



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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

Here it is, May. Finally good weather is here, and it's grilling time. This month we have lots going on, so look at the calendar in the newsletter.

This month is election month and installation at the June meeting. The By-Laws for election eligibility, which was passed in the last couple of months, is not correct. So, according to National and State By-Laws, will supercede ours. Here are the By-Laws which we will follow for the Post Elections. Any member has to have one full year of membership before becoming eligible for office. It is the right of the members to nominate candidates from the floor, regardless of whatever a Nominating Committee may present. This should put everything back to correct procedure by the Legion.

May 30th is our Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at Onalaska Cemetery. Parade kickoff is at 9:30 a.m.

The Poppies are in this newsletter and it is that time of year for this.

This is the last month for Chicken & Dumpling and the Fish Fry until September. So we'll see you all in the fall for another season.

*Bob Weber, Commander*

## **TOMAH VA MEDICAL CENTER (VAMC) NEWS**

### Dates to Remember:

**Sunday, May 15th** - Open House

**Wednesday, May 18th** - Fishing Tournament, 9-11 a.m, sponsored by American Legion  
- 6th Annual VA 2K Walk and Roll

## **2016 VA2K Walk & Roll** **Wednesday, May 18, 2016**



*Join the 6th Annual VA2K Walk and Roll. Together with community members, Veterans, and VA employees, we'll cover 1.2 miles starting at Building 400 at 1:00 pm, sign up starts at 12:30 pm. Donations to benefit homeless. Veterans are welcome.*

*Theme will be RED, WHITE, and BLUE!! Join in. Get Fit. Help Vets.*

*Always, don't forget the fallen, missing or hospitalized Vet.*

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

## ~ Auxiliary ~

### *Hello to all of our auxiliary member ladies,*

Our meeting was held on April 13, 2016. We voted and approved the change to the Bylaws amending the number of members required for a quorum from 15 down to 10.

Our new Miss Poppy Kaycie Turk, great granddaughter to one of our Gold Star mothers - Kathryn Kirchner and granddaughter to Marie Turk, was crowned.

We had a wonderful turn out for this meeting. Thank you to everyone that attended.

Our caterer, Brenda Schmidt tendered her resignation so an emergency Board meeting was called on March 31, 2016 to discuss recommendations to replace her. An ad was placed to fill her vacancy and Sue Kelley will fill in until a replacement is hired. The body voted to pay Sue for her time in her catering duties. Thank you Sue for your much needed expertise at this time.

Our fund raising recommendation committee has not had a chance to meet but suggested possibilities of a spaghetti and meatball dinner, selling tips during fish fry's or making pizzas for Saturday night Community Days. It was, also, suggested that possibly a concert by entertainer Johnny Rogers might be profitable.

The Past Presidents Past Commanders banquet will be held on April 20.

Our next meeting will be May 11, 2016; the serving committee will be chairperson Mary Powers, Liz Reekers, Nikki Sterling and Shirley Stewart.

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

*Mary Grenier, President, 608-317-6673*

## **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

Diane Culbert

Sunshine Chairwoman:

Liz Reekers

## **Hello Members, Patrons and Friends**

May is such a magical month. Flowers start growing, sunshine is prominent and spring has certainly sprung. May is also when many people start having graduation parties for their kids and grand kids. Here at the Legion we provide many options for all of your party needs to assure a successful and fun event. Give me a call if you have any questions regarding our facilities. Be sure to check our event calendar in the newsletter to see all the upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you all!

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

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

## **POST 336 MEMBERSHIP**

Thank You to all members who are paid up for 2016. We are at 98% now, with a few more we could hit that 100% mark. Remember, if you have a change of address, please forward it to the Post so you stay on the mailing list.

Have a great month of May and see you at the Legion.

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

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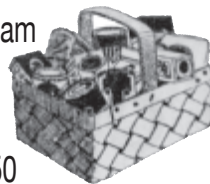
**(608) 781-2060**

*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](http://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](http://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!



