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

As of writing this, I have a simple question... WHERE IS THE SNOW? Some want it, most don't. Already it's time for the January newsletter. I hope everyone had a great Christmas.

On New Years Eve we have Craig Olson Project for a band 8:30 - ?. On New Years Day Guest Bartenders from 11 AM.

For our February meeting we will have oyster stew after our meeting. Also in February, the last Friday of the month, we are having a Smelt Fry on February 26 - 3 PM to 7 PM as of right now. Since no one wants to chair this, I guess I will have to. All help is welcome, give me a call.

Bob Frechette has resigned as newsletter editor upon completion of this newsletter. On March 31 he will finish as gaming chairman after 10+ years. Thanks, Bob, for your help in both these areas.

So, if anyone would like to help me as newsletter editor, I would be very thankful because I can't spell worth two cents.

I wish everyone a Great New Year!

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



TOMAH VA MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC) NEWS

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and has a successful New Year.

It was last January when word got out about overuse of pain killer drugs at the Tomah VAMC. As a result, three people lost their jobs with, potentially, more to come. Also, there is significant Congressional action ongoing to deal with drugs in the VA system.

On one of my walks at the VA center, I went in the retail store to get some Ibuprofen. Now you must get it from behind the counter from a clerk.

AFGHANS are needed by Tomah residents. The size needed is 7' X 6' wide to fit their bed size. If you know of someone or groups that could help us out, it would be greatly appreciated. In the event of questions, just give me a phone call.

Thank you for your support over the years and I hope to meet you all in the new year. A reminder...there is a box for donations to the VAMC inside the door of the main entryway at the Onalaska American Legion.

As always, do not forget the fallen, missing or hospitalized vets.

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

~ Auxiliary ~

Greetings to my fellow auxiliary members and friends,

Our meeting was held on December 09, 2015. There was a short meeting and then we celebrated our annual Christmas party. We enjoyed a potluck dinner, followed with games and door prizes a good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone that attended. A special thank you to Sue Kelly and Diane Ryan for all their help to make this such a successful event.

We still have some members that haven't paid their 2015 dues so please pay this asap because 2016 dues will soon be due.

Because Liz Reekers who is chairperson of our Sunshine committee is leaving for the winter Mary Powers has agreed to step in until Liz returns in the spring. Also, because Luella Chesboro will not any longer be our Historian, Diane Culbert has agreed to fill this vacancy.

Our next meeting will be January 13, 2016. I would like to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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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Chaplain

Wilma Dettinger

Sergeant at Arms

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Historian

Luella Chesebro

Sunshine Chairwoman:

Liz Reekers

POST 336 MEMBERSHIP

As of December 14, we have secured renewals from 542 members from our annual objective of 622. That's 80 to go to meet our goal... 87.13 % on our way to 100%!

If you know any veteran who is looking for a "home" talk to them about 336 and talk to Commander Weber or me and we'll get them signed up.

I wish all of you a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at the Legion.

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



S.A.L. Officers

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Bill Sterling

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Doc Hagel

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Neil Merritt

3rd Vice:
Mathew Burnett

Adjutant:
Ray Kline

SONS of the AMERICAN LEGION

WOW, what a year! There was a lot of good plus some misfortune that happened this year, but we continue to be positive and be thankful to our S. A. L. group and what we have accomplished.

This month we donated \$500 to the Onalaska Police Department that was used for a Christmas celebration for underprivileged children in our area. Thanks for your membership and support and always continue helping others.

Have a Merry /Christmas and Happy New Year and may your travels be safe.



Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

With the new new year upon us its all about the intentions of improvement. As we all know these intentions are only as strong to the dedication that is applied. With the the help of our staff and many volunteers we have made the past few years better than I could have imagined, And I thank all our customers for your never ending support. Here at the legion we are working up to have 2016 be our best year ever!

If staying up all hours of the night is not your thing be sure to come celebrate New Years DAY with us on January 1st. We will be featuring guest bartenders as well as live entertainment from the Cat and the Fiddle band starting at noon. Its always a blast and a great way to start 2016. Plus be sure to enter our 2nd annual CHILI COOK-OFF on January 3rd. Its free to enter and prizes will be awarded. Stop in and get all the details.

