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Dear Member,

Once a year we seek donations in exchange for poppies the memorial flower of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary. The enclosed poppy is a replica of the poppies that bloomed on the battlefields of France. This memorial poppy is not only a personal tribute to those who gave their lives for our Country, but it honors our living Veterans.

When you wear this little red flower it helps to keep alive the kind of patriotism so necessary in this great country of ours. The poppy we are distributing in return for a contribution is made by veterans., to remember veterans., and to help veterans.

We are asking our members to remember the sacrifice that our service men and women made for America. ALL funds derived from this distribution of poppies are used exclusively for rehabilitation of veterans and assistance to their families. To continue our support, we need your help. Donations may be mailed to or dropped of at the Post. If you cannot donate at this time, please wear this poppy proudly in honor of our Veterans.

***Yours in Service,
Wilma Dettinger Poppy Chairman***

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

GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

Can you believe it is May already? The old adage of how time flies really does apply. Our organization continues to be a dynamic and vibrant one. We have many activities, functions, and programs. Check our calendar to be updated for May. We would like to highlight a few items:

A. May 14th, Monday, is our next General meeting. This is election of officers night and perhaps is the most important meeting of the year. Legion members, please attend and be heard. Our opinions and input makes the difference.

B. Our building project is moving along somewhat slower than we expected. By the time of this Newsletter publication, we hope to have seen significant progress. Our Building Committee is working diligently in accomplishing a professional finished project.

C. Last night, April 18, we hosted our Past Legion Commanders and Past Auxiliary Presidents. It was our honor to acknowledge this very special group of people who have provided input and participation in providing the foundation in establishing who we are today. Thank you!

D. Looking at Baseball, we have planning and preparation in "full swing" for our upcoming Baseball season and our hosting of the State Legion Baseball Tournament.

1. June 10 is our annual Sunny Open golf outing. Now hosted and conducted by our Baseball Committee, we are looking for 4-somes to play.

2. We are proud owners of a new piece of machinery, called a drag, that is used to maintain our fine field. Thank you to Clarence Stellner for your generous donation.

3. The new scoreboard should be here this month and ready for our regular season.

E. A quick acknowledge is due for some special individuals.

1. Our 2012 "Friend of the Legion" is Mike and Tina Rude. We thank Mike and Tina for all they contribute and for who they are.

2. Our 2012 "Legionnaire of the Year" is Wil Fernholz. We are indeed grateful and appreciative of Wil's efforts, input, and participation in our American Legion. Thank you for being you!

E. Our May Chicken and dumplings and Fish Fry will be our last until September. Our great volunteer team needs their summer vacation. Thank you for all!

Remember we are together as the American Legion Family and always strive to uphold our ideals.

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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Auxiliary

Hello Ladies,

I want to thank again all who helped out at the Easter Egg hunt. I was there to help and watch how many people showed up for that event. The dining hall was packed with children and adults who all looked like they enjoyed the event.

Included in this mailing you will see the Poppy Letter and Poppies. If you can, please make a donation to this project. Anything we can do to help our veterans who served for us, is most appreciated.

We will also be having on Memorial Day Parade and service at the Onalaska Cemetery. I want to thank the ladies who are helping with the luncheon that day.

Our next meeting will be May 9, 2012 starting at 7:00 p.m. The serving committee will be: Liz Reekers, chairperson-783-3913, Judy Nimmo-780-4952, Mary Powers-783-1535, Nikki Sterling-781-6084, and Dawn Topel-783-4833. Hope to see you all there.

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

Auxiliary:

President: **Sue Kelley**

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All for one and one for all
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The sacrificial call.
Now the "Poppy" made across our state
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To wounded families who need peace.



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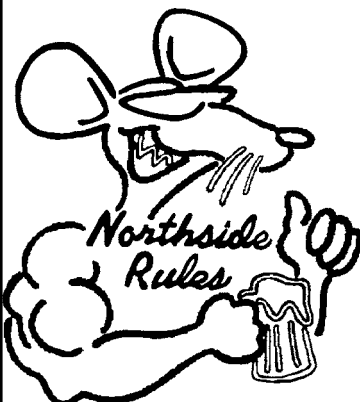
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FROM THE EDITOR

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Onalaska Senior Dining Center.

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Memorial Day Parade - 9:30am

Free coffee & doughnuts before parade

Cemetery Program - 10:00am

Free Lunch in the Dining Hall after program

A Short History of Memorial Day ...

Memorial Day commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the American armed forces.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it was a day to honor those who died in the Civil War by decorating their graves.

The original proclamation was issued on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former military personnel:

"The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit."

During the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield spoke at Arlington National Cemetery, after which about 5,000 people decorated the graves of 20,000 soldiers from the Union and Confederate armies who were buried in the cemetery. Today, Memorial Day is observed at Arlington National Cemetery with a ceremony whereby a small American flag is placed on each grave.

Although the first Decoration Day was held in May 1868, it wouldn't be until 1971 that Memorial Day became an official federal holiday that now falls on the last Monday in May. The 1868 observance was inspired by local observances in several towns throughout America that lay claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day, including Columbus, Mississippi; Macon, Georgia; Richmond, Virginia; Boalsburg, Pennsylvania; and Carbondale, Illinois.

