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Legion Community Days

Well here it is the 1st of August and we are ready with the 8th Annual Legion Community Days coming the 23rd thru the 25th of the month. It's going to be an exciting weekend so you will want to be with us. Mark your calendars now.

The volunteer sign up book is behind the bar. Please check to see if there is anything you can do to help us out. We are always in need of good help. And we do appreciate the great help we have received from members and friends over the first seven years. We could not have done it without all the help.

As you can see, by the enclosed brochure, we have a lot of activities planned. Lots of good food and beverage to partake of also. Unfortunately Miss Wisconsin will not be able to be with us for the opening ceremony. She has a conflict with the Miss America pageant that she has to attend. She will, however, be with us Saturday morning for the parade and on the grounds afterward. There will be ample time to meet her and snap pictures. U will notice that on Saturday night the Fire Department will be giving away a Big Screen TV. We will be showing the Packer game on it Friday night and they will be selling tickets to give it away during the dance Saturday night. You will want to be there for that. If you did not receive a brochure in your newsletter there are plenty to be had at the clubroom and various places around town.

Please remember, and remind your friends and family, to bring food items for the Onalaska Food Pantry as we will be collecting them all weekend. And we will be collecting along the parade route also. Thanks

Our tank continues to be a winning entry in parades we participate in, as we won in the Veterans Division up in Sparta at the Butterfest parade in June. What a neat thing it is to see the people stand and cheer and even shed a tear or two as we pass by on the parade routes. It continues to be a great showing for our post as we participate in parades around the area. Thanks to Dave Kuecker and Roy Van Riper our drivers so far this year. And a great big thank you to the motorcycle riders who were with us up in Trempealeau in July. It adds a great deal to our entry.

Mike Fries, Legion Community Days Committee

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

GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

The very hot days of summer are surely upon us as of our writing this newsletter. It is already going by so very fast.

We have a wonderful month of August shaping up at our Post. Glancing at the calendar elsewhere in our newsletter, we are framing the month with a couple of super activities.

1. On Saturday, that's right, August 3, we will be featuring our annual Legion Family Gathering in our Activity center. With emphasis on us, Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of the American Legion family, we are looking at picnicking, relaxing, and visiting on a mid-summer day. We will have games for adults and children, beverages, adult beverages, and food. Traditionally this has been a time for membership renewal in our organizations. We will have more details for times, etc. on our bulletin boards and outside reader boards as time draws closer.

2. And of course we are featuring our 8th Annual Legion Community Days on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 23, 24, and 25. Please make sure to thank all of your Community Days Board Members lead by Chairman Mike Fries. What a great showcase event for our Post and Community. We even have one of our professional informative brochures included in this newsletter.

Baseball, as per Legion Baseball, is winding down at this date. Over the weekend of July 12, 13, and 14, we hosted a great tournament and featured some excellent play and super fans. Thanks to our Baseball Committee for all the hard work for our teams, players, and fans.

We are quite slower in the summer, yet are preparing for September already, when we will be again featuring our Big Al's Chicken and Dumplings on the first Wednesday of each month; and again we are hosting our Famous Fish Fry on the second Friday of each month. Prepare to join us for great food and comradarie at these monthly events. We probably have a few more ideas for events, so let us (any of the various committee members), know your ideas.

Don't forget that our volunteers make our Post and our organization. Elsewhere in the newsletter are articles and items that are also submitted by "volunteers". We sincerely say "thank you" to all of our Legion Family Volunteers.

We hope to see you at one of our many Post activities and festivities.

Thank you all veterans and families.

Ralph Amundsen

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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Membership

We are now into our new membership year for the year 2014. We have already processed and sent out over 100 memberships for our Post. For the "early birds", this year there is a card for your annual 'early bird' drink at the bar. Simply give the card to the bartender and order up your drink. This card also saves from digging out your membership card. Remember, the early bird runs through November 11.

A good time to pay your dues, also, is at the annual Legion Family Gathering (picnic) which will be held on Saturday, August 3. Our Sons of the American Legion as well as Unit 336 Auxiliary will have people present for dues also on that date.

See you at the Post.

Robert Weber, 1st Vice-Commander



History of The American Legion Emblem

Throughout the 90-year history of The American Legion, one of the organization's most familiar symbols has been its emblem, which was adopted by the Legion on June 9, 1919 and patented on December 9 of that same year.

Eric Fisher Wood was listed on the patent papers as the inventor, though later turned the patent rights over to the Legion.

The emblem incorporated the "Victory" button (designed by A.A. Weinman of Forest Hills, N.Y.), which served as the discharge button for World War I veterans.

Also in the emblem are the Soldier's Star, the Victor's wreath and the letters "U.S.", which appears at the center.

The American Legion's Manual of ceremonies contains the following description of the emblem: "It stands for God and country, and the rights of man. Of its several parts, each has a meaning.

"The rays of the sun that form the background are emblematic of the principles of the American Legion - loyalty, justice, freedom and democracy and will dispel the darkness, hatred, violence, strife and evil.

"The two gold rings around the field of blue, bearing our name, symbolize two of our four main objectives: rehabilitation of our sick and diseased comrades, and care for the children of America. Within our rings is placed a wreath for remembrance of those who died so that liberty might live.

Upon the wreath is a star, reflecting the glory of victory and promising to the world perpetuation of those cardinal principles of our organization. Set upon the star are two bronze rings that typify the other two of our four main objectives: a better and more loyal Americanism, and service to the community, state and nation.

