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Onalaska American Legion

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Post #336 Honor Guard

The Onalaska American Legion Post #336 Honor Guard is proud of their participation in many community events in 2011. We were asked to post and retire the colors at the following locations/events:

- Globe University, Onalaska, WI
- Onalaska Legion Community Days, Onalaska, WI
- Freedom Walk @ Riverside Park, LaCrosse, WI
- Freedom Honor Flight, LaCrosse, WI
- Pertzsch Elementary School Veterans Program, Onalaska, WI
- Luther High School Veterans Program, Onalaska, WI
- Onalaska High School Veterans Program, Onalaska, WI
- Omni Center Figure Skating on Ice, Onalaska, WI

We also participated in a program on patriotism and flag etiquette at Northern Hills Elementary School in Onalaska. A flag dedication was held at Sterling House in Onalaska. A new flag was raised and deceased veterans were saluted at Gundersen Clinic in Onalaska.

Some of our proudest moments, as a squad, come when families request us to honor their deceased veterans at their funerals. We attended 20 this year, of which ten were members of Post #336 and ten were non-members.

Service Officer, Vernon Reekers

Smelt Fry's are here!!

We will be running our famous Smelt fry's again this year. They will be held the 4th Friday of the Months of January (27), February (24) and March (23). All the smelt you can eat served with baked beans, Cole slaw and bread. \$9.00. Serving will be from 4:30 - 7:00 or until out. So come on in and enjoy a great meal and enjoy the entertainment in the lounge afterwards.

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

GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

A Happy New Year to all!

We hope that 2012 brings good health, much happiness, and prosperity to all of our American Legion family.

January looks to be a very busy month at our Post. Our monthly calendar, published elsewhere in our newsletter, provides an overview of the many activities and events happening at our Post. We would like to highlight just a few.

A. January 1 brings us to "Guest Bartender Day", with some real characters manning the bar for a good part of the day. With \$1 beers, \$2 cocktails, and a Bloody Mary Bar, the new year begins with a fun, relaxing day.

B. Big Al's Chicken and Dumplings will be on January 4, with the 2012 year getting off to a great start. Thanks' to all volunteers and participants this has been a tremendously successful evening once a month.

C. January 13 is our monthly Fish Fry. Always progressing to become even better and more successful, we are always looking for more business. Our volunteers make our Fish Fry one of the best in our area. Thank you, folks.

D. Our regular monthly General Meeting is on January 9. What a great time to meet other members, have input into our Post, and maybe even socialize a bit. We have no major projects on the horizon other than those to follow in our monthly communications. Please note the facts on a number of items.

A. Our building project at the Activity Center involving a concession stand and storage facility is underway. Our Building Committee is managing the project and is actively involved with the program. Some modifications have occurred already and possibly more will occur as the project progresses. There probably won't be much if any activity during the winter months. Once spring arrives, it is anticipated that completion will be promptly and professionally achieved.

B. We, at our Post 336, have been honored with the 2012 American Legion State Baseball Tournament. Thank you to Merle Cunningham, Chairman of Baseball Committee, and Mike Rude, Baseball Committee Partner, for the fine representation of us in achieving this major distinction. Our Baseball Committee already has begun the in-depth planning for this event and are anxious to "show off" our Post and membership.

C. One of the integral parts of our Post is the Service Officer position. Held by and fulfilled excellently by Vern Reekers, we are proud to assist our membership. Whether sickness, death, or just "service" our Service Officer is here for us. This time of the year brings a respite for Vern who will be a "snow bird" for a few months. Rich Musolf, our 2nd Vice Commander, has volunteered to cover our Service Officer position while Vern is wintering elsewhere. So, call upon Rich for "service" within our organization. A "thank you" to you Rich for your involvement.

D. We have been lucky the last few years to have Bill Jaekel as our newsletter editor. He has done a great job and for that we sincerely say "thanks - Bill". Well, back in late summer, Bill asked to be replaced by a capable person, but has stayed on until we have in place and trained a suitable replacement. Now we are actively seeking a volunteer to be the newsletter editor. Please contact Ralph Amundsen if interested.

