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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!

Summer is going to be busy this year! At the last Post 336 meeting is was announced for a major renovation on our parking lot. It will widen at the entrance and repaving of a large section of the current parking lot. Our lot is old and needs to be replaced.

Inside the Club House we are having to replace some our fryers in the kitchen again. Age and use has taken a toll! Our outside kitchen shed will also be renovated in order to accommodate the new trash haulers and oil storage. We are also in need of a large freezer to store ice for activities for our Activity Center. If anyone has one to DONATE please call the Post

Our Chicken and Fish Events will end in May for the season. We are planning a meeting for all who worked and directed these events. We will be looking at ways to improve these events to keep our "customers happy". We want to please you, our customers.

At the Past Commanders & Past Presidents Banquet we had the benefit of great food and speeches by the Candidate for National Commander, Denise Rohan, and others. A special thank you goes out to Sue Kelly for all her efforts in making this special night a great one. Thank you Sue.

I had the great honor to present the Plaque for Legionnaire of the Year to none other than Bob Dettinger. Bob has committed a lot of work to improve Post 336. A true honor deserved. Chris Carlson was awarded the My Friend of the Legion Sons of the American Legion. This award, greatly given, was for all the help has given in

many activities around Post 336. Just a few to remember...Honor Guard, SAL, Community Days, Pizza Niles and many more he just helped on. My greatest congratulations to both of these fine gentlemen.

Finally, May is Election Time! It's time to elect new officers for Post 336. If you are interested in running for office contact Rich Muslof for more information. A Sign Up Sheet will also be found in the lobbies by both doors.

Hope to see you all next month at the Club House, have a great summer and remember our troops in your prayers,, And don't forget Poppy Day!

Clarence Stellner
Onalaska Post 336 Commander

MEMBERSHIP ... COME ON, STEP UP TO THE PLATE! Membership is so close. We need eight more for 100%. I will be calling again to make the Post 336 goal of 100%. If you haven't paid your dues yet, let's get it done!

Thanks ... Bob Weber, Assistant Membership Chairman

Auxiliary:

President: Sue Kelley

1st Vice: Luella Chesebro

2nd Vice: Wilma Dettinger

Secretary: _____

Treasurer: Colleen Kujak

Historian: Luella Chesebro

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**Judy Chesebro and
Jennifer Chesebro**

Chaplain: Maureen Smith

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Delores Kenyon

Sunshine Chairwoman:

Liz Reekers

Jr. Past President:

Diane Ryan

Hello Ladies,

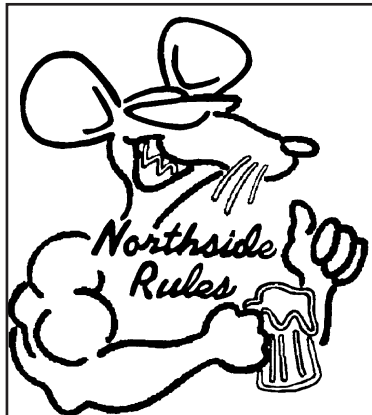
As you all are aware, we have elections of new officers at our May 13, 2015 meeting. **WE NEED PEOPLE TO RUN FOR OFFICE.** Please if you are interested, please come to the meeting.

I want to thank Wilma Dettinger for running our April meeting in my absence. I know she did a great job by all the reports I have heard. Also, a big thank you to the Easter Egg Hunt committee, as it was well attended by many people and we had a good day for the kids to go look for Easter eggs. If anyone knows if someone is looking to book our banquet hall for the summer, we do have some openings available, please call the Legion and talk to Neil. Thank you to the ladies who attended the 7th District Spring conference which was held in Holmen. **Next meeting will be May 13, 2015 starting at 7:00 p.m. Serving committee will be: Liz Reekers – chairperson – 783-3913, Mary Powers – 783-1535, Nikki Sterling – 781-6084.** PLEASE plan on attending and voting for new officers. It has been a pleasure being your President for the past 4 years and I appreciate all the help I have had in running this great organization. I wish the best of luck to our new officers and I'm sure they will guide us just as our past presidents have. **Happy Mother'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

May 1, 1960 An American U-2 spy plane flying at 60,000 feet was shot down over central Russia on the eve of a summit meeting between President Dwight Eisenhower and Soviet Russia's Nikita Khrushchev. I caused cancelation of the meeting and heightened existing Cold War tensions. CIA pilot Francis Gary Powers survived the crash but spent 10 years in prison.

May 2, 2011 U.S. Special Operation Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culminated of a decade-long manhunt.

May 4, 1978 At Kent State University four students were killed by National Guardsmen who opened fire on a crowd of 1,000 students protesting President Richard Nixon's decision to invade Cambodia. Eleven others were wounded.

May 5, 1865 Decoration Day was first observed in the U.S., with the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves from the Civil War with flowers. The date was later moved to May 30th and included American graves from World War I and World War II, and became known as Memorial Day. In 1971 Congress moved Memorial Day to the last Monday in May, thus creating a three-day holiday weekend.

May 5, 1961 Alan Shepard became the first American in space.

May 7, 1945 In a small red brick schoolhouse in Reims, Germany, General Alred Jodi signed the unconditional surrendered of all German fighting forces ending World War II in Europe.

