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Onalaska American Legion

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

Our year is passing by quickly. Soon the leaves will be turning color and we'll be entertained by the sounds of the geese as they pass overhead on their way south.

Beautiful time of year in God's Country and a busy time of year at the Legion. Please check the calendar for the times and dates of our meetings; Chicken and Dumplings; Fish Fry; S.A.L. Sunday Breakfast; Bar Bingo; Texas Hold 'Em; and a variety of other events at the Legion.

In our September newsletter, we announced that one of our Onalaska Legion baseball players, Asher Freybler, had been selected for the \$500 baseball scholarship from the State of Wisconsin Legion, as well as an additional \$500 from the National American Legion. Now we have learned that Asher was one of six Legion ball players from throughout the Country to be named to the All-Academic Team announced at the American Legion World Series. Each player selected received a \$2500 scholarship from Diamond Sports, a leading manufacturer of baseball merchandise as well as the balls used in Legion national tournaments.

Congratulations go out to Asher along with our thanks for so ably representing Post 336 !!

We have been advised by the Legion Auxiliary that they are discontinuing the Kids' Christmas Party. Additionally, they are cutting back on the extent of their financial involvement in the Annual Adult Legion Family Christmas Party. The Auxiliary move was discussed at the Legion's September meeting and a vote was taken to discontinue the Annual Adult Legion Family Christmas Party.

We are pleased to announce that the Da-Capo Concert Band will visit our Post 336 on Saturday, November 7 to present a one-hour concert to honor our Veterans a few days ahead of the "official" Veterans' Day. This event is open to the public and will be performed from 2-3 PM in our Hall. Additional information can be had elsewhere in this newsletter. We look forward to overflow attendance, so get there early.

Our annual Poultry Party will be held in our Hall Saturday, November 7 from 5-9 PM. there is a \$5 per person cover charge and there will be free beer, soda and sandwiches until gone. I am looking into lots of options to make it fun for everyone. Make plans now to attend.

By the time you get this newsletter, our parking lot should be repaired. We'd like to thank our Building Chairman, Vern Reekers; Primary Consultant, Linus Kujak; and the great work force from

Mathy Construction for their wonderful work !! All efforts were designed to minimize disruption of Legion activities.

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

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

Auxiliary:

President – Mary Grenier, 317-6673

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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 September 9, 2015. I apologize for not mentioning this in last month's newsletter, but our parliamentarian is now Delores Kenyon. She has graciously accepted the position once again. Thank you, Delores. One of the topics for discussion was compiling a current list of members that will be available to volunteer to help serve at member funerals. Please give this serious consideration and if you are able to volunteer, let me know. I will be sending around a list at our next meeting for you to sign up, as well. For those of you that rarely attend our meetings, I would like to invite you to come back and give us some ideas of why you do not wish to attend and what you would like to see changed, so we can improve the organization for everyone. Our next meeting will be October 14th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and the serving committee is Arlene Liebold, Rose Horman, Roberta Braund and Shirley Berberich. Thank you for supporting our organization and our deserving veterans. See you at the Post.

Mary Grenier, Auxiliary President (608) 317-6673

Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

It's the time of year when the trees change colors, yards need cleaning and of course football is in full swing! Come watch the games with us. We have Packer Tailgate Parties with prizes and fun little games to keep you entertained in between the plays. Bring a dish to pass and show everyone what a great cook you are!

October also happens to be my my favorite month because of HALLOWEEN!! Here at the Legion we have our annual Halloween Party and Costume Contest on Friday the 30th. Stop in and get the details.

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

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

S.A.L. Officers

Commander: – **Bill Sterling**

1st Vice: – **Doc Hagel**

2nd Vice: – **Neil Merritt**

3rd Vice: – **Mathew Burnett**

Adjutant: – **Ray Kline**

~ S.A.L. ~

The first SAL breakfast buffet for the season will be OCTOBER 18. We hope to see you all there, and encourage everyone to pass the word on about our fabulous breakfast to all your friends, relatives, etc., that are not members, that do not get the Post 336 monthly newsletter. The menu will include all the same choices; Eggs, eggs with ham, fried potatoes, potato cubes, bacon, sausage links, biscuits and gravy, toast with jam or peanut butter, fruit, milk, coffee, orange juice and water. Hopefully we will continue to see the same, or better, turn out as in the past. Our success is dependent on all of you looking for a good, inexpensive breakfast. The breakfast hours will be from 7:30 to 11:30 and the price remains the same this year.

