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Onalaska American Legion

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To Post 336 Legionnaires, Auxiliary and S.A.L. Members and Friends

Here we are in November already and the Holiday Season BEGINS! Thinking of that, if you're looking for a great location for your company or office Christmas Party, check in with our bar manager Neil for availability, costs, etc.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – A BUSY DAY AT POST 336!!

The activity begins with a one-hour concert by the DA-CAPO CONCERT BAND at 2 PM to honor veterans prior to the November 11 Veterans Day. The public is invited. Additional information is on page 4 of this newsletter.

Our annual and ever-popular POULTRY PARTY takes place from 5-9 PM on Nov. 7th to round out the busy day. The plan is for raffles of Cornish hens, hams and turkeys plus some meat boxes. Tip boards and Vegas boards will also be available. There is a \$5 per person cover charge at the door to cover available free sandwiches, beer and soda. This is a good way to acquire a turkey or ham for Thanksgiving and help fund the Legion at the same time. NOTE: Volunteer help is needed for the Poultry Party. A sign up sheet is available at the bar. Thank you for your help.

The National American Legion Headquarters has decided to INCREASE MEMBERSHIP DUES BY \$5 per year to \$30 effective January 1, 2016. Currently we charge \$30 for membership with \$25 going to national and \$5 remaining with the Post. National will get all of the \$30 as of January 1, so it is to our advantage to get all of our current year renewals in prior to Christmas. We will increase our annual dues to \$35 for the membership year beginning July 1, 2016.

As many of you know, I am a "big" hunter, so for all of you that hunt that elusive whitetail, have a safe and enjoyable hunt!! And, with the Holidays starting, be safe in your travels.

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

p.s. Ray Kline resigned from his positions as Adjutant and member of the House Committee for personal reasons. Anyone willing to fill either of these positions, let me know. Call the Legion at 783-3300 and leave a message or call me at 526-4807. We thank Ray for his service.

POST 336 DONATES \$1,000 TO FREEDOM HONOR FLIGHT

At an early Summer monthly meeting, members of the Onalaska American Legion Post 336 voted unanimously in favor of an annual contribution of \$1,000 to the Freedom Honor Flight. Annual confirmation for a donation is required.

Freedom Honor Flight provides a free one day trip to Washington D.C. to veterans for their service. While there, they visit memorials that stand in their honor. The air flight, deluxe tour bus, meals and other amenities are included. Guardians and medical personnel participate.

There is a \$500 fee to sponsor one vet. Veterans are selected on a first-come, first served basis. WWII veterans and those with terminal illness are given priority status. Korea War veterans are currently being served as well.

Several members of Post 336 have gone on the Freedom Honor Flight over the past years: Jerry Malin, Les Erickson, Bob Dettinger, Mike Mickelson, Claude Deck, and the late Paul Christopherson.

To APPLY, VOLUNTEER OR DONATE: Call FREEDOM HONOR FLIGHT @ 608-784-1015; E-Mail: info@freedomhonorflight.org; or see online at www.freedomhonorflight.org

Post 336 Membership

Membership renewals stand at 70%. That's 437 renewals with the goal of 622. Those who renew on or before November 11 will get an Early Bird card for a free drink at the Legion. Please review Commander Weber's newsletter for detailed information on the National Legion's price increase January 1 and our \$5 increase to \$35 per year for the membership year beginning July 1, 2016. We'd hope to have all renewals for the current year prior to Christmas.

Thank you for your support. Enjoy the Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

Kent Stephan, 1st Vice Commander (608) 780-3294



November 11

Auxiliary:

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

Sunshine Chairwoman: – Liz Reekers

~ Auxiliary ~

Greetings to my fellow Auxiliary members and friends,

Our meeting was held on October 14, 2015. By now most of you know that I am going through some health issues, but have been assured that everything should turn out fine. The ladies auxiliary Christmas party potluck will be December 9 and it was decided that members with the last names beginning with A through H please bring a hot dish, I through P bring a salad and Q through Z bring a desert. This should make a good variety of food for us all to enjoy. Please contact Sue Kelley at 608-769-3628 with what you are bringing. Our next meeting will be November 11, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and the serving committee is Chairperson Colleen Kujak, Alice Malin, Sharon Miller and Lois Hanson. Thank you for supporting our organization and our deserving veterans.

