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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 looks as if Spring is going to “spring out” with some great weather so we can get our Spring Cleaning done!!! We have been very lucky this year with minimum problems and our Legion Club House looks great!

I would like to start by saying thanks to Bob Webber and Gary Chessboro. What a great Smelt Fry was held last month. It all went well and we had a lot of “happy customers.” Good job guys and gals who made this happen!!

Gary has also taken over as the head of the Fish Fries. If there is anyone who would like to help out on this please contact Gary. Thanks for your help on this Gary.

We are looking forward to a busy Spring and Summer in 2015. April will bring out the Annual Post Commanders and President Dinner on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. This is a night to remember those who served our Legion Club in the past. We will also honor those who served the Legion for many years of membership. I believe we have at least seven who have over 50 years.

Our Community Days Committee has been working hard on the June function. Watch for all these details as they get set. I hear that a great band has been booked for the event. As well as other features are coming for adults and kids. This also includes the annual Onalaska Fire Fighters Dance.

I have a “Special Request” from the Gravy Queen Wilma! Gravy Queen Wilma is planning to retire and is asking for someone interested in making the gravy for the Chicken and Dumplings. She would be more than happy to train someone and “pass the crown on”! This is what makes this event so popular so please if you are interested contact me or Wilma. Your help is needed!!!

Many of you have been asking, “Where is Ralph?” I am sorry to say my buddy Ralph Amundsen is having one time with his health. His immune system is troubling him and he is pretty confined to his home. Let’s all say a prayer for him to get better soon. Ralph we miss you!

Until next month may you stay warm and by all, keep your troops in your prayers and may God bless all of you!

*Clarence*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

LOOK OVER YOUR SHOULDER....membership as of this newsletter. As of the writing of this update Post 336 still needs 26 more members to reach our 100% MEMBERSHIP GOAL. I will be trying to contact all members who have not yet paid up as yet. So please get your dues in!

*Thanks again....*

*Bob Weber, Assistant Membership Chairman*

**WINTER STORAGE**  
 We will start **Clean Out of the Storage Building on April 15.**  
 Please call **Merle Cunningham at 783-7523** for arrangements.

## **Auxiliary:**

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**Liz Reekers**

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**Diane Ryan**

## ***Hello Ladies,***

Could spring be here? I still think we have one more round of the white stuff coming, but I hope not. I want to get out and enjoy the weather just like everyone else. At our last meeting, we made a few changes and updated our Standing Rules, so new copies will be available for those attending our April 8, 2015 meeting. Thank you to Delores Kenyon and Wilma Dettinger for being on that committee to get that updated. We will be having our elections in May, so if anyone wants to be on the nominating committee, or if you would like to run for an office, please contact me. Friendly reminder that our Past Commanders/Past Presidents Banquet will be on April 15, 2015.

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2015, starting at 7:00 p.m. The serving committee will be: Patty Kerrigan – chairperson – 895-4404, Barb Theis – 895-6728, Bev Mahlum – 526-3719, Maureen Smith – 783-3295. Don't forget our Easter egg hunt for the children on the Saturday before Easter. Happy Easter to all!!**

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

## ***SPECIAL NOTES ...***

### ***La Crosse County American Legion Meeting Dates for 2015***

Onalaska Post 336 – January 27, 2015

Mindoro Post 507 – March 24, 2015

Holmen Post 284 – May 26, 2015

Bangor Post 40 – July 28, 2015

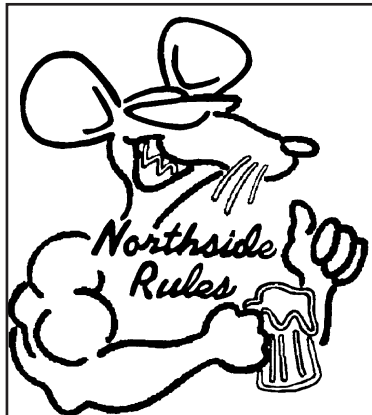
La Crosse Post 52 – September 22, 2015

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West Salem Post 51 – January 26, 2016

### ***Just a very special reminder:***

***National American Legion Auxillary Poppy Day – Monday, May 25, 2015***



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## **THE ONALASKA LEGION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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## *This Month in U.S. Military History*

**April 3, 1948** President Harry S. Truman signed the European Recovery Program better known as the Marshall Plan, intended to stop the spread of Communism and restore the economics of European countries devastated by World War II. Over four years, the program distributed \$12 billion to the nations of Western Europe.

