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

GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

As I sit here at the Club Bar listening to the folks talking to each other in different groups. Some are very serious. Some are laughing and having a great time. Some are just here enjoying a good cold beer. It makes me feel good that our Club can provide this facility for their pleasure. That is what the American Legion is all about.....PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE

February is going to be very busy at the Club. Super Bowl...Smelt Fry...Chicken and Dumplings...Fish Fry...Private Parties. Also this month the return of the famous Onalaska Texas Hold 'Em Tourney on February 5th. At the last Post 336 meeting it was voted that our Gaming Room will be open only during regular bar hours. Use of the games can only be played during those hours.

WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUR HELP..We are looking for help in the Fish Fries. Anyone interested please contact me or Neil. Those great fellow veterans who have worked in it for a long time are now retiring.

I would like to spot light another great employee this month. This person has been working here for many years doing a great job serving the needs of our customers. She listens to our customer's woes, problems and great things happening in their lives with a very sincere smile on her face. Above all she knows how to serve a great drink! She even knows what most drinks customers want as they walk in the door. Most of you know her by Laurie but I have a special name for my friend and yours, Geraldine. Thanks for the great job you do at the Club to make the people come back all the time.

Our meeting was very quite this month with the bad weather. Remember though our famous Oyster Soup and Chicken Soup by that famous Swedish chef Rags Renstrom. If you haven't tried this out come to the next Post 336 meeting for a great surprise!

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

Clarence

MEMBERSHIP

OK LISTEN UP.....Membership renewal time is coming to a close. As of January 15, 2014 we are at 550 memberships and that's 89%. That means we need 67 more to reach out 100% goal. At the end of January and early February I will be contacting all those who have not yet paid dues. If you have your 2015 American Legion card and you receive a renewal notice just disregard it. If dues are not paid by certain dates the National American Legion automatically sends the renewal notification. Let's get that "Final Push" and meet that MEMBERSHIP GOAL!

Thanks...

Bob Weber,

Assistant Membership Chairman

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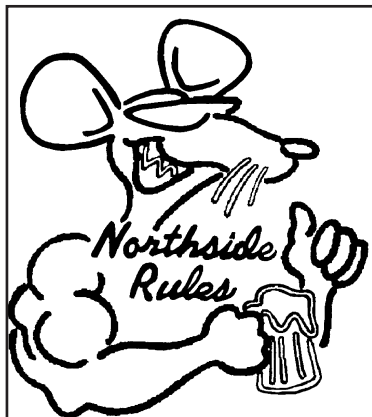
Sunshine Chairwoman:
Liz Reekers

Jr. Past President:
Diane Ryan

Hello Ladies,

I am glad to get the cold of January put away and know that spring is just around the corner....Ha Ha. Anyway, not too much was discussed at the January meeting, we will be taking a look at our scholarship committee and the standing rules to see if we need to update those for the future. It is not too soon to think about the elections coming up in May, 2015. All offices will be open and we welcome anyone that is considering running for a office. If anyone wants to help out at the fish fry's or the chicken and dumplings, please contact Clarence Stellner. He has a list of open duties that need to be filled for those events. Also, another thing to think about will be the date change of our Onalaska Community Days. This event will be moved from August to June 19-20, 2015. We have some new things that we are working on, so stay tuned as more will come out in future newsletters. The serving committee for our next meeting on February 11, 2015 will be: Diane Ryan – chairperson – 783-7367, Mary Boardman – 783-7367, Nancy Hurm – 781-9324, and Sandy Whiteman – 783-4849. Our meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., please plan on attending. Happy Valentine's Day!!!!

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



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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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This Month in U.S. Military History

February 2, 1848: The war between the U.S. and Mexico ended. In exchange for \$15 million, the U.S. acquired the areas encompassing part or all of present California, Nevada, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Texas. The treaty was ratified on March 10, 1848.

February 3, 1943: An extraordinary act of heroism occurred in the icy waters off Greenland after the U.S. Army transport ship Dorchester was

hit by a German Torpedo and began to sink rapidly. When it became apparent there were not enough life jackets, four U.S. Army chaplains on board removed theirs, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.

February 4, 1861: Apache Chief Cochise was arrested in Arizona by the U.S. Army for raiding a ranch. Cochise then escaped and declared war, beginning the period known as the Apache Wars, which lasted 25 years.

February 9, 1943: During World War II in the Pacific, U.S. troops captured Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands after six months of battle, with 9,000 Japanese and 2,000 Americans killed.

February 8, 1910: The Boy Scouts of America was founded by William Boyce in Washington D.C., modeled after the British Boy Scouts.

February 10, 1942: The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Batan.

February 13, 1945: During World War II in Europe, British and American planes began massive bombing raid on Dresden, Germany. A four-day firestorm erupted that was visible for 200 miles and engulfed the historic old city, killing an estimated 135,000 German civilians.

