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Editor:

Thom Downer

Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and Friends GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

Greetings from the Commander

Thank you for letting me have the honor of serving as the Onalaska American Legion Post 336 the last years.

Clarence

From the Onalaska American Legion Post 336 Newsletter Editor Thom Downer

As you all know Clarence Stellner has served as Commander of the Onalaska American Legion Post 336 the last year. Clarence is stepping down because he wanted to watch the Legion grow and succeed by allowing some "new ideas" with the newly elected Commander Bob Weber. That is why he asked me to put his "short" Greeting From the Commander in. Well I can't really do that!

First of all, we have so much space we need to "fill" up in the newsletter. I had to have a little more put into this section. As much as everyone believes being a Post Commander is an easy position don't believe it. No commander's position, where ever it is, is not an easy one to hold. It takes a lot of time and commitment for the Post to succeed and Clarence's predecessors can testify to that.

While in office Clarence made that commitment to make the Onalaska American Legion Post 336 succeed and continue to grow. He has worked with the people in the Post staff and volunteers to help them "do they best they can". And believe me I have heard him tell them that more than once. And he usually was the first in line to thank them for all the efforts and time they put into what they were doing.

Yes Clarence is no longer the Onalaska American Legion Post 336 Commander. But I am sure you will still see him at the Club House. It you get a chance just let him know you appreciate all the time and effort he put into as Commander. And I can promise you that even though he is not Commander he will still be a special friend to all his fellow veterans.

Thom Downer, Newsletter Editor

MEMBERSHIP

A SPECAIL THANK YOU.....As of May 15, 2015, the Onalaska American Legion Post 336 has reached its goal of 100% membership. The new membership year starts approximately July 1, 2015 through 2016. Again, thank you for caring and taking part in the Onalaska American Legion Post 336 Membership Goal this year.

Thanks...

Bob Weber, Assistant Membership Chairman

Auxiliary:

President: Sue Kelley
1st Vice: Luella Chesebro
2nd Vice: Wilma Dettinger
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Hello Ladies,

I am very disappointed in our meeting on Wednesday, May 13,2015. We only had 16 people attend and that was the night of the elections for our new officers. We had to beg and plead with the members that did show up to see if they would take an office. We still have officer positions open and I will have to contact the Auxiliary Department to find out what we have to do in filling those offices. I know it is a big commitment as I have been your president for four years and we all need a change in order for our organization to grow. My THANKS to the ladies that did step up and say they would take an office. One lady, who has never held an office with our organization, stepped up to accept a position. I am proud that she did so. Are you going to be one of the many ladies that pay their dues, but grumble about how things are going or are you going to be a part of the solution to and try to make a difference? I'm sorry for being sarcastic about this, but we need your help if we are going to continue. We also voted on changing our meetings to 4 per year instead of once per month, as we thought that might help.

Our next meeting will be June 10, 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m. The serving committee will be: Reita Weber – chairperson – 781-3761, Jan Bolstad – 783-4231, Joan Haar – 526-4142, Mary Meier, 783-3876 and Betty Lovejoy – 781-1664.

See you at the Post, Sue Kelley, Auxiliary President

From the Board of Directors:

This year the Onalaska Community Days Jestival will be held on **June 19-20, 2015.** We decided to move it up so we would be the first one to have a festival instead of being one of the last ones to have one. We have new bands both Friday and Saturday night. Pick 6 will start the night off at 5 and then THE DWEERS playing at 8:30-11:30 pm and on Saturday afternoon we will have the **Executives** playing at 2:30 and then we have **THE JREE2ERS** starting at 7:30-11:30 pm. We have added some new things to this year's event and changed some times of other events. We have a 16 and under Legion wood baseball bat tournament that starts on Friday afternoon and the final games will be held on Saturday. We will have a **dunk tank, bingo** Friday night and **kids bingo** from 12 to 1:30 pm on Saturday in the banquet hall followed by regular bingo, saw dust pile, kids games, bounce house and a kids fishing derby at Schafer Bait and Boat starting at 9 am with registration at 8:30 am. The Brice Prairie Lions group will be assisting in this event. We have two new food vendors - Mobstop and Big Boar catering and they will be on the grounds cooking up some great food for all. We also will be having a **Chicken Q by Rooster Andy's** on Saturday starting at 11-2 pm for \$8.00. Pre Sale tickets for the chicken Q can be bought from the Bar and we will have a drive thru service available, so you don't even have to get out of your car!!! As always, there is **no button required!!!!!** More info will be coming, and brochures will be at the Legion.

