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Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

Some say this is the BEST time of year to live in our great state. The leaves begin to turn, the nights are cool and the packers will win every game. OK that last part is questionable but you know what I mean right?

Its also a great time to come into the Legion and enjoy great drinks and food specials all month long. Hey we even have a "pumpkin" flavored beer for those adventurous enough to try it! Look in this months newsletter for a great buy 1 meal, get 1 half price coupon, its a great way to bring a friend or a loved one in for lunch and try the best food in town.



One thing I am looking very forward to this month is our HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY and CONTEST!! We will be having the party on Friday 25th plus there will be prizes and drink specials for dressing up, and even if getting all Halloween isn't your thing its still one heck of a good time seeing your friends and what they come up with.

Do not forget we have Packer Parties every Sunday during the game. you get a chance at great prizes, food and with 5 TV's there's never a bad seat!

I hope everyone has a safe, happy, spooky and most of all fun October.

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Buy 1 meal at regular price get 1 for 1/2 price

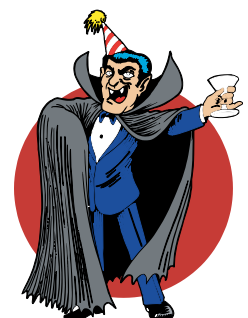
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ONALASKA AMERICAN LEGION

(THROUGH THE BAR MENU)

Have a great day and we will see you at the Legion.

- Neil



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GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

We, at least some of us, wanted the autumn weather and hopefully the corresponding wonderful fall colors. It's early yet, but our area should be a beautiful one indeed.

With this time of the year, we have already begun our cycle of Chicken and Dumplings along with our monthly Fish Fry. We started out great this past couple of weeks. Thank you to our super group of volunteers who really, really put on great events. There is so much work going into set-up and then culminating with the finished event. Thank you again, all!

Our annual Post Poultry Party will be held on Saturday, November 9. We are a week later than usual because we have a wedding reception booked on for the week before. Watch for posters and additional information in the November newsletter. We hope to expand and even make better this annual fun event for our Post.

We have so much happening in our Post and corresponding facilities. There are many youth, community, member, and general public events based through us. We still are accepting reservations and ideas for events on a continuous basis. If you know of a group or individual looking at a facility with great service and excellent catering make sure to send them to your Post for prompt attention.

Don't forget to check our calendar and subsequent other informative columns to see what's going on within our Post as presented in your newsletter.

Remember our Veterans, especially our hospitalized Veterans.
Ralph Amundsen



Membership

We are really moving ahead with our memberships for the 2014 membership year. We are over 60% plus, which is a good number for now. Please keep up the flow and let's achieve our State goal.

The drink tickets that are sent out for the "early bird" renewal have been a great hit for our Post. It sure has helped create an awareness that we should each use the "early bird" program for our membership renewals.

If you don't want to drop your dues in the mail, you are always welcome to stop in at the bar and drop your dues off.

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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U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

VA History ...

The United States has the most comprehensive system of assistance for veterans of any nation in the world. This benefits system traces its roots back to 1636, when the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony were at war with the Pequot Indians. The Pilgrims passed a law which stated that disabled soldiers would be supported by the colony.

The Continental Congress of 1776 encouraged enlistments during the Revolutionary War by providing pensions for soldiers who were disabled. Direct medical and hospital care given to veterans in the early days of the Republic was provided by the individual States and communities. In 1811, the first domiciliary and medical facility for veterans was authorized by the Federal Government. In the 19th century, the Nation's veterans assistance program was expanded to include benefits and pensions not only for veterans, but also their widows and dependents.

After the Civil War, many State veterans homes were established. Since domiciliary care was available at all State veterans homes, incidental medical and hospital treatment was provided for all injuries and diseases, whether or not of service origin. Indigent and disabled veterans of the Civil War, Indian Wars, Spanish-American War, and Mexican Border period as well as discharged regular members of the Armed Forces were cared for at these homes.

