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General Meeting:

May 26, 2026 at 7:00PM

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House Committee Meeting:

June 9, 2026 at 7:00PM

From the Commander



As my time as serving as your Commander comes to a close, I want to thank you all for the opportunity and for your support. It is bittersweet that I am stepping step down, but it is the right thing to do. After six years, it is time for me personally, but, more importantly, it is the right time for our post as well. I am very proud of this post, but our future is dependent upon the next generation of comrades to lead and grow our post for the generations of veterans to follow.

I am grateful that the recently elected senior command leadership are of that generation and grateful to Bob June for remaining in his position as Quartermaster. I feel confident that this leadership team is poised to take one of the best posts in the state to even higher level.

I will still be active in post leadership as Rich has asked me to serve as the Post Judge Advocate.

Post Officer Elections and Appointments

Elections for our post officers for the 2026 / 2027 term were held at the April Meeting. Congratulations and thank you to the elected officers for their service to our post. Commander (Rich Goodman), Senior Vice Commander (Dave Misko), Junior Vice Commander (Dennis McDonald), Quartermaster (Bob June), Three-year Trustee (Chuck Blair), and Two-year Trustee (Dave Barczak) who were elected by acclamation.

I would also like to thank our comrades that have accepted roles in appointed positions: Brian Barker (Adjutant), Dave Chappell (Judge Advocate), Dan Driscoll (Service Officer), Del Canon (Chaplain), Bill Ray (Surgeon), and Rich Nuccio (Membership Officer).

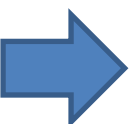
Installation will take place at the May meeting.

Memorial Day

It's a day of reflection and remembrance of those who died while serving in the U.S. military,



New Berlin's annual Memorial Day observance at Highland Memorial Park located at 14875 West Greenfield Avenue is scheduled for **May 25th at 11:00 AM**. This event will include our Honor Guard, Mayor Ament, and local government officials, as well as the New Berlin Community Band. The Honor Guard is requested to arrive by 10:30 in dress uniform, but all members are encouraged to attend. Those that can help transport chairs, podium and flags are asked to meet at the post at 9:30.





Military Appreciation Month is a month-long observance in May dedicated to honoring active-duty service members, veterans, and their families for their service and sacrifices.

Armed Forces Day at Mission BBQ

Mission BBQ is celebrating active military and veterans the week of May 11th with a free sandwich at the Brookfield location per the following schedule: Monday - Army, Tuesday - Marines Corps, Wednesday – Navy, Thursday – Air Force / Space Force, and Friday – Coast Guard.

Then on Forces Day celebrated on **May 16th**, our post will again present the colors at noon for the National Anthem. After the anthem, please stay for free sandwiches in celebration of your service.



Bikes Blessings at the VFW

Gentlemen -- and ladies -- **start your engines** and head to the Post next **Saturday, May 16th**, for the **Annual Bike Blessing and Ride**. This fundraising event is a collaboration between the Harley Davidson dealership in Oconomowoc and our VFW Post 5716.



Registration starts at the Post between 10:00-10:50. This will be followed by a short introduction, playing of the National Anthem and the **Blessing of the Bikes**. The Head Ride Captain will provide the logistics for the one-hour ride to the dealership and then give the call for "KSU" (Kick Stands Up) and the start of the ride.

At the conclusion of the ride in Oconomowoc, the dealership will be providing entertainment and there will be food and beverages available, as well.

Patriotic Citizens Day

This is our day to honor and recognize members of New Berlin service organizations that do so much for our community. The event will take place at our post on **June 7th at 2:00**. In addition to honoring our fellow nonprofits, and community servants, we will be presenting flags to Rebekah Goodman, in honor of her service to our post.



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Respectfully,
Dave Chappell
Commander