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Onalaska American Legion

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

GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

It sure looks a lot like Christmas with all the snow and cold weather, but at the club it's nice and warm and lots of friendly faces. Come on down and see.

I have a problem that hurt both me and another member. A picture on a plaque was removed from the wall in our lobby. This picture means a lot to us. I am asking whom ever took it down please return it to the club. No questions asked. Enough said, thank you.

On the rest of our business I want to thank Bob Webber and his crew for a great poultry party. We had fun, made a few bucks for the club, the kitchen again was again true to it's greatness thanks to Vern & Liz reekers and their crew for a wonderful job. And to all the people who worked to make this a success. This is what makes our post so proud.

Member Christmas Party will be held on December 6th, 5 pm cocktails and great food and friendship plus.

Watch the calendar for the kids party and other events at our club.

I want to apologize for not thanking our Vets on Veteran's Day in my letter last month.

The honor guard did the usual great service at the various schools and other places. Thanks to all of you great men and women who served.

Our honor squad did the flag presentation at the high school wall of honor, honoring the people of the past who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country and was well recieved by all. Vern and Rich make us look great and dedicated to those who served.

Check the bar for more info on the big New Year's Eve Party that Neil and others have planned for us.

I think I'll sign off for now, wishing you a very Merry

Christmas and a Happy New Year ... 'Til we meet at the best Legion Club in western Wisconsin.

Don't forget to include in your prayers the men and women who are still serving this great country of ours. May God Bless them all.

PS: The club will be closed on Christmas Day.



MEMBERSHIP

Well the Holiday Season is here!!! Membership still needs to grow a little before the end of the year. At the present time we have a total of approximately 81% or over 500 members are now paid for through November. The MEMBERSHIP GOAL for this year is 617. Anyone who has not paid their dues yet it would be great to get them in this December. Let's get that "Final Push" and meet that MEMBERSHIP GOAL!

Assistant Membership Chairman Bob Weber

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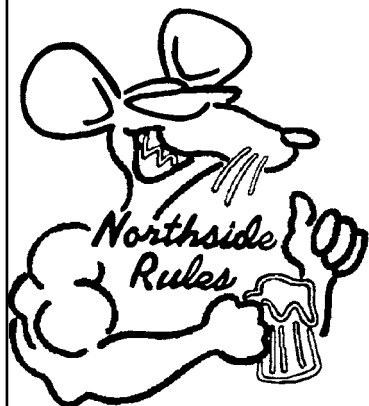
Diane Ryan

Hello Ladies,

I think that winter has arrived!!!! It just got here a little sooner than what we thought! I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving with friends and family. At our November meeting, we discussed and voted on new changes to our menu. We will be making some changes and hope to have separate menus for graduation parties and funeral/celebration of life events. I want to thank the people that helped with the Poultry Party on November 1st, it was fun and we had a good turnout for the Legion. Our upcoming events will be the Legion Family Christmas party that will be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014. We will have cocktails starting at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. There will be music to dance and listen to, door prizes, and a great meal. Please sign up at the bar. Our Ladies Auxiliary Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 (regular meeting night) with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and a pasta dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost will be \$8.00 per person and has to be paid in advance. The sign-up sheet will be behind the bar for that also. We hope to have our champagne elves there too!!! Instead of our gift exchange, we ask that you bring non perishable items to be donated to the food pantry to help out our needy families. The Children's Christmas party will be on Sunday, December 21, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. Who knows, maybe Santa will stop by..... Since we will be having our party at our December meeting, I will be contacting the serving committee.

I want to thank everyone who has helped me this past year, without your support for our club and our organization, we wouldn't be where we are today. *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.* Keep our servicemen and women in your prayers.

