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

GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

The first thing on my report to all of you great people of our Legion Post is to wish you all a very Happy New Year!

Thank you to Wilma Dettinger for all of the work you do at our club. The seasonal changes you make to our bar area are beautiful, in great taste and to the season. Your help in the kitchen for fish fry, chicken and dumplings, and whatever else is needed is greatly appreciated.

As we start the next year, we have some fun things in store for our club. Neil has some ideas he is trying with to make your visit more fun and pleasant.

We are sorry to hear that one of our bartenders, Tony, had a bad accident and will be laid up for some time. We all wish Tony the best in his recovery and can't wait to get him back to work.

The Christmas Party was a big success and we all had a good time, fine dining, refreshments, door prizes and great camaraderie. Thanks you to Sue Kelly and the rest of the crew for a job well done.

Our chicken and dumplings, fish fry and S.A.L. breakfast are all in full swing. Please join us for the great food, fun, and friends. Check your calendar for dates. Our lunch menu is being posted a week in advance for your dining pleasure. If you haven't tried our lunch, you are missing out on some wonderful treats.

I would like to thank the Sons of the American Legion for their generous donations to the Children's Miracle Network for children at the hospitals. This is what the S.A.L. is all about... helping children and youth in the area. These folks are an asset to our Legion family. Please continue to support them by attending the best buffet breakfast in the area on the third Sunday of each month.

Put January 1st on your calendar for your New Years Day Party at the Legion. We will have guest bartenders and great drink specials. This is always a fun time!

And finally, I'd like to thank all of your daily staff at the club. From the kitchen staff, to the bartenders, you all do a wonderful job keeping our patrons happy. I hope you all have a safe and happy New Year!

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

Clarence

MEMBERSHIP

Membership for the year is coming to an end!!! We are currently at 84.1%. That means we need a little less than 100 yet to sign up. The MEMBERSHIP GOAL for this year is 617. If you haven't pad those dues yet let's get it done. By the end of January or early February I will be calling all those "NON-PAID MEMBERS" to request paying their dues. If possible I will come and pick them up if you want. Let's get that "Final Push" and meet that MEMBERSHIP GOAL!

Thanks...

Bob Weber

Assistant Membership Chairman

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Diane Ryan

Hello Ladies,

I hope everyone had a good time over the holidays with their family and friends. I know the holidays can be a stressful time for all, but we have to give thanks to all the men and women that have given some or all to give us the best gift we can ever want and that is our freedom.

We did not have a meeting in December due to lack of participation of our Ladies Christmas party. I want to thank the ladies that did sign up, but it just wasn't cost effective to have a nice catered dinner for so few people. We are filling up for 2015 in our banquet hall, so if you have any upcoming events and you or your friends need a great place, our Legion is the place!! Our next meeting will be January 14, 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m. The serving committee will be: Chairperson – Pat Raasch – 781-1617, Trudy Lee – 783-2773, Marlene Emery – 783-3711, and Marion Engstad - 399-1463.

*See you at the Post,
Sue Kelley*

Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

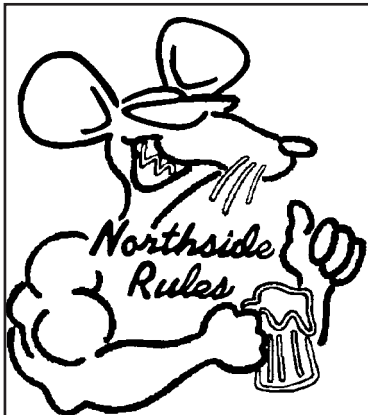
2015!! That's right, it is that time where we all have resolutions with the anticipation of a prosperous year. It is also when the winter cold really starts to set in, leaving us longing for warmer days that seem so far away. Luckily for you, we have lots of reasons to come in and warm up! Check the calendar for all the HOT events we have coming up.

Remember, it is never too early to book your summer events. Now is the perfect time to reserve the Hall or Activity Center for your Weddings, Graduation or Retirement parties. Anything you're looking to do, our facilities can suit your needs.

I look forward to seeing you all this year!

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

Neil



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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

- January 1, 1962: U.S. Navy SEAL Teams "One" and "Two" are established
- January 3, 1944: After slashing his 26th Japanese aircraft (a U.S. record at the time) Marine Corps ace Maj. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington is shot down. Believing he was dead, the military "posthumously" awards him the Medal of Honor, but he would emerge from Japanese after the war's end.
- January 4, 2002: Sgt. 1st Class Nathan R. Chapman, assigned to the 1st Special Forces Group, is killed by enemy small-arms fire, becoming the first soldier killed during the War in Afghanistan.
- January 5, 1945: Japanese receive their first order to become Kamikaze suicide attackers.
- January 8, 1815: U.S. forces (including soldiers, sailors, Marines, pirates, a few freed slaves, Choctaw Indians, and militiamen from several states) under the command of Maj. General Andrew Jackson defeated a numerical superior British force in the Battle of New Orleans.
- January 10, 1920: Following months of negotiations, the treaty of Versailles is signed, formally ending the state of war between Germany and the Allied Powers.
- January 10, 1944: Congress passes the G.I. Bill of Rights, proposed by the American Legion. Following the end of World War Two millions of veterans take advantage fo education benefits and home loans provided by the new legislation.
- January 11, 2002: The first detainees from the War on Terror arrive at the Camp X-Ray detention facility in U.S. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
- January 13, 1942: The U.S. military's first helicopter, the Sikorsky XR-4 makes its initial flight.
- January 15, 1962: The U.S. Army suffers its first combat casualties of the Vietnam War when the Viet Cong shoot down a H-21c Shawnee transport helicopter, claiming three lives.
- January 17, 1991: U.S. and coalition forces launch a massive air campaign at destroying the Iraqi Air Force, Iraq's air-defense and overall command and control facilities and occupied Kuwait.
- January 18, 1911: Eugene B. Ely lands his Curtiss Pusher Model "D" aircraft on the USS Pennsylvania, fitted with a special platform with makeshift tail hook system, becoming the first-ever airplane aboard a ship.
- January 20, 1981: 20 minutes after Ronald Regan is sworn in as president, Iran releases 52 American hostages (including 18 military personnel) after 444 days of captivity.
- January 23, 1968: North Korean forces seize USS Pueblo in the Sea of Japan, killing one sailor and capturing 82. The prisoners spend 11 months in captivity and Pueblo is now a museum in Pyongyang, North Korea.
- January 26, 1948: President Harry Truman signed executive order 9981 which essentially directs the desegregation of the armed forces.
- January 27, 1973: Representatives of the United States and North Vietnam sign the Paris Peace Accords ending the U.S. military involvement in Vietnam.



