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Onalaska American Legion

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Jim Binash

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

January is gone already and February is starting. In February we don't have much going on. The February Smelt Fry is on February 26th, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., all you can eat and the cost is \$10.00 per person.

Dick Polgdna has volunteered to take the Open House Committee position. I believe I forgot to mention that Jim Binash has taken over the Adjutant position as of January. Also at our February meeting, we will have our Oyster Feed after our monthly meeting, so if you want to eat some oysters, come to the meeting!

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

POST 336 MEMBERSHIP

Thank you everyone who has sent in their 2016 Membership. A new year is here and we are looking to have 100% this year, so if you don't have your membership in, please do so. Stay warm and look forward to seeing you at the Legion.

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

Together, we make a difference

The American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

The American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

~ Auxiliary ~

Greetings to my fellow auxiliary members and friends,

Our meeting was held on January 13, 2016. We did not have a quorum for this meeting so we had to call an emergency board meeting to take care of a couple of pressing matters. I sincerely hope that next month we have better attendance. Thank you to everyone that did attend.

Nikki Sterling would like to thank all who brought deserts and helped out with the funeral of her husband Bill. She has asked me to let everyone know that she still has a pan that she believes may belong to an auxiliary member, so if this is yours please let me know and we can figure out a way to return this to you.

Our next meeting will be February 10, 2016 and the serving committee chairperson Diane Ryan, Mary Boardmen, Nancy Hurm and Sandy Whiteman.

Thank you for supporting our organization and our deserving veterans. See you at the Post.

Mary Grenier, President, 608-317-6673

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Luella Chesebro

Sunshine Chairwoman:

Liz Reekers

Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

2016 is in full swing with seasonable weather and days getting a little longer. It's business as usual over here and if you are interested in booking an event now is the time! Graduation parties, wedding receptions, anniversary parties and everything you may be planning, we can help you. Do you just want to have a smaller party without having to commit to the rental and catering fees? We can help with that too! For years, we have been hosting smaller gatherings in the bar area at no additional cost. Give us a call and we can take care of you.

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

Neil Merritt, Bar Manager (608) 783-3300

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

S.A.L. Officers

Commander: **Bill Sterling**

1st Vice: **Doc Hagel**

2nd Vice: **Neil Merritt**

3rd Vice: **Mathew Burnett**

Adjutant: **Ray Kline**

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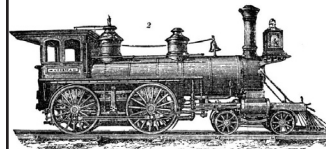
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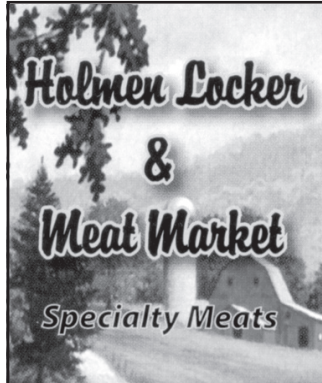
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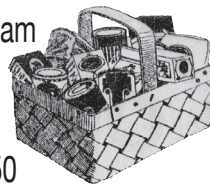
(608) 781-2060

Top of the Golden Strip

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



AMERICA IS AT WAR

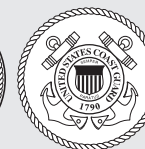
A tradition continues

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



**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.***

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.

**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!

TOMAH VA MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC) NEWS

There will be a Veteran's Performing Arts Competition as part of the National Veteran's Creative Arts Festival in the fall at 9:00 a.m. Also, the Commander and the Auxiliary President will be at the Medical Center for the National Salute to Veteran Patients and will tour the VA Center. I will be with them if anyone would like to see the VA Center or have any questions. Come join us.

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

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.

Service Officers Report

~ **LAST BUGLE** ~

EDWARD DEAN SCHALLY *

GLEN W. JONES

LYLE CARLSON

CHARLES ROBERT TAYLOR *

LAWRENCE CONNOLLY*



Rich Musolf for Vern Reekers, Service Officer

* Non Member

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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	3 Chicken and Dumplings 4:30-7pm	4 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Irishfest Meeting 5:30pm Texas Holdem 7pm	5 Ginny & the Right Combination 7:30 - 11:30pm Tim Devine Retirement Party 6pm	6 Baby Shower 2-5pm Hall
7 Executive Meeting-6pm Membership Meeting-7pm	8	9 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm NARVRE 10am	10 Auxillary Meeting 7pm Pizza Night 5-8pm	11 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Holdem 7pm	12 Fish Fry 4:30-7pm Music Mix Karaoke w/Sarah Severson 7:30-11:30pm	13
14 BLET 9:30am	15	16 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	17 Pizza Night 5-8pm CRS Training - Hall 7:15-3pm	18 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Holdem 7pm	19 Johnny O Band 7:30-11:30pm	20
21 S.A.L. Breakfast Buffet 7:30 - 11am	22	23 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm Building Comm mtg 4pm House Comm mtg 5:30pm	24 Pizza Night 5-8pm AAA Travel Show "Trafalgar" 6:30pm	25 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Holdem 7pm	26 Karaoke With Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30pm SMELT FRY 3-7PM	27
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American Legion Riders Update –

Who has their bike ready for the year? The snow finally arrived so now is time to plan for the coming riding season! The First monthly meeting of the year is this month! Show your support and join us in planning the year ahead, bring those ideas and share them with the group. If Saturdays are a difficult day for you to attend meetings, try to make it to this one, or contact another rider and express your desire to change to another day of the week.



Upcoming Dates -

February 13th – 1 pm - American Legion Riders District 7 Monthly Meeting –
Post 100 – 1116 Angelo Rd, Sparta WI.