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



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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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Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

Who knew this year would have gone by so fast?? I feel like only yesterday we were all outside waving at each other in passing, enjoying the evenings on our decks. Now the only person I see outside is Rich Musolf briskly walking. What a inspiration to us all! Whether the weather has got you stuck inside or your gone for the season we can all appreciate the beautiful winter months and the holidays that go with it. Now in order not to let the cabin fever set in we are giving you the best reason ever to come to the legion on Tuesday nights. Along with our **delicious wings and shrimp special** we are now having **LADIES NIGHT!** That's right, from 6pm to close all the ladies in the house get \$1 off there drinks. And if that was not reason enough were are now having **BAR BINGO** every Tuesday starting at 6:30pm. This along with all of our other great specials should give you enough reason not to suffer from cabin fever this winter.

Remember our New Years Eve Bash is the best party in town. We have the memory brothers "big Band" performing so you can dance your way into 2015. Plus champagne and PIZZA! It is a Wednesday night after all..

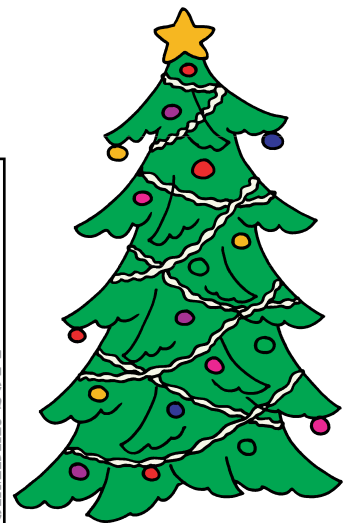
I would like to wish everyone **Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.**

Merry Christmas
and a
happy new year



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

Neil



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POST 336 VETERANS LIASION REPORT

Tomah VA Medical Center Rolls Out Transportation Initiatives

Many veterans living in central Wisconsin and southeastern Minnesota live in rural areas and face the challenge of traveling for access to VA health care.

The Tomah VA Medical Center has launched several transportation initiatives in 2014 to give Veterans more timely and convenient access to health care.

The Tomah VA Medical Center has implemented the Veterans Transportation Service Program to consolidate several transportation services and streamline the behind the scenes operations of getting Veterans to their appointments, as well as transportation for inpatients transported to other medical facilities.

The program does not replace any existing programs, but adds the benefit of picking rural Veterans up on their doorsteps, as opposed having to travel to a pickup location.

The current fleet of Veteran transportation vehicles at the Tomah VA Medical Center includes seven vehicles operated by the Wisconsin Department of Disabled Veterans of America that stop at predetermined locations.

"Volunteer drivers are always needed," said Terry Dryer, Mobility Manager at the Tomah VA Medical Center. "As with many of the functions in the VA, our transportation relies on generous volunteers in the community to transport Veterans to their appointments."

The Tomah VA Medical Center has also introduced a new 800 phone number to centralize phone calls for Veterans needing rides to appointments.

Brittany Kelley, the DAV Hospital Service Coordinator at the Tomah VA Medical Center, said Veterans have access to transportation throughout the 15 counties serviced by the Tomah VA Medical Center.

"The VA has stationed vehicles throughout the 15 counties service area including DAV vehicles in Wausau, Stevens Point, Marshfield, Medford, La Crosse, and Tomah, and VTS vehicles in Stevens Point and Strum," says Kelley.

The Tomah VA Medical Center and the Scenic Mississippi Regional Transit commuter bus system announced in September a partnership in which Veterans in southwest Wisconsin (Crawford, Vernon, and La Crosse Counties) can ride S.M.R.T buses for \$3 each way to appointments at the River Valley Outpatient Clinics. Bus routes can be found at www.ridesmrt.com or for questions call 877-444-6543.

Thom Downer, Post 336 Veterans Liaison



A VIETNAM VETERAN IN NEED ... Do you know a Vietnam Veteran that needs some help? Does that fellow veteran need a friend to get the help they need. The La Crosse Area Veterans Mentor Program (LAVMP) and the Tomah VA Medical Center Caregiver Support Program are partnering up to reach out to Vietnam Veterans who might need a little help. If you are a spouse, family member or friend that know a Vietnam Veteran that might need some help and a friend, call the LAVMP at (608) 785-6420. The VA Caregiver Program and the LAVMP are there for them. We will reach out and see that fellow veteran is never left behind.



