AMERICAN LEGION

Franklin #387

American Legion & Auxiliary

November/December 2026 Newsletter

November Meeting: Nov. 14th, 2026, at 12:00 Noon at Roadside Restaurant (see below)

December Meeting/Christmas Party: December 8th, 2026, at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall in Franklin (see below)

Highlighted Events for November/December:

Sheboygan County Council Banquet
Vets Café
Various Local Veterans Day Programs
Annual Veterans Day Luncheon
Annual Christmas Party/Meeting

Commander Robin's Comments:

Hello, Fall is upon us- the Packers continue to agonize, and the Brewers AMAZE us, so I hope your blood pressure health is good with the state of Wisconsin sports! I am excited as we enter our more "active and busy" season. Hope to catch up with you at our events. I think of why I joined the American Legion, and it was to be PART OF SOMETHING that gives back. That is hard to do from the couch.

We are ALL BUSY; it is my goal to make it so that our events- including monthly meetings- are things you WANT to attend! I would also like to expand WHAT we do in the community. As you know, we are having our Luncheon/Open House on Nov 14th. Please plan to attend with your spouse. Tell other members and encourage THEM to attend. If you know of any veteran who is eligible to join us, invite THEM.

We are planning a SPRING FLING event for local veterans (with a band- wink wink!) So, we are thinking about activities, but we must ACT. I ask each of you to ACT as an active member and encourage you to participate in helping us with upcoming activities and events that we could all do…TOGETHER. Thanks, and hope to see you at our next meeting!

Cheers! Robin 😊

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, October 31st- Sheboygan County Council Banquet Lunch at the Elks Club in Sheboygan. It is $30/pp. If you would like to rideshare, contact Robin

Tuesday, November 3rd- Vets Café- 11:30 am- at the Pine Haven facility located at 220 Haven Drive in Sheboygan Falls. Visit and Lunch with the Veterans and staff, with a special acknowledgement ceremony at 11:30 to open the program.

VETERANS DAY!



Wednesday, November 11th at 10 a.m. at Keil High School. Program at 10:30. Join us for a wonderful program followed by lunch served by the High School Students themselves. This is always a very meaningful program, and Keil HS does an amazing job showing appreciation for US veterans. It is worth attending this event.

Wednesday, November 11th at 1:30 pm at Howards Grove High School; program at 2 pm. Another great tribute to veterans by the Howards Grove School.

Wednesday, November 11th at 8 am- at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Howards Grove will be doing their veterans program again this year! All veterans are welcome to come to the breakfast and short program. Veterans who wish to participate should sign up by following the link provided. The principal has also asked me to contact veterans in our area again who may be interested in being interviewed by the 7th-8th grade kids. During the interview, the veteran and a guest will enjoy a free meal. The students will write a short report and make a presentation based on what is discussed. Please share this with the Legion members!

Here is the sign-up link.
https://forms.gle/A6zUNWeKWEwCfaYMA or call the church office at 1-920-565-3780.

Saturday, November 14th at NOON, we will have our Annual Veterans Day Luncheon at the Roadside Restaurant in Plymouth. Contact Carol Ternes at 920-627-9295 to confirm your seat. Also, this year we will be inviting prospective members (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL's) to attend- $15 of their lunch on us! SO, if you know anyone who could/should be amongst us, let Robin know!

Tuesday, November 17th, Vet's Café at 11:30 am- at the Pine Haven facility located at 701 Pine Drive on the Oostburg Campus. Visit and Lunch with the Veterans and staff, with a special acknowledgement ceremony at 11:30 to open the program.

PAST POST EVENTS:

*Sheboygan County Fair- Several of our Post Members and other Sheboygan County Veterans marched in a "silent march" throughout the fairgrounds. We finished at the M&R Pavilion, where we witnessed a wonderful presentation and then totally surprised Past Commander Allen Nohl by rededicating that building as the Allen Nohl Military Remembrance Pavilion. What a tremendous honor for our distinguished leader!

