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Onalaska American Legion

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THE MARINE SPIRIT

O Yea, as I walk through this valley of death and destruction, I fear no evil because I am the meanest bugger in this valley.

When the days work is done and I lie down in this green pasture to rest, I fear not the insects and varmints as I have not showered in three weeks and nothing would dare come near me.

It began upon arrival at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot where this semi-insane Drill Instructor was pacing in front of our half paralyzed, numb bodies. He was barking orders that we could not understand but through our basic instincts we obeyed his every command.

This man had eyes in the back of his head and could see things behind him and also could sense things before they even happened. He could even know what we were thinking. He was responsible for snapping us out of our cheap civilian hockey. He taught us how to pull together and become a Marine Corps fighting machine. No job too big, no job too small, we could do them all.

From the Fozen Chosen in Korea to the Rice Paddies in Vietnam, we did what we were asked to do. Right or wrong, we did what we were told and accomplished our mission.

When we make the final roll call in the great blue sky, I am sure Saint Peter will be there to say, "My son, enter, for you have already served your time in hell."

Yes, I do believe we will be served ham and lima beans with fruit cocktail for dessert and with luck we may each get a 4-pack of filtertips (Marlboros) to relax with after our "C" ration delightful dinner.

I am sure that one of Saint Peter's PVTs will escort us to our quarters for the evening. Wow! - already dug foxholes (with parapit and grenade sump) lined with waterproof ponchos for our convenience. Hopefully, this will all have been prepared for us by our fellow Americans that decided not to serve during our time of conflict.

The smoking lamp will be lit all night and no watch to be stood. No reveille, no taps. No rifle inspections, no more roll calls. Does it get any better than that - I think not. Ask me if I would do it all over again.

"YES, in a heartbeat!"

CAPT Al "Ski" Sobkowiak, USMC, Ret.

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

GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

Welcome March and the thoughts of an early spring. Here at our American Legion, every day is a spring day.

With our "normal" meetings, functions, and everyday activities, our Post is a busy, vibrant organization. There are many things that need to be highlighted that are not listed on the monthly calendar for informational purposes.

A. Monthly BINGO at the Tomah VA is led by our own Mike Christianson, the VA Representative. Our Post contributes some \$50 monthly for prizes. At least weekly, Mike works with and visits our hospitalized veterans. Thank you, Mike, for your passionate support and assistance with our fellow veterans.

B. The La Crosse Area Veterans Mentor Program serves the Veterans Court and Court Outreach Program. This unique program, supported through our Legion Post monetarily and membership-wise has direct involvement and leadership through Judge Todd Bjerke and Thom Downer. Thom will probably be recruiting additional mentors in our area as the program continues its successful growth.

C. On the 4th Thursday of the month we host on our grounds a portable VA health vehicle which serves veterans throughout the state. Please make an appointment through the VA for certain health follow-ups.

D. Our Honor Guard participates in funerals and military rites for our Post membership and fellow veterans. Members also present colors, teach, and represent us at schools, events, and various happenings. Our group is proud to represent and serve our veterans and families.

E. Our Legion Community Days Board has been meeting and planning since last year's event. Our 2012 Legion Community Days, our 7th annual, is for our Legion and Community.

An important time will be upon us in May. At our May General Meeting, we elect officers on an annual basis. Third Vice Commander Stellner is the chairman of the election committee. We have rosters to sign up for positions already in place on bulletin boards. If interested, please see 3rd Vice Stellner or sign up at our Post.

From one American Legion Post 336 member to another, "Thank You", for membership, participation, and presence to fellow veterans. Hope to see you at our 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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Bar News

St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time - a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic.

Join us Saturday, March 17th. We will be serving Corn Beef and Cabbage from 11am - 6:30pm.

Also on St. Patty's Day - Eagle 102.7 will be having their 102.7 Listener Appreciation Dance featuring "Studebaker 7".

The time from 7pm-11pm. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the bar for \$8 or \$10 the day of the event. The band will be performing in the banquet hall. Cash bar and food specials will be available. Hope to see you there!!

Our final Smelt Fry of the season will be held Friday, March 23rd from 4:30-7pm.

Troop 68 Chicken Q will be held on Wednesday, March 28th from 4-7pm. Stop down for some delicious chicken and to support our local Troop 68.

Bean Bag Tournaments will be coming to the end of the season as of Thursday, March 1st. We will be starting a summer league in May that will be held outdoors. More details will follow in the following month.

Irish Blessing

*May St. Patrick guard you wherever you go, and guide you in whatever you do -
and may his loving protection be a blessing to you always.*

Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable St. Patty's Day!!



Stephanie

American Legion Website



The cost of preparing, printing and mailing of the monthly Legion Newsletter is very costly. To those of you who have a computer or have access to one, we are asking you to cancel your monthly mailed newsletter and go to the Website WWW.OnalaskaPost336.org to view the Newsletter on-line. By doing this you will help control the costs, and much of the information, like the calendar, is available sooner than the mailed one.

