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

GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

Wow, what a busy month. Community Days were a great success and a lot of fun for all. Our American Legion baseball team finished a great 3rd place at State. Thank you for being a fine example for the youth in this area. We are proud of you all.

The month of September is the start of many great things:

September 3rd Chicken & Dumplings;

September 4th Texas Hold'Em

September 12th Fish Fry

September 21st S.A.L. Breakfast

These meals could put a big hit on your diet.

We started something new at the club for our lunch menu. Every Tuesday we will be featuring a "Special" prepared by Chef Vegas. The Club menu board will post the "Special" a week in advance. We also have started a monster on Wednesday evenings from 5-8 p.m., thanks to Chris, Dick, Carolyn and Rich. They make a 10" pizza that will knock your socks off for only \$4.00. Yes, I said \$4.00! Come on down and make a liar out of me.

We will be installing new lights in our club parking lot in the near future in order to save energy and the club money. Our building committee is always looking for ways to make our club more environmentally friendly and efficient.

Remember, this is your club. Our job is to keep it safe, friendly, and beautiful for you all to be proud of as members of the best post in western Wisconsin.

Until next month, remember our troops and may God Bless you all.

-Commander Clarence

TOMAH VAMC NEWS

I hope all Post family members and friends have had a nice summer visiting with friends, like I have visiting the Tomah VA medical Center and King Veterans Home.

Amber, King Veterans Home Public Relations Director wants to talk at the Post 336 September Legion meeting on what legal affairs you should have done before you go to the nursing home. She also will talk about living at the King Veterans Home.

A big thanks goes out to everyone for all the donations, coffee and powdered drinks are always welcome.

POW Day is Friday, September 19th. Let's recognize our nations heroes. A special program will be held at the Tomah VA Medical Center Chapel beginning at 1:00 PM. The POW Day Program will be held on Saturday, September 20th at 10:00 AM the King Veterans Home, King, Wisconsin.

And as always don't forget the fallen, missing, or hospitalized veterans.

Submitted by Mike Christianson

Post 336 Representative Tomah VA Medical Center

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Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone enjoyed themselves at our Legion Family Picnic. I want to thank my picnic helpers – Rose Viner, Diane Niebuhr. I want to congratulate the 3 winners of the \$20.00 given by the Auxiliary for paying your dues before or at the picnic. Rose Viner, Alice Malin, and Linda Sobkowiak. The banquet hall has been busy, so that is good for us and the Legion. If you know of anyone who is looking to book an event, please suggest our Post. It is a beautiful 201290553 facility and has many things that people are looking for. I want to thank all the people that have helped with Onalaska Community Days. It is a lot of work, but with the great people from our Post, it has been a success and hopefully will continue to be in the future



Our next meeting will be September 10, 2014 starting at 7:00 p.m. The serving committee will be: Judy Chesebro – chairperson - 526-4465, Delores Kenyon – 783-4480, Karen Soffa – 783-3678, Mary Grenier – 317-6673, Diane Culbert – 526-4586, and Mary Jane Goodenough – 526-4922. Please plan on attending.

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

Membership

As of this date we are at 60% renewals - great job!

Dick Polodna, 1st Vice



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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

THEY SAY time flies when your having fun. I believe that is true because its already September! It has been such a great summer and I am glad I am glad that I was able to share it with you all.

Have you stopped in for our Pizza night yet? Wednesdays from 5-8pm you can get a 10 inch pizza made to order any way you like it for \$4! They say we are crazy for having such a great deal, and I believe that is true because I know who I am working with, haha!

Don't forget we have great lunch special during the week and great entertainment every Friday night! This month we are featuring Double Take and Happy's Garage Band. They say there are some of the best acts you will see all month.

I look forward to seeing you all this September. Now I have to go find out who 'THEY' are and see if they actually "SAY" anything...

Have a great day and we will see you at the legion

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S.A.L.

Can you believe August is almost gone and our S.A.L. Breakfast schedule is fast approaching. We will only have one breakfast each month, which will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month. The first breakfast will be on September 21st, followed by October 19th, November 16th, and December 21st. The breakfast times will remain the same: 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon.

I would like to thank all members that

came out and renewed their membership at the Family Picnic. it would be great to see more S.A.L. members help out, as we could really use your help.

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

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LEGION BASEBALL RECAP

Post 336 Baseball came to an end on August 5th following a very successful season for both the 16 and 18 and under teams. After a very busy season, all involved feel the season was a huge success and Post 336 should be proud of their accomplishments.

During the past off season, the Legion Baseball Board was tasked with replacing all of the coaches for the upcoming season. Larry Swiggum, John Adams and Tyler Beck were hired to coach the 16 and under teams. One major project that was imminent was the completion of a batting cage and outfitting the teams with new uniforms due to the fact that the old ones had seen better days.