May 8, 1942 During World War II in the Pacific, the Battle of the Coral Sea began in which Japan would suffer its first defeat of the war.

May 11, 1862 To prevent its capture by Union forces the Confederate Ironclad Merrimac was destroyed by the Confederate Navy.

May 11, 1969 During Vietnam War the Battle of "Hamburger Hill" began. U.S. troops scaled the hill over a 10-day period to engage in bloody hand-to-hand combat with the North Vietnamese. After securing it the military staff decided to abandon the position.

May 12, 1949 Soviet Russia lifted it blockade of Berlin.

May 14, 1942 During World War II an Act of Congress allowed women to enlist for noncombat duties in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC), the Women Appointed for Voluntary Emergency Service (WAVES), Women Auxiliary Ferry Squadron (WAFS), and Semper Paratus Always Ready Service (SPARS), the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corps.

May 26, 1927 Charles Lindbergh, a 25-year old aviator, took off at 7:52 a.m. from Roosevelt Field, Long Island in the Spirit of St. Louis for a 36-hour flight (3,600 miles) to Le Bourget, Paris.

May 21, 1881 The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton.

Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

May is one of my favorite months, so many things happening and the weather is the best! We have many Graduation parties, as well as fund-raisers happening all month. Remember that we have 2 great facilities available for all of your event needs. Big or small we do them all! It's never too early to reserve our banquet hall or activity center for your upcoming event.

I would like to thank everyone who has come in and played Bingo on Tuesday nights here at the bar. We will be playing through the month of May then taking the summer off. I would especially like to thank Tina Rude and Kristen Paradise for all of their hard work and dedication to the event, without them it would not be possible. Also, a thanks to our guest caller Don "golden throat" Frett. We look forward to your angelic voice again.

It's also been great seeing all of our "snowbirds" back from the south. Make sure you all stop in and say hello!

Have a great day and we will see you at the Legion, and in the words of the great Jedi master Yoda, "MAY" the force be with you. Haha!!

Neil

American Legion Riders Update - Upcoming events:

MAY 2ND

Freedom Honor Flight – Flag Honor Guard – Share in such a remarkable memorable event – Free Breakfast is provided after the flight leaves! – We will be sending them off and welcoming the group back as well. Colgan Air Services Hangar #4 - 2825 Fanta Reed Road – Rally at 5:30 am for the departure and a 9pm Rally for the flight returning at 10:30pm.

State Quarterly Meeting – After the Freedom Honor Flight send off and for those interested there will be a ride to the state Quarterly Meeting at Post 351 in Montello Wi. New State officers will be sworn in at this meeting. Then a scenic ride back to La Crosse after the meeting.

JUNE 14TH – Butterfest Parade – American Legion Riders District 7 took 1st place in our division at last years parade!

JUNE 18TH-21ST -- Spirit Run – Statewide ALRA event – Starts in Mequon and ends at the 2015 King Day Celebration. If you are interested in joining please see a Legion Rider and they can get you more information.

JUNE 27TH – B.O.G. (Boots On Ground)

Poker Run - 2nd Annual – Neillsville, WI.
A fund raiser for the Persian Gulf Tribute at the Highground in Neillsville, WI. All modes of transportation are welcome not just bikes!

Semper Fi – David Delimat



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

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Service Officers Report

~ LAST BUGLE ~

"Rest In Peace"

Gary Turk, Honorable Former Commander
Alfred Kliene, Virgel C. Luekeroth,
Clarence Meyer, Earl Cook Jr.

~ SICK CALL ~

Ray Kline, Claude Deck, Jerry Malin, Richard Gray

Respectfully Submitted, Rich Musolf, 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
www.legion.org

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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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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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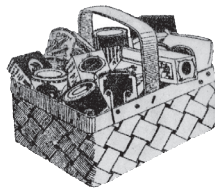
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 The Craig Olson Project, 7:30-11:30pm	2 Paws 4 Independence A/C
3	4 Deer Creek Condo Meeting, Hall	5 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30pm	6 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30-7pm	7 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Hold 'Em, 7pm	8 Fish Fry, 4:30-7pm Music Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm	9 Bar Party
10	11 Executive Committee 6pm Membership Meeting, 7pm	12 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30pm NARVRE, 10am	13 Pizza Night, 5-8 pm Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm	14 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Hold 'Em Championship, 7pm	15 The Country Drifters 7:30-11:30pm	16 Bar Party, 6pm Hall - B-day, 1-4pm 95.7 the Rock, Big Bikes Fundraiser, A/C
17 SAL Breakfast Buffet 8am - 12noon	18 BLET, 9:30am	19 Wings and Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30pm	20 Pizza Night 5-8 pm Whispering Pines Condo Meeting, 7pm	21 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	22 Karaoke with Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30pm Grad Party - Nick & Andy - Hall	23
24 Grad Party - AC - Cameron & Ryan Hall-Kathy's Copper Sale	25	26 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night, 6-close Bar Bingo, 6:30pm Building Committee Meeting, 4pm	27 Pizza Night 5-8 pm	28 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	29 Buck Hollow Band 7:30-11:30pm	30 Wedding - Hall Brandy & Derek Grad Party - Josh, Jeff & Joe A/C - Noon
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Checks may be sent to:
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What's Your Current ID Number?

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