Thom Downer, Post 336 Veterans Liaison

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



~ LAST BUGLE ~

Orrin Hanson – Honorable Veteran – Post 336

Richard Reiners– Honorable Veteran

Robert W. Armstronge – Honorable Veteran

Respectfully Submitted, Vernon Reekers, Service Officer

LOOKING FOR HONOR GUARD MEMBERS

Are you interested in participating in Military Funerals, posting/presenting of Colors at events, being part of local schools programs, Memorial Day activities, and representing Post 336? We are seeking additional Honor Guard Members from our Post. Contact Vern Reekers at 783-3913, or Rich Musolf at 397-9548 for additional information.

TOMAH V.A.M.C.

Current Donation Needs ... The patient clothing room is in dire need of NEW men's briefs! All Sizes are welcomed! Also...New jigsaw puzzles (we'd like all the pieces, please), and – TRAVEL SIZED toiletries for the veterans in the Hospice Program and their family members who stay by their side.

2015 Calendars ... Every year, thanks to donations by service organizations, volunteers and other friends, Voluntary Service purchase a gift for each veteran in the Tomah VA Medical Center during the holidays. This year, we plan to order patriotic calendars for every veteran. Therefore we will NOT NEED very many 2015 calendars.

La Crosse VA Clinic ... Fall 2014 Full shots are available now through December 12, 2014 on Wednesdays and Fridays. Hours are from 9:00 am through 4:00 pm. In addition you may get your flu shot at any scheduled appointment. Just ask for it. REMEMBER...On federal holidays all clinics are closed.

AS ALWAYS...DON'T FORGET THE FALLEN MISSING OR HOSPITAL VETERANS.

Mike Christianson

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.

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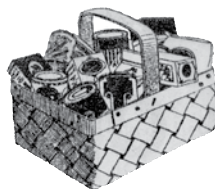
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6pm Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Northern Hills Ladies Night Out, 5-9pm	3 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7pm	4 Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Snow Drifters Meeting, 7pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm	5 Music Mix w/ Brittney Styles, 7:30-11:30pm	6  Legion Christmas Party 5:30pm Cocktails 6:30pm Dinner
7	8 Executive Committee 6pm General Meeting 7pm	9 NARVRE, 10am Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6pm Bar Bingo, 6:30pm	10 Auxiliary Meeting/Christmas Party, 7pm Pizza Night, 5-8 pm	11 Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Railroad X-mas Party Texas Hold'Em, 7pm	12 Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm The Craig Olson Project 7:30-11:30pm	13  <i>Santa's List</i> 11am-1pm Hall
14	15 BLET, 9:30am	16 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6pm Bar Bingo, 6:30pm	17 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	18 Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em Championship, 7pm	19 Shufflin Deprees, 7:30-11:30pm	20  Kid's Christmas Party 2-4pm, Hall
21 SAL Breakfast 8-12pm	22	23 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6pm Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Building Com. Mtg, 5pm House Com. Mtg, 6pm	24  <i>Christmas Eve Club Closes at 5pm</i>	25 <i>Merry Christmas Club Closed</i>	26 Karaoke w/Theresa 7:30-11:30pm	27
28	29	30 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6pm Bar Bingo, 6:30pm	31 <i>New Year's Eve The Memory Brothers 8pm-12:30am</i>			

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Texas Hold'Em

Our season has been slow, however the weather has been a factor, being great for yard work. And bucket lists.

The cooler weather should change things and the play pick up. We have had some hard fought rounds for the spots in the championship round, so come on down and try your luck. Still the cheapest and fun filled tourney in town. Most important, you can still get a good nights rest in that we stop at 10 pm.



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'Til next month **remember our troops**, if it were not for them, we could not enjoy the fun.

Chris, Billy, and the Pit Boss

