



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

Chartered May 14, 1921

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Vacant

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Howard Horman Jr. (Howie)

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House Committee: **David Delimat**

Building Committee:

Merle Cunningham

To My Fellow Legionnaires; Auxiliary and S.A.L. Members & Friends Of The Legion, Welcome To American Legion Post 336 In Onalaska, WI!

September and the Post is open again! Hopefully everyone is enjoying the new HVAC system. The project however is not fully done until the old units are removed from the roof and the roof has been fixed. That work will continue into September.

A Lot has happened in the past month; we had the National Commander and over 500 people in attendance for the National Legacy Scholarship Fund event and had an actual recipient of the Scholarship present! Warren and Kevin Klandrud, descendants of August Klandrud, were in attendance, Kevin having recently retired as a Lt Colonel with the Army Reserves.

The Post had the Finance Officer resign and as of the August Meeting a Finance Committee was formed and is presently comprised of the Commander, 1st Vice Commander Al Cagle, Adjutant Jim Binash, Howard Horman Sr, and Ray Kline. I have a person in mind to be the new Finance Officer and as of my writing this I have not had a chance to meet with them and have them attend the first Finance Committee meeting on August 27th. Our first act is to review all finances of the Post and to ensure everything is in line.

There was a request at the August Executive Committee meeting to hold off on asking for a vote at the general membership meeting on whether to continue Community Days or not until they could

get more members to the monthly membership meeting. My answer to that is if you have a concern about the affairs of the Post you should be at EVERY meeting and not pick and choose which ones to attend. Topics and Motions can come up at any time. So if you are a member and have concerns of the affairs of the Post we have meetings every month. We always look forward to more members in attendance.

Community Days has been discussed quite a bit due to what could be considered a less than stellar recent year. It was voted on and approved to continue Community Days for one year. To ensure proper guidance to the Community Days Committee the Legion has, at this time, three volunteers to be on the Community Days Committee along with the Commander. We are looking for more Legion Members to be on the Committee.

Going forward there will be a report made at the general membership meetings on the topics being discussed at the Executive Committee level so the general membership is aware. If the general membership does not like the direction the Executive Committee is going they can make a motion and override the Executive Committee.

- Currently the Executive committee is seeking a consultant to review the current jobs and job descriptions at the post. There are areas as a business that are not being covered or maintained and that needs to be corrected to protect the Legion.
- I had spent my first year as Commander working on an All-encompassing employee handbook, piecing together what little we had and gathering input from many outside sources and other Legion Posts. The Executive Committee has voted yes to have a labor attorney review and make recommendations and/or improvements so we can get it implemented as soon as possible.
- A new Mission statement is coming shortly, had hoped to have it ready for this newsletter, focusing ALL business aspects of the Legion on the Four Pillars of the American Legion. The Four Pillars being Veterans Affairs, Children and Youth, National Defense, and Americanism.
 - The Legion Lager is one example of an aspect that should be focused on supporting the Four Pillars not just "local veterans groups in need". This will be discussed via the House Committee once the Mission statement is in place.

Our next general membership meeting will be held on September 10th at 7pm back in the Legion Hall! It looks to be an exciting meeting.

Regards, David Delimat, Commander

MEMBERSHIP NEWS –

As we sweat out the Dog days of summer, membership renewals have cooled off. We have 325 paid members. Now that the Legion is open, feel free to drop off your payment and I will get your free drink ticket sent off along with your card.

Alan Cagle, CLCP

~ AUXILIARY ~

Welcome! We're excited to see the renovation completed and doors open again! Welcome back, each and every one!

Our August 8 meeting was held outdoors. A little toasty, to say! Thank you to the ladies that braved the heat to come out. The desserts were delicious. Thank you, ladies!

Any auxiliary member who would like to pay her 2019 dues may mail a check to the Onalaska Legion PO Box 22, Onalaska WI 54650. Dues may also be sent directly to Shirley Berberich at 1213 La Crosse St, Onalaska, WI 54650. Checks should be made out to Onalaska Legion Auxiliary, Unit 336.

