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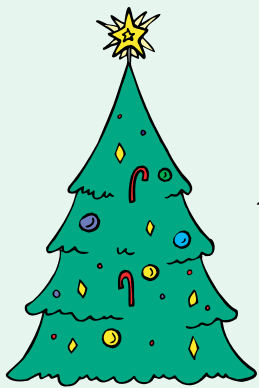
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## Christmas Parties at the Legion

Legion Family Christmas Party  
to be held on  
Saturday, December 21, 2013.

The signup sheet is also behind the bar.  
There will be great food, prizes and MUSIC for your dancing pleasure.



Auxiliary Christmas Party  
held on Wednesday, December 11, 2013  
starting at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails and 6:30 dinner.  
The menu will be steak, baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert.

Cost will be \$8.50 and must be paid at time of sign up.  
The signup sheet is behind the bar in the folder.  
We will also have a \$15.00 gift exchange if you care to participate.

On Sunday, December 22, 2013 we will have the  
Kids Christmas Party from 2-4 p.m.

Bring your children for games, gifts and who knows,  
maybe Santa might stop in.....



## **Officers:**

Commander:  
**Ralph Amundsen**  
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**Wayne Henthorn**  
Editor:

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

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

Here we go with the Holiday Month of December already upon us! Happy Holidays!

At our Post we have been and continue to be so very busy. Take a good look at our December calendar for day to day activities. Highlighted this month don't forget

1. Chicken and Dumplings on Wednesday, December 4.
2. Fish fry on Friday, December 13.
3. Legion General meeting on Monday, December 9
4. Joint Christmas Party on Saturday, December 21 sponsored by and for Legion, Auxiliary, and Sons of American Legion members.
5. Also, as stated elsewhere, our Children's Christmas party is Sunday, December 22.

We, as a Legion Family, have sure come a long way in emphasizing veterans, widows, children and youth, and community. We are providing facilities for the annual very, very special Fire Department Santas List on Saturday, December 14. What a delightful program for our children, families, and community. Good job Onalaska Police and Fire Departments. Our Sons of the American Legion will be presenting a large sponsorship check that day for assisting the program. We are so very proud!

Because of Christmas, we are moving our House committee and Building Committee meetings to Monday, December 23. Please note that our Bar and Facility will close at 3:00 P.M. Christmas Eve, be closed on Christmas Day, and reopen on Thursday, December 26.

New Years Eve, December 31, we will have quite a party in the dining room with the band Double Take. Come join us in welcoming in the new year of 2014.

We do have a new County of La Crosse veteran's Service Officer. Adam Flood was at our November Post General Meeting and gave a short presentation. In the future, Adam would like to submit informational articles for our newsletter. We are looking forward to his participation.

*Hope to see and talk with most of our Legion Family in the near future.*

*Happy Days!*

*Ralph Amundsen, Commander*

## **Membership**

At this point, we are at some 510 paid memberships, which represents about 78% of our annual goal. In December we will be contacting members who have not yet paid their dues.

Also, if you have paid your dues and get a renewal notice, please disregard if you have your 2014 card. Seems that national is behind schedule.

*See you at our post.*

*Bob Weber, 1st Vice 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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### **THE ONALASKA LEGION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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

Commander: **Todd (Doc) Hagel**

1st Vice: **Bill Sterling**

2nd Vice: **John Marcou**

3rd Vice: **Dick Pologna**

Finance Officer: **Chris Carlson**

Adjutant: **Ray Kline**

Sgt. at Arms: **Bob Weber, Andy Truscott**

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

Hope all had a safe and successful deer hunting season.

Don't forget our December Breakfast Buffett. Thank you to all of our great volunteers, you make it happen.

Everybody have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Todd "Doc" Hagel, SAL Commander*

## **December 7, 2013 - 72nd Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack**

### ***What Happened?***

#### **What led up to that Day in Infamy?**

War itself generally makes little sense, but the attack on Pearl Harbor has always sparked the imagination. 3,500 Americans were killed or wounded in the attack on December 7, 1941.

### ***Before The Attack***

September 1940. The U.S. placed an embargo on Japan by prohibiting exports of steel, scrap iron, and aviation fuel to Japan, due to Japan's takeover of northern French Indochina.

