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Onalaska Legion Baseball News



First of all, we'd like to thank the growing numbers of supporters of Our Legion Baseball Teams as evidenced by the number of fans at our games! That support and interest is important to our players, coaches, parents and those working tirelessly to enable Our Legion Baseball teams to function. The season is winding down and home games have been completed. At this writing, all that remains is the Regional Tournament and, hopefully, the State Tournament for the 18-Under Team. The

16-Under Team finished their season with a 16 and 15 record. The Regional Tournament hosted by Onalaska Post 336 was won by the LaCrosse A's. The team showed good progress during their 31 game season and provides a promising future for years ahead!

The 18-Under Regional Championship game at Richland Center was halted in the 4th inning July 27 with Onalaska leading Sparta by a score of 1 - 0. Heavy rains and tornado warnings caused local police to halt the game and order all players and spectators into the nearby high school. With a field too wet to continue, the decision was made to resume the game Tuesday, July 28 at a neutral field - Tomah. Winner of the Regional advances to the State Tournament at Kimberly which begins Thursday, July 30. Going into the Championship game, Onalaska remained the # 1 ranked AA team in the State with a record of 28-7.

Jordan Guth has been selected as an All-Star, and will play in the '09 American Legion All-Star Game August 16 at the Milwaukee Brewer's Miller Park. Congratulations to Jordan! The Onalaska Post 336 18-Under Team has, at this writing, been named the #1 AA Team in Wisconsin Legion Baseball for 4 consecutive weeks (the entire season so far).



Photo by Tina Rude

The Onalaska Legion Post 336 Baseball Team (18-Under) was pictured after winning it's "Onalaska Tournament" held at the Club's Baseball Diamond July 10-12.

Back row, left to right: Scott Gilster-assistant coach, Drew Markworth, Nate Barba, Jerry Rank, Jordan Guth, Tyler Adams, Tony Vieaux, John Cina-assistant coach, and Zeb Allert head coach.

Middle row left to right: Chris Cayler, Jordan Tredinnick, James Knutson, Mason Sedlacek, Tony Tweten, Nick Dziedzic, and Brandon Rude.

Front: A. J. Mick.

(Brandon Hernandez and Zac Knutson were not present when the picture was taken).

Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and Friends



GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

It seems as though were breezing thru this summer at the speed of light. Hardly enough time to slow down and enjoy the great weather we've been having. Could use some rain though.

Bride & family made another trip to Mayo Clinic recently. The final diagnosis has been received and much to our dismay, bride has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrigs disease or ALS. It was "probable" but now after a year and a half, and all of the tests, it has been confirmed.

Membership in Post 336 is once again at 100%. Thank you to all who renewed, transferred or who are new members. A tip of the hat to Ralph Amundsen, our Membership Chairman. Thanks Ralph. Legion Community Days are on track and ready to go. Don't forget to put it on your calendar. August 20-23 here at the Legion grounds. Brochures are available at most businesses in Onalaska and at the Post. More information is provided elsewhere in this newsletter.



A picture of the church in the town square in Ste Mere Eglise is included. You will note that a parachute is still on the church, the same as it was on that fateful day in June. The inside of the church is pretty much as it was 65 years ago. Stained glass windows were dedicated in 1972. One shows the Virgin Mary, another shows St Michael, the patron saint of the paratroopers. Road signs are frequent and familiar names associated with the fighting through France are common. The town of Ste Mere Eglise had been occupied by the Germans for four years prior to the invasion. The 82d Airborne was not, unfortunately, dropped where they were supposed to have been. Although the Germans in the town were taken by surprise, the paratroopers that dropped into the town square were outnumbered and vulnerable to the German ground fire. Many of the buildings in Ste Mere Eglise survived the war. The square is surrounded by small shops and cafes. As the 65th Anniversary of D-Day is celebrated all across France, it was a festive mood in all of the towns and villages we visited. The WWII vets that I was privileged to be with were surrounded by locals requesting autographs and hoping to talk with them. It was truly a memorable experience to talk with the

French locals. Post 336 will be represented in the Kornfest Parade in Holmen on August 15th. August 22nd will be our own Legion Community Days parade starting at 11am. If you know of an organization or group that would like to participate in the Legion Community Days parade, contact the Post for an application. August 29 (noon) will be the Legion family picnic in the Activity Center. Check the calendar, another busy month, drop in at your Post and enjoy.