Senior dues: \$30

Junior Dues: \$6

There's still time to pay so you don't lose consecutive membership years. Let's make 2019 a 100% year!

Our September meeting will be September 12th, at 7 p.m.

Serving committee:

Chairperson: Dolores Kenyon; Karen Soffa, Judy Chesebro, Mary Jane Goodenough

If anyone knows June Hustad, she has moved and we need a new address for her membership and newsletter delivery. If you know her or a family member, please contact me at 608-783-3892. Thank you.

We sponsored 2 girls from Onalaska High and 2 from Luther High to Badger State in June. They'll be visiting a fall meeting to tell us about their experience and what they learned.

Your support makes us more successful as an organization. Thank you for supporting our Veterans and their families! See you around the Post.

Shirley Berberich, President/ Membership Chairman

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Shirley Berberich (783-3892)

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2nd Vice:

Treasurer: **Sue Kelley**

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Chaplain: **Maureen Smith**

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Mary Powers, Liz Reekers

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Veterans Oktoberfest Passes

Veterans may pick up their free Oktoberfest pass at Oktoberfest Strasse La Crosse, WI. There is a small area to park and you will see a German-styled building with large words that say "Oktoberfest USA La Crosse Festivals" and "Willkommen."

Proof of service is required. This could include discharge papers, a VA card etc. just some sort of document or card that proves service. You may receive one additional button for a guest.

Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

What a wonderful summer it has been. It is hard to believe fall is around the corner, but there are still plenty of good times to be had at the legion. Legion Lager is now on tap!! I encourage you all to come in and try this wonderful American style lager. Proceeds from every pint sold will go to help our local veterans groups in need. Legion Lager has already raised some brows in the community and other posts and taverns are showing interest in our program. I want to thank Post 336 member, Christopher Matt, for helping with the concept as well as the guys over at S&S distributing for making this a reality. And of course, "Thank you" to Capitol Brewery for making this delicious brew! I can't wait to have one with all of you.

Now is also prime time so start booking your 2019 events as well! Give us a call to see how we can help you plan your special event. From small bar parties to fully catered wedding receptions, we can do it all for you.

Thanks again for your patience with the renovations, now it's time to watch some football! Have a great day and we will see you at the Legion.

Neil - barmgr.post336@gmail.com



Service Officers Report

~ **LAST BUGLE** ~

Ronald Espe

Vern Reekers, Service Officer



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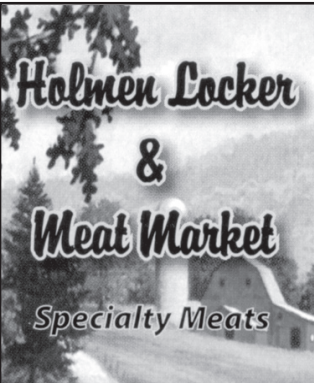
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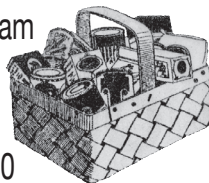
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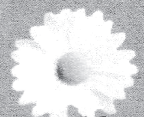
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by Washburn



LEGION BASEBALL

The **18 under Team** had a very successful Season. They were coached by Larry Swiggum, Brock Rude and Tony Degaetano. In Season Tournament action they took 2nd Place at the Viroqua and La Crescent Tournaments. At our home Onalaska Tournament, they took 1st Place! Winning 4 games, and beating State Ranked Prairie Du Chien 11-0 in the Championship Game. Onalaska climbed to the #2 ranked team in the State by the end of the regular season. Losing to top ranked Holmen 2-1 in 12 Innings in the 3rd game of the Regional Tournament. Onalaska finished with a 28-11 record. Onalaska's Shortstop /Catcher Danny Garrity was chosen to play in The American Legion All Star Game @ Miller Park following the Brewers game August 5th.