## “DOLLAR A POPPY CLUB”



Dear Member

Once a year we seek donations in exchange for poppies the memorial flower of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary. The enclosed poppy is a replica of the poppies that bloomed on the battlefields of France. This memorial poppy is not only a personal tribute to those who gave their lives for our Country, but it honors our living Veterans.

When you wear this little red flower it helps to keep alive the kind of patriotism so necessary in this great country of ours. The poppy we are distributing in return for a contribution is made by veterans... to remember veterans... and to help veterans.

We are asking our members to remember the sacrifice that our service men and women made for America. ALL funds derived from this distribution of poppies are used exclusively for rehabilitation of veterans and assistance to their families. To continue our support, we need your help. Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the Post. If you cannot donate at this time, please wear this poppy proudly in honor of our Veterans.

Yours in Service

*Wilma Dettinger*

Wilma Dettinger  
Poppy Chairperson



Remember.....

**ALL GAVE SOME...SOME GAVE ALL...**

# 11th Annual Onalaska Community Days

hosted by  
**American Legion Family**  
**June 17-18, 2016**



Mark your Calendar for June 17th & 18th for Onalaska Community Days celebration.

May 1st the volunteer sign up sheet will be in the bar so please sign up to help out. There is an insert in the news letter showing the Events and schedules. So far, everything is going great. Our board has been working hard on it since October. The sponsorships are all in and now all we need is good weather. Please spread the word that we are ready to have a fun filled weekend to kick off the summer. We have a great line up of Bands and activities for everyone. Main stage Bands include the Dweebs on Friday, Saturday Entourage takes the stage plus Craig Olson Project and Buck Hollow. Friday host bartenders will again be the Onalaska Firefighter's and Saturday, Hilltoppers Rotary. We have three vendors that put out great food and look forward to having back, Big Boar, Mob Stop, and Oly's Mini Donuts. Baseball tournament starts at 3:00 PM Friday. We have back our popular games Bingo, Texas Hold'em and Euchre. Check event times. A special thanks to our sponsors and everyone who gives their time to make this event possible.

## Friday, June 17th

- \* 16-under Wood Bat Legion Baseball Tournament Games, **starting at 3:00 pm**
- \* Refreshment Tent **opens at 5:00 pm**
- \* Mob Stop, Big Boar Catering and Ole's Donuts on the grounds Friday, **starting at 5:00 pm**
- \* Craig Olson Project, **5:00 pm to 8:00 pm** on Main Stage
- \* Bingo in Dining Hall, **6:00 - 10:00 pm** sponsored by the Auxiliary
- \* Onalaska Fire Department Annual Firefighters Dance featuring "The Dweebs" on Main Stage **8:30 - 11:30 pm**



Safe Ride Available

## Saturday, June 18th

- \* American Legion Clubrooms Open All Day, **starting at 8:00 am**
- \* Pancake Breakfast, **8:00 to 11:00 am**, Cost \$5.00
- \* Craft Fair in the Activity Center **starting at 9:00 am**
- \* 16-under Wood Bat Legion Baseball Tournament **starting at 10:00 am**
- \* Euchre Tournament, **11:30 am - 1:30 pm**, in Dining Hall
- \* Refreshment Tent **Opens at Noon**
- \* Texas Hold'Em in the Dining Hall, **2:00-5:00 pm**
- \* Bingo, **5:30 pm - 10:00 pm**, in Dining Hall
- \* Mob Stop, Big Boar Catering, and Ole's Donuts on the grounds Friday and Saturday
- \* Music by "Buck Hollow Band" on Main Stage **2:30 - 6:30 pm**
- \* Music by "Entourage" on Main Stage **7:30 - 11:30 pm**

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## 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.**

## 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

## Service Officers Report

~ **SICK CALL** ~

THOMAS LEUHNE  
ROBERT ENGELIEN

~ **LAST BUGLE** ~

JAMES GRABAR  
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DONALD V. MAGNUSON\*