**April 4, 1949** twelve nations signed the treaty creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations were united for common military defense against the threat of expansion of Soviet Russia into Western Europe.

**April 5, 1986** A bomb exploded at a popular discotheque frequented by American military personnel in West Berlin, killing two U.S. soldiers and a Turkish woman. American intelligence analysts attributed the attack to Muammar Qaddafi of Libya. Nine days later, President Ronald Reagan ordered a retaliatory air strike against Libya.

**April 6, 1917** following a vote by Congress approving a declaration of war, the United States entered World War I in Europe.

**April 17, 1961** A U.S. backed attempt to overthrow Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba failed disastrously in what became known as the Bay of Pigs fiasco. About 1,400 anti-Castro exiles invaded the island's southern coast along the Bay of Pigs but were overrun by 20,000 Cuban soldiers and jailed. The failed invasion heightened Cold War tensions between Cuba's political ally, the Soviet Union and the fledgling administration of President John F. Kennedy. The following year the Soviet Union brazenly installed nuclear missiles in Cuba resulting in the Cuban Missile Crisis.

**April 18, 1775** The MIDNIGHT RIDE OF Paul Revere and William Dawes occurred as the two men rode out of Boston about 10 p.m. to warn patriots at Lexington and Concord of the approaching British forces.

**April 18, 1943** The first air raid on mainland Japan during World War II occurred as General James Doolittle led a squadron of B-25 bombers taking off from the carrier Hornet to bomb Tokyo and three other cities.

**April 19, 1775** At dawn in Massachusetts, about 70 armed militiamen stood to face on Lexington Green a British advance guard unit. An unorderd "shot heard around the world" began the American Revolution.

**April 21, 1918** During World War I the Red Baron (Manfred von Richtofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme. He was credited with 80 kills in less than two years, flying a red Fokker triplane. British pilots recovered the body and buried him with full military honors.

**April 27, 1865** On the Mississippi River, the worst steamship disaster in U.S. history occurred as an explosion aboard the Sultan killed nearly 2,000 passengers, mostly Union soldiers who had been prisoners of the Civil War and were returning home.

**April 30, 1789** George Washington became the first U.S. President as he was administered the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City.

**April 30, 1948** Palestinian Jews declared their independence from British rule and established the new state of Israel.

## **TOMAH V.A.M.C.**

I first want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all the donations for the Tomah VA Medical Center. It really helps out a lot!

Here is a list of concerts that will be taking place at the Tomah VA Medical Center this Summer. In the past the Onalaska American Legion has helped out and donated water for these concerts. See me if you would like to help.

### **2015 Saturday Summer Courtyard Concert**

*(Please note: Inclement weather concert will be held in the Midway.)*

**Saturday, June 13, 2015 . . . . . 1:00 PM . . . . . Country Gold**

**Saturday, June 20, 2015 . . . . . 1:00 PM . . . . . Triple Nickel**

**Saturday, June 27, 2015 . . . . . 1:00 PM . . . . . Band of Friends**

**Saturday, July 11, 2015 . . . . . 1:00 PM . . . . . The Big Talkers**

**Saturday, July 18, 2015 . . . . . 1:00 PM . . . . . The La Crosse Concert Band**

**Saturday, July 25, 2105. . . . . 1:00 PM . . . . . Badgers Marching Band**

Think you can run a golf course! The Tomah VA Medical Center is looking for a "third party" to operate the golf course. If you know of a business, organization or individual who might be interested listen up. The Department of Veterans Affairs desires to lease out the VA-owned 9-hole golf course located in Tomah, WI Prospective lessees should visit [www.fbo.gov](http://www.fbo.gov) and search for RFI Number VA69D-15-N-0463.

