



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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**Kent Stephan**

2nd Vice:  
**vacant**

3rd Vice:  
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**Ray Kline**

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**James Bialecki**

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

On August 9th, we had our Annual Legion Family Picnic with an estimated 125 folks in attendance. Several members of the Legion, Auxiliary and S. A. L. paid their annual dues.

In September, our Chicken and Dumplings dinners start up again for the season on the first Wednesday of each month with Dennis Sobkowiak as chairman (phone 781-8211). Gary Cheseboro is chairman (phone 385-3103) for the Fish Fries held on the second Friday of each month. Please call either of these gentlemen to volunteer to help.

I congratulate the Onalaska American Legion Baseball teams on their very successful seasons and thank them for their quality representation of Post 336. NOTE: further information on baseball and some players appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

#### **PARKING LOT RECONSTRUCTION**

During the last week of August or first week of September, significant construction work will be done to the (concrete) Legion entrance, the old asphalt road leading to the old clubhouse at the western edge of the parking lot, and the old asphalt parking lot for the former clubhouse.

The concrete entryway will be significantly widened and constructed of concrete intended to support semis which are frequently used for deliveries. The asphalt areas are in excess of 40 years old and have been patch repaired over the years.

The Legion Building Committee, headed up by Vern Reekers, along with Legion member Linus Kujak (retired from a 35 year career of building roads for the State), in consultation with experts from Mathy Construction, recommended the construction to Legion members at a monthly meeting. After some discussion concerning patching, Legion members voted unanimously for the construction.

During construction, we will keep the Legion open but sometimes without use of the entryway or parking lot. We are told such entryway and parking lot closure will be for only one or, possibly, two days. On the days of construction, after (work) hours parking will be made available by our neighbors at The Insurance Center. We ask for your patience during construction.

#### **- HELP WANTED -**

We are in need of someone to fill the position of 2nd Vice Commander. This position involves Children and Youth and, primarily, working with area high schools on the Badger Boys' State program and the Americanism recognition program.

We are also looking for someone to head up our Poultry Party fundraiser on the 7th of November. For more information, or to volunteer, please give me a call at 526-4807.

September is time for the schools to start, so please exercise care with kids out and about.

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

**TEXAS HOLD-EM  
SEASON STARTS  
THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 3rd  
7:00 PM**

### **POST 336 MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you to everyone who paid for their membership dues at the Legion picnic. We are now at 62% [386] renewals. The sooner you respond with payment, the better. Anyone paying before or on November 11 will get an Early Bird card for a free drink at the Legion.

We are looking for help on grounds keeping if anyone as a hour or two a week to spare. Please give me a call. We will keep the Legion looking great. Thank You and have a great month.

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

### **S.A.L. Officers**

1st Vice:  
**Doc Hagel**

2nd Vice:  
**Neil Merritt**

3rd Vice:  
**Mathew Burnett**

Adjutant:  
**Ray Kline**

## 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,*

The Legion Family Picnic was held on the 9th of August giving many the opportunity to pay their 2016 membership dues and share in fun, food and prizes. The three ladies who won the \$20.00 prize for paying dues on or before the picnic were Amy Delimot, Mary Jansky and Linda Sobkowiak. Also, a big thank you goes out to Liz Weber for the beautiful door prizes she knitted and provided for the picnic. There were 2 centerpieces and several wash cloths. Thank you, also to all that helped with the picnic.

Our August meeting was somewhat robust at times discussing many topics including having a pot luck for the December Auxiliary Party. We voted to try this because of the difficulty in getting volunteers for the serving committee for that month. On the topic of the scholarship recipients, the winners were Cory Marquart and Ethan Turk, grandson of Marie Turk. Ethan will be attending Winona University in the fall. Congratulations Ethan, we wish you well.

There were 4 girls that attended Badger Girls State this year: Isabelle Kick, Lauren Cortez, Ellie Socha and Julia Schibblehut. Each one sent a very nice and well written thank you card for providing them with the opportunity to experience government in action.

The serving committee for September will be Delores Kenyon, Karen Sofa, Judy Chesebro, Diane Culbert and Mary Jane Goodenough.

*Mary Grenier, Auxiliary President  
(608) 317-6673*

## Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

As we say goodbye to the summer months, I can't help but think of what a great year it has been so far. We have had so much fun and there is still more to come! With the coming of cool weather comes FOOTBALL! Our first tailgate party is September 13, watch our Facebook page for details! The Onalaska Legion is a great place to meet up and watch the games. We will be having food and drink specials, as well as games and prizes in between the quarters. Just another reason to come have fun with us.

Have a great day and we will see you at the Legion!

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

## **ONALASKA 18 & UNDER BASEBALL SEASON ENDS... ...and what an exciting season it was !!**

The Onalaska American Legion 18 & Under baseball team finished its season with 30 wins and 11 losses and was ranked #2 in the final state poll. The team earned its way to the State Tournament in Kaukauna, a double elimination event where they lost to River Falls and Beaver Dam, two teams rated in the top five of Wisconsin's Class AA.

Onalaska's Ben Markworth and Jack Smalley were honored by selection to the All State Tournament Team. The Legion's Baseball Juniors finished their season with a very respectable 28 and 7 record.



### **BASEBALL'S FREYBLER EARNS BASEBALL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Asher Freybler of our Legion's 18 & Under Baseball Team recently received some exciting news from the Commissioner of the Wisconsin American Legion Baseball Association: He was selected for the \$500 baseball scholarship from the State of Wisconsin Legion as well as an additional \$500 from the National American Legion. In addition, Asher is under consideration for several other national scholarships destined for Legion ball players.