Memorial Trees: There are many trees on the Post grounds that are dedicated to numerous deceased members. We will be placing identification plates at every tree indicating who the tree is dedicated to, the date it was dedicated and who dedicated it. If you have a tree and want the above information placed on a plate, write it on a piece of paper and drop it off at the Legion. Include your telephone number in the event there are questions.

Until September - Remember to fly the Flag. God Bless our troops, their families and our veterans.

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Jim Nelson, Commander

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Notes from the Bar Manager

Don't miss your chance to impress one and all with your wit, Irish dancing, or drinking and eating abilities! Thursday Aug 6th (the DAY before Irishfest OFFICIALLY starts) we will be kicking it off unofficially here at the legion. Join us at 7pm for live Irish music by Seamus Kennedy (who will also be playing AT Irishfest) and our Irish Toast Competition. The bar will be serving Corned beef & Rye sandwiches from 6pm on. (Burger night will take the week off and be back the following Thursday from 5-8pm.)

Due to several last minute cancellations; the Banquet Hall is now available Saturdays 9/12 and 9/19. See me if you are interested in either date!

Legion Community Days is almost here, the bar will be ready with nice cold AC for anyone taking a break from the outside activities, and after the great bands and beer tents are closed on Friday and Saturday nights! The bar hours will be: Friday: 11am-2:15am; Saturday 7am-2:15am; and Sunday 7am- normal close. Tickets for the Chicken-Q and SOS & Pancake Breakfasts will be available from your bartenders leading up to LCD. Baseball Raffle tickets are also for sale! The clubhouse bartenders will have Safe Ride vouchers available all weekend if needed. Safe and Happy Community Daying!

Valerie

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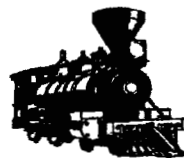
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Auxiliary - August 2009

I hope everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July. With the summer disappearing and school starting just around the corner I am trying to get a handle on all takes place at our clubrooms. There is a great deal more then one would think and it will take all of us working together to make our clubrooms a success.

I would like to thank the following members: Eunice Christianson and Lil Smith for representing Unit 336 by posting the colors at the 4th of July Celebration. Bev Mahlum and Judy Chesboro for helping with the Ice Cream Social at Lakeview. Lil Smith for working with the City of Onalaska in regards to the new structure for our Units by Centennial Community service project which was the up dating maintaining of the Onalaska Cemetery register. Also for the following members who will be representing Unit 336 at the State Convention in Milwaukee: Bev Mahlum, Sally Schultz, Delores Kenyon, and Elaine Schickowski.

I would also like to thank all the members who have come forth and volunteered to help with Catering due to the dismissal of our former Catering Coordinator, Jonnie Sena. If anyone knows of anyone who maybe interested in the Catering Coordinator position please have them contact Mary Boardman at (608) 783-7367

If anyone has a Legion Auxiliary Color Guard uniform or is interested in participating in the Color guard please contact Lil Smith. The Community Days committee has asked the Auxiliary Color Guard to be in the parade.

Please remember to send all dues to the Legion attention Bev Mahlum Membership Chairman; seniors are \$18 and juniors are \$4.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer and we'll see you at the August meeting on the 12th of August.

The Serving Committee for August:

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FROM THE EDITOR

Did you know you could read the Onalaska Legion Post 336 Newsletter online at: www.onalaskapost336.org ?

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As a reminder, we have the appropriate Legion signup forms and transfer in forms at the bar. Please ask a fellow veteran to join or come to our Post. Let us welcome heartily the following new members to our American Legion and to our Post: Charles Allen, Gary Nelson, Jody Sackmaster. Thank you! and come on in for our monthly meetings or one of our many events.

Hope to see you at Legion Community Days and at our Post.