We will hold a S.A.L. meeting on October 17, at 10 am at the Legion. So come and voice your ideas on how to make us better.

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

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. 201952051

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

TOMAH VA MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC) NEWS

Two new buildings are under construction with completion expected January 1, 2016. One of the buildings is designated for recreation and the second is designated as a medical building for treatment of chemical addictions. Both buildings promise greater convenience for, and better treatment of, our veterans.

WANTS & NEEDS AT TOMAH include sweat pants, pajama bottoms, leisure pants, etc., with winter weather in mind. Also, regular and decaf coffee is always appreciated. I must note that the library has asked that we NOT provide books for the foreseeable future. Seems all storage space has been filled and then some. In any event, thank you for your previous donations.

There is a container inside the front door at the Legion that's marked for Tomah VA Center donations. Should anyone have questions concerning the Medical Center, please give me a call and I will attempt to help.

As always, don't forget the hospitalized, missing and fallen vets!!

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

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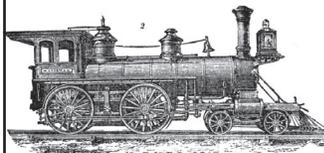
We are looking for people to deliver meals to homebound seniors and to help out at the Onalaska Senior Dining Center.

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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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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."

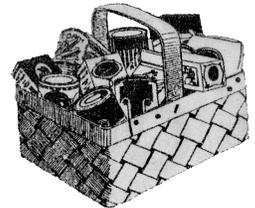


The American Legion Family
www.legion.org

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

October 2nd – Slicing of the Golden Brat – Post 52

- The Legion Riders have been asked to participate in the Post 52 Golden Brat Ceremony - 6 Feet of Oktoberfest Brat! Then stay and enjoy some famous Brat and Kraut Omelettes! If you wish to participate, muster time is 0645 at Post 52, 711 6th St, La Crosse.



Service Officers Report

~ **LAST BUGLE** ~

ROBERT O. RUDE
5 August 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.

October 10th – American Legion Riders District 7 – Monthly Meeting – 1300 at Post 52, 711 6th St, La Crosse.

October 17th – Freedom Honor Flight – Flag Honor Guard

– Share in such a remarkable memorable event – 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 0530 for the departure and TBA for the return.

Submitted by David Delimat

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Packer Tailgate Party 3pm	Insurance center 9-3pm- hall	Insurance center 9-3pm- hall Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	Chicken and Dumplings 4:30-7pm	Burger Night 4:30-8pm AAA Travel show Texas Hold'em 7pm	Fish Fry 4:30-7pm Music Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Packer Tailgate Party 11:30am	Insurance center 9-3pm- hall Executive Meeting-6pm Membership Meeting-7pm	Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm NARVRE 10am	Auxillary Meeting 7pm Pizza Night 5-8pm	Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'em 7pm	Humana Hall Buck Hollow Band 7:30 - 11:30pm	Wedding Austin & Erin - Hall Snowdrifters Chili Feed - Activity Center
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
S.A.L. Breakfast Buffet 8am - noon Packer Tailgate Party 3-pm Jaycees Magic Show 4-pm	BLET 9:30am	Insurance center 9-3pm- hall Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	Pizza Night 5-8pm Health Tradition Meeting- Hall 10:30- 3:30pm	Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Hold'em 7pm	Humana Hall Karaoke W/ Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30pm	Paws 4 Independence Pancake Breakfast. 8-11am
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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 LaCrosse, Monroe, and Vernon counties as well as Houston County in Minnesota. The Band draws financial support through member donations, outside donations and occasional fundraisers.

Post 336 Membership

Renewal memberships are looking good. We are at 67%. I am looking for the Snow Birds to get their membership renewals in soon. Anyone paying before or on November 11 will get an Early Bird card for a free drink at the Legion. Thank You and have a great month.

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

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