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Onalaska American Legion

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To My Fellow Legionnaires; Auxiliary and S.A.L. Members & Friends Of The Legion

Welcome To American Legion Post 336 In Onalaska, Wi !!

Well, here I go with my first newsletter as commander for Post 336 for the new year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016. I'll try not to forget anything and ask for your patience.

The weather, being as it is, is signaling that the summer is nearly half over... something hard to accept since I haven't been fishing anywhere near as much as I should have.

In July, there will be no monthly meeting of the Legion. There will be, however, an Executive Committee meeting at 6 PM on Monday, July 13.

The Legion Family Picnic is set for Sunday, August 9 from 11 AM - 1 PM +. We hope to see Legion, Auxiliary, and S.A.L. members and their spouses & immediate families at the picnic to partake in a lunch with beverages. This popular annual event represents an excellent opportunity to renew your annual membership if you have not already done so. I look forward to seeing you at this outing.

At this time, the Legion is without a 1st Vice Commander (membership). Should you have interest in filling this important position, please contact me at the Legion or at my home, phone # 526-4807.

Reminder: the Wisconsin American Legion state convention is scheduled for July 16-19 at Appleton, WI.

I hope everyone has a good Fourth of July weekend...be safe in whatever you do !!

I'd like to thank Clarence Stellner for his help and his past service to the Onalaska Legion Post 336 as commander.

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

POST 336 MEMBERSHIP

Our final count of members for the year ended June 30, 2015, is 622 paid. This represents 100.81% of our goal for the year, the first time we met or exceeded goal in the past 3-4 years.

By the time of the newsletter, the new renewals for the 2016 membership year should be in the mail. 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.

We ask for your help to achieve that 100% membership goal again in the new year !! Thank you for your support !!

Bob Weber, Commander

~ Auxiliary ~

Hello Ladies,

We had a very robust meeting in June, as many items were discussed, changed and voted on. We will have a new slate of officers for 2015-2017. I want to thank everyone that stepped up and took an office for our organization. We still do have some vacancies for offices – 2nd Vice President, Members at large, so if you are interested in those positions, please contact our new president – Mary Grenier. We do not have a meeting in July, so our next meeting will be August 12, 2015. I want to thank everyone that has helped me in the past four years in being your president. I am sure Mary will do a good job. The Legion Family Picnic will be held in the activity center on Sunday, August 9, 2015 starting at 11:00 A.M. That will be the day that we will start collecting the dues for 2016. If you have paid your adult dues before or on that day, you will be entered in a drawing for 3-\$20.00 cash prizes. *Your new officers for 2015-2017 are:*

President – Mary Grenier, 317-6673

1st Vice President – Shirley Berberich

2nd Vice President – vacant

Treasurer – Sue Kelley

Secretary – Liz Weber

Chaplain – Wilma Dettinger

Sergeant at Arms – Colleen Kujak, Sue Kelley

Historian – Luella Chesebro

I wish them all good luck as they lead us in the next two years.

See you at the Post, Sue Kelley

Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

July always marks the pinnacle of summer here in Wisconsin. Everyone has plans for working on their lawns and spending time on the river. Not to mention all of the summer events like Weddings, Graduation parties, and Class Reunions that seem to fill our weekends.

And, speaking of events, have you booked your upcoming events at the Legion yet? Let us provide you with the perfect venue for any size party from a small get-together in our bar to a grand wedding reception in our Banquet Hall. If you really want to enjoy the weather, check out our Activity Center outside which can accommodate the biggest gatherings!

Of course the Onalaska Legion isn't just for big events. We also have a full menu and nightly food special all week long. Not to mention our famous Bar Bingo that has been going strong every Tuesday (yes even during the summer). Wednesday nights we have the best deal in town: 10 inch pizzas made any way you like them for \$4 each.

And don't forget the Legion has entertainment every Friday night at 7:30 pm. Come in early for a bit to eat then dance the night away with us.

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

Neil Merritt, Bar Manager

2015 High School Award / Scholarship Winners

I am pleased to announce the following young men & women selected for our awards / scholarships this year.

Americanism Award (\$300.00, medallion, certificate ea.) -- Highest Legion award.

- + Stephanie Boebel -- Onalaska HS
- + Erik Snyder -- Onalaska HS
- + Stacie Fruit -- Luther HS
- + Sam Mielke -- Luther HS

Badger Boy's State: 13-20 June 2015 (\$250.00 registration ea. – 2 by Post 336, 1 ea.

Ona Lions & Rotary, & \$75.00 for personal expenses ea. – all by Post 336)

- + Blake Rhude -- Onalaska HS
- + Mitchell Schaller -- Onalaska HS
- + Jeremy Fluegge -- Luther HS
- + Caleb Rossin -- Luther HS
- + Jaden Wendt -- Luther HS Alternate is being sponsored thru another Post with expense \$ by Post 336.

Our congratulations & best wish go out to these outstanding, quality young men & women !!!

Rich Musolf, 2nd Vice Commander

~ S.A.L. ~

The SAL monthly breakfast is on break until September. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out at the previous breakfasts, we can report a fairly successful SAL event. Hopefully we can get some new faces to help out come September.