*Ralph Amundsen,
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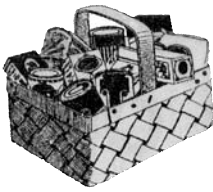
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2 Hall: 8:00 - 2:00 40/8 State Con- vention	3	4	5	6 Bar: Irishfest Irish Toast contest & live music by Seamus Kennedy 7:00 pm-on. Corned Beef Sandwich 6:00 pm-out NO BURGER NIGHT	7 Hall: 8:00 - 7:00 Reception; Casie & Alan Bar: 7:00 - 11:00 DJ Shay McReynolds	8 AC: 4:00-on New Horizons Poker Run Party Hall: OHS Class of 1969 Reunion
9	10 Executive Meeting 6:00 pm Legion Meeting 7:00 pm	11 NARVRE meeting 10:00 am	12 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm	13 Bar Party 3:00-5:00 pm Burger Night 5:00 - 8:00 pm	14 Bar: Texus Band 7:00 - 11:00 pm	15 Hall: Reception; Amanda & Kiel Bar Party: Group 60th B'day Celebra- tion 4:00-on
16 S.A.L. Meeting 1:00 pm	17	18	19 BLET Div 3 Meeting 10:00 am	20 Hall: 40/8 Steak Fry Burger Night 5:00 - 8:00 pm	21 <u>Legion Commu- nity Days</u> Bar Hours: 11:00 am - 2:15 am	22 <u>Legion Community Days</u> Bar Hours: 7:00 am - 2:15 am
23 <u>Legion Community Days</u> Bar Hours: 7:00 am - CL	24	25 Bldg. Comm. Mtg. 6:00 pm House Comm. Mtg. 6:30 pm	26	27 Burger Night 5:00 - 8:00 pm	28 Bar: Buck Hollow Band 7:00 - 11:00 pm	29 AC: Legion Family Picnic Noon
30 AC: Fundraiser	31					

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TEXAS HOLD'EM

Well it won't be long now before the great "Pit Bull" calls out; "shuffle up and deal" to the players. August 23, 2009 will be the kick off, when we play at the Community Days Event. September 4, 2009 starts our regular season of great poker playing. I have been asked, "When do we start?" Now you know....please pass the word! Rules will not change from last years' rules, nor have the Pit Bosses changed.

Come on down to the Community Days and enjoy all the great fun that Mike and his crew have lined up for us; from a Carnival to great Music and best of all Food that is out of this world. Starting with breakfast in the morning and continuing to the best food and beverages at night.

See you all there!
Clarence, Jerry, Les, and Terry

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Legion Community Days Aug 21 - 23

I hope you all received a brochure with your newsletter. We have a lot of good things going on that weekend. Come on over and have some fun with us. Carnival rides, good food, fine refreshments and great entertainment. We will have it all. If, by chance, you did not get a brochure in your newsletter there are still some at the bar. Stop in and pick one up. At the same time tickets are available for the Chicken Q, Pancake Breakfast and SOS Breakfast at the bar pick some up and save a wait in line. Walk right up to the serving line. Still a few open slots to be filled in the volunteer sign up book. Take a look and see if you can help us out. It would be most appreciated.

Make sure you gather all you friends and family and pick a good spot to view the parade. It is going to be one of the better parades you'll ever see thanks to Bob Wilhelm and his parade staff. This is a great chance for you to see our now famous tank in person. Then come on over to the Legion grounds and enjoy the afternoon and evening. (I would like to thank Dave Skogen and Festival Foods for sponsoring our parade this year). Saturday is Deployed Troops Family Day so a great chance to thank the spouses and kids for what our troops are doing for us over in Iraq. Also we have a couple of classes joining us for their reunions might pick up a few insights to some of the folks we know from their school days. There has got to be some scary tales out there. Just a reminder, there will be Bingo all three days. The brochure inadvertently forgot to list Bingo for Sunday. But Reita and her crew will be there for you in the dining hall. Come on over for the opening ceremony Friday night at 6:00 PM and have a delicious pork sandwich for a buck.

A big thank you to the S.A.L. for the partnership money for Legion Community Days!

Mike Fries