



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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### American Legion - Tidbits & Philosophy

*This is the first of what we hope to have as a Monthly Series about the American Legion. Who we are and what we do.*



Back in 1919, the American Legion was founded on four pillars:

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, National Security, Americanism and Children and Youth. Each of these pillars encompasses a variety of programs that benefit our veterans, service members and their families, the youth of America and ordinary citizens of our United States. These programs make a real difference in hundreds of thousands of lives each and every year.

We have elected and appointed delegates, committees, and commission members. We, therefore, do make a difference on local, state, and national levels. This is who we are and what we do.

### BASEBALL NEWS



- The baseball committee has been meeting twice a month in preparation for the State Tournament at our field August 3-7th.
- Late last Fall and during our mild winter a new backstop fence was installed on the baseball field.
- In middle of March the old Scoreboard was removed in preparation for the arrival of a new Scoreboard in mid-April. To offset the expense of the new Scoreboard the old scoreboard was sold to a Team in the Twin Cities. Also 3 year Advertising contracts for signage on the new scoreboard was sold to: Blue Moon, Coulee Golf Bowl & Mutual of

Omaha (Eric Guth). Original installation costs of \$4,000 - \$6000 for materials and Labor have been donated at no cost with HUGE help from Craig Reedy at River City Ready Mix.

- We also are anticipating the completion of the concession stand in April.
- The Schedules of the 16 under and 18 under Teams are being finalized and published at a later date.
- 16 under and 18 under registration and information day is set for April 29th @ 4:00 pm.
- The Baseball Committee would like to thank Clarence Stellner for his generous donation of \$100.00 to help with the cost of the new scoreboard.

*Thanks,  
The Onalaska Legion Baseball Committee*

## **Officers:**

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

### **GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!**

#### ***Welcome Springtime in Wisconsin!***

And, of course, welcome to our American Legion Post 336!

Our activities and programs continue rolling forward. Our Post puts out a hearty "thank you" to all who contribute through volunteerism, committees, individual input, and just plain being a member of the American Legion.

In the constant updating and communication area, we have many items above and beyond the "business as usual" category.

**A.** Pride, helpfulness, and American Legionism was personified with our Legion's participation in contributing generously to our local Boy Scouts growth and future activity. Thank you, membership

**B.** Our Post honors our Past commanders and Past Presidents at the annual banquet being held April 18. What a wonderful group of men and women who combined with membership have laid the groundwork in establishing who and where we are today.

**C.** Our Activity Center storage and concession stand project will be moving forward at a fast pace beginning approximately the first week in April. The Building Committee will be supervising and following-through with the project.

**D.** The State American Legion Baseball Tournament is fast approaching. Our Committee is working overtime in accomplishing set-up, organization, and promotion of this huge event.

**E.** Purely business: We are not accepting any checks through the bar effective March 31. We have, like most businesses, quite a number of NSF and account closed checks the last year or so. A good deal of checks are even from members. Our costs are high on these checks.

**F.** Shortly, in the near future, we are going to start accepting credit and debit cards. We still have a number of particulars to work out and then we will roll out the program.

**G.** Beginning this month, we are publishing interesting American Legion information in our monthly newsletter. This month begins a series of tidbits and American Legion philosophy.

***Take care of each other, ourselves, and family.  
Hope to see you at our American Legion Post.***

***Ralph Amundsen, Commander***

## **Legion Baseball Collecting Cans**

The Baseball Committee of our Legion Post 336 has a site in the parking lot to collect aluminum cans to raise money for our Legion Baseball. All are encouraged to donate their aluminum cans to this most worthy cause!

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# Legion Community Days

The committee has been working hard on our 2012 Legion Community Days and we have a dandy planned for this year. We are pleased and excited to inform you we will have Miss America with us this year. She will be here for our opening ceremony on Friday night and for the parade on Saturday. We are currently working out the details, and there are many, with The Miss America Organization and will have more information for you as the time draws near. We are hoping to have her with us a good part of the day on Saturday. Other royalty we are working on being part of LCD are Miss Wisconsin, Miss 7 Rivers Region and others. We will have plenty of beauty and talent on board and the opening ceremony will be a great one. Make sure you are with us at 6pm Friday August 24th.