Sue Kelley, Board of Directors Onalaska Community Days

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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Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

Summer is officially upon us! And with everyone trying to fit their events into our almost too short season, it seems that the Legion is a very busy place this month. Wedding receptions, Graduation parties, Class reunions, Retirement parties and the list goes on! What I am saying here folks is that here we can accommodate any type of party you want to do. And do not be afraid of booking an event too early, we are already booking in to 2016! Just give me a call and I will get you set up.

Some of you may have noticed a new piece of equipment in the bar.. its a frozen drink machine!! there's no better way to cool off that with a nice slushy cocktail. They are only \$3 and the flavors are always changing so come check it out!

Remember to stop in for lunch, every Monday through Friday we serve from 11am - 2pm. plus we have daily \$6 lunch specials that wont leave you hungry. Plus our great weeknight specials featuring Wings and Shrimp every Tuesday night. \$4 pizza every Wednesday night and our full menu every Thursday night. We also have a nice little after hours menu featuring appetizers and pizzas to cure your munchie cravings.

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

Neil

2015 Onalaska Legion Baseball -----

- 18-UNDER SCHEDULE -

- 10-UNDER SCHEDULE -
Wed., June 10 @ Baraboo DH 4:00pm
Thurs., June 11 vs La Crescent 1-7 INN5:00pm
Fri., June 12 vs La Crosse Post 52 1-9 INN5:00pm
Sat., June 13 vs Bi-State DH12:00pm
Mon., June 15 @ GDS 1-77:00pm
Wed., June 17 vs G.E.T. DH4:30pm
Thur., June 18 vs Winona DH4:00pm
AUSTIN, MN TOURNEY
Sat. & Sun. June 20 @ 21 TBA
Mon., June 22 @ Arcadia DH5:00pm
VIROQUA TOURNEY
Thur., June 25
Fri., June 26
Sat., June 27
Sun., June 28 Viroqua Tourney
Mon., June 29 @ C.F.C. DH5:00pm
Tues., June 30 @ La Crosse Post 52 1-96:00pm
Wed., July 1
(16U lays before 18U)
Thur., July 2 Vets Day at Tomah
Mon., July 6 @ B.R.F. DH5:00pm
Tues., July 7 vs P.D.C. 1-7 INN
(16U plays before 18U)
Wed., July 8 vs La Crosse Northstars DH 4:00pm
ONALASKA TOURNEY
Fri., Sat., Sun. July 10, 11, 12 TBA
(Onalaska, West Salem, Westby, BRF, La Crosse Northstars, Wausau, Sparta, Mauston)
Tue, July 14 @ Winona DH5:00pm
Thur., July 16vs Tomah 1-7 INN6:00pm
Fri., July 17vs Viroqua DH4:00pm
Sat., July 18vs Sparta DH2:00pm
REGIONALS @ TOMAH – Wed., July 22 - Sat., July 25
STATE @ KAUKAUNA – Wed., July 29 - Sun., August 1
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<u>Head Coach</u> - Larry Swiggum <u>Assitant Coaches</u> - John Adams, Gene Wiltgen