April 1941. The Japanese signed a neutrality treaty with the Soviet Union to help prevent an attack from that direction if they were to go to war with Britain or the U.S. while taking a bigger bite out of Southeast Asia.

June 1941 through the end of July 1941. Japan occupied southern Indochina. Two days later, the U.S., Britain, and the Netherlands froze Japanese assets. This prevented Japan from buying oil, which would, in time, cripple its army and make its navy and air force completely useless.

Toward the end of 1941. With the Soviets seemingly on the verge of defeat by the Axis powers, Japan seized the opportunity to try to take the oil resources of Southeast Asia. The U.S. wanted to stop Japanese expansion but the American people were not willing to go to war to stop it. The U.S. demanded that Japan withdraw from China and Indochina, but would have settled for a token withdrawal and a promise not to take more territory.

Prior to December 1941, Japan pursued two simultaneous courses: try to get the oil embargo lifted on terms that would still let them take the territory they wanted, and ... to prepare for war.

After becoming Japan's premier in mid-October, General Tojo Hideki secretly set November 29 as the last day on which Japan would accept a settlement without war.

The Japanese military was asked to devise a war plan. They proposed to sweep into Burma, Malaya, the East Indies, and the Philippines, in addition to establishing a defensive perimeter in the central and southwest Pacific. They expected the U.S. to declare war but not to be willing to fight long or hard enough to win. Their greatest concern was that the U.S. Pacific Fleet, based in Pearl Harbor could foil their plans. As insurance, the Japanese navy undertook to cripple the Pacific Fleet by a surprise air attack.

### ***The Warnings***

The U.S. had broken the Japanese diplomatic code and knew an attack was imminent. A warning had been sent from Washington, but it arrived too late.

Early warning radar was new technology. Japanese planes were spotted by radar before the attack, but they were assumed to be a flight of American B-17s due in from the West Coast.

### ***The Attack***

**On December 7th 1941**, on an otherwise peaceful Sunday morning on a beautiful Hawaiian island, the first wave of Japanese airplanes left 6 aircraft carriers and struck Pearl Harbor a few minutes before 8 AM local time.

In two waves of terror lasting two long hours, they killed or wounded over 3,500 Americans and sank or badly damaged 18 ships - including all 8 battleships of the Pacific Fleet - and over 350 destroyed or damaged aircraft. At least 1,177 lives were lost when the Battleship U.S.S. Arizona exploded and subsequently sank.

However, they did not sink any of our Pacific aircraft carriers and they left most of the fuel that was needed to win the war in the Pacific.

In one stroke, the Japanese navy scored a brilliant success—and assured their ultimate defeat.

The Japanese attack brought the U.S. into the war on December 8—and brought it in the war determined to fight to the finish.

## **Steven J. Fleis**

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## **Auxiliary:**

President: Sue Kelley

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2nd Vice: Wilma Dettinger

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: Colleen Kujak

Historian: Luella Chesebro

Sgt. at Arms:

**Judy Chesebro and  
Jennifer Chesebro**

Chaplain: Maureen Smith

Parliamentarian:

**Delores Kenyon**

Sunshine Chairwoman:

**Liz Reekers**

Jr. Past President:

**Diane Ryan**

## ***Hello Ladies,***

We had a great turnout for the kids Halloween party. We had 30 children attend with so many cute costumes it was hard for the judges to pick out the winners. A special thank you goes out to the ladies who donated cookies and bars, the judges, and the people and my family who helped with the whole afternoon. This is from Luella Chesebro – First Vice President.

As we get into the holiday season, I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday. Please enjoy the time you have with your family and friends. With that being said, we have our Auxiliary Christmas party on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 starting at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails and 6:30 dinner. The menu will be steak, baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert. Cost will be \$8.50 and must be paid at time of sign up. The signup sheet is behind the bar in the folder. We will also have a \$15.00 gift exchange if you care to participate. We also will be collecting non perishable food items for the food pantry that night. Next will be the Legion Family Christmas party to be held on Saturday, December 21, 2013. The signup sheet is also behind the bar. There will be great food, prizes and MUSIC for your dancing pleasure. On Sunday, December 22, 2013 we will have the kids Christmas party from 2-4 p.m. Bring your children for games, gifts and who knows, maybe Santa might stop in.....

