



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

**Onalaska American Legion**

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## ***Noteworthy News***

Generated by Adam Flood, County Veteran's Service Officer

### **VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP)**

VA is implementing a comprehensive national VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP) to give enrolled Veterans and CHAMPVA beneficiaries the opportunity to purchase dental insurance through Delta Dental and MetLife at a reduced cost. Participation is voluntary. Purchasing a dental plan does not affect Veterans' eligibility for VA dental services and treatment. VADIP opened November 15, 2013 for the purchasing of plans, with coverage beginning January 1, 2014.

Covered services include diagnostic, preventative, surgical, emergency and endodontic/restorative treatment. Delta Dental and MetLife are offering multiple plans. Each participant pays the fixed monthly premiums for coverage and any copayments required, depending on the type of plan selected.

Dependents of Veterans, except those eligible under CHAMPVA, are not authorized to participate in VADIP. Those individuals may be eligible for separate dental insurance coverage offered by these carriers.

The application is online at [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/VADIP)

If you wish to have more information please contact either the Tomah VA Medical Center, 1-800-872-8662 or the La Crosse County Veterans Service Office (608) 785-9719.

### **WI GI Bill - 5 Year Residency**

#### **Expanded Eligibility for Veterans Under the Five Year Residency Requirement**

Beginning in the Fall Semester of 2013, veterans who have established and maintained status as a Wisconsin resident for at least 5 consecutive years immediately preceding the beginning of any semester or session for which the student registers at an institution may qualify, even if they were not residents of Wisconsin at the time of entry into a qualified period of "Active Duty" under Title 10 orders. NOTE: This benefit does not extend to the spouse or children. In order to extend the benefit to the spouse or children the veteran must have entered a qualifying period of Active Duty Service under Title 10 Orders as a Wisconsin Resident and have a VA disability rating of 30% or more.

The Wisconsin GI Bill provides a full waiver ("remission") of tuition for eligible veterans and their dependents for up to 8 full-time semesters or 128 credits (whichever is greater) at any University of Wisconsin System (UWS) or Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) institution for any degree seeking courses, or for study at the undergraduate, masters or even doctoral level at the UW System.

Contact the WDVA Veterans Benefits Resource Center (VBRC) at toll-free 1-800-WIS-VETS (947-8387) or call La Crosse County Veterans Service Office (608) 785-9719.

## **Officers:**

Commander:  
**Ralph Amundsen**  
783-7599  
1st Vice:  
**Robert Weber**  
2nd Vice:  
**Rich Musolf**  
3rd Vice:  
**Richard Pologna**  
Adjutant:  
**Ray Kline**  
Finance Officer:  
**James Bialecki**  
Judge Advocate:  
**Todd Bjerke**  
Chaplain:  
**Claude Deck**  
Service Officer:  
**Vern Reekers - 783-3913**  
Historian:  
**Mike Fries**  
Sgt. at Arms  
**Wayne Henthorn**  
Editor:

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

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

Here we are into March already. Seems like we just welcomed in the new year and now we are starting to think about spring already. Winter hasn't been the best and just seems so long this year.

At our Post, we have so very many things going on in March as well as upcoming.

1. We just received our commemorative stone for our Post Veterans Memorial and will be installing after the thaw this spring. We thank Wayne Henthorn for all his super efforts in Chairing our Memorial program.
2. Remember our Chicken and Dumplings, and our monthly Fish Fry.
3. St. Patrick's Day brings us corned beef and cabbage through our bar.
4. Our baseball Committee has been very active in establishing the schedule for both our teams for the months of June and July. Publication will be out by May so that we can plan our support for our fine teams. Thank you for your support of our excellent Baseball Program.
5. Neil, our Manager, is trying something a little different on March 15th. We had an open Saturday so we decided to try another event. Neil will describe in his part of the newsletter.
6. Our Onalaska Community Days committee is already very busy in preparing for our August celebration. The composition of the group is that of two representatives each from the Auxiliary, SAL, Baseball, and Legion. The group is attentive, insightful, progressive, and most of all caring. Let the festivities begin!

We hope to see you at our Post at one of our many activities and that all is great daily.

Remember our Veterans everyday and especially those ill or hospitalized.

*Ralph Amundsen, Commander*

## **Membership**

We are winding down through Spring for our annual membership renewal program. The time is now to drop by with dues or simply drop in the mail. We do have posting on both bulletin boards of those who have not paid their dues yet. Please assist us.

Thank you to all current membership for your assistance.

*See you at the Post.*

*Bob Weber, 1st Vice Commander*

## **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**

## **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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**Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650**



# Hello Members, Patrons and Friends,

Looks like Phil the Groundhog has seen his shadow, so we all know what that means right?? Absolutely nothing in our great state! But hey, Spring is right around the corner and we all deserve it. March not only brings warmer weather, but also some great entertainment here at the legion. Along with our regular scheduled events we are having some special things happening in our main banquet hall. We will be having a Winter Warm-up show featuring the Memory Brothers! this is not the regular Memory brother you are used to seeing in the bar area. This special show will feature there full lineup and promises to be a great time. Also new to the legion we are having a show featuring National comedian Jared Mauck and a Hypnotist! This one should be a ton of laughs and is great for any age. Check the times and Prices on our calender.

We will be having Bean Bags starting March 6th and every Thursday for the month of March. Come join the fun!