GREAT LAKES REGIONAL - Wed., August 4 - Mon., August 9

- 16-UNDER SCHEDULE -

Thur., June 4 @ La Crosse Juniors DH	4:00pm
Sun., June 7 vs La Crosse A's DH	3:00pm
Mon., June 8 vs Westby DH	4:00pm
Wed., June 10 @ Bi-State DH	4:00pm
Thur., June 11 @ La Crosse Northstars	1-7 INN4:00pm
VIROQUA TOURNEY	
Sat., June 13 P.D.C	5:00pm
Viroqua	7:30pm
Sun., June 14 Westby	10:00am
Tomah	12:15pm
Mon., June15 vs Cashton 1-7 INN	5:00pm
WOOD BAT TOURNEY @ ONALASKA June	e 19, 20, 21
Fri., June 19 Holmen @ Onalaska	5:00pm
Sat., June 20th and Sun., June 21 TBA	
Mon., June 22 @ G.E.T. 1-7INN	4:30pm
Tues., June 23 vs Tomah 1-7INN	5:00pm
Thur., June 25 @ Sparta 2-7 INN	4:00pm
Tues., June 30 vs La Crescent DH	4:00pm
Wed., July 1st @ West Salem 1-7INN	5:00pm
(play before 18U game)	
Tues., July 7 vs P.D.C. 1-7INN	3:30pm
(play before 18U game)	
Wed., July 8 @ Holmen DH	4:00pm
Thur., July 9 vs B.R.F. DH	4:30pm
Sat., July 11 vs Baraboo DH	1:00pm
(Game at OHS Field)	
REGIONALS – July 15 - 18 @ Holmen	

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<u>Head Coach</u> - Drew Markworth <u>Assitant Coaches</u> - Ben Reimler, Greg Markworth



American Legion Riders Update

<u>Freedom Honor Flight</u> – Recap - Another incredible send off and return! Along with a great group ride to the State Quarterly meeting in Montello, WI and then back to the La Crosse area for the Freedom Honor Flight Return. The new officers for the State American Legion Riders were sworn in.





Here are some of the Riders in front of the Montello Post 351 tank. The parking lot was filled on this day and the Post provided a nice luncheon.

<u>June 13th - Monthly Meeting</u> – The next meeting will be held at Post 138 Viroqua, WI, at 1:00 pm. A Ride is being planned by the Road Captains for after the meeting.

<u>June 14th - Butterfest Parade</u> – Meet at the Sparta American Legion at Noon to ride over for the Parade line up. Looking to take 1st place again this year from the parade!

TOMAH V.A.M.C.

Membership ... Congratulations to Bob Weber being our new Commander and helping to reach the 100% membership goal. I'm a past post and county commander and I remember all those phone calls and asking veterans to join.

The Tomah VA Medical Center's Fish Pond is open if anyone has any close faced reels and rods. I will take them up to the Tomah VA Medical Center. If you would like to spend a little time with a fellow veteran and take him fishing there just let me know.

There are summer Concerts every Saturday in June and July from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm. If you are interested in helping taking the veterans to them let me know.

At King Veterans Home on Father's Day the new ship cards will be handed out. Onalaska American Post 336 has donated \$100 for the veterans at King Veterans Home to eat chicken. I will be taking donations up there then.

Enjoy the summer. It goes by fast and as always don't forget the fallen, missing or hospitalized veterans.

Mike Christensen

Onalaska Community Days Jestival June 19-20, 2015

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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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

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2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am
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Service Officers Report

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"Rest In Peace"

Robert Duncan, Honorable Veteran



Respectfully Submitted, 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.











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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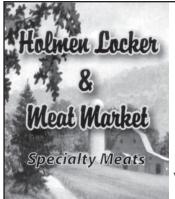
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close	3 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	4 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	Music Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm	6 Ed Shawley Benefit A/C
7 Grad Party Alxis A/C	8 Executive Committee 6pm Membership Meeting,7pm	9 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close NARVRE, 10am	10 Pizza Night, 5-8 pm Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm	11 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	12 Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm Music Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm	13 Graduation Party Megan, A/C
14 Grad Party Dion A/C	15 BLET, 9:30am	16 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Ins. Center Meeting, 9am-12	17 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	18 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	19 20 COMMUNITY DAYS For Details Visit: www.onalaskapost336.org	
21 Community Days Clean-Up	22	23 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Building Committee Meeting, 5:30pm	24 Pizza Night 5-8 pm Volunteer Banquet, Hall	Burger Night 4:30-8pm 50th Class Reunion, Bar	26 The Memory Brothers 7:30-11:30pm	27 Delia Johnson 100th Birthday 1pm, Bar Dale & Barb 50th Anniversary Hall
28	29	30 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close				

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



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In appreciation for all the work
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volunteers do over the year a special
dinner is being given. The Volunteers
Appreciation Dinner will be held on
Wednesday, June 24, 2015.
Cocktails at 5:3- pm with
dinner at 6:30 pm.
If you plan on attending
please sign up by June 17, 2015.