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

**Mike Christianson, American Legion Rep.  
Tomah VA Medical Center**

## POST 336 VETERANS LIASION REPORT

### Tomah VA Medical Center Aquatic Physical Therapy Program

Back bothering you! Well here is a great therapy for it. The Tomah VA Medical Center, in partnership with Fort McCoy, has announced the expansion of its aquatic therapy program for Veteran patients. Because of demand by more Veteran patients it's adding new classes to accommodate the needs. The aquatic physical therapy program, which has served almost 100 Veterans since it started, is held at Fort McCoy's Rumpel Fitness Center.

The Tomah VA Medical Center's physical medicine and rehabilitation service department began offering aquatic physical therapy to Veteran patients in October 2013. The program utilizes the pool as a mechanism for conducting an aerobic exercise program for patients with chronic pain, in particular chronic back and lower extremity pain. Aquatic physical therapy is just one of many innovative treatment methods offered to Veterans dealing with chronic pains.

"The program is designed to help Veterans improve their function and bring exercise back into their life. Veterans with chronic pain who have found most workout regiments too difficult have been able to participate in aquatic physical therapy. The class incorporates aerobic and strength building exercises. The buoyancy of the water relieves pressure on their muscles and joints and allows Veterans to perform those beneficial exercises" said Sharron Utesch, physical therapist at the Tomah VA Medical Center.

Tomah VA Medical Center aquatic physical therapy program now offers four classes for Veterans every Monday and Thursday at 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. at the Rupel Fitness Center at Fort McCoy. Veterans interested in participating should speak with their primary care provider at the Tomah VA Medical Center about the class and other treatment options for their chronic pain. Or you may contact the Tomah VA Medical Center Public Affairs Office at (608) 372-7759.

It is 50 years ago that the United States landed in a small Asian country called Vietnam. That landing resulted in a long and sometimes regretful war. But because of this "50" Anniversary a special "Celebration" will be taking place. The La Crosse Area Veterans Mentor Program (LAVMP) is focusing this year, 2015, on this "Celebration" and the needs of our Vietnam Veterans. The LAVMP is partnering up with the Wisconsin Camp American Legion for a special week for those veterans who served in Vietnam.

That is what the Vietnam Veterans Week FB (Fire Base) Camp American Legion is all about. It will take place from June 8th through June 14th. It will be a time for remembering and celebration. Although the camp is there to help heal our fellow veterans who served in the country of Vietnam it will be much more. There will be Camaraderie, Story-Telling, Battle-Buddy sharing, and a lot of smiles, laughter, tears of joy and all that will be special. AND YES...THERE WILL EVEN BE A "USO SHOW"!

Camp America Legion is located on the Shores of Big Carr Lake in the heart of the Wisconsin Northwood at Lake Tomahawk, Wisconsin. The camp is a haven for Wisconsin veterans who could use a little "help to heal". The Camp American Legion has 21 fully furnished cabins, complete dining facility, activity lounge, health & wellness center, library, craft shop and chapel. The Vietnam Veterans Week is accepting application for up to 85 to 90 Vietnam Veterans.

For more information or an application to the program contact the La Crosse Area Veterans Mentor Program (LAVMP) at (608) 790-7368 or Camp American Legion at (715) 277-2510.

*Thom Downer, Post 336 Veterans Liaison*

## Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

We all know what April showers bring don't we? The cleansing of the grime left from a long hard winter. the promise of green grass and beautiful gardens in the coming months. This month we here at legion bring you some great entertainment. In the past few years it seems that our great legion had become one of the hot spots on

town for live music and karaoke. whether you love to sing or just sit back and enjoy the show every Friday offers up something fun. Be sure to come in this month and see Driven and Double Take. Also we have a special Saturday performance featuring one of the hottest old country bands around Larry's Drifters! Make sure to check the calender for all the details.

