



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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### *To Post 336 Legionaires, Auxiliary and S.A.L. Members, and Friends*

Welcome to Onalaska American Legion Post 336. Summer is rapidly progressing with the 4th of July but a fading memory and the start of schools just around the corner! Our Legion Family Picnic will be held Sunday, August 9 for Legion, Auxiliary and S.A.L. members, their spouses and immediate families. This popular annual event kicks off the annual membership campaign with members of each organization using this as an opportunity to pay annual dues: Legion = \$30; Auxiliary = \$23; and S.A.L. = \$12. The Picnic runs from 11 AM to 2 PM with food served at noon. Door prizes will also be given. And, as they say, "a good time will be had by all." I look forward to seeing you there!

We have installed LED lighting throughout the Legion property, both inside and out. This is the state-of-the-art lighting with bulbs lasting in excess of 20 years and using a fraction of the electricity used by the more familiar iridescent bulbs. (invented by Thomas Edison). A more complete article on this topic will be in a future newsletter. Note this program involves Focus on Energy rebates and is expected to pay for itself within a few years.!

Our Legion Baseball teams are doing a wonderful job with high ratings and lots of wins. Great Job teams !! An article on baseball appears elsewhere in this newsletter.!

At this time we can report Legion member Kent Stephan has stepped forward and will assume the duties of 1st Vice Commander (membership). Thank you, Kent. I look forward to working with you.!

I hope all of you folks enjoy what remains of the summer and Be Safe.!!

*Regards, Bob Weber, Commander - (608) 526-4807*

### **POST 336 MEMBERSHIP**

I anticipate we'll be at about 50% (310) of membership paid by the time you get this newsletter. Please get your dues in as soon as convenient (\$30 for annual Post 336 membership). Remember the fiscal year for the Legion, national as well as ours, is July 1 - June 30. The sooner you respond with payment, the better. Anyone paying before or on November 11 will get an Early Bird card for a free drink at the Legion. Thank you for your support !!!

*Kent Stephan, 1st Vice Commander - (608) 780-3294*

**LEGION FAMILY PICNIC  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9  
11 AM TO 2 PM  
FOOD SERVED AT NOON**

### S.A.L. Officers

1st Vice:  
**Doc Hagel**

2nd Vice:  
**Neil Merritt**

3rd Vice:  
**Mathew Burnett**

Adjutant:  
**Ray Kline**

### **SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION**

The S.A.L. monthly breakfast is on break until September. I understand Community Days was a successful event. Thanks to all S.A.L. members, actually thanks to everyone who had a part in helping out with this event. Everyone's help throughout the year, from months of planning through clean up, helped make this event a success.

The Legion Family Picnic will be held in the Activity Center on the Legion grounds Sunday, August 9. That will be the day that we start collecting the dues for 2016. (\$12). Hope everyone is enjoying their summer.

*Bill Sterling, S.A.L. Commander - (608) 781-6084*

## Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

How the time does fly when we have fun. And there is still plenty of fun to be had at the Onalaska Legion! We are hosting the Irishfest Trivia Contest in Thursday August 6th. Come in early for a Reuben or a corned Beef sandwich and stick around for the contest. There is plenty of warm summer days ahead so make sure to stop in enjoy them. We have Daily Lunch Specials, a great craft beer selection and free popcorn!!

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

**Neil Merritt, Bar Manager**  
**(608) 783-3300**

## Auxiliary:

**President**  
Mary Grenier, 317-6673  
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Luella Chesebro  
**Sunshine Chairwoman:**  
Liz Reekers

## ~ Auxiliary ~

Greetings to my fellow Auxiliary members and friends.

We did not have a meeting in July so I would like to remind everyone that our Legion Family Picnic will be held on August 9 starting at 11:00 A.M. with lunch at noon. I hope to see you all there. We still have a vacancy in the positions of 2nd Vice and both Members at Large. Also if anyone would be interested in being our parliamentarian please let me know. Our next meeting will be August 12th, and the serving committee is Luella Chesebro (Chair.), Jennifer Chesebro, Marie Turk and La Vonne Rivers. Thank you for supporting our organization and our deserving veterans. See you at the Post.