E. To keep updated even more, we are posting our committees and members on the bulletin boards to insure that all know who is on what committee for our Post. Please contact members as you see appropriate.

Other than listed "goings on" feel free to speak with any of the elected officers with ideas, input, questions, concerns, etc. regarding our American Legion Post.

Hope to see you around the Post.

Ralph Amundsen, Commander

Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

GORDON SUMMERFELD
CLARENCE STELLNER

Vern Reekers
Service Officer



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Bar News

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday!

Join us New Years Day for guest bartenders. We will be having a Bloody Mary Bar. All drinks & beers are \$1.00, Bloody Mary's \$2.00. Stop in and enjoy a delicious Bloody Mary and good company.

The legion is now offering WI-Fl to our customers.

Our first Smelt Fry will be held Friday, January 27th from 4:30-7pm.

We will be having a booth at this year's Bridal Expo at the La Crosse Center. It is being held Sunday, January 15th. Sue Kelley and myself will be representing the Legion and the Auxiliary. There are free tickets at the bar for anyone interested in attending. Last year was a great success and a lot of fun. Stop on by and say hi!!

Be sure to wish the following a Happy Birthday:

January 10th - Neil (One of our head chefs)

January 11th - John (The maintenance man we couldn't live without) January 18th - Laurie (A.K.A Olive)


Happy Birthday to all of you! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!!! Welcome 2012 – let's make this a great year!!

Stephanie

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Auxiliary

Hello Ladies

I hope everyone had a happy holiday with their family and friends. It is such a busy time of the year that I hope we remembered our soldiers in our thoughts and prayers.

We had a real good turnout at the joint Christmas party and also at the Auxiliary party. I want to thank Ray Kline and Liz Staff for preparing our wonderful meal for the ladies party. We also had a new group of people in the kitchen doing our joint Christmas party and I have heard all good comments on both.

UPCOMING EVENTS ARE:

Auxiliary Meeting – January 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Serving committee will be: Lil Smith - Chairperson 781-5930, Trudy Lee – 783-2773, Marlene Emery – 783-3711, Marian Engstad – 399-1463, and Pat Raasch – 397-7441.

If anyone is interested in bowling in the Ed Zetlow Bowling tournament on January 21st at the Coulee Golf Bowl, there is a signup sheet behind the bar. The cost is \$15.00 for 3 games and this is a 9 pin tap tournament. The times are 1 and 3 p.m. There will be a silent auction, food and a DJ at the bar that night. This is a fundraiser for scholarships for the local high schools in Ed's name.

See you at the Post,

Sue Kelley, Auxiliary President

Auxiliary:

President: **Sue Kelley**

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Legion Website Newsletter

We do have the newsletter up on our website www.onalaskapost336.org If you would like to view it or read it in color that is the place to get it. It is generally up on the site a day or so before the end of the previous month. You can download and print the letter right from the site.

It cost the legion about 40 cents each to print and mail the newsletters and with the 900 or so we send out every month we are spending around \$360.00. So if you would like to help us cut some cost and download the newsletter from the website please contact Bill Jaekel or Ralph Amundsen and they will remove your name from the mailing list. It will be most appreciated. In addition the newsletters from the past several years are up on the site so you can go back and look up all the pertinent information you may need. Just think of all the trees we will save over the next 200 years. Thanks.


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To each and every one who serves, we say "thank you."



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FROM THE EDITOR

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

By opting out of receiving the print edition of the newsletter, you can save the Post money and get the information sooner! The online edition of the Legion Newsletter is usually available 2-3 days before the newsletter hits your mailbox. Provide us with your e-mail address and we will notify you each month when the latest edition is available on our site.

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Membership

Here we are with January upon us and we still have about 10% of our Post membership goal to achieve. Please renew via mail or drop in at the Post to renew membership dues. For those of us that have already renewed, "thank you" very much.