If you see me out on my motorcycle be sure to wave hello!

Bring on the spring!!

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

*Neil*

# Steven J. Fleis

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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) ?**

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

### ~ LAST BUGLE ~

Irwand McRae, Honorable Veteran

### ~ SICK CALL ~

Gary Turk, Claude Deck, Ralph Amundsen

Respectfully Submitted, Rich Musolf, 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.

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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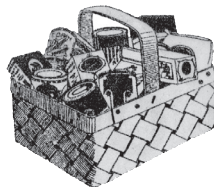
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|  |  |  | <b>1</b><br>Chicken & Dumplings<br>4:30-7pm                               | <b>2</b><br>Burger Night<br>4:30-8pm<br>Texas Hold 'Em, 7pm                                      | <b>3</b><br>Driven<br>7:30-11:30pm                                      | <b>4</b><br>Easter Egg Hunt,<br>1-4pm                   |
| <b>5</b> CLUB CLOSED<br>                             | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>Wings and Shrimp<br>4:30-7pm<br>Ladies Night, 6-close<br>Bar Bingo, 6:30pm   | <b>8</b><br>Pizza Night,<br>5-8 pm<br>Auxiliary Meeting,<br>7pm           | <b>9</b><br>Burger Night<br>4:30-8pm<br>Texas Hold 'Em, 7pm                                      | <b>10</b> Fish Fry,<br>4:30-7pm<br>Music Mix<br>Karaoke<br>7:30-11:30pm | <b>11</b><br>Larry's Drifters<br>Band<br>7:30pm-11:30pm |
| <b>12</b>  | <b>13</b><br>Executive<br>Committee<br>6pm<br>Membership<br>Meeting, 7pm | <b>14</b> Wings & Shrimp<br>4:30-7pm<br>Ladies Night, 6-close<br>Bar Bingo, 6:30pm<br>NARVRE, 10am                             | <b>15</b> Pizza Night<br>5-8 pm<br>Past Commanders/<br>Presidents Banquet | <b>16</b> Burger Night<br>4:30-8pm<br>Texas Hold 'Em, 7pm<br>Irish Fest<br>Meeting, Hall         | <b>17</b><br>Double Take<br>7:30-11:30pm                                | <b>18</b>   |
| <b>19</b><br>SAL Breakfast<br>Buffet<br>8am - 12noon | <b>20</b><br>BLET, 9:30am  | <b>21</b><br>Wings and Shrimp<br>4:30-7pm<br>Ladies Night, 6-close<br>Bar Bingo, 6:30pm  | <b>22</b><br>Pizza Night<br>5-8 pm<br>Boy Scouts<br>Prep, 6pm             | <b>23</b> Burger Night<br>4:30-8pm<br>Texas Hold 'Em, 7pm<br>Boy Scouts Chicken<br>Dinner, 4-7pm | <b>24</b><br>Karaoke with<br>Rose Sobotta<br>7:30-11:30pm               | <b>25</b>   |
| <b>26</b>  | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b> Wings & Shrimp<br>4:30-7pm<br>Ladies Night, 6-close<br>Bar Bingo, 6:30pm<br>Building Com., 4pm<br>House Com., 5:30pm | <b>29</b><br>Pizza Night<br>5-8 pm  | <b>30</b><br>Burger Night<br>4:30-8pm<br>Texas Hold 'Em, 7pm                                     |   |   |

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## ***Texas Hold'Em***

Our season is off to a great start! We already had a DOUBLE WINNER and a lot of fun. The Snow Birds are starting to come back and we welcome them. We are very proud of our players. They help each other to make the game fun. The camaraderie these people have is fun to watch. We have had many compliments on the way we run our tournament. They like the time element, pay outs discipline and the people who play. To all who play us Pit Bosses want to say a BIG THANK YOU for being part of our family.

*Chris, Billy, Rip and the Pit Bull*