The **Junior Legion 16 Under team** also had a very successful season. They were coached by Jack Smalley, Addison Storm & Zach Thomas. The highlight of the season was a 1st Place finish in the 16 Team La Crosse A's Wood Bat Tournament, a 5-4 win vs. The LaCrosse Northstars in 8 Innings on June 17th. In other Tournaments there were 2nd place finishes in Waupon & Viroqua. In the 16 Under Regionals at Sparta, Onalaska won there first 4 games then lost back to back Championship Games to West Salem in the double elimination tournament. They finished the season 21-9.



Onalaska Legion Baseball added a third team this year, a Junior Legion team made up of 8th graders and Freshmen who wouldn't otherwise have had a place to play. Although they didn't win a lot of games, they did get to play 14 games and were a late entry into The Wood Bat Tournament when a team dropped out. They were coached by Scott Pollack, Ben Gumz & Bailey Schultz.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
							1	Leslie & Josh Wedding & Reception – Hall Onalaska Class of '88 Reunion – A/C
2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
RCCW Wrestling – A/C		Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6 – Close Bar Bingo – 6:30 pm	 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30pm until gone – Hall	\$2 Tacos \$2 Burgers 4:30-8pm Texas Holdem 7pm – Bar Clarence Stellner – B-day	Fish Fry 11am-2pm 5-8pm Friday Night Music! Ginny & the right Combination 7:30 – 11:30 pm - Bar		8	Brandy & Matt Wedding – A/C
9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
	Executive Committee Mtg 6pm – Hall Membership Mtg 7pm – Hall	Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6 – Close Bar Bingo – 6:30 pm	Pizza Night 5-8pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm – Hall	\$2 Tacos \$2 Burgers 4:30-8pm IBEW 5pm – hall Texas Holdem 7pm - Bar	Fish Fry 11am-2pm 5-8pm Friday Night Music! Karaoke with Rose 7:30 – 11:30 pm - Bar		15	Knights Night out Hall & A/C
16	17	18	19	20	21	22		
S.A.L. Breakfast Buffet 7:30-11am - Hall Jacob Gasper Benefit – A/C	Cub Scout Troop 69 6:30pm - Hall	Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6 – Close Bar Bingo – 6:30 pm	Pizza Night 5-8pm BLET 10am – Hall AMEC 6pm – Hall	\$2 Tacos \$2 Burgers 4:30-8pm Texas Holdem 7pm – Bar Irishfest Wrap-up ???	Fish Fry 11am-2pm 5-8pm Friday Night Music! Double Take 7:30 – 11:30 pm - Bar		22	Kathleen & Joshua Wedding Reception – Hall LABA Auction – A/C
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
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Texas Hold 'Em

Well it is time for the Pit Bull to call out **SHUFFLE AND DEAL** for the 14th year. **September 6th at 7:00 pm sharp**, come on down and join us.

Al, Pat, Dick, Josh, and the Pit Bull.

~ S.A.L. ~

Whew, we need a little relief from these 90+ degree days! Hope everyone is staying cool and staying grounded through it all. Our Legion has re-opened and we are again enjoying our Legion families and friends. Come join us for all the exciting events and specials the Legion hosts every week (Bingo, stick drawing, lunch and evening specials, and of course our SAL Breakfast Buffet held the 3rd Sunday of each month from Sept. – May).

Our 2019 membership cards are here, so please stop by the Legion to get yours renewed. We value each and every one of our SAL members and look forward to seeing you around the Legion (oh yeah, and also at the SAL Breakfast, did we mention that already?)

We are ecstatic about the progress of the playground this year. The SAL took on this project with the ultimate goal of completing something special for the Legion families/friends and Onalaska residents to enjoy. The Playground equipment has been installed, new sidewalk & patio complete, new benches on the playground, and beautiful landscaping. A huge Thank You goes out to our friends & families who helped see this project through with the numerous phone calls, meetings, fundraising, and a LOT of manual labor. We still have a little more to get complete this year, but all in all it looks fabulous! If you haven't checked it out yet, please do.

Stay cool and Thank You to everyone who continues to support our veterans through programs, fundraisers, and just being that listening ear for those who have returned or for the families who have lost a loved one.

Doc, Dan, Ralph, Kent, Chris & Neil

Remember next SAL breakfast buffet is the third Sunday.....September 16th. See you all there!

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