**Mary Grenier, Auxiliary President**  
**608-317-6673**

## Texas Hold-Em

It won't be long now. We will start our new season on SEPT. 6th same time same great place. The home of the longest running TEXAS HOLD-EM TOURNEY IN THE AREA. Them same pit bosses will be there to see that you all have a night of fun with some of the greatest players in the area.

Til then have a great summer and see you on the 6th of SEPT.

**Billy Bird Seed, Chris, rip #3 and the Pit Bull**



## ONALASKA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL = WOW !!!!!!!

For those who have not been paying attention, perhaps as much as they should have, the American Legion Baseball teams of Post 336 have been having a remarkable season as determined by won / loss records.

The 16 and under team, referred to as the "Juniors" had a record of 24 wins and 6 losses on July 11, the end of their regular season. This team is largely made up of junior varsity players from Onalaska High School. At the Regional Tournament in Holmen July 15-18 they had a 2 & 2 record to end their season.

Then there's the Legion's 18 & Under team comprised mostly of Onalaska High School varsity ballplayers. This team has a record of 24 wins and 6 losses as of July 14 and is ranked #1 in Class AA for Wisconsin Legion Baseball. They beat out Menasha, Kewaunee County, River Falls, and Beaver Dam... other members of the top 5. They will play in the Regional Tournament in Tomah July 23-25. The State Tournament will be held in Kaukauna July 29 - August 1.

The trophy being pictured was earned by the 18 & Under team in its Onalaska Tournament which ended July 12. To earn the championship our team beat West Salem, Wausau, Black River Falls and then the La Crosse North Stars in the championship game!



Photo by Rich Musolf

## ASHER FREYBLER NAMED TO STATE LEGION BASEBALL ALL-STAR TEAM! ... Onalaska American Legion

Post 336 senior baseball player Asher Freybler has been selected by his coach and team officials to represent his team and Post 336 in the 44th Annual All-Star Game to be held at the Milwaukee Brewers' Miller Park on August 9. Asher will be on the South All-Star team for its game at approximately 5 PM following the Brewers versus Saint Louis Cardinals contest at 1:10 PM. Legion All-Stars will be introduced from the playing field prior to the Brewers game. Tickets for the Brewers game may be purchased directly from the team's ticket outlets. Purchase of tickets is not required for the Legion game only. We extend Best Wishes to Asher Freybler for a wonderful weekend in Milwaukee and some great memories!

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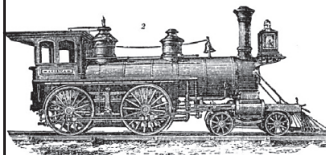
We are looking for people to deliver meals to homebound seniors and to help out at the Onalaska Senior Dining Center.

*Who knows you may see your neighbor there?*

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

**festival**  
foods

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



## 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.**

## 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



## SAM'S BAR

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**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."

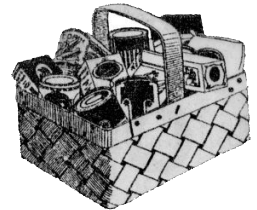


**The American Legion Family**  
[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

**The Food Basket is serving an increasing number of people and requests donations of food and money.**

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# American Legion Riders Update



**Brat Fry for Camp American Legion** – was a Huge Success! Many thanks to those that stopped by and supported with Donations or just to enjoy a Brat! Donations were collected all day totaling 3 car loads worth. A contingent of District 7 Riders will be dropping off donations off at Camp American Legion on July 31st. The outpouring of support from the community was amazing!

## Upcoming Dates -

**August 1st** – American Legion Riders State Quarterly Meeting – Post 143 - St Croix Falls, WI. Lunch will be served at 11am and the meeting starts at 1pm.