*Fundraiser for Stars and Stripes Honor Flight and Make-A-Wish Foundation at Tim and Sarah Felman's residence. Several Post members took part in the Honor Guard Ceremonies and witnessed awards of appreciation from the Sheboygan County VFW to the Felman's Family and Butch and Anne from the Pine Grove Tavern for all their wonderful support over the years towards this cause.

*Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial (SCVM) had its annual name engraving event. Saturday, October 10th at 10 am.

*Commander Robin Brandt and Post Chaplain Sheila Edler attended the Pine Haven for Vets Cafe at 531 Giddings Ave. in Sheboygan Falls, WI. This is a fun, relaxed time to sit and chat with other veterans and Legion/VFW members.

NOTES:



I am happy to announce that our Post Website is now **ACTIVE!** This is OURS, and EVERYONE has a say in what is posted for all to see. Please visit: https://alpost387.org/home
Look it over and give Robin any suggestions and advice. Thank you.
We are working on the Facebook page and Post Business Cards next!

In July, you should have received your 2027 dues renewal notice. For those who paid your dues, THANK YOU! THANK YOU! For those still needing to pay… PLEASE write your check for $40 in the envelope provided and return it to the Post address. If you're attending our November dinner/meeting- WE HOPE YOU ARE- (Nov. 14 at Noon), bring your dues check/cash, and we can square up then and save the stamp. Thanks, Robin and Steve.

POST OFFICERS:

Commander: Robin Brandt

1st Vice Commander: Ken Bubb

2nd Vice Commander: Allen Nohl

Adjutant: Duane Martins

Finance Officer: Steve Bender

Chaplain: Sheila Edler

Sergeant-at-Arms: Tom Klemme and Allan Woepse

Historian: Vacant (Please consider filling this position). Talk to Robin for details.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

America Still Needs Veteran Leadership

A veteran's greatest contribution to America may not happen while wearing a uniform.
It may happen afterward. In a classroom. At a fire station. Inside a small business.
On a construction site. In a hospital. At city hall. Or while coaching a team of youth
on a Saturday morning.
Veterans return home with something America needs:
Experience leading others, solving difficult problems, and putting the mission ahead of themselves.
Their military service may be one chapter. Their impact can last a lifetime.

Mission in Action | Leadership

The Uniform Comes Off. The Mission Continues.

The path after military service looks different for every veteran.
Some build businesses. Some become first responders. Some enter skilled trades or healthcare.
Some become teachers, coaches, and mentors. Others volunteer through their local American
Legion Post or step into leadership roles within their communities.
Different careers. Different communities.
The same foundation: **Service!**
The skills developed in uniform don't belong only on a battlefield.
They belong anywhere people need leaders willing to step forward.

This is what Veterans Strengthening America looks like.

Mission Snapshot

Veteran leadership shows up everywhere.

- 5.3 million+ Americans are employed by veteran-owned businesses.
- 7.9 million+ hours of community service were reported by American Legion Posts in 2025–2026.
- 1,656 veterans were connected with employment through reported American Legion efforts.
- 1,209 Vets in the Classroom programs were reported by American Legion Posts in 2025–2026.

FINAL FINAL THOUGHT:

I got myself an emotional support pet. It's a Chicken. It's Crispy. It came with a biscuit!

President Shannon's Notes:

We raised $451.22 at our bake sale in coordination with the HG VFW fall brat fry. Thank you to all those who provided baked goods and to the VFW for allowing us to utilize this opportunity to raise funds.

The County Auxiliary sponsored Rocky Knoll BINGO event will be held on **Tuesday, November 10th, at 10:30 a.m.** Volunteers are needed to assist the residents with their BINGO cards. The County will provide quarters for prizes.

Please take note of the Post section of the newsletter for information regarding Veterans Day events at the area schools (Kiel High School, Howards Grove High School, and St. Paul's Lutheran School).

