



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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### **Officers:**

Commander:  
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780-4294  
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2nd Vice:  
**Rich Musolf**  
3rd Vice:  
**Wayne Henthorn**  
Adjutant:  
**Ray Kline**  
Finance Officer:  
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**Ralph Amundsen**  
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**Gary Chesebro**  
Sgt. at Arms  
**Claude Deck**  
Editor:

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

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

I guess the first order of business as new Commander would be to thank the members who have the confidence in me to lead them through the next year.

To the past officers, I say thank you all for doing what you have done to keep our Post the greatest in Western Wisconsin. This is a great tribute to your leadership and willingness to work hard. Without you, our Post would be nothing. To all the staff, also a big thanks for your hard work, your friendliness and compassion to our customers can never go unnoticed.

To my friend and buddy Ralph, words cannot be found to praise him for the wonderful job he did under adverse conditions and stabilize and rebuild our Post to its greatness.

Ralph, I am banking on you to help me continue in this same vane, progress, friendliness, cooperation from all the great volunteers you have acquired, all doing the jobs required of them and having fun. To all the volunteers, without you, I will not succeed. I need your help.

I am looking forward to working with you all including the Ladies Auxiliary, the troops from the S.A.L., together we can keep this Post great. Thank you for your support.

I know many nice things are coming up soon like the Veterans lunch, Post picnic, Community Days, and others. Please watch the calendar for updates.

To the new officers, we have our work cut out for us, but I know together we can do it. I welcome and will listen to all comments to help us do our job to keep you and our Post great. Thank you for your confidence in me and I will do my darnedest to fulfill your wishes and needs.

*Clarence Stellner – 608-780-4294*

## **Membership**

We are 27 short of 100%. We are closing out the 2014 membership year. Shortly, you will be receiving the 2015 memberships. Some who haven't paid last year are going to lose their years of longevity.

*Dick Polodna, 1st Vice-Commander*

## ***Auxiliary:***

President: Sue Kelley

1st Vice: Luella Chesebro

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,***

Not too much to talk about in this letter as we don't have a whole lot going on in our auxiliary. We will be having the Legion Family Picnic on Saturday, August 2, 2014 starting at 11:00 A.M. Lunch will be serving around noon. We will be having our membership drive at that time, so please pay your dues that day. You will be eligible to win a cash prize from the auxiliary. This will be held out in the activity center but in case of bad weather, it will be held in the banquet hall. We don't have a meeting in July, so I will send out the serving committee for August in the next newsletter.



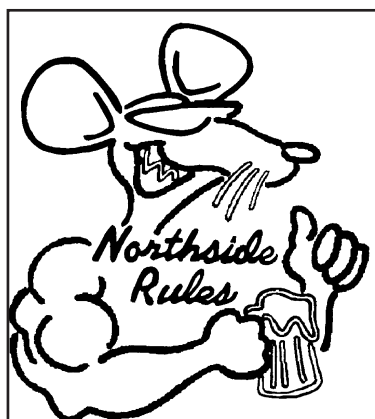
***See you at the Post,***

***Sue Kelley***

***Auxiliary President***

## ***Onalaska Community Days 2014 Hosted by The American Legion Family August 22 - 23***

***Community Days takes place on the Legion Grounds located  
at 731 Sand Lake Rd. with easy access from State Hwy 53.  
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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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## **THE ONALASKA LEGION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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## Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer so far. We are having some great weather and its always a pleasure seeing everyone in a great summertime mood. If your looking for a way to beat the summer heat remember to stop in to the Legion and have a nice cool beverage and try some of our delicious food specials! Every Wednesday night at 6pm we are now featuring personal sized pizzas made right here fresh by some of our members especially for you! And at \$4 they are hard to beat! Don't forget were open all week long for great daily food specials. Stop in Friday before the entertainment starts for a \$6 basket. You can choose between Wings, Shrimp, or Batter-Fried Fish.



Have a great 4th of July and we will see you at the Legion!

Neil



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### S.A.L.

I have been a member of the Legion for 21 years and for 5 of those years a member of S.A.L. It is an honor for me to be the Commander of the S.A.L. I look forward to contributing my volunteer support to the Post in addition to working with a lot of great people.

*Bill Sterling, S.A.L. Commander*

### S.A.L.

Commander: **Bill Sterling**  
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3rd Vice: **Dick Pologna**  
Finance Officer: **Chris Carlson**  
Adjutant: **Ray Kline**  
Sgt. at Arms: **Matt Burnett**

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# The History of the 4th of July



On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies claimed their independence from England, an event which eventually led to the formation of the United States. Each year on July 4th, also known as Independence Day, Americans celebrate this historic event.

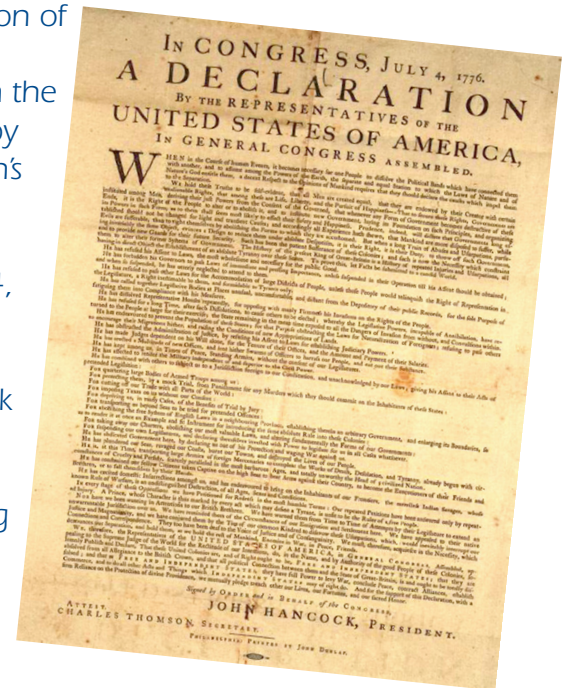
Conflict between the colonies and England was already a year old when the colonies convened a Continental Congress in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776. In a June 7 session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), Richard Henry Lee of Virginia presented a resolution with the famous words: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and