However, in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, New York, to be the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloo, which first observed the day on May 5, 1866, was chosen because it had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event; businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

It wasn't until after World War I that observances began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars and not just the Civil War.

The difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day, November 11 each year, is that Memorial Day honors the dead and Veterans Day recognizes the living while also honoring the dead. Several Southern states have a special day for honoring the Confederate dead of the Civil War. Seems that even in honoring our nation's military dead, we can't agree on how or when to honor and recognize them.

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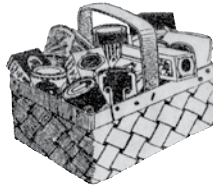
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7:00 pm <hr/> Town Hall Listening Session 10-11:30 am	2 Chicken and Dumplings 4:30 - til gone <hr/> Rotary Club Meeting, Dining Hall - Noon	3 Tacos 11am-2pm <hr/> Burger Nite 4:30-8:00pm <hr/> Texas Hold'em 6:00-10:00pm	4 Buck Hollow Band 7:30 - 11:30 pm <hr/> Insurance Center Dining Hall 9:00am - 5:00pm	5 Pedrin 25th Anniversary Activity Center
6	7	8 NARVRE 10:00am <hr/> Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7:00pm	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 pm <hr/> Rotary Club Meeting, Dining Hall - Noon	10 Tacos 11am-2pm <hr/> Burger Nite 4:30-8:00pm <hr/> Texas Hold'em 6:00-10:00pm	11 Fish Fry 4:30-7:00pm <hr/> John Stevenson 7:30-11:30 pm	12 Bar Party 5:00pm
13 SAL Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00am-Noon	14 Executive Committee 6:00 pm <hr/> Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	15 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7:00pm <hr/> Freedom Honor Flight Meeting 6:00 pm	16 Rotary Club Meeting, Dining Hall - Noon <hr/> Birthday Party in Bar	17 Tacos 11am-2pm <hr/> Burger Nite 4:30-8:00pm <hr/> Texas Hold'em 6:00-10:00pm	18 Time and a Half Band 7:30-11:30pm	19 Wedding - Dining Hall <hr/> Graduation Party - Activity Center <hr/> Bar Party
20 Graduation Party Activity Center <hr/> Iron Workers Meeting - 10:00 am	21 BLET Div 3 Meeting 9:30am <hr/> Deer Creek Condo Meeting - 6:00pm	22 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7:00pm <hr/> Building Committee Meeting 5:00pm <hr/> House Committee Meeting 6:00pm	23 Rotary Club Meeting, Dining Hall - Noon	24 Tacos 11am-2pm <hr/> Burger Nite 4:30-8:00pm	25 Graduation Party Activity Center <hr/> Music Mix w/ Brittany Styles 7:30 - 11:30pm	26 Graduation Party Activity Center
27 SAL Breakfast 8:00am-Noon <hr/> Graduation Party	28 <i>Happy Memorial Day</i> Memorial Day Parade - 9:30am Cemetery Program - 10:00am Lunch in Dining Hall Free coffee & doughnuts before parade; Free Lunch after program;	29 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7:00pm	30 Rotary Club Meeting, Dining Hall - Noon	31 Tacos 11am-2pm <hr/> Burger Nite 4:30-8:00pm		

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Bar News

Hope everyone is enjoying the blooming flowers and the smell of fresh cut grass. Spring is one of my favorite times of year!!

A few changes are coming this month.

We will be updating our lunch menu once again, adding a few items and removing items that we don't sell. Once I have the menu updated, we will be including a copy in the newsletter. Lunch is served Monday-Friday, 11am-2pm, with daily lunch specials.

Also this month, the bar will be receiving all new tap lines. This will take approximately 2 days to install and is quite the project. We appreciate your patience during construction.

May is the last month until September for Chicken and Dumplings and our Fish Fry. Be sure to stop in and enjoy it while you can!

Mother's Day, Sunday May 13th, we will have a Bloody Mary Bar with our SAL Breakfast. Bring Mom in for a delicious all you can eat breakfast and a fabulous Bloody Mary Bar.

May also brings Memorial Day. Join us Monday, May 28th, for our Memorial Day Parade and luncheon. Happy Hour will run all day.

Stephanie =)

Texas Hold'Em

Well, our season is drawing to a close for the spring. We have had a good season with some great winners and players.



We will have the Championship on May 17, a slight change in that the second place winners will be in a random drawing for empty seats at the champ table.

Next season, by popular request, the blinds will be changed, so next season, check us out. The players feel the change will help the game.

So until June, have a great day and don't forget the big Memorial Day Parade, and a day for us to remember why we have the privileges we have in our lives - our Troops!

Bill, Bob, Chris, Jerry, and the Pit Bull

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S.A.L.

Well everybody, another month has passed us by. Our snowbird friends are coming home. Life is grand. We had a wonderful turn out for our Easter breakfast serving 179. I want to thank all the volunteers again for giving up there holiday to work. Mays breakfast dates are: Mothers Day the 13th and the 27th. Our last one for the season will be Fathers Day June 17th. Then a short summer break. We will also be doing our buffet breakfast this year on Sunday for community days. I will have further updates on that in next months newsletter. By the way, our good friends Terry and Laurie Schaeffer (hope I spelled it right) were wondering if anyone was heading for there area. They would like a “to-go plate” from the fish fry, chicken and dumplings, and the breakfast buffet.

Todd (Doc) Hagel

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