A new addition this year will be a kiddies' parade on Sunday around noon time. That should be a lot of fun. The Onalaska Fire Department will have their annual dance again taking place on Saturday night as well as the kids water fights Sat. afternoon that were so popular last year. The police reserves will have some games and programs for the kids on Saturday afternoon also. It is going to be another great Legion Community Days, our 7th. annual so make sure you plan to attend. August 24 - 26.

As always we will be looking for our members and friends to help us out with this festival. As you know it is and enormous task and we do need your help. We will have a sign up book behind the bar about mid June for you to log in to help us out with various activities.

Once again this year the committee has given approval for no button or admission charge to attend LCD. We are proud of the fact, that with all the volunteers, we can make this thing a go without having to do that.

*Mike Fries*

## Membership

Short on words? Yes, except to say "thank you" to all our membership in supporting our American Legion as well as our Post in attaining our 100% membership goal for the membership year of 2012.

We have many super recruiters and members who are our best example of American legion support. Thank you all for participating.

We still do have a number of people who have not renewed for 2012 yet. If that is you, please renew now.


Hope to see you at our Post.

*Ralph Amundsen*

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# Auxiliary

**Hello ladies,**

It looks like spring is here! Nice weather, green grass and sunshine!

We had our new member initiation at our last meeting and want to thank Liz Staff for being our installment officer. We are very close to making our goal for membership so if you know of anyone who would like to join our organization, please give them an application.

We want to thank the Legion for their donation to our Easter egg hunt and all the other people that have donated their time to make this a success as it has been in the past.

The banquet hall has been busy and we do have some openings if you know of anyone that would like to have their special occasion at our post.

The Past Presidents and Past Commanders banquet will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.

The next meeting will be April 11, 2012 starting at 7:00 p.m. The serving committee will be: Patty Kerrigan - chairperson 895-4404, Barb Theis - 895-6728, Bev Mahlum - 526-3719, Amanda Barnes - 385-3783, Marvel Faherty - 781-5184.

**See you at the Post,  
Sue Kelley, Auxiliary President**

## **Auxiliary:**

President: **Sue Kelley**

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Newsletter Editor, Bill Jaekel at 608-783-3623 or E-mail at wrjkl@charter.net.

All phone calls and E-mail messages will be returned.

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## **Notes from the Newsletter Editor**



**Reminder:** Nominations for the 2012 Terry Egan Memorial Scholarship are due by April 30th. Contact rich Hoeth at the Legion Clubroom

**Pictures:** If any of you have pictures of any Post activity that you would like published in the newsletter and/or archived in the Post History File, please let me know or drop them in the Newsletter Mail Slot at the Post. Include your name and I will make sure you get them back. I will scan all such pictures and keep them in a computer "History File" for Post 336.

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## Springy Bar News

*Yesterday the twig was brown and bare;  
Today the glint of green is there;  
Tomorrow will be leaflets spare;  
I know nothing so wondrous fair,  
No miracle so strangely rare.  
I wonder what will next be there!*  
- L.H. Bailey



Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful summer days and blooming spring flowers! Effective as of March 31st, we will no longer be accepting personal checks. We do have an ATM located in the bar for your convenience. We are currently looking into a credit card machine and hope to be accepting debit & credit cards in the very near future. More information will follow. Thank you for your understanding and patients with these up-coming changes.

This year's Auxiliary's Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 7th. Registration is at 12:30 and the hunt begins at 1pm. Lots of fun for kids of all ages.

Easter Sunday is April 8th and the club will be open from 8am-2pm. This year the SAL has decided to do an Easter Breakfast Buffet from 8am-Noon. The club has been closed in the past years on Easter. The bar will be having a Bloody Mary Bar set-up for you to enjoy with your delicious all you can eat breakfast. We hope to see you there.

Spring is here, it's time to start thinking about those graduation parties, family reunions and picnics. Dates are booking up quickly in our Activity Center. Give me a call to get your dates booked!