See you at the Post.

Mary Grenier, President, 608-317-6673

November
1st - Move
Clocks ...



Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

Its hard to believe that Thanksgiving is upon us. The time always flies when you have fun they say. We sure do have plenty of that here at the Onalaska Legion! And speaking of fun, we now have DJ TRIVIA. DJ TRIVIA is sweeping the region and had proven to be a good time for everyone. Come in and Play for free every Monday at 6:30pm. You can also get a 12 inch pizza and a Pitcher of domestic beer for \$10 after 6pm every Monday night too. Remember to check the calendar for all the events happening.

Since we have Thanksgiving this month I always like to take the time to thank the employees for everything they do to keep the legion open and running every day.

Lori, Charlie, Al, Keri, Monica, Cathi, Jenn, Sue, Pat, Tony, Felecia, Kayleigh, Diane, Suellen, Jim, Bob and Alice.

Without our great group of volunteers it wouldn't be quite as much fun so a huge THANK YOU to Tina, Kristen, Josh, Sue, Don, Ashley, Kaiden, Taya, Rich and anyone else who has given their time this year to help us be successful. And of course I am most thankful for all of our great customers! You truly are the reason we are here.

Have a great day and a Happy Thanksgiving, and we will see you at the Legion

- Neil Merritt, Bar Manager (608) 783-3300



WINTER STORAGE in the ACTIVITY CENTER

For the past several years, we have been storing boats, cars, campers, cycles, ATVs, etc., in the Activity Center from, approximately, November until May. This has been used by the Legion as a fund-raiser to support our two Legion Baseball teams. This concept continues throughout the Winter ahead with items accepted for storage starting the last week of October.

Past year customers get preference and types of vehicles are "staged" for convenient storage.

Appointments for storage are required, as has been done in years past. Checks should be payable to Onalaska Legion Post 336. The total raised will be turned over to baseball.

FOR STORAGE INFORMATION & APPOINTMENTS, CALL: Merle Cunningham (608) 385-1904 or (608) 783-7523

TOMAH VA MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC) NEWS

DON'T WAIT - VACCINATE is the word for all veterans participating in VA Health Care Benefits. The La Crosse VA Clinic will be providing free flu shots to eligible veterans through December 18 on Friday afternoons from noon 'til 4:00 PM. In addition, you may get your flu shot at any scheduled appointment. CALL: (608) 784-3886

CURRENT DONATION NEEDS as requested by the patient clothing room at the Tomah VA include new mens' briefs in all sizes; mens' shoes and slippers in sizes 10 & 11; jogging pants in all sizes; and small tubes of toothpaste and deodorant in small sizes. Sweaters are not accepted since they do not survive the laundry! All clothing must be clean and in good shape. To make it easy, there's a container inside the front door at the Onalaska Legion that's marked for Tomah VA Center donations.

2016 CALENDARS ARE NOT NEEDED as donations since they will be acquired through alternative methods. Should this change, we will let you know in a future Onalaska Legion newsletter.

We ask that you do not forget the fallen, missing or hospitalized vet.

*Mike Christianson, American Legion Rep,
Tomah VAMC (608) 519-5818*

S.A.L. Officers

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1st Vice: – **Doc Hagel**
2nd Vice: – **Neil Merritt**
3rd Vice: – **Mathew Burnett**
Adjutant: – **Vacant**

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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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La Crosse County Aging Unit



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

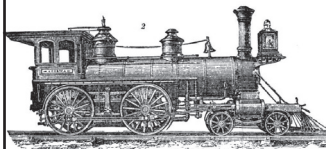
We are looking for people to deliver meals to homebound seniors and to help out at the Onalaska Senior Dining Center.

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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Call: Doug Fischer
at 608-786-0694.

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



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

The LAVMP . . . Never Leaving a Fellow Veteran Behind.



SAM'S BAR

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Top of the Golden Strip

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."

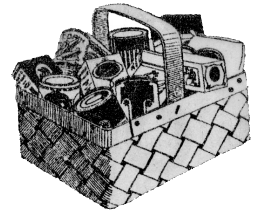


The American Legion Family
www.legion.org

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



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 – Upcoming Dates



Winter Break - With the weather cooling off and good riding days getting further apart it is time to start thinking about getting the bikes winterized and put away until next year. We can now focus on participating more with our American Legion posts and show our support there! Have a Safe and Wonderful Thanksgiving!

