully listed with their war era and years of membership. We hope you may remember them and offer a moment of reflection.

Elgart Bauman	Vietnam	51 yrs	Joseph Buska	Korea	5 yrs
Roger Dean	Korea	15 yrs	Donald Feit	Korea	15 yrs
Jim Francken	Vietnam	6 yrs	David Groth	Vietnam	24 yrs
Eugene Hauer	Vietnam	32 yrs	Les Hotchkiss	Korea	22 yrs
Richard Hubert	Vietnam	7 yrs	Robert Junion	Korea	39 yrs
Robert Knishka	Korea	26 yrs	Kenneth Kraimer	Korea	5 yrs
Will Lazotte	Korea	40 yrs	James Maxey	Vietnam	10 yrs
Peter Nielsen	Vietnam	31 yrs	Darla Porter	Lebanon-Grenada	15 yrs
Roland Rasmussen	Vietnam	3 yrs	Mark Redetzke	Korea	32 yrs
Robert Reuter	Korea	14 yrs	Ken Rohmeyer	Vietnam	1 yr
Elroy Ruechel	Korea	39 yrs	Ralph Sanders	Korea	43 yrs
Arthur Schilling	Korea	37 yrs	Geraldine Schlamp	Korea	10 yrs
Michael Siegel	Vietnam	43 yrs	Jack Stacker	Vietnam	4 yrs
Michael Syring	Vietnam	12 yrs	Donald Tucker	WWII	33 yrs
Jerome Volkman	Vietnam	44 yrs	Patrick Zachmeyer	Vietnam	40 yrs
Gary Zumann	Vietnam	40 yrs	John Pijan	Vietnam	43 years

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In future newsletters we will try and publish recent members who have passed away as well as new members and transfers.

We are thankful for the following members who have joined or transferred to our Post and would like to recognize their service era and branch

JULIANNE BARKHOLZ	OTHER	USN	DALE BRANDT	OTHER	USA
DAVID DERBY	OTHER	USN	GARY BAUMANN	GWT	USA
JOSEPH BURCLAY	GWT	USA	DOROTH BUSH	PERSIAN GULF	USA
BRIAN FOX	PANAMA	USA	CAITLIN GUSTAFSON	GWT	USN
MANDY KIPP	GWT	USA	VYLIUS LESKYS	GWT	USA
MICHAEL MEALEY	OTHER	USMC	BRUCE MELCO	VIETNAM	USN
LAWERENCE SLAGOSKI	VIETNAM	USMC	MICHAEL UMLAND	OTHER	USAF

### **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE FROM ADJUTANT**

To all Post 10 members—First off thank you to all our PUFL members and those who have renewed for year 2025. We are currently at 453 and our goal set by National is 551  
As of January 20, we have 72 members who have not renewed yet. You should have recently, received a renewal reminder from National as well as a more detailed letter from Commander Nardi asking for your continued support and also the information to renew on-line if interested.

There have now been 4 renewals mailed out, plus emails, which amounts to considerable postage and administrative time.

Out of respect for our members we will not be publishing the names of those who have not renewed yet. As we have explained previously—the membership year starts July 1 and if you have not renewed by January 1st, you are on considered in a grace period by national.

National constructs a cut off date, followed by a renewal mail date as listed below.

What happens is members will renew after the cut off date and are processed by your

Post or national if done on line and then will still receive the reminder again and then many members will send in another payment which we have to send back.

#### **CUTOFF DATE**

**May 15,2024**

**September 13, 2024**

**October 18, 2024**

**December 13,2024**

**February 14, 2025**

#### **RENEWAL MAIL DATES**

**July 1-8, 2024**

**October 7-14, 2024**

**November 10-18th 2024**

**January 6-12 2025**

**March 2-8, 2025**

**We do not wish to badger members about renewing and would not like to send out any more mailings. If for whatever reason, you no longer wish to renew call**

**715-881-5210 or 715-574-1882 and we will honor your request.**

**Thank you for your help in this matter.**

**YOUR POST AND YOUR  
FELLOW VETERANS  
NEED YOU TO HELP  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
IN OUR COMMUNITY**



**We have over 500 members in our post. In 2005 that number was over 1100. Due to our aging membership, we have lost over half of our members in 20 years. We need your help at the post level so our programs can be successful, our veterans programs can provide aide and so we can support our community.**

**On February 8th at 10am we are having an informational meeting at Bunkers to let you know how you can help and to get your input on what we can do better as a post. This is a great opportunity to see what we actually do as an American Legion Post here in Wausau and to let us know what you think!**

**There are numerous volunteer opportunities, committee appointments and officer positions that need to be filled by our members. Maybe you can only come and help at 1 event this year or once a month. Maybe you can volunteer to be a driver for our veterans meal program or simply sell a couple of raffle tickets. Maybe you can join a committee that helps our children & Youth or our fellow veterans. Maybe you want to be come involved at an officer or board member level. Perhaps you want to get some information on how to join our honor guard. We will have all of this information available for you at this meeting.**

**We are more that willing to help you - help us and we will take any assistance we can get from our members! Even if it is only 1 day of volunteering this summer.**