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Auxiliary

Hello Ladies,

It looks like spring is just around the corner...(hopefully). It's has been a quiet couple of months for us, but the bookings for the banquet hall are starting to pick up for us. If you know of anyone that is looking to have a party, celebration, wedding, anniversary or a gathering, please let them know about our legion facility. It benefits all of us.

We will be having our new member initiation on our March 14, 2012 meeting. All our new members will be invited to attend. Please come to the meeting so we all can welcome our new members. **Serving committee for this meeting will be:** Carol Summerfeld-chairperson 783-1862, Phyllis Wilson 783-4228, Anita Lefebre 781-7722, Caroline Erickson 782-1657, Wilma Dettinger 783-2814, Barb Burrell 789-5611.

See you at the Post,

Sue Kelley, Auxiliary President

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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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Membership

Thank you to all our members; longtime, new, and transferred in members. We are winding down our 2012 membership period and are proud to say that we are down (as of this writing) to waiting for two more renewals to have reached our membership goal as established by our State American Legion. Like every year, we seem to have a few stragglers in the renewal process.

There is a very impressive list of fellow members who assist our recruitment and retention efforts each and every year. We "thank you" from our American Legion.

Next month we will list a large number of members who have joined our Post and/or have transferred into our Post.

Hope to see you all at one of our many activities.

Ralph Amundsen

Texas Hold'Em

"Shuffle up and deal"! Those were the words that 36 great Texas Hold'Em players heard on Feb. 9th. This is the start of our 8th season and it's off to a great start. Our great Pit Boss Les is back to help me get started and boy am I glad Bob, is starting out like a champ and is a good helper, to me and the players.

If you want to see some great players and action come on down any Thursday about 7:00 PM for the start of the games, oh, while you are at the Club have a tasty burger and fries along with your favorite beverage from the best looking barmaids in the area. So until next Thursday, have a great day.

Les, Bob and the Pit Bull





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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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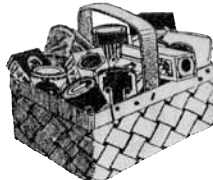
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <u>Texas Hold'Em</u> 6:00 - 10:00PM <u>Tacos</u> 11:00-2:00PM <u>Bean Bags</u> 6:30PM	2 Sisters & Company 7:30-11:30PM	3 Kathy McKee Benefit
4	5	6 <u>Wings & Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM	7 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7:00 or Til. gone	8 <u>Texas Hold'Em</u> 6:00 - 10:00PM <u>Tacos</u> 11:00-2:00PM <u>Irishfest Mtg.</u>	9 Fish Fry 4:30—7:00 Steve Mace DJ 7:30-11:30PM	10 Barbershop Quartet 9:30PM
11 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	12 <u>Executive Meeting</u> 6:00PM <u>Membership Mtg.</u> 7:00PM <u>Insurance Ctr Mtg</u> 9:00-5:00PM <u>Stephanie's B.D.</u>	13 <u>Wings & Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM <u>NARVE Mtg.</u> 10:00AM	14 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00PM	15 <u>Texas Hold'Em</u> 6:00 - 10:00PM <u>Tacos</u> 11:00-2:00PM	16 Driven Entertainment 7:30-11:30PM	17 102.7 Listener Appreciation Day 7:00PM
18	19 BLET Div 3 Meeting 9:30 AM	20 <u>Wings & Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM FHF Committee Meeting 6:00PM	21	22 <u>Texas Hold'Em</u> 6:00 - 10:00PM <u>Tacos</u> 11:00-2:00PM	23 Smelt Fry 4:30—7:00PM Lisa Urban 7:30-11:30PM	24 Lovejoy Bar Party
25 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	26	27 <u>Wings & Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM <u>Building Comm. Mtg</u> 5:00PM <u>House Comm. Mtg</u> 6:00PM	28 Boy Scout Chicken Q 4:00-7:00PM	29 <u>Texas Hold'Em</u> 6:00 - 10:00PM <u>Tacos</u> 11:00-2:00PM <u>Bean Bags</u> 6:30PM	30 Shufflin Duprees 7:30—11:30PM	31 Turkey Federation

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Only ONE SMELT FRY left ... don't miss it!!

We only have one of our famous Smelt Fry's left for this year. It will be held on Friday, 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.

Mike Fries - Finance Officer

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S.A.L.

Hello all. Spring is right around the corner and I don't know where the time goes. I am very happy that our membership reached 100% on time and we received a nice mention for it. Actually we are around 180% for the year with the addition of new members and the hard work of Ray Kline in putting this all together. Also thanks to all members that signed up new members. Way to go all. Again I would like to thank the whole crew that work our buffets. We have a terrific crew that does an outstanding job preparing all the food, setup, cleanup etc. And we like seeing a room full of guests enjoying their food. And we get to have a little fun picking on each other. (We would never do that) **Our breakfast dates for March are the 11th and 25th.** Anyone wishing to help with the buffets can contact a member or leave me a message in my mailbox at the post.

Todd (Doc) Hagel

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