The Annual Veterans Dinner will be held on **Saturday, November 14, at Roadside Inn in Plymouth at 12:00 noon.** The meal will be served family-style and consist of broasted chicken and sirloin tips, along with mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, and rolls. The cost per person is **$25.00**. **Please RSVP to Carol Ternes by Saturday, November 7th, at 920-627-9295.** Cake will also be provided by the Auxiliary.

Our Auxiliary acknowledges membership recognition for continuous years of service (beginning at 25 years and at 5-year increments thereafter). This year's honorees are: Marcella Nohl for 35 years, and Rita Stefen and Donna Landwehr for 30 years.

We will not be participating in Salvation Army Bell Ringing as a group this year. If you are interested in signing up for yourself, please visit their website at www.salvationarmyusa.org

Our annual Christmas program will be held on **Tuesday, December 8th, at 6:00 p.m.** This is a potluck meal with no sign-up. Please bring a dish to pass, other than dessert. If everyone brings the same item, we will be thankful that we are all thinking similarly and feast on what we have. We have been doing the potluck this way for several years now, and this has not been a problem. Also, please bring **one** dozen cookies, which will be used for dessert that night and given to the shut-in members visited during Christmas caroling. The Auxiliary will provide water, coffee, and milk. If you would prefer other beverages, you are welcome to bring them for

yourself/your family. A short Christmas program will follow the meal. Please pray for good traveling weather; this event will not be rescheduled if cancelled due to inclement weather.

A big thank you to Kelly Harms for volunteering to decorate the Christmas tree and meeting room this year. Darlene Meyers will be assisting as needed, and word has it that Kelly's children, Gena and Jonah, will be recruited for some festive family labor. Nothing says "Christmas Spirit" quite like mandatory decorating duty. We're sure their efforts will keep them on Santa's Nice List… assuming they don't complain too much.

Christmas caroling to shut-in members is tentatively scheduled for **Sunday, December 13th at 1:00 p.m**. We plan to meet at the Herman Town Hall to carpool. Please let Shannon or Robin know if you are considering participating, and they will provide you directly with the exact details when they are finalized (the date and time may change from the original plan based on the members we will be visiting and the availability of the carolers).

November & December Birthdays



Nov. 11 - Heidi Widder
Nov. 20 – Gregory Davis
Nov. 23 - Auggie Knoener –SAL
Nov. 24 - Sue Boedecker
Nov. 25 – John Farrington
Nov. 26 - Brian Nohl – SAL



Dec. 2 - Russell Dabel
Dec. 11 - Josh Meyers – SAL
Dec. 12 - Steve Bender
Dec. 15 - Matt Schueler – SAL
Dec. 15 - Robert Brion
Dec. 23 - Sarah Breher
Dec. 26 - Paula Mueller
Dec. 31 - Judi Bogenschultz

More Important Dates:

November is Military Family Month: A month to honor and celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of the families of the US Armed Forces.



Nov. 1 – Daylight Saving Time ends
Nov. 10 - Marine Corps' 250th Birthday
Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day
Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day





Dec. 7 - Pearl Harbor Day
Dec. 13 - National Guard's Birthday. It was established in 1636; it is the oldest military organization in America. Its members serve during times of war and emergency. Take time to honor those who have protected our country for centuries.
Dec. 19 – National Wreaths Across America
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve







If there are any name changes, address changes, email address changes, or other important information that needs to be updated, please contact:

Commander Robin @ 414-254-4608 or President Shannon @ 920-207-2752



Take The Time....

As we celebrate the upcoming holidays, take a moment to notice…really notice. Notice the people around you and appreciate the small things—a smile, a helping hand, or a kind word. Help someone out, make their day a little brighter, and let them know you noticed. Celebrations mark how far we've come, but appreciation honors those who helped us get here.

Reach out and pass the kindness on.