**August 9th** – Brat Fry – Yes another Brat Fry! At the Onalaska Festival Foods location from 10:30am to 5pm with Freedom Honor Flight being the recipient of the day. Come show your support for this great program! We will also be having an informal monthly meeting at approximately 1pm, depending on how busy we are selling Brats.

**August 15th** – Holmen Kornfest Parade – Keep an eye out for the American Legion Riders District 7 along the parade route. Look for the July 18th Freedom Fest Ride report in the next newsletter! Such an honor to escort the Gold Star families on the rider!

*David Delimat, Post 336 Legion Riders*

## TOMAH VA MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC) NEWS

**Platoon Run XXIX - Sunday, August 23!** ... Be sure to mark your calendar for a fun-filled afternoon on Sunday, August 23 for the 29th Annual Platoon Run Car and Motorcycle Show. Musical entertainment will be provided by the multi-talented “B. Squat Woody.” This event usually features a display of over 100 cars and motorcycles of every make, model and year! Events like this are generally open to the public. These events are on weekends when medical center employees are off of work. Attendees may be asked to help a Vet now and then...to push a wheelchair, or simply help out your fellow man, as needed. Be guided accordingly!

*Mike Christianson, American Legion Rep., Tomah VMAC – Phone: (608) 519-5818*

## Service Officers Report

~ **LAST BUGLE** ~

**A. DAVID LOOMIS**      **EDWIN HELGERSEN\***  
14 July 2015                      5 June 2015

**DALE L. HERRMANN\***      **PATRICK VOLDEN\***  
20 June 2015                      28 June 2015



~ **SICK CALL** ~

**JULIE MALIN**  
14 July 2015



*Vern Reekers, Service Officer*      \* Non Member

## 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.

<h1>August 2015</h1>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>LEGION FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 9 • 11 AM TO 2 PM FOOD SERVED AT NOON</b>						<b>1</b> Hall - Wedding Justin & Andrea
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Irish Fest Meeting, 6:30pm	<b>4</b> Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30	<b>5</b> Pizza Night 5-8 pm	<b>6</b> Burger Night 4:30-8pm Irish Fest Contest, 8:00pm	<b>7</b> The Country Drifters 7:30-11:30pm	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>LEGION FAMILY PICNIC 11am - 2pm</b>	<b>10</b> Executive Committee, 6pm MEMBERSHIP MEETING 7PM	<b>11</b> Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30 NARVRE, 10am	<b>12</b> Pizza Night, 5-8 pm AUXILIARY MEETING 7pm	<b>13</b> Burger Night 4:30-8pm	<b>14</b> Music Mix Karaoke, 7:30-11:30pm	<b>15</b> A/C Onalaska 30th Class Reunion Hall - Wedding Paula & Cyndi
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> BLET, 9:30am	<b>18</b> Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30	<b>19</b> Pizza Night 5-8 pm Ducks Unlimited Banquet	<b>20</b> Burger Night 4:30-8pm 40/8 Steak Fry	<b>21</b> The Classic Rockers 7:30-11:30pm	<b>22</b> Larry's Drifters 7:30-11:30pm
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30	<b>26</b> Pizza Night 5-8 pm	<b>27</b> Burger Night 4:30-8pm	<b>28</b> Karaoke with Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30pm	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Building Com., 4pm House Com., 5:30pm				

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## **“Yard Work”**

*Folks have been asking about the cleanup project on the western end of the hillside on the north side of the Legion parking lot. People helping with the hill and drainage project are Legion baseball coach Larry Swiggum and players Zack Earll, Austin Manglitz, Jack Smalley, Lucas Hackner and Ben Gumz. Also helping are Gary Blanchard (heavy equipment operator), Kent Stephan, Dick Polodna and Al Topel. This was Kent's project on behalf of Vern Reekers and the building committee. The drain was completely blocked with mud and debris. Kent and his crew cleaned up the hillside, with John and Dave Hicks doing the “heavy lifting.” Kent put together another crew to riprap the bank above the drain to keep it clean. Kent Stephan is in the foreground overseeing the project. Volunteer activities like this keep our Legion beautiful.*

*Photos Courtesy of Al Topel*