Have a great Year, and we will see you at the Legion

Neil Merritt, Bar Manager (608) 783-3300

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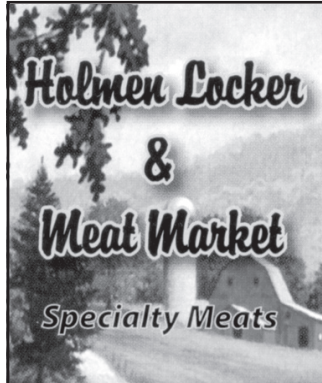
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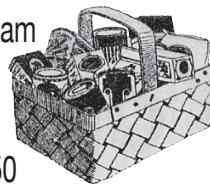
(608) 781-2060

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



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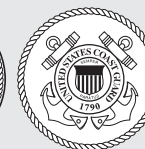
A tradition continues

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."



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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

***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!

Our Onalaska American Legion Color Guard did us proud on Veteran's Day by providing a flag raising with 21 gun salute and taps for the Annual Veterans' Recognition at Gundersen Health - Onalaska. This was one of several appearances by our Color Guard that day.

Gundersen
Lutheran.

Dear Vern,

I thought you would enjoy some photos from the Veterans Day Flag Raising Ceremony.

Thank you so much for doing this for us again and thank you for your military service.

Sincerely,
Ellie

Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

LYLE CARLSON

~ LAST BUGLE ~

MARVIN G. CRAVENS*

28 November 2015

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.

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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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| |  | | | | 1 Happy New Years Guest Bartenders The Cat & The Fiddle 12-4pm | 2 |
| 3 Packer Party & Chili Cook-off - Noon | 4 | 5 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm | 6 Chicken and Dumplings 4:30-7pm | 7 Burger Night 4:30-8pm | 8 Fish Fry 4:30-7pm Musix Mix Karaoke 7:30-11:30pm | 9 |
| 10 Executive Meeting- 6pm Membership Meeting- 7pm | 11 | 12 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm NARVRE 10am | 13 Auxillary Meeting 7pm Pizza Night 5-8pm | 14 Burger Night 4:30-8pm | 15 The Classic Rockers 7:30-11:30pm | 16 |
| 17 S.A.L. Breakfast Buffet 7:30-11am | 18 BLET 9:30am | 19 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm | 20 Pizza Night 5-8pm | 21 Burger Night 4:30-8pm | 22 Full Moon at High Noon 7:30- 11:30pm | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm Building Comm mtg 4pm House Comm mtg 5:30pm | 27 Pizza Night 5-8pm | 28 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Gunderson Christmas Party/ Hall | 29 The Buck Hollow Band 7:30-11:30pm | 30 Lacrosse Area Builder- Cabin Fever |
| 31 | | | |  | | |

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The Onalaska American Legion Color Guard participated in several local celebrations on Veteran's Day. Selflessly representing the Legion are, left to right: Chris Carlson, Service Officer Vern Reekers, Charles Nick, Warren Johnson, Julie Malin, Al Topel, Dick Polodna, and Wayne Henthorn. We extend THANKS to these individuals, along with members at the event but not pictured: (Service Officer Vern Reekers, Rich Musolf, and Neale Horman) for their service to our Post and to the community.

American Legion Riders Update –

Spring is right around the corner! Okay who are we fooling it is still winter but it is a new year! With the New Year brings the return of the riding season that much closer and time to gather the Riders and start planning the year ahead!

Upcoming dates -

January 22nd & 23rd – Gun Show in Neillsville, WI - The Legion Riders have once again been asked to provide security and support at the Annual event. We will also be helping sell raffle tickets. If anyone is interested in participating call (608) 269-4411 (Post #100) and ask them for the info. They have it posted.

February 13th – 1 pm - American Legion Riders District 7 Monthly Meeting – Post 100 – 1116 Angelo Rd, Sparta WI. We look forward to seeing everyone after the Holidays! This will be an exciting meeting as we will be discussing the upcoming riding season. Some of the topics to be discussed but not limited to include changing the meeting day to Sunday, fund raising events and their recipients, Parades, and of course planned Rides! As it is a new year if you owe dues now would be a great time to take care of that.

