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## Onalaska American Legion

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

#### GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMERICAN LEGION POST 336 COMMANDER!

First of all...ONLY A FEW MORE WEEKS UNTIL SPRING!!!! The February Legion Post 336 meeting went well. Special guests from Sam's Club were here. Sam's Club cares about veterans. It has a special program for discounts for veteran purchases there. Stop by Post 336 Club for an application.

The Onalaska Cemetery Renovation Group gave us a review of what it is trying to improve the look of the cemetery on Main Street. It has a great plan and this project should be supported by all.

CONGRATUATIONS TO OUR COULEE SNOW DRIFTERS!!! It raised \$4000 for the Freedom Honor Flight. It great efforts will send four veterans on the trip. THANK YOU!

Plans are being made for Community Days this year with some fine things for lots of fun!! Anyone interested in helping contact Sue Kelly or Chris Carlson for more information.

THIS MONTH I AM GOING TO HONOR ALL THE GREAT VOLUNTEERS WHO WORK SO HARD TO MAKE OUR CLUB THE BEST LEGION CLUB IN WESTERN WISCONSIN. I WOULD LIKE TO LIST YOU ALL BUT THE NEWSLETTER IS NOT BIG ENOUGH. WITHOUT YOU FOLKS WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO THE THINGS FOR OUR VETERANS, FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL!!!

Our Wednesday Nite Stick Raffle and Pizza are a BIG SUCCESS. This is a joint venture by Kerri, Chris, Dick and Neil. It has turned into a fun night for all. Great pizza and lot of fun! THANKS!!

WATCH YOUR CALENDAR FOR ALL FUTURE EVENTS....Chicken and Dumpling Wednesday, March 4th, Fish Fry on Friday, March 13th and the monthly Club Meeting on Monday, March 9th. We are about 40 members short of our Membership Goal for this year so please check your card and get your renewal into our office ASAP. Thank you for your help in this. It is important for us to reach our 100% Membership Goal yearly to maintain our programs.

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

*Clarence*

### **MEMBERSHIP**

ATTENTION AND LISTEN UP....membership as of this newsletter. We are at 569 paid memberships for 92.8%. We need only 48 members for our 100% Membership Goal. Again, if you have your membership card and you get a renewal notice just trash it. I will be calling everyone who has not yet paid to date. You can also pay online at ([www.wilegion.org](http://www.wilegion.org)). So for those who haven't paid the "Old First Sergeant" saying, "Get 'er done"!

*Thanks again....*

*Bob Weber*

*Assistant Membership Chairman*

## **Auxiliary:**

President: **Sue Kelley**  
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**Liz Reekers**  
Jr. Past President:  
**Diane Ryan**

## **Hello Ladies,**

I want to thank all the officers that came to the executive board meeting that was held prior to our regular Wednesday meeting. I am glad that we could get everything accomplished in a short time and that we all worked together for our common goal. So how is everyone enjoying the winter weather? Keep your fingers crossed, and hope that spring will soon be around the corner. Our meetings of late, have been short and sweet, which I don't know if that is good or bad. J I want to thank Diane Ryan and Sandy Whiteman for their presentation on the new city cemetery project. We look forward to hearing more about it and hope to be a part to help them reach their goal. We still have a few dates open in the coming months for anyone interested in booking our banquet hall. Contact the bar manager for more details. Our election of officers will be held in May, so if you are interested in being an officer, please contact myself or one of our current officers.

**Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m.**

**The serving committee will be: Wilma Dettinger-Chairperson-783-2814,**

**Phyllis Wilson-783-4228, Anita LeFebre-781-7722,**

**Etta Erickson-782-1657, Barb Burrell-787-5611.**

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

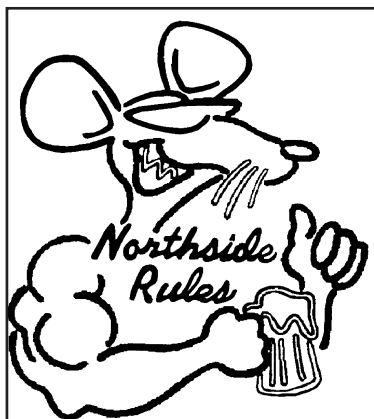
## **American Legion Riders Update**

How does that old saying go? When football is over it is time to get the bikes ready for the riding season? The first meeting of the year for the State American Legion Riders was held in District 7 at American Legion Post 138 in Viroqua on February 7th. Elections were held and with only one candidate nominated for each position a vote were not needed. District 7 Vice President Gary Hess was elected to the State Vice President position! Congrats goes out to Gary. Guest speaker at the meeting the Denise Rohan who has been endorsed for the office of National American Legion Commander.

The American Legion Riders District 7 will begin the year with the first meeting Saturday, March 21st, 1:00 pm at American Legion Post 100 in Sparta, WI. We will be having our election of officers at this first meeting. The more members in attendance go further to the true voice of the membership being heard.