*Hope everyone has a wonderful Easter with your loved ones!*

*Stephanie*



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Requirement: MUST be a Legion Member of Post 336. If not a member, name of active member & relationship to active member.

Education Qualifier: MUST show verification of enrollment as a full time student in a 2 or 4 year college (HS seniors are included with this qualifier, when they enroll.).

Your Challenge: Write a 500 (or less) word paper on the topic of "Americanism".

Deadline Info: Must be received, no later than April 30, 2012, by 2nd Vice Commander, Rich Musolf, Struck Klandrud Post 336, 731 Sand Lake Road, P.O. Box 326, Onalaska, WI 54650.

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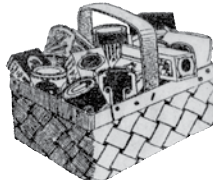
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1	2	3 <u>Wings &amp; Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM	4 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7:00 or Til. Gone  Rotary Club Mtg. Noon	5 <u>Texas Hold'Em</u> 6:00 - 10:00PM <u>Tacos</u> 11:00-2:00PM <u>Burger Night</u> <u>4:00-8:00PM</u>	6 Double Take Band 7:30-11:30PM	7 Auxiliary Easter Egg Hunt Registration 12:30- Hunt 1:00PM
8 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	9 <u>Executive Meeting</u> 6:00PM <u>Membership Mtg.</u> 7:00PM	10 <u>NARVE Mtg.</u> 10:00AM  <u>Wings &amp; Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM	11 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00PM  Rotary Club Mtg. Noon	12 <u>Texas Hold'Em</u> 6:00 - 10:00PM <u>Tacos</u> 11:00-2:00PM <u>Burger Night</u> 4:00-8:00PM <u>Irishfest Mtg.</u>	13 <u>Fish Fry</u> 4:30-7:00 <u>Karaoke With On Kue</u> 7:30-11:30PM <u>Bar Party</u>	14 Wedding Dining Hall
15	16 BLET Div 3 Meeting 9:30 AM	17 <u>Wings &amp; Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM <u>FHF Committee Meeting</u> 6:00PM <u>Life Line Screening</u> 8:30AM-:30PM DH	18 <u>Rotary Club Mtg.</u> Noon  <u>PCPP Banquet</u> 6:00PM Social 7:00PM Dinner	19 <u>Texas Hold'Em</u> 6:00 - 10:00PM <u>Tacos</u> 11:00-2:00PM <u>Burger Night</u> <u>4:00-8:00PM</u>	20 Stoney Ridge Band 7:30-11:30PM	21 Ed & Sally Appreciation Cocktails 5:00PM Light Lunch 6:00PM
22 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	23	24 <u>Wings &amp; Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM <u>Building Committee Mtg.</u> 5:00PM <u>House Committee Mtg.</u> 6:00PM	25 Rotary Club Mtg. Noon	26 <u>Texas Hold'Em</u> 6:00 - 10:00PM <u>Tacos</u> 11:00-2:00PM <u>Burger Night</u> <u>4:00-8:00PM</u>	27 Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30PM	28 Jennifer Gillen Benefit Dining Hall
29 Baseball Committee Meeting	30					

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## Texas Hold'Em

All's well in the-state-of-LA. Fishing is fair due to rain and high water, for the Pit Bull.

On the home front Les, Bob, Shaker seem to be doing a great job. Thanks guys. We have been having some nice crowds for play with new winners each week. Last week it was Steve Bina, nice going Steve. Thanks to the great players we are having a good season.

Til next month have a great day and don't forget our boys and girls who are fighting so that we can continue to be free, and have fun.

*From the (temp) southern boy the Pit Bull*



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## **S.A.L.**

Happy Easter. Here we are again another month gone by. Hope everyone is enjoying our early spring. I think everyone is getting a head start on their outdoor projects. We will be doing a Easter breakfast this year. This month's dates are April 8th (Easter) and the 22nd. Not much else going on so maybe ill have more next month.

*Todd (Doc) Hagel*



## **S.A.L.**

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