Congress established a new system of veterans benefits when the United States entered World War I in 1917. Included were programs for disability compensation, insurance for service persons and veterans, and vocational rehabilitation for the disabled. By the 1920s, the various benefits were administered by three different Federal agencies: the Veterans Bureau, the Bureau of Pensions of the Interior Department, and the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

The establishment of the Veterans Administration came in 1930 when Congress authorized the President to "consolidate and coordinate Government activities affecting war veterans." The three component agencies became bureaus within the Veterans Administration. Brigadier General Frank T. Hines, who directed the Veterans Bureau for seven years, was named as the first Administrator of Veterans Affairs, a job he held until 1945.

The VA health care system has grown from 54 hospitals in 1930, to include 152 hospitals; 800 community based outpatient clinics; 126 nursing home care units; and 35 domiciliaries. VA health care facilities provide a broad spectrum of medical, surgical, and rehabilitative care. The responsibilities and benefits programs of the Veterans Administration grew enormously during the following six decades. World War II resulted in not only a vast increase in the veteran population, but also in large number of new benefits enacted by the Congress for veterans of the war. The World War II GI Bill, signed into law on June 22, 1944, is said to have had more impact on the American way of life than any law since the Homestead Act of 1862. Further educational assistance acts were passed for the benefit of veterans of the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam Era, Persian Gulf War, Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

In 1973, the Veterans Administration assumed another major responsibility when the National Cemetery System (except for Arlington National Cemetery) was transferred to the Veterans Administration from the Department of the Army. The Agency was charged with the operation of the National Cemetery System, including the marking of graves of all persons in national and State cemeteries (and the graves of veterans in private cemeteries, upon request) as well and administering the State Cemetery Grants Program. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) was established as a Cabinet-level position on March 15, 1989. President Bush hailed the creation of the new Department saying, "There is only one place for the veterans of America, in the Cabinet Room, at the table with the President of the United States of America."

In 2009, President Obama appointed Secretary Eric K. Shinseki to lead a massive transformation of the VA into a high-performing 21st century organization that can better serve Veterans. Under the leadership of Secretary Shinseki, the VA has adopted three guiding principles to govern the changes underway, namely being people-centric, results-driven, and forward-looking. These principles are reflected in the 16 major initiatives that serve as a platform from which transformation is being executed.

THE 16 MAJOR INITIATIVES ARE:

- Eliminating Veteran homelessness
- Enabling 21st century benefits delivery and services
- Automating GI Bill benefits
- Creating Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record
- Improving Veterans' mental health
- Building Veterans Relationship Management capability to enable convenient, seamless interactions
- Designing a Veteran-centric health care model to help Veterans navigate the health care delivery system and receive coordinated care
- Enhancing the Veteran experience and access to health care
- Ensuring preparedness to meet emergent national needs
- Developing capabilities and enabling systems to drive performance and outcomes.
- Establishing strong VA management infrastructure and integrated operating model
- Transforming human capital management
- Performing research and development to enhance the long-term health and well-being of Veterans
- Optimizing the utilization of VA's Capital portfolio by implementing and executing the Strategic Capital Investment Planning (SCIP) process
- Improving the quality of health care while reducing cost
- Transforming health care delivery through health informatics



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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello Ladies,

What hot weather we have had and now hopefully we will get into the cooler days and nights. It is our busy season at the Legion with the fish fry's and chicken and dump-lings. We have had a busy summer with catering events and still have openings for Christmas parties if you know of someone who is looking for a place to have it at.

I want to thank the ladies that went to the Fall Forum in Oconomowoc in September. I am sure they will bring back some good information for our October meeting. The Serving committee will be for the October 9, 2013 meeting will be:

Mary Martin – chairperson 783-2807, Arlene Liebold – 783-3922,
Rose Horman – 783-3231, Roberta Braund – 783-3212,
Shirley Berberich – 783-3892.