On March 14th we will be having a Beer tasting at 5pm featuring Wisconsin made beers. come in for Fish Fry and enjoy some great regional Beers before Karaoke.

And we can't forget about St. Patty's Day now can we. Corned beef and Cabbage will be served in the bar on Monday the 17th from 11am till 4pm, or till it runs out. Do not miss it!

And Last but not least, back by popular demand, we will be having food on Friday nights. Come in early on Friday nights and check out our new P.M. menu before checking out the bands and D.J's

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

***Neil***

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## **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 write about this month as everyone has been staying in because of the cold weather, so I will make it short. A big thank you to the Rotary and the Lions Club for sponsoring 2 young ladies for Badger Girls State. Sunshine chairperson is Norma Johnson 783-3763

Our next meeting will be March 12, 2014 and the serving committee will be as follows: Wilma Dettinger – chairperson 783-2814, Phyllis Wilson – 783-4228, Anita LeFebre – 781-7722, Caroline Erickson – 782-1657, Barb Burrell – 787-5611.

Happy St. Patrick's Day  
See you at the Post,

*Sue Kelley*  
*Auxiliary President*

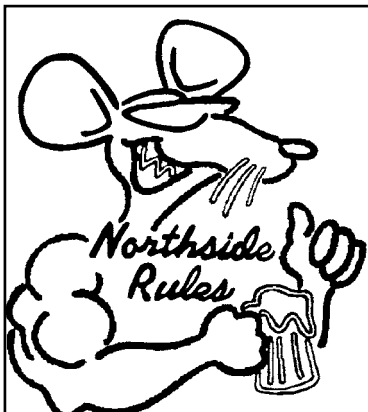


## ***Newsletter Advertisements and Renewals***

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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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Member ID: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: If there is an Auxiliary or SAL member in your household, they must also opt out of the print version or it will continue to be mailed to your home. Return this filled out form to Onalaska American Legion Post 336, 731 Sand Lake Road, Onalaska WI 54650.

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## Food - Fun - Friends

**Veterans and the Public Welcome  
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**Food Events & Entertainment on Selected Evenings**

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## La Crosse County Aging Unit

Do you have some spare time? Would you like to feel good about helping the great community of Onalaska?

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Onalaska Senior Dining Center.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 am  
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# Service Officers Report

~ LAST BUGLE ~

Keith Thoftne - Honorable Veteran, Post 336 Member

~ SICK CALL ~

Gary Blanchard

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rich Musolf, 2nd Vice 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."



The American Legion Family  
[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

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# SPRING

1st Day of Spring  
March 20th ...  
not far away!!



## LA CROSSE AREA VETERANS MENTOR PROGRAM

Heard in the news lately about a veteran that needs some help? *The La Crosse Area Veterans Mentor Program (LAVMP) is there to help fellow veterans receive necessary services to enable them to reach their full potential as productive members of their Wisconsin Hometown Community. Want to be a mentor to a fellow veteran in need?*

*It doesn't take a lot of time, just desire? Interested? ... Call the La Crosse Area Veterans Mentor Program at (608) 785-6420, or visit its website at [www.lavmp.org](http://www.lavmp.org) The LAVMP . . . Never Leaving a Fellow Veteran Behind.*

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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

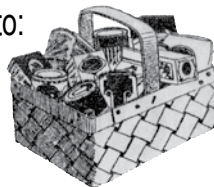
						<b>1</b> Bar Party, 6pm
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	<b>5</b> Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7pm Ash Wednesday	<b>6</b> Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm	<b>7</b> Double Take 7:30-11:30pm Fire Dept. Banquet	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Executive Committee - 6pm Membership Meeting, 7pm	<b>11</b> NARVE, 10am Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	<b>12</b> Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	<b>13</b> Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm	<b>14</b> Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm Beer Tasting, 5-7pm Karaoke w/Theresa, 7:30-11:30pm	<b>15</b> Winter Warm Up featuring The Memory Brothers - Hall, 7:30-11:30pm
<b>16</b> SAL Breakfast 8-noon	<b>17</b> BLET 9:30am Corned Beef and Cabbage 11am-4pm	<b>18</b> Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm	<b>21</b> The Classic Rockers 7:30-11:30pm	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Local 18 Meeting, Hall 3:30-6pm	<b>25</b> Wings and Shrimp, 4:30-7pm Building Com. Meeting, 5pm House Com. Meeting, 6pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm	<b>28</b> Music Mix w/ Brittney Styles, 7:30-11:30pm	<b>29</b> Comedy/ Hypnotist Show, Hall, 7:30pm \$10, all ages
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

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Checks may be sent to:  
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### What's Your Current ID Number?

Somewhere in this newsletter is a member's membership number. If it's your number you win \$10.00 - easy way to get \$10.00. If it's your number call: Bob Weber: 526-4807

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## **Texas Hold'Em**

The season started with a nice group of players who seemed to have fun playing. We are starting our 10th year at the Onalaska Legion (this is the longest running tourney in our area) and we are very proud of this feat.

If you like to play Texas Hold'Em Poker and want to meet some great people, come on down and try your hand. We are thinking of having one table set up for first timers to learn. If interested, please contact any of the Pit Bosses and let's give it a try.

Come on down to our great Club for some special things for St. Patrick's Day.

*Till next month, keep your heads above the snow, chin up and  
come to the Club for fun and friendship.*

*... Billy Bird Seed, Chris [CC Shaker], and The Shiene [Pit Bull]*

