



# THE AMERICAN LEGION

## DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

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### *The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Honors Gold Star Families*

Camp American Legion, Lake Tomahawk, WI – On Sunday, June 9, 2019 Department Commander Frank Kostka, along with the members of The Legion Family, will host a groundbreaking ceremony of The American Legion Family Cabin. This special dedication is for a cabin being constructed to honor the families who have lost a loved one while serving our Nation.

The groundbreaking ceremony of the American Legion Family Cabin will commence at 1:00 pm at the build site located at Thrush Road in the Town of Lake Tomahawk. Tours of Camp American Legion will be given before the event starting at 11:00 a.m.

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Commander, Frank Kostka is thankful to The American Legion Family and others who have helped make this cabin possible, “The American Legion Riders have been contributing to the National Legacy Scholarship fund for some years now, providing scholarships to children of parents who lost their lives protecting our country. With changing needs and priorities, I and our membership wanted to keep this year’s State Fundraising Ride to help Veterans and families in our State. With the necessary demolition of an old cabin, the new American Legion Family Cabin became a natural replacement. The opportunity for this cabin aligned with our mission and became my new goal. This cabin will provide healing for Wisconsin Gold Star Families and can be completely paid for this year. Other donors and Legion Family Members also see the value of this project and have been very supportive.”

The state fundraising ride, Legacy 100, runs July 14-17. The ride kicks off in Ashland and ends in Middleton, Wisconsin. All donations go to The American Legion Family Cabin and are tax deductible through The Wisconsin American Legion Foundation. To participate or make a donation to this event, visit <https://wilegion.org/page/content/about/legacy-100-ride> or call The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin at 608-745-1090.

The American Legion was established in 1919 by wartime veterans determined to strengthen the nation through programs and services for men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, veterans, children and patriotic values. The organization has fulfilled its mission over the last century through such programs and accomplishments as American Legion Boys State and Nation, American Legion Baseball, the GI Bill, benefits for veterans exposed to toxic contaminants, youth oratorical contests, Scholarship programs and more.

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*The Wisconsin American Legion is the state’s largest veterans’ service organization with over 50,000 members and 500 posts in communities across Wisconsin serving troops, veterans and youth since 1919. For more information on the Legion’s programs and membership, please visit [www.wilegion.org](http://www.wilegion.org) and [www.campamericanlegion.org](http://www.campamericanlegion.org).*

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*The mission of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin is to provide service to veterans, their families and their communities.*