If you would like to be on a committee, please contact me.
The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

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



KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY



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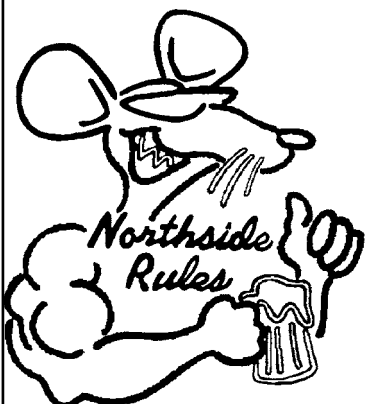
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or archived in the Post History File, please
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them to the editor along with a description
of the photo contents. They say pictures
are worth a thousand words!*

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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Meetings are every
2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am
at the Onalaska American Legion.

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Service Officers Report



We are very please to have no report for

~ *LAST BUGLE* ~ and
no report for ~ *SICK CALL* ~
since our last newsletter.

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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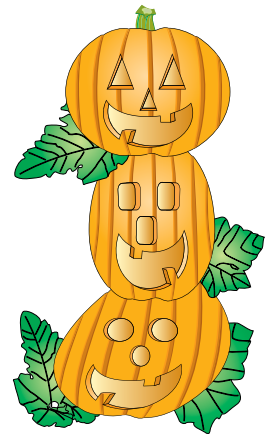
LEGION BASEBALL

Season is over, but we are still busy, busy. Planning and programming for the next season is always top of mind. Thank you all, again, for our 2013 season.

Say, due to scheduling of events and activities, we will start to take in boats, cars and campers for Winter Storage in the Activity Center beginning on Monday, November 4 and continuing on Tuesday, November 5.

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Merle Cunningham, General Manager



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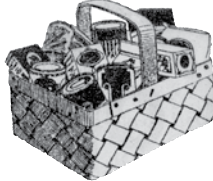
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | | 1 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Girl Scout Volunteer Meeting - Hall, 6pm | 2 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7pm | 3 Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm Snowmobile Meeting, Hall, 7pm | 4 Double Take, 7:30-11:30pm | 5 Newkirk Bar Party 1-5pm |
| 6 | 7 | 8 NARVE - 10am Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Jr. Aux. Meeting Hall - 6pm | 9 Auxiliary Meeting 7pm River Steele Meeting - 4pm | 10 Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm | 11 Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm Music Mix W/ Brittney Styles, 7:30-11:30pm | 12 Coulee Snomobile Chili Feed - A/C |
| 13 | 14 Executive Committee - 6pm Membership Meeting, 7pm | 15 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm | 16 Iron Workers Meeting Hall - 4-6pm | 17 Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm | 18 Good Tymes Band 7:30-11:30pm | 19 Celebrate My Drive - A/C John Clements 29th Birthday - Hall |
| 20 SAL Breakfast 8-noon | 21 BLET - 9:30am Sheet Metal - Hall, 12-8pm | 22 Wings & Shrimp - 4:30-7pm Building Committee - 5pm House Committee - 6pm | 23 | 24 Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm | 25 Karaoke Plus 7:30-11:30pm Halloween Bar Party - 7:30pm | 26 Wedding - Hall Sean & Mellissa |
|  27 Kids Halloween Party 2-4pm, Hall | 28 Sheet Metal Meeting Hall, 4:30pm | 29 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm | 30 | 31 Tacos - 11am-2pm Burger Nite - 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm |  HAPPY HALLOWEEN | |
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Texas Hold'Em

The 17th Texas Hold'Em Season is underway at the great bar at Onalaska American Legion.

17 seasons seem like a long time to have the pleasure of playing and having fun with great people. It started with Jerry Miller, Les Erickson and myself, to help bring in a new fad of Texas Hold'Em to our Post for people to enjoy.

Boy, did we start a monster of fun, great friends, good players and people dedicated to a great sport, but very proud of it. Thanks Jerry and Les. Come on ... we are starting out slow this season. However, the same young fellow has taken the lead with 2 wins in a row. Come on down and try to knock him from his crown and have fun doing it.

Call me at 780-4294 for more information if you want change or wish to donate to this very worthy cause. – Clarence.

Keep our troops in mind and prayers so can continue to play and pray.

Bill, Bob, Chris, and the Pit Bull