**Just as important - we want your feed back on what we can do to be a better service organization. How can we improve our operations? Should we change our meeting dates or times to better serve our members? What programs can we support that we may be missing or don't know about?**

**Please call our office asap at 715-581-5210**

**or email**

**commander@wausaupost10.com**

**If you can join us ..**

**We need you, your fellow veterans need you and  
your community needs you!**



## **What the Wausau American Legion Post 10 does for our Veterans and for our community**

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE - Sponsor Wausau Area Boys State Scholarship  
BANNERS- Veterans Avenue of Honor, Annual placement of 50 banners honoring Veterans  
BASEBALL & GIRLS FAST PITCH - Sponsor American Legion Bulldogs & Girls Post 10 Patriots Softball teams  
BOCK FEST- Donate Post profits from the event to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight  
BOY SCOUTS & CUB SCOUTS TROOP 400 - Sponsor Troop & Pack 400 – Patriotism, Leadership  
BUSINESS EXPO – Wausau, Display promoting the Post and honoring Veterans, Best of Show, Theme 2023  
**CAMP AMERICAN LEGION** - Assist Building Program, Financial & volunteer support  
CAMP AMERICAN LEGION - Purchased truck with snowplow in 2020  
DICK DUDLEY MEMORIAL INVITATIONAL – Golf fundraiser for the Post  
ENDURING FREEDOM TRIBUTE – Honoring those who served, especially Gulf War era Veterans In 2022  
FLAG POLE, FLAG & ACCESSORIES– Donated to the Community Partners Campus on Grand Ave.,  
FLAGS - Provided upon request from area non-profits and schools, provide drop off for proper disposal  
FUNERAL HOMES- Provided all area funeral homes with plaques in 2020 to honor the fallen Veterans  
GUN RAFFLE- Annual support of our Veteran programs, 31 winners every October  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – We are working with Habitat to find vets who need help with home improvements  
HIGH GROUND - Post Honor & Color Guard, participate in tribute events  
HONOR GUARD - Support Veteran activities - funerals, over 70 last bugle salutes, parades, etc.  
KING, WISCONSIN VETERANS HOME, Provide gift items for residents at various times  
KING, MILITARY CEMETERY - Participate in laying of 7000 wreaths for the Christmas season  
LEAP – “Law Enforcement Appreciation Project” support with donation  
LEGION RIDERS - Participate by posting colors at their events  
MEMORIAL BRIDGE – Scott St., replaced 1934 bridge dedication plaque in 2022, honoring all military branches  
NEVER FORGOTTEN HONOR FLIGHT – Annual donations with manpower at fund raising events  
PARADES - Memorial Day & Wausau Christmas Parades with Honor Guard and patriotic float  
PATRIOT DAY AWARDS & GOLF – Recognize youth, citizens, business, protective services, Legionnaire  
PATRIOT K9's of WI. –Sponsor training, 10 service dogs at Red Granite Correctional Facility for Veterans with PTSD  
POPPY DAY- National, Assist Auxiliary with Poppy distribution  
POST 10 TRUCK - Purchased in for the Post and Honor Guard to support the military rites of fallen Veterans  
RESTALLAWN CEMETERY - Flag placement, honor Veterans at Memorial Day event  
SCHOLARSHIPS - Presented to qualified high school graduating applicants  
SERVICE OFFICER - Prompt response of Veterans requests for financial aid or support  
STANLEY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE- Support their Veterans Rehab Program  
VETERAN MEALS- Provided over 6000 “Safe at Home” meals for Veterans, widows & their families - 2020-2024  
VETERANS MEMORIAL WALL- Marathon County, at Bunkers/Tribute Golf, created, maintaining, updates  
VETERAN TRIBUTE – Celebration of Veterans hosted by Bull Falls Brewery, American Legion, Man of Honor  
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY – At Bunkers, Speakers & Honor Guard Honoring all Veterans  
WALK IN THEIR SHOES -Sponsor Colin Hanson’s educational programs with national speakers

Located at Bunkers Restaurant, 1001 Golf Club Road, Wausau  
Executive Committee Meetings– Second Monday of each month  
Membership Meetings – Third Tuesday of each month except December  
Facebook- Wausau American Legion Post 10  
Post Website - [www.wausaupost10.com](http://www.wausaupost10.com)

**We have a long proud history of supporting our veterans and our community in the Wausau area. Join us in this vital mission as we continue to service.**

## Veterans Honors Banners

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](mailto: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.

Project Contact: Bob Weller - 715-571-3476 – [pastcmdrbob@wausaupost10.com](mailto:pastcmdrbob@wausaupost10.com)

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### Calendar of Events for the Wausau American Legion Family

February 8th	Post 10 Information / Involvement Meeting	10am
February 10th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
February 18th	Post & Unit Membership Meetings	7pm
February 19th	Veterans Meal Delivery	3:30pm
March 10th	Post Executive Board Meeting	6:30pm
March 18th	Post and Unit Membership Meetings	7pm
March 19th	Veterans Meal Delivery	3:30pm

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](mailto:adjutant@wausaupost10.com)

Check out the events calendar on our new website for a current and very detailed list of events. [Wausaupost10.com](http://Wausaupost10.com)