As this year comes to an end, I wish to thank all the ladies that have helped me thru my first year as your president. I appreciate the kind words of encouragement, the willing to help out when asked and mostly the friendship of you all.

## **Honest Paul's L&M Tavern**

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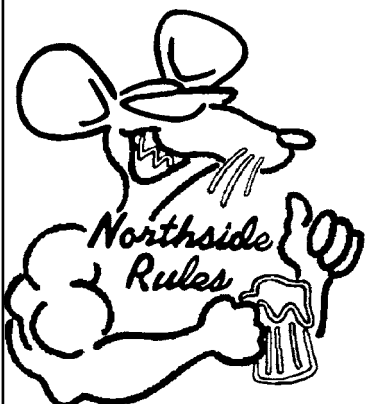
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***See you at the Post,  
Sue Kelley, Auxiliary President***



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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](http://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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## Food - Fun - Friends

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## Service Officers Report

~ LAST BUGLE ~

Glen R. Danielson - Honorable Veteran, Post 336 member

Mike Bolson - Honorable Veteran

James Dielton - Honorable Veteran

Warren Quinlisk - Honorable veteran

No ~ SICK CALL ~

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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## Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

Looks like we are officially in the thralls of the holiday season. The air is crisp and I am sure your homes are filled with the smells of fresh baked good and holiday spices.

Its also that time of year where we travel to visit loved ones, or maybe to get away from them haha. Either way the Onalaska American Legion will always provide safe refuge from the traffic and gridlock of the streets and shopping malls.

I know its hard to believe but the new year is just around the corner now! Its been an AMAZING year for us and I am so happy to have been able to share it with you all. It truly is all of you who make our Post a great place to be! Double Take will be taking the stage in the banquet hall for the New Years eve festivities so don't miss out!

*Have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New year and we will see you at the Legion.*

*Neil*

## 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.**

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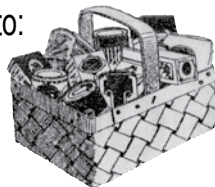


SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm RR X-mas Party Hall, 5pm	<b>4</b> Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7pm	<b>5</b> Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm Ladies Night, Hall - 5-9pm	<b>6</b> Music Mix W/ Brittney Styles, 7:30-11:30pm "Yaz & Beaner" Retirement Party, Bar, 4:30pm	<b>7</b> 30th Birthday Party, Hall, 7pm-11pm
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Executive Committee - 6pm Membership Meeting, 7pm	<b>10</b> Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm NARVE Christmas Party - Hall Jr.Aux. Meeting - Hall	<b>11</b> Auxiliary Meeting 7pm  River Steele Meeting - 4pm	<b>12</b> Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm Bean Bags, 7pm	<b>13</b> Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm Stoney Ridge Band 7:30-11:30pm	<b>14</b> Fire Department Santas List
<b>15</b> SAL Breakfast 8-noon	<b>16</b> BLET - 9:30am Legion Employee Xmas Party, 6-9pm	<b>17</b> Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	<b>18</b> Iron Workers Meeting Hall - 4-6pm	<b>19</b> Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Legion Christmas Party 
<b>22</b> Kids Christmas Party, 2-4pm 	<b>23</b> Building Committee, 5pm House Committee, 6pm	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve Close at 3pm	<b>25</b>  CLUB CLOSED	<b>26</b> Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm	<b>27</b> Karaoke Plus 7:30-11:30pm	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Double Take New Year's Eve 				

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## **Texas Hold'Em**

First order of business is to thank my great Pit Crew and all the others who worked so hard to make our Poultry Night a great success. With out you all, we could not have done it. THANKS! THANKS!

To my friend Don Lee, THANK YOU, for your generous gift. You always find a way to make things better. THANKS DON!

Our season will be closing shortly and have had a lot of good players. Also, new ones who are very welcome to our group. Championship Night will be on December 19th. We will be breaking for the Holidays and return in the first week of February, God willing and the creek don't rise.

In the mean time, from the Pit Crew and every one at Post 336, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all at the Club.

Above all, don't forget our Troops in your prayers. Without them we could not be together with our family and friends. BLESS THEM ALL.

*Your Pit Crew ... Billy, Bob, Chris, and the Pit Bull*