Spirit Run this year will be passing through our area and the first night stop is at American Legion Post 116 in Coon Valley. It will be a three day, June 18th through June 21st, 700 Mile Motor Cycling Event that will begin in Mequon, circling the state, and ending at the 2015 King Day Celebration. More information will be available for the March meeting in Sparta.

*Semper Fi  
David Delimat*



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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*

**March 5, 1770** – Boston Massacre takes place. British soldiers open fire on protesting American patriots and kill 5 and wound 6 others.

**March 5, 1946** – The term “Iron Curtain” was used in a speech by Winston Churchill. He used it to describe the boundaries between Europe and the free countries of the West and the nations of Eastern Europe under the Soviet Union’s control.

**March 6, 1836** – The ALAMO fell to troops of Mexico’s General Santa Anna.

**March 8, 1863** – During the American Civil War, Confederate Colonel John Mosby, leader of Mosby’s Rangers, captured Union General E. H. Stoughton at his headquarters in Fairfax County Courthouse, Virginia.

**March 9, 1864** – Ulysses S. Grant becomes the commander of the Union Army in the Civil War.

**March 11, 1941** – During World War II, the Lend-Lease Program between Britain and the United States to receive American weapons, weapons, machines, raw materials, and training and repair services was signed by President Roosevelt. Resulted in first year cost of \$7-billion.

**March 12, 1938** – Nazis invade Austria and becomes part of the Hitler Reich Territory.

**March 13, 1943** – Plot to kill Adolf Hitler by German officers failed because a bomb in his plane failed to go off.

**March 16, 1968** – During the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre occurs which results in the murder of 504 Vietnamese men, women, and children.

**March 19, 2003** – The United States launches an attack against Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein from power. The action takes a total of 21 days to get it done...

**March 21, 1918** – World War I the Second Battle of the Somme began with an all out attack by Germany to try and win the war. It lasted at total of 45 days and resulted in on 35 miles of terrain.

**March 21, 1943** – A suicide/assassination of Chancellor Adolf Hitler of German officers failed again and resulted in 100 individuals executed. General Rommel commits suicide.

**March 23, 1775** – Patrick Henry, speaking before the Virginia Convention said, “I know not what course other may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!”

**March 26, 1979** – Camp Davis Accord is signed ending 30 years of war between Israel and Egypt.

## **TOMAH V.A.M.C.**

I would like to share with you this letter I received from the King Veterans Home about the donation we made at Christmas time. It’s why I always say keep veterans active and put a smile on his face.

*Hello Mike,*

*Just wanted to let you know with the funds your group sponsored, we had a catered meal. The meal was a lunch that was held in the Marden Memorial Center for 38 of our Veterans and their spouses. It was catered by Ambrosia’s (a local restaurant in Amherst, WI and one our member’s favorites). Beautiful boasted chicken meal with mashed potatoes, stuffing, chicken gravy, squash, mixed rolls, strawberry cake, ice tea and coffee. We had DJ Bob Dessort play music for the members. He took requests for members before, during, and after the meal.*

*We focused on members who may not normally sign up for all camp trips due to various reasons. The bus is too hard on them physically. They don’t enjoy going to a restaurant. The time gone from King is too long. The members had many, many compliments on the food and music that you provided for them. They were a very thankful bunch!*

*We also ad volunteers, activity staff and Ambrosia’s staff assisted with serving the food. Activity staff and tugger drivers assisted with transporting members to and from the event.*

*We wish to say thank you so very much for your generous donation for our members! It is greatly appreciated. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.*

*Sincerely*

*Shelley Jandt*

*(715) 258-5586 ext. 3575, Shelley.jandt@dva.wisconsin.gov*

There is a real need for the following donations at the Tomah VA Medical Center and King Veterans Home. Gripper Socks; T-Shirts; Velcro Shoes; Sweat pants and sweat shirts preferably size large, extra large, and two extra large; Craft Supplies; Construction Paper, markers, colored pencils, canvas board, non-toxic acrylic paints.

Upcoming dates at Kings Veteran Home: Sunday, March 29th, Vietnam Veterans Day; Sunday, May 11th, Open House from 10 am until 3 pm; Sunday June 31st, American Legion and Auxiliary King Day; June 8th through June 14th, Veteran Week at the American Legion Camp; May 20th, 9 am until 11:30 am, Fishing Contest for patients at the Tomah VA Medical Center pier put on by the American Legion.

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

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



## POST 336 VETERANS LIASION REPORT

### Wisconsin Veterans & Surviving Spouses Tax Credit

Unless you don't know the Wisconsin Veterans & Spouses Property Tax Credits provides eligible veterans and unremarried, surviving spouses a refundable property tax credit for the primary, in-state residence.

The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs verifies the veteran's eligibility for the program. The credit is administered by the Wisconsin of Revenue through the state income tax return.