This month, elections were held and the officers positions are as follows:

- 1st Vice: Doc Hagel
- 2nd Vice: Neil Merritt
- 3rd Vice: Mathew Burnett
- Adjutant: Ray Kline

Bill Sterling, S.A.L. Commander, 781-6084

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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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Onalaska American Legion
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La Crosse County Aging Unit



Do you have some spare time? Would you like to feel good about helping the great community of Onalaska?

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?

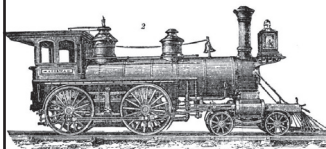
Please contact La Crosse County Aging Unit @ 785-6137.

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foods

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**Retired and Active Railroad Employees:
Protect your (NARVRE)
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Call: Doug Fischer
at 608-786-0694.

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

JULY 2015



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

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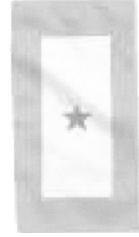
(608) 781-2060

Top of the Golden Strip

JULY 2015

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."



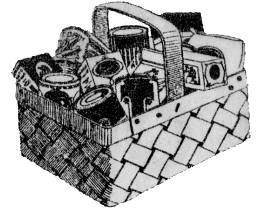
The American Legion Family
www.legion.org

JULY 2015

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

Donated items can be brought to:
735 Sand Lake Rd. - Mon.-Sat., 9-11am

Checks may be sent to:
Onalaska-Holmen Food Basket
P.O. Box 311, Onalaska, WI 54650



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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

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American Legion Riders Update



- Butterfest Parade Was a success!

Post 336's Bill Sterling Represented the riders with the big flags!



Upcoming dates -

July 11th - Brat Fry

- American Legion Riders will be conducting a Brat fry at the Onalaska Festival Foods location with Camp American Legion being the recipient of the day. Wish list items can be dropped off at this event as well, ie toiletries, cleaning supplies, dry goods, etc. We will have an informal Monthly meeting during the Brat fry. Stop by for a Brat and enjoy the camaraderie.

July 18th - Freedom Fest

- American Legion Riders have been contacted by the Freedom Fest staff looking for American Legion Riders to participate on the ride and Escort the families of our fallen brothers. We will be considered event staff for the ride escorting the families. For more information contact JP Wiltinger, a District 7 Road Captain, at (608) 738-1247 or Gary Rudy of Rudy's Drive-in at (608) 792-1013, Gary is in charge of the ride.

Service Officers Report

~ LAST BUGLE ~

STEPHAN ALLEN ROGGE

5 June 2015 Non-Member

Vern 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.

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <h1 style="color: red; font-size: 2em;">July 2015</h1> </div>						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	2 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	3 Music Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm	4
5	6	7 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30 Sheet Metal, Hall 9am-7pm	8 Pizza Night, 5-8 pm NO AUXILIARY MEETING IN JULY	9 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	10 Marty & the Sharks 7:30-11:30pm	11
12	13 Executive Committee, 6pm NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN JULY	14 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30 NARVRE, 10am	15 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	16 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	17 A/C Retirement Party, Jean Lunde, 5-8pm Music Mix Karaoke, 7:30-11:30pm	18 Hall - Wedding Paula and Demarion
19	20 BLET, 9:30am	21 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30	22 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	23 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	24 Shufflin Duprees 7:30-11:30pm	25 Hall - Wedding Rachel and Myron
26 50th Anniversary Gary & Sue	27	28 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30 Building Com., 4pm House Com., 5:30pm	29 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	30 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	31 Karaoke with Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30pm	
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TOMAH VA MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC) NEWS

One of the tasks performed by Voluntary Services is accepting donations for our patients and letting interested parties know what is needed by our patients. With summertime comes hot weather and the need to keep our veterans cool and comfortable. The following is a list of some of the items needed by our veterans, especially now that the weather is heating up: Sugar Free Drink Mix; Sugar Free Lemonade Mix; Regular Soft Drink Mix; Gatorade/Powerade; Decaffeinated Coffee; and Regular Coffee.

NOTE: donations may be dropped off at the Onalaska American Legion in the box inside the main entryway to the Legion building. If needed, call Mike Christianson for special arrangements at 519-5818.

SUMMER CONCERTS - JULY SCHEDULE

All concerts will be in the Center Courtyard at 1:00 PM (Midway - in case of rain)

Saturday, July 11 The Big Talkers Friday, July 24. Logan MS Orchestra (time TBD)
Sunday, July 12. Beautiful Buzz Band Saturday, July 25. Milwaukee's Finest

On July 18th, River City Radio Modelers Club will present a FLY-IN of RADIO-CONTROLLED AIRCRAFT!!
Brought to the Tomah VA by the Mitchell Red Cloud, Jr. Marine Corps League. 1PM - 3PM VA Golf Course.

As always, don't forget the fallen, missing or hospitalized vet!!

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

EDITOR'S NOTE: Each Veterans Administration Hospital has one American Legion Representative selected by the individual state Legion and approved by Washington. Our own Mike Christianson has selflessly performed this duty at Tomah since 2008. His term is unlimited. Join us as we thank Mike for his service!!