"The inscription demands that the wearer ever guard the sanctity of home, country and free institutions."

It's believed there is no significance to the dots that separate the two rings surrounding the "U.S." in the center of the emblem.

Originally, the emblem button was priced to sell for 25 cents. The official seal of the Legion was to be an adaptation of this button-seal.


Thus began the continual duty of the Legion's national headquarters to make the emblem a visible symbol of the organization, signaling the public service orientation of the many activities in which it is displayed.



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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

We went from one extreme to another in our lovely Wisconsin weather!! Hope everyone is enjoying it. We did not have a meeting in July, so not too much to report on this time. Upcoming events are our Legion Family Gathering on Saturday August 3, 2013. This will start at 11:00 A.M. and we will eat around noon. This is a good time to pay your dues for next year. The ladies dues for next year 2014 will be \$23.00. If your dues are paid before or on that day, you will be entered in a drawing to win 3- \$20.00 checks to be given out at the gathering.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, 2013 starting at 7:00 P.M. Serving committee will be – Elaine Schickowski - chairperson – 519-2662, Marie Turk – 783-4593, Jean Sparks – 783-7305 and Jeannette Thach – 785-7737. Hope to see you there.

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

Hello Members, Patrons and Friends,


August is shaping up to be a VERY fun and exciting month! We have live music from the Shufflin Deprees and the Time and a Half Band for you to dance the night away. There's going to be all kinds of fun events including Bean Bag League every Thursday, the Irish Joke Contest and of course COMMUNITY DAYS!!!

We also have The Life Line Health Screening here on Tuesday, August 20, 2013. These health screenings use ultrasound technology to see inside your arteries to determine your risk of stroke. PRE- Registration is required so if you are interested, call 1-888-653-6450.

The weather is hot and the beer is cold so make sure to stop on in for some great drinks and daily lunch specials.

Have a great month of August and we will see you at the Legion.


Neil



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**Notes from the
Newsletter Editor**
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 one of the officers of the club know or drop them in the Newsletter Mail Slot at the Post. Include your name and we will make sure you get them back. We will also accept digital file photos. You may email them to the editor along with a description of the photo contents. They say pictures are worth a thousand words!

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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Service Officers Report



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Honorable Veteran, Post 336 Member

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Honorable Veteran

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Honorable Veteran

~ SICK CALL ~

LINUS KUJAK

Respectfully Submitted, Vern Reekers, Service Officer

AMERICA IS AT WAR

A tradition continues



A Blue Star Service Banner in the window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces - and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands great sacrifice.

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



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From time to time we have needs for various medical care items: i.e. crutches, canes, wheels, shower stools, etc. Don't forget to call upon us for availability of these items. These are here for all of us to use. Simply check-out through the bar.

Currently, we have, for a veteran, FREE, a 25 foot long handicap ramp, excellent condition. You remove. This may be seen at 827 East Avenue North, Onalaska.

Thank you. Vern Reekers, Service Officer

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Chaplain:

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Newsletter Advertisements and Renewals

We will be communicating with the current newsletter advertisers to determine if they wish to continue to advertise with us. Ads are available on a one-year basis, from January thru December. Sizes available and prices are:

2"X2" are \$50.00/year 2"X3.75" are \$80.00/year, this ad is horizontal.

All payments must be made for the full year, payable in advance. New ad space will open up if there are some non-renewals. The space will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis for new advertisers.

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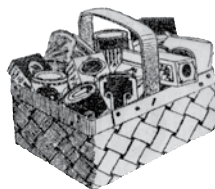
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Community Days August 23-24-25					2 Shufflin Deprees 7:30-11:30pm	3 Legion Family Gathering A/C
4	5 Irishfest Meeting	6 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	7 Auxiliary Meeting 7pm River Steele Meeting 4pm	8 Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm Retirement Party - Hall - 4-8pm Irishfest Joke Contest 8-10pm	9 Music Mix w/Brittney Styles 7:30-11:30pm	10 Aquinas Class of 1959 - 6pm - Bar
11	12 Executive Committee 6:00 pm Membership Meeting, 7pm	13 NARVE, 10am Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	14	15 Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm 40/8 Dinner - Hall	16 Time & A Half Band 7:30-11:30pm Open Air - 7-10am Parking Lot	17 Open Air 7-10am Parking Lot and Hall
18	19 BLET - 9:30am	20 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	21 Ducks Unlimited Banquet	22 Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm	23 LEGION COMMUNITY DAYS	24 LEGION COMMUNITY DAYS
25 LEGION COMMUNITY DAYS	26	27 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Building Committee 5pm House Committee 6pm	28	29 Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm	30 Karaoke W/Theresa 7:30-11:30pm	31 A/C Party

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Texas Hold'Em

Put August 25th on your calendar for the start of our Texas Hold'Em Season!! We will start signing in at 11:00 a.m. with play to start at 12:00 noon. Same rules as last season. It's been a short and lonely summer without you people, and we missed you.

Our season at the Club starts on September 5th with sign in at 6:00 p.m. and play from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., 6:50 p.m. will be the closing of Player for the game.

Again, no changes will be made in that it seems to meet your need from last year. Again, we can't wait to get started! See you all on the 25th of August at Community Days.

Bill, Bob, Chris, and the Pit Bull