The definitions of an eligible veteran and an eligible unremarried surviving spouse are expanded to include:

- A veteran who had been a Wisconsin resident for a consecutive 5-year period after entering active duty or was a Wisconsin resident when entering duty.
- The veteran must have either Service Connected Disability(SCD) rating of 100 percent under 38 USC 114 or 1134 or a 100%, disability rating based on individual unemployment. Individual unemployment means a condition under which a veteran has a SCD conditions where one condition has at least a 40% scheduler rating and the combined scheduler rating for all conditions is at least 70%, and has an administrative adjustment added to the SCD, due to individual unemployment ability, such that the VA rates the veteran 100% disabled.
- Effective for taxable years, beginning on or after January 1, 2014. The Wisconsin Property Tax Credit is extended to include the unremarried surviving spouse of an eligible veteran, who following the veteran's death began to receive and continues to receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the Federal VA.
- The age requirement was eliminated.

Applicants who believe they may qualify should contact the La Crosse County Veterans Service Officer. The La Crosse County Veterans Service Office is Adam Flood, (608) 785-9719.

### New Law on Healthcare Report to the IRS

#### How to Report VA Healthcare to the IRS this Tax Season

VA Healthcare enrollees, as well as spouses and surviving spouses enrolled in CAMPVA, will be required to verify their healthcare coverage to the IRS this tax season. Questions are beginning to roll into Wisconsin County Veteran Service Offices about how to report VA Healthcare and CHAMPVA coverage to the IRS in order to prevent a tax penalty under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obama-Care.

The official answer coming out is: "Beginning in 2015, VA will send Veterans and eligible beneficiaries a letter and IRS Form 1095B which will provide the details of the health care coverage provided by the VA for the previous year. As required by law, the VA also will notify the IRS."

**Thom Downer, Post 336 Veterans Liaison**

## Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

*Looks like the Ground Hog saw his shadow and I am not sure what an ear bite means but it's looking like a few more weeks of the cold stuff! Either way, we all know spring is right around the corner. March is one of my favorite months, because of St. Patties Day! We will be serving up Corned Beef and Cabbage on the 17th and if you have had it before, you know it's Delicious! If the brisket isn't your thing, you can still get Wings and Shrimp. Be sure to wear something green and you may just get a special treat!*

### Steven J. Fleis

P.O. Box 537

1824 E. Main Street

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(608) 783-5206

Fax: (608) 783-5209

*Speaking of special, we have 2 new bands this month, Ontourage and Jinny & the Right Combination are both excellent performers, so be sure to come in and give them a warm legion welcome and dance the night away.*

*I wish you all the Luck of the Irish.*

*Have a great day and we will see you at the legion,*

**Neil**

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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](http://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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*Who knows you may see your neighbor there?*

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

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**Meetings are every  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 am  
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## Service Officers Report



### ~ LAST BUGLE ~

David Monsieur, Honorable Veteran  
Charles Sanders, Honorable Veteran  
Donald Stern, Honorable Veteran



### ~ SICK CALL ~

LeRoy Butterfield-Hillview, Dave Loomis,  
Al Sobkowiak, Ralph Amundsen, Gary Turk

Respectfully Submitted, Rich Musolf, 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.

To each and every one who serves, we say "thank you."



The American Legion Family  
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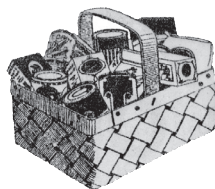
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1	2	3 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30pm	4 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7pm	5 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Hold 'Em, 7pm	6 Ontourage 7:30-11:30pm	7 Kevin Johnson Retirement	
8	9 Executive Committee 6pm Membership Meeting, 7pm	10 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30pm NARVRE, 10am	11 Pizza Night, 5-8 pm Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm	12 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Hold 'Em, 7pm	13 Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm Music Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm	14 5:30pm Bar Party	
15 SAL Breakfast Buffet 8am - 12noon Chordsman Afterglow, 5-9pm	16 BLET, 9:30am	17 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Corned Beef & Cabbage 11am-2pm 4-7pm	18 Pizza Night 5-8 pm Legion Baseball Sponsor Night, 6-9pm	19 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Hold 'Em, 7pm	20 Jimmy & the Right Combination 7:30-11:30pm	21 BDDB Chili Cook-Off for the Hunger Task Force, 11am	
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## What's Your Current ID Number?

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## **Texas Hold'Em**

Our season is off to a nice start with 21 players on the first night. All who played were glad to be back, we are waiting for our snow birds to get back.

Congratulation to our junior pit boss Jordan, a fine young man who was a great football player at Onalaska H.S. and many awards well earned. Jordan was accepted at U of Wisconsin-Madison starting this fall. We are proud of you.

*Looking forward to a great season.*  
*Chris, Billy, Rip, Jordan and the Pit Bull*