Our congratulations go out to Asher as well as all the ball players who so ably represented the Onalaska American Legion !!

**ASHER FREYBLER, BASEBALL  
SCHOLARSHIP WINNER**

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*Welcome Fall*

## 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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*New & Transfer Members Invited*

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**Onalaska American Legion**  
**783-3300**

**WWW.ONALASKAPOST 336.ORG**  
**731 Sand Lake Road, Onalaska, WI**

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for a loved one or friend who  
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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?*

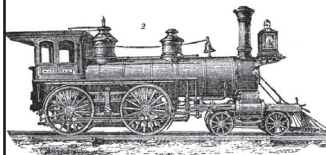
We are looking for people to deliver meals to homebound seniors and to help out at the Onalaska Senior Dining Center.

*Who knows you may see your neighbor there?*

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

**festival**  
foods

**Retired and Active Railroad Employees:  
Protect your (NARVRE)  
Railroad Retirement and your Jobs!**



**Call: Doug Fischer**  
**at 608-786-0694.**

**Meetings are every  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.lavmp.org)

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



## SAM'S BAR

2116 George St.  
La Crosse, WI

**(608) 781-2060**

*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."

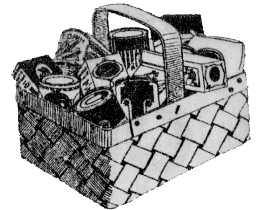


**The American Legion Family**  
[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

**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 -

- **Camp American Legion Donation** - July 31st a trip was made to Camp American Legion to deliver the donations raised from the July Brat Fry. Tim Hyma making the presentation to Kevin Moshea.



## Upcoming dates -

**September 12th** - American Legion Riders District 7 - Monthly Meeting - Post 116 Coon Valley at 1pm with an awesome ride is associated with it! Meet up at American Legion Post 100 in Sparta before 0900 with Kickstands up at 0900. First, we are going to do a tour of S&S Cycle's facilities in Viola. After the tour we will ride towards Coon Valley and Post 116 for the meeting. We will have a stop for lunch somewhere along the way. If you are interested in participating on the ride and tour please contact David at (507) 312-9008, before September 6th so we can give a total number for the tour to S&S Cycle.

## The following events will be discussed at this meeting

September 13th - Cashton Fall Festival Parade  
September 19th - Ride to Camp American Legion

## Service Officers Report

### ~ LAST BUGLE ~

**MICHAEL J. VALLEY\***  
23 May 2015

**CECIL KERR\***  
26 July 2015

**EDWIN RINARTZ\***  
2 August 2015

**FRITZ A. MURRAY**  
6 August 2015

**PAUL CHRISTOPHERSON**  
5 August 2015



### ~ SICK CALL ~

**CLARENCE STELLNER**  
9 August 2015

\* Non Member

*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.

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[www.onalaskapost336.org](http://www.onalaskapost336.org)

# September 2015

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[onalaskalegion@gmail.com](mailto:onalaskalegion@gmail.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	2 Chicken and Dumplings 4:30-7pm	3 Taco Thursday 11-2pm Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Holdem 7pm	4 Cat and the Fiddle Band 7:30 11:30pm	5
6	7  LABOR DAY	8 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm NARVRE 10am	9 Auxillary Meeting 7pm Pizza Night 5-8pm	10 Taco Thursday 11-2pm Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Holdem 7pm Irishfest Wrap-up Party	11 Fish Fry 4:30-7pm Music Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm	12 95.7 the Rock End of Summer Bash Retirement Party-Steve Stenberg
13 Executive Meeting-6pm Membership Meeting-7pm	14	15 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	16 Pizza Night 5-8pm	17 Taco Thursday 11-2pm Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Holdem 7pm	18 National Pow / Mia Recognition Day Johnny O and the O-Rings 7:30-11:30pm Wedding - set-Up	19 Lacrosse area Builders Auction Wedding Chris & Bobbie
20 BLET 9:30am	21	22 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm Building Comm mtg 4pm House Comm mtg 5:30pm	23 Pizza Night 5-8pm	24 Taco Thursday 11-2pm Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Holdem 7pm	25 Karaoke W/ Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30pm	26
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## **TOMAH VA MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC) NEWS**

September 18 has been declared National POW/MIA Day. On that day, there will be a recognition event at 10 AM at the Tomah VA Chapel. On Saturday, September 19 at 10 AM, there will be a POW/MIA Recognition Day at King Wisconsin Veterans' Home. Onalaska Legion member Mike Christianson will be attending both events and will be taking donated clothing to King.

### **Items needed at the Tomah VA include the following:**

- \*Donations of personal comfort items: travel sized containers favored, i.e. toothpaste, lotion, etc.
- \*Quilts: twin sized needed for Community Living Centers
- \*Sugar-Free and Regular Drink Mix, and Regular and Decaf Coffee are needed

*Thank you for your support of our efforts to help the hospitalized vets !!*

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

## **ONALASKA COMMUNITY DAYS**

On behalf of the Onalaska Community Days Committee, we want to thank all the volunteers that helped make this year's event a success. Without your help, it wouldn't have been such a great event. We will be having our wrap up meeting on August 24, and then we will know just how well we did. By all indications, it was the best Friday night we have had with Saturday night close behind!!! We are already making plans and taking suggestions on how we can improve on the event. So if you have any suggestions good or bad, please drop a note off at the Legion to the attention of Chris Carlson or Sue Kelley and we will bring those back to the committee. Once again, THANKS for all your help.

*Sue Kelley, Onalaska Community Days Chairwoman*