Also, thought we would remind our membership that you may receive your newsletter electronically instead of through the mail. Elsewhere in the newsletter we have a brief form that you may use. Please notify the Post if you move, change address, or vacation during the year so that we can reduce the number of returned for postage newsletters.

Welcome back Robert Turk. Hope all is well with your new knee.

Celebrating membership with our Post and a hearty "thank you" for joining or transferring into Post 336 are Halley Young, Jr., Howard Horman, Jr., Michael Conway, Danny Rasmussen, and Robert Smith.

Hope to see you at our Post.

Ralph Amundsen, Commander

2012 Terry Eggen Memorial Scholarship

The Terry Eggen Memorial Scholarship began in 2002 to honor the Memory of Terry Eggen, Onalaska Legion Post Commander in '80, '81, and '82. A Vietnam vet, Terry was a long-term member of the Onalaska American Legion Post #336 and donated a great deal of time and labor in his strong support of Youth Programs, at the Legion level. 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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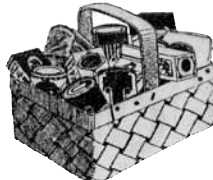
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year Guest Bartenders 10:00AM- 4:00PM Drink Specials	2 Jacees Meeting 7:00 PM	3 <u>Wings & Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM FHF Committee Meeting 8:00PM	4 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30PM - 7:00 or till gone	5 <u>Burger Night</u> 4:30 - 8:00PM	6 Shufflin Duprees 7:30-11:30PM	7
8 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	9 <u>Executive Meeting</u> 8:00PM <u>Membership</u> <u>Meeting</u> 7:00PM	10 <u>Wings & Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM <u>NARVE Mtg.</u> 10:00AM <u>Neil's Birthday</u>	11 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00PM John's Birthday	12 <u>Burger Night</u> 4:30 - 8:00PM	13 Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 T-Wolf and the Midnite Howling	14
15	16 BLET Div 3 Meeting 8:30 AM Jacees Meeting 7:00PM	17 <u>Wings & Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM FHF Committee Meeting 8:00PM	18 Laurie's Birthday	19 <u>Burger Night</u> 4:30 - 8:00PM	20 Good Tymes Band 7:30-11:30PM	21 Ed Zietlow Benefit
22 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	23	24 <u>Wings & Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM <u>Building Comm. Mta</u> 5:00PM <u>House Comm. Mta</u> 6:00PM	25	26 <u>Burger Night</u> 4:30 - 8:00PM	27 Smelt Fry 4:30-7:00PM Rose Sobota Karaoke 7:30-11:30PM	28
29	30	31 <u>Wings & Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM				

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Texas Hold'Em

The first thing I want to say is Thanks, to Jerry and Les for taking over the season during my illness. These are the guys who after this season will be retiring after 7 years of dedicated service to the Legion and the great Texas Hold'Em Tournaments, they will surely be missed. I hope after a short break they will miss us as we will miss them. Thanks guys for your devotion and unselfish dedication to the Legion.

Our Tournament ended on a high note with 6 seasoned veterans taking home the big prize money and the ring: 1st place Troy West; 2nd place Bob Meyers; 3rd place Lee Geary; 4th place Bob Sullivan; 5th place Darrel Hanson; and 6th place Jim Schleifer.

We have plans to start on February 9, 2012, same time same rules. See you on the 9th! Again thanks to Les and Jerry for seven great years of good poker games and great camaraderie, for the Legion and players, to our bar manager Stephanie and her staff thank you all for a great season.



*To all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year -
Jerry, Les and Clarence*

S.A.L.

Well the holidays are finally over. The relatives are back at their own homes, and our snowbird friends are probably enjoying 70 plus degree weather. I'm jealous. Our SAL membership is at 160 percent for the year and I couldn't be happier. That was our main goal for the year and thanks to Ray Kline and the boys we made it happen. In January we will go back to two breakfast buffets, they will be on the 8th and 22nd. Also this year we usually only have the one in April but we will have two instead. We will have something extra for the Easter breakfast. We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe new year.

Todd (Doc) Hagel

S.A.L.

Commander: **Todd (Doc) Hagel**
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