In May, a concrete slab was poured in the batting cage and artificial turf was purchased so that the cage could be used with no maintenance required. Uniforms were purchased replacing most that were well over 5 years old. These two major investments as well as a new coaching staff more than likely attributed to the success of both teams this past summer.

The 18 and under team finished with a 35-9 record, ranked second in the state, and a third place finish at the State Tournament in Baraboo. The team defeated Merrill, Kaukauna, and River Falls before falling on day 5 to Sturgeon Bay. The 18 and under team qualified for state by winning the Holmen regional with wins over Baraboo, Sparta, Tomah and the La Crosse Northstars.

The success of the team was recognized with post season awards. Post 336 players Dustin Gordon and Alex Teal were named to the State All-Tournament Team and Jack Smalley was chosen to play in the Legion All-Star Game at Miller Park on August 10th after compiling a 10-1 record on the mound this summer.

The 16 and under team also had a very successful season compiling a 17-10 record before finishing 3rd in the Regional Tournament hosted by Onalaska Legion.

The Legion players, board members, parents, and fans would like to thank the generous support of the teams in 2014. With the success that the teams had this summer as well as the large numbers of kids interested in playing Legion Baseball in Onalaska, good things will continue to happen.

**Submitted by Jeff Wolf,
Baseball Committee Chairman**



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** ~

Wesley Bolterman - Honorable Veteran - Member Post 336

Ronald Schilts - Honorable Veteran

~ **SICK CALL** ~

Dennis Waller ~ Leo Kulmaczewski

Respectfully Submitted, Vernon Reekers, Service Officer

This is the fourth in a series on our Honor Guard members who will be added to our inactive list. This series will be for the Herrmann brothers, Charlie and Phillip.

Charlie was a WWII veteran and Phil was a Korean veteran. Both brothers were very active in the Honor Guard. I believe they were members of the guard for close to 40 years. Good Luck Charlie. Phillip is deceased.

Vern Reekers, Honor Guard Commander



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Legions Riders

Legion Riders participated in the escort of the Three Walls from La Crosse to the Highground in Neillsville, WI on 12 August 2014. Several of the Riders being from Post 336. It was an event to never be forgotten. What an incredible honor it was. Our own Bill Sterling was even seen on TV for the News 19 coverage of the event.

In the photo ... Two Post 336 Riders looking on at the Vietnam Wall trailer when it arrived.

On August 22nd & 23rd, Legion Community Days, Legion Riders manned the Ice Cream and Soda booth.

One of the Legion Riders upcoming events: September 13th – Fall run to Camp American Legion.





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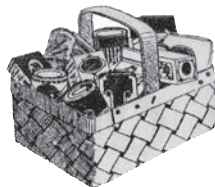
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|  | 1 | 2 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm | 3 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7pm | 4 Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Snow Drifters Meeting, 7pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm | 5 Double Take 7:30-11:30pm Food Special, 5-8pm | 6 95.7 End of Summer Bash, A/C, 6-10pm |
| 7 Clean Up - A/C | 8 Executive Committee 6pm General Meeting 7pm | 9 NARVRE, 10am Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm | 10 Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm Pizza Night 5-8 pm | 11 Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm Irishfest Wrap-up Social | 12 Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm Music Mix w/Britney Styles, 7:30-11:30pm | 13 16th Birthday Kayleigh, Activity Center Wedding - Shana, Hall |
| 14 Bob Willhem Celebration of Life Hall - 12-? | 15 BLET, 9:30am | 16 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm | 17 Pizza Night 5-8 pm | 18 Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm | 19 Happys Garage, 7:30-11:30pm La Crosse Building Supply Set-Up, A/C Food Special, 5-8pm | 20 La Crosse Builders Auction, A/C Wedding - Karen & Dean Hall |
| 21 SAL Breakfast 8-11:30am | 22 | 23 Wings and Shrimp, 4:30-7pm Building Com. Meeting, 5pm House Com. Meeting, 6pm | 24 Pizza Night 5-8 pm | 25 Taco Thursday, 11am-2pm Burger Night, 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'Em, 7pm | 26 T-Wolf & the Midnight Howling, 7:30-11:30pm Food Special, 5-8pm | 27 Larry's Drifters |
| 28 | 29 | 30 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm |  | | | |

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Texas Hold'Em

It's been a long summer without the gang from Texas Hold-em every Thursday.

Well, we are back, Sept. 4th is the start of our new season at the Onalaska American Legion. Sign up starting 5:30 pm game starts promptly at 7:00 pm. No changes same rules same pit bosses, same great players.

We at the club our very proud to put on this tourney for so long, having fun and meeting such great players and people. Thank you for your presence at our club.

Til Sept. 4th have a great summer, and remember our troops.

Chris, Bill, Rip and the Pit Bull