of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

Lee's words were the impetus for the drafting of a formal Declaration of Independence, although the resolution was not followed up on immediately. On June 11, consideration of the resolution was postponed by a vote of seven colonies to five, with New York abstaining. However, a Committee of Five was appointed to draft a statement presenting to the world the colonies' case for independence. Members of the Committee included John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania, Robert R. Livingston of New York and Thomas Jefferson of Virginia. The task of drafting the actual document fell on Jefferson.

On July 1, 1776, the Continental Congress reconvened, and on the following day, the Lee Resolution for independence was adopted by 12 of the 13 colonies, New York not voting. Discussions of Jefferson's Declaration of Independence resulted in some minor changes, but the spirit of the document was unchanged. The process of revision continued through all of July 3 and into the late afternoon of July 4, when the Declaration was officially adopted. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted in favor of the Declaration, two – Pennsylvania and South Carolina – voted No, Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that John Hancock's signed his name "with a great flourish" so England's "King George can read that without spectacles!"

Today, the original copy of the Declaration is housed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and July 4 has been designated a national holiday to commemorate the day the United States laid down its claim to be a free and independent nation.



## 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!



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**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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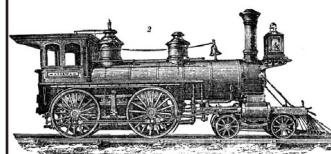
We are looking for people to deliver meals to homebound seniors and to help out at the Onalaska Senior Dining Center.

*Who knows you may see your neighbor there?*

**Please contact La Crosse County Aging Unit @ 785-6137.**

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**Retired and Active Railroad Employees:  
Protect your (NARVRE)  
Railroad Retirement and your Jobs!**



**Call: Doug Fischer  
at 608-786-0694.**

**Meetings are every  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 am  
at the Onalaska American Legion.**

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## Service Officers Report



### ~ LAST BUGLE ~

Albert Coudrey, Honorable Veteran - Member Post 336

Robert Wilhelm, Honorable Veteran - Member Post 336

Wally Kenimer, Honorable Veteran

### ~ SICK CALL ~

Linus Kujak

*Respectfully Submitted, Vernon Reekers, Service Officer*

*This is the second of a series of our past Honor Guard Members who will be added to our inactive list. He is Jerry Malin. Thinking back, it is hard to remember exact dates, but as we know, Jerry has been a Legion Member for some 48 years. Jerry was also on the Honor Guard for some 47 years. Good luck, Jerry, and "thank you" for your service.*

*Vern Reekers, Honor Guard Commander*

**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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## Onalaska Community Days 2014

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### August 22-23



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## Steven J. Fleis

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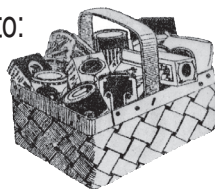
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		<b>1</b> Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	<b>2</b> Pizza Night 6-8 pm	<b>3</b> Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Snow Drifters Meeting - 7pm Veterans Showcase Baseball	<b>4</b> Food Special 5-8pm - Bar T-Wolf & the Midnight Howling Hour, 7:30-11:30pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Local 18 Meeting, Hall, 12-6pm	<b>8</b> NARVRE, 10am Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	<b>9</b> Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm Pizza Night 6-8 pm	<b>10</b> Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm	<b>11</b> Food Special 5-8pm - Bar The Memory Brothers, 7:30-11:30pm Baseball Tournament 18 & under	<b>12</b> Baseball Tournament 18 & Under
<b>13</b> Baseball Tournament 18 & Under	<b>14</b> Executive Committee 5:30pm	<b>15</b> Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	<b>16</b> Pizza Night 6-8 pm	<b>17</b> Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm	<b>18</b> Food Special 5-8pm - Bar Music Mix w/ Brittney Styles 7:30-11:30pm	<b>19</b> Wedding, Sarah & Damien - Hall  Wedding, Paul & Heather, Activity Center
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Wings and Shrimp, 4:30-7pm Building Com. Meeting, 4pm House Com. Meeting, 5:30pm	<b>23</b> Pizza Night 6-8 pm	<b>24</b> Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm	<b>25</b> Food Special 5-8pm - Bar The Craig Olson Project, 7:30-11:30 pm	<b>26</b> Benefit for Hunter Fryer, Activity Center
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> BLET, 9:30am	<b>29</b> Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	<b>30</b> Pizza Night 6-8 pm	<b>31</b> Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm		

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## What's Your Current ID Number?

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If it's your number call: Bob Weber: 526-4807

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## **Texas Hold'Em**

We are on Spring Break now so I want to take this space to ask for help from all Legion Members.

The La Crosse Veteran Mentor Program is in need of new mentors to help the men and women who are having trouble getting back from the long stays on active and reserve duty. These troops sometime find themselves in need of someone to help guide them with proper training and comon sense. I know many of you are very qualified. Please call Thom Downer, Director of this program, for more info. Thom can be reached at 608-785-6420.

Thank you and see you all on August 23 for the Community Days Tourney. It will be held inside the Post bar this year.

*Chris, Billy, Rip,  
and the Pit Bull*