Rich Musolf for Vern Reekers, Service Officer

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## 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	3 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	4 Chicken and Dumplings 4:30-7pm	5 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Hold-em 7 pm	6 Music Mix Karaoke with Sarah Severson 7:30-11:30pm	7 Paws 4 Independecne - Activity Center
8 MOTHERS DAY S.A.L. Breakfast Buffet 7:30 - 11:30am	9 Executive Meeting-6pm Membership Meeting-7pm	10 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm NARVRE 10am AAA Rocky Mountaineer Travel Show 6:30pm	11 Pizza Night 5-8pm Auxillary Meeting 7pm	12 Burger Night 4:30-8pm Texas Hold-em Championship 7 pm	13 Fish Fry 4:30-7pm Buck Hollow Band 7:30-11:30pm	14 BIG BIKES FOR LITTLE TIKES - Activity center Marine Corp Family Day 11-4pm
15 Adoption Benefit 11:30 - 2:30pm	16 BLET 9:30am Local 18 meeting 3:30-6pm	17 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	18 Pizza Night 5-8pm	19 Burger Night 4:30-8pm May we thank you. Veterans Radio Show 4-6pm	20 Gratuation Party Hall Sam & Taylor Full Moon at High Noon. 7:30 - 11:30pm	21 Brent Ducklow Benefit A/C KCBS - Judge Class - Hall
22	23	24 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm Building Comen mtg 4pm House Comen mtg 5:30pm Legion County Meeting 7pm	25 Pizza Night 5-8pm Whispering Pines Condo Meeting 7pm	26 Burger Night 4:30-8pm	27 Ginni & the Right Combination 7:30-11:30pm	28 Grad Party - Elyse & Jace A/C
29 Grad Party Eric, Connor & Mitch A/C Grad Party Bailey - Hall	30 Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony at Onalaska Cemetery - 9:30 A.M.	31 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	 With Honor & Gratitude We Remember		 God bless our men and women in service	

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## American Legion Riders Update –

### May 7<sup>th</sup>

- **Freedom Honor Flight** – Flag Honor Guard – Share in such a remarkable memorable event – Breakfast is provided after the flight leaves! – **COLGAN AIR SERVICES HANGAR #4 - 2825 FANTA REED ROAD – RALLY AT 5 AM GREETING THOSE ARRIVING FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE FLIGHT.**
- **DISTRICT 7 MONTHLY MEETING – 8:30 AM AT POST 336 731 SAND LAKE ROAD, ONALASKA. AFTER THE MEETING FOR THOSE WANTING TO RIDE WE WILL BE RIDING TO THE NEXT EVENT OF THE DAY. KICKSTANDS UP AT 9:30 AM.**
- **STATE QUARTERLY MEETING – 12:00 PM AT POST 138, 120 RUSK AVE, VIROQUA. SHOW SUPPORT FOR YOUR DISTRICT AS IT HOSTS THE STATE LEGION RIDERS QUARTERLY MEETING.**
- **FREEDOM HONOR FLIGHT – FLAG HONOR GUARD – WELCOME THE FLIGHT BACK! RALLY AT 8:30 PM AT THE HANGAR.**

**MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>** – **BIG BIKES FOR LITTLE TIKES RIDE AND POST RIDE PARTY AT POST 336! THE LEGION RIDERS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO POST 336 FOR THE POST RIDE PARTY. FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE PARTY CONTACT NEIL AT THE POST, 608-783-3300.**

**MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>** – **BRAT FRY – AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS WILL BE CONDUCTING A BRAT FRY AT THE ONALASKA FESTIVAL FOODS LOCATION WITH FREEDOM HONOR FLIGHT BEING THE RECIPIENT OF THE DAY. MUSTER AT 9 AM TO GET THE DAY STARTED.**

**MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>** – **TOMAH VA FISHING TOURNAMENT – 8:30 AM – FOLLOW THE ROAD ALONG THE GOLF COURSE PAST THE FIRE HOUSE. TOURNAMENT WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM.**