Upcoming Dates

November 10th – Marine Corps 240th Birthday – Happy Birthday Marines!
January 22nd & 23rd 2016 – Gun Show in Neillsville - The Legion Riders have provided security and support at the Annual event for the past few years and we have been asked back for the next event! If interested in participating please contact David at (507) 312-9008 and I will get more information for you as we get closer to the event.

February 13th 2016 - American Legion Riders District 7 – Monthly Meeting – 1300 at Post 100, 1116 Angelo Rd, Sparta, WI. Items for discussion at this first meeting of the year will be possibly changing meeting dates to Sunday's. Fund raising events will also be discussed for the coming year.



Service Officers Report

~ **LAST BUGLE** ~

OLAF ANDERSON ROGER M. CHRISTENSON
 14 October 2015 16 October 2015



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.

DAV VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

Legion member Jim Binash advises that the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is in need of volunteer drivers. This is a non-paying service. The drivers are needed in Tomah, Madison and further North. If you are interested, or have friends in those area who may be interested, please call Voluntary Services in Tomah at: (608) 372-1727. The VA Hospitals in Tomah and Madison are also in need of volunteer escorts.

Thank you for your consideration.

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www.onalaskapost336.org



November 2015



POST 336 EMAIL:
onalaskalegion@gmail.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Tool Auction- Hall 12:30pm	2 Dj Trivia 6:30pm	3 Insurance center 9-3pm- hall Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close	4 Chicken and Dumplings 4:30-7pm	5 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	6 Marty and the Sharks 7:30 - 11:30pm	7 Da-Capo Concert Band 2pm Poultry Party 5-9pm - Hall
8 Packer Tailgate Party 11am	9 Executive Meeting- 6pm Membership Meeting- 7pm Dj Trivia 6:30pm	10 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm NARVRE 10am	11 Auxillary Meeting 7pm Pizza Night 5-8pm Veterans Day	12 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	13 Fish Fry 4:30-7pm Music Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm	14
15 S.A.L. Breakfast Buffet 7:30am - 11:30am Packer Tailgate Party 11am	16 BLET 9:30am Dj Trivia 6:30pm	17 Insurance center 9-3pm- hall Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close	18 Pizza Night 5-8pm	19 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	20 Shufflin Duprees 7:30 - 11:30pm	21 Onalaska Big Band Ball
22 Packer Tailgate Party 11am	23 Dj Trivia 6:30pm	24 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm Building Comm mtg 4pm House Comm mtg 5:30pm	25 Pizza Night 5-8pm	26 Happy Thanksgiving. Club Closed	27 Karaoke W/ Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30pm	28
29 Dj Trivia 6:30pm	30					

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Change of Address ?an (EXPENSIVE) Nightmare

We need your **HELP**...especially if you are planning to be moving to a new location either temporarily or permanently. Such moves affect delivery of your Legion Newsletter which means you miss out on some important information...and, unfortunately the Post Office charges us about \$.75 per newsletter they cannot deliver.

We ask that you let us know of your moves so we can adjust our mailing list accordingly. We can even set it up to restart according to your instruction. We'd like to keep our costs down and keep our mailing list up-to-date for mailings and membership.

Unfortunately, when we get something back that was sent to your address, you are dropped from our mailing list until we hear from you...not a good solution to a difficult and costly problem.

Thank You for your Help and Support !!
Bob Weber, Commander

DA CAPO CONCERT BAND TO PERFORM NOVEMBER 7

The Onalaska American Legion is pleased to announce that the Da Capo Concert Band will perform at the Legion's Onalaska facility on Saturday, November 7th at 2:00 PM. The free concert will last approximately 1 hour and is open to anyone wishing to attend. The concert will honor Veterans a few days ahead of the "official" November 11 annual date for Veterans' Day.

The Da Capo Concert Band was formed in 1984 by Frank Italiano for those musicians interested in getting together for the pleasure of playing. The Band's repertoire consists of a wide variety of music.

September 2015 marked the beginning of Da Capo's 31st season. The Concert Band consists of 50 members ranging in age from 21 to 96. Members live in communities throughout La Crosse, Monroe, and Vernon counties as well as Houston County in Minnesota. The Band draws financial support through member donations, outside donations and occasional fundraisers.