POST 336 VETERANS LIASION REPORT

Vietnam Veterans with PTSD Now Eligible for Discharge Upgrades and Benefits

Tens of thousands of veterans could receive awards of Disability Pay, Separation Pay, and GI Bill Eligibility.

Under a new Department of Defense directive, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel is directing the military boards responsible for correcting or upgrading discharge status to give "liberal consideration" to petitions from veterans who received a less-than-honorable discharge due to behavior resulting from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Discharge upgrades could lead to the award of previously denied benefits, such as disability pay, separation pay, GI Bill eligibility and VA benefits.

Hagel directed that the military review boards "fully and carefully consider every petition based on PTSD brought by each veteran" and that such reviews will include "all materials and evidence provided by the petitioner". The Pentagon's new rule will apply to all veterans with discharges prior to the formal recognition of PTSD in 1980, which resulted in government agencies denying disability claims discharge upgrades and VA benefits.

Hagel wrote in a September 3rd memorandum to military agency heads that supplementing this guidance is necessary because the records of service members who served before PTSD was recognized "do not contain substantive information concerning medical conditions in either service treatment records or personnel records," making it very difficult to document conditions to prove a connection between the veteran's PTSD and the circumstances surrounding the less-than-honorable discharge.

The new guidance is focused on veterans with low-level misconduct that may have resulted in administrative discharge. In effect, a veteran seeking a revised discharge will have to prove three elements: that he or she suffered from PTSD at the time of service, that the cause was related to military service and that the symptoms were a factor in the misconduct underlying the less-than-honorable discharge.

For more information you should contact the local County Veterans Service Officer.

Thom Downer, Post 336 Veterans Liaison

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Bill Sterling

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Chris Carlson

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Sgt. at Arms:

Matt Burnett

SAL Commander's Report

The Onalaska American Legion Post 336 Christmas Party went very well and everyone appeared to have fun. Thanks to Sue Kelly and everyone involved in putting this event together. There was great food and a lot of gifts.

Our next breakfast is Sunday, January 18, 2015. You will have to come and meet Billy Bird Seed Junior!

The SAL donated monies to the Onalaska High School for the Honor Wall and the Children's Miracle Network for "Kids Over 16". We also donated to the Santa's List Party which was held at the Onalaska American Legion Post 336.

We hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Bill Sterling, SAL Commander



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 ~

Jean Ruby Parker - Honorable Veteran
Billy P. Apfel - Honorable Veteran

~ SICK CALL ~

Jerome Malin - Gary Turk - Dick Palodna - Ralph Amundsen

Respectfully Submitted, Vernon Reekers, 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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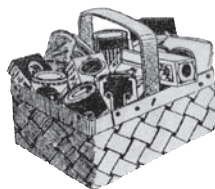
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 HAPPY NEW YEAR GUEST BARTENDERS	2	3 Dick Clements Birthday Party 1-4pm
4	5	6 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6pm-Close Bar Bingo, 6:30pm	7 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7pm	8 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	9 Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm Music Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm	10 Ed Zeitlow Benefit 3pm
11 Baby Shower, Hall	12 Executive Committee 6pm General Meeting 7pm	13 NARVRE, 10am Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6pm-Close Coulee Region Humane Society Family	14 Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm Pizza Night, 5-8 pm	15 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	16 Marty and the Sharks 7:30-11:30pm	17 Bonnie & Dave 50th Anniversary Hall - 4pm Opland Retirement Party, Bar - 3pm
18 SAL Breakfast Buffet 8am - 12noon	19 BLET, 9:30am	20 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6pm-Close Bar Bingo, 6:30pm	21 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	22 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	23 Karaoke with Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30pm	24
25 Legion Baseball Meeting 11am - Hall La Crosse Postal Meeting 2:30pm - Hall	26	27 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6pm-Close Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Building Com. Mtg, 4pm House Com. Mtg, 5:30pm County Mtg., 7pm	28 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	29 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	30 Cat and the Fiddle Band 7:30-11:30pm	31 La Crosse Building Supply Cabin Fever - Hall

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Once again I am looking forward in 2015 going to the Tomah VA Medical Center, the Veterans Home in King, and Camp American Legion. A "BIG THANKS" goes out to Post 336 and everyone who helped me with all the donations this past year.

- Clothing donation requests at the Tomah VA Medical Center
- Colored pocket t-shirts (all sizes)
- New briefs (all sizes)
- Tennis shoes (all sizes)
- Sweat shirts (new or good used ones medium, extra-large)
- Winter coats and winter gloves

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

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