February 15, 1898: In Havana, the U.S. Battleship Maine was blown up while at anchor and quickly sank with 260 crew members lost. The incident inflamed public opinion in the U.S. resulting in a declaration of war against Spain on April 25, 1898.

February 15, 1989: Soviet Russia completed its military withdrawal from Afghanistan after nine years of unsuccessful involvement in the civil war between Muslim rebel groups, and the Russian backed Afghan government. Over 15,000 Russian soldiers had been killed in the fighting.

February 17, 1865: During the American Civil War, Fort Sumter in South Carolina was returned to the Union after a year and a half under Confederate control. The fort had been the scene of the first shots fired in the war.

February 23, 1942: During World War II the first attack on the U.S. mainland occurred as a Japanese submarine shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing minor damage.

February 23, 1991: In Desert Storm, the Allied ground offensive began after a devastating month-long air campaign targeting Iraqi troops in both Iraq and Kuwait.

February 27, 1991: In Desert Storm, the 100-hour ground war ended as Allied troops entered Kuwait just four days after launching their offensive against Saddam Hussein's Iraqi troops.

February 28, 1994: NATO conducted its first combat action in its 45 year history as four Bosnian Serb jets were shot down by American Fighters in a no-fly zone.

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Matt Burnett

SAL Commander's Report

Happy New Year from the SAL to all members, family and friends of the Onalaska American Legion Post 336.

The SAL members participated on New Year's Day Party as "guest" bartenders. There was a good turnout throughout the day with great drink specials, and as always on this day, everyone had a fun time!

We are always happy to see everyone who joins us for the fabulous breakfast we offer every 3rd Sunday of the month. Our buffets are always loaded with many food choices, in addition to free coffee, milk, orange juice and fruit. And you can't beat the price. Anyone who has not tried our breakfast is missing out! Our next breakfast buffet will be February 15th.

Until next month, stay warm at the Legion while enjoying all the activities. Some new activities have been added recently with something going on almost every night.

We wish everyone a safe and healthy 2015!

Bill Sterling
SAL Commander

Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

2015 is in full swing! As we go into February, we are all familiar with the anticipation of warmer weather. We envy our snowbird friends when they send us postcards from the sandy coast. We shake our fists at the overcast sky, scoffing at the seemingly endless onslaught of freezing wind, wondering how much more we can take. It's during this month that we need to kick the salt off of our boots and remember why we love our great state. So many great reasons to get out and enjoy the season despite the frozen tundra.

The Legion always has your back. Tuesday night gives you 3 reasons to not stay home: Wings and Shrimp, Bar Bingo and Ladies Night! Wednesday we have the Best pizza special in town. Thursday we have great food, at excellent prices and Texas Hold 'em is back. Friday nights we have great entertainment all month long and don't forget we are open Monday through Friday at 11 am with daily lunch specials.

Happy Valentine's Day to all you love birds out there!

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 ?

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 ~

Jim Gegenfurtner, Honorable Member
 Doyle Lombard, Honorable Veteran
 Rodney Neumann, Honorable Veteran
 Larry Callaway, Honorable Veteran
 Daniel Hinds, Honorable Veteran

~ SICK CALL ~

David Delimat - Claude Deck

Respectfully Submitted, Vernon Reekers, Service Officer



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
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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.

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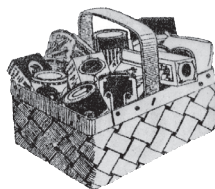
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	4 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7pm	5 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	6 Buck Hollow Band 7:30-11:30pm	7
8	9 Executive Committee 6pm Membership Meeting, 7pm	10 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm NARVRE, 10am	11 Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm Pizza Night, 5-8 pm	12 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	13 Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm Music Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm	14 
15 SAL Breakfast Buffet 8am - 12noon	16 BLET, 9:30am	17 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm	18 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	19 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	20 Happy's Garage Band 7:30-11:30pm	21 Fire Department Banquet BDDBS Chili Cook-Off for the Hunger Task Force, 11am
22 	23	24 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Building Com. Mtg, 4pm House Com. Mtg, 5:30pm	25 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	26 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	27 Karaoke with Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30pm Smelt Fry, 4:30-7pm	28 Wedding, Lisa & Andy

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Texas Hold'Em

Well the long awaited start of the new Texas Hold 'Em season is now upon us. We are looking forward to another fun season at the Onalaska American Legion Post 336. Same rules as in the past! Sign up by 6:50 pm as play starts at 7:00 pm. Looking forward to seeing all you great players for a great night of fun. Hope we can have a larger turn out this season so our pots can be bigger. Until February 5th...stay warm.

Chris, Billy, and the Pit Bull

