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Onalaska American Legion

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Commander: Jerry Yushta

1st Vice: Jim Binash

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Adjutant: Jim Binash

Finance Officer: Mike Fries

Judge Advocate: Todd Bjerke

Chaplain: Rich Cota

Service Officer:

Rich Musolf

Historian:

Sgt. at Arms: Brad Heller

House Committee:

Commander, Finance Officer,
and 6 Legion Members

Building Committee:

Rich Cota, Brad Heller,
Kent Stephan

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

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Ukrainian people as they face unimaginable destruction, loss of loved ones and boundless hardship. We will no longer be purchasing Russian products, including Vodka, in support of the sanctions on Russia. When you are going to purchase a product, check out where it was manufactured. If it's Russian or People's Republic of China, maybe it's time to consider another source.

We had a meeting last week with two women veteran members to discuss what #336 can do to improve the Post in welcoming and serving women veteran's needs. We also have an offer from the LaCrosse County Veteran Service Office to start an Outreach program in our Hall. We have set up the first Tuesday of May and June 2022 from 11am-1pm to see how it works. We will provide more on this as it becomes available.

The Past Commanders Dinner will be held on April 21. The Legion will be having a Spaghetti Feed on April 28th. The Spaghetti Feed is a fund raiser for replacing the window blinds.

Elections are coming up in May. Some known vacancies in our leadership team will include the Finance Officer, 3 Building Committee positions, 2 House Committee positions and the Commander.

The Building (Grounds and Maintenance) and House (Bar, Hall and Activity Center) usually only meet once a month for 1-2 hours. The Building crew puts in time either fixing issues themselves or getting contractors in to solve problems. The House does a monthly inventory of the bar (2-3 hours), often helps set up tables and chairs and helps manage the bar. None of it requires punching a clock but we sure could use folks who can give an extra hand now and then.

The Finance Officer works with the Administrative Assistant and our accountants to make sure we are following established financial procedures.

The Commander requires regular daily communication with the leadership members and employees. Sometimes busy, sometimes not but rewarding in either case.

These are all critical roles which must be filled. There is nothing to fear as there are some fantastic people who will welcome and help you transition into your new role. Come help us make a difference. A Hunter's Education class is scheduled for April 2. Registration begins at 7:45am. Contact Mike Brown at 608-799-5037.

Thank you!

– Jerry Yushta, Commander Post 336

1st Vice

First Vice article: Our current membership is 88.3% of the State's goal for our Post. We will again be having an American Legion Night at a La Crosse Logger's game this summer. A date has yet to be determined.

– Jim Binash, 1st Vice Commander

Service Officers Report



SICK CALL ~

Dick Poladna
Carl Mueller



† **LAST BUGLE** †

† Larry Elsen † Raymond Beaser †
(Members)

~ AUXILIARY ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!



Wishing all the Auxiliary ladies who have a birthday this month a very Happy Birthday!

Our next meeting will be April 13th, at 7pm.

Final reading for proposed changes to standing rules and bylaws will be done at the meeting on April 13th.

The Past President Banquet will be held on

April 21st. Invitations will be out soon.

Past President Potluck to be held Monday, April 4 at 6pm
(Meeting to follow)

Our County Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 27th at the Holmen American Legion. We will meet for a small luncheon at 6:30pm, with the meeting at 7pm. Our Department President, Diane Weggens will be attending.

Onalaska Ladies Auxiliary and Past Presidents Scholarships applications are available at the Legion. The awards are \$700 for Auxiliary and \$500 for the Past Presidents. For any questions regarding scholarships, call Liz Reekers (Auxiliary) at 608-783-3913 or Sally Schultz (Past Presidents) at 608-785-0350.

Our sunshine person would like to be informed if you know of someone in the hospital or ill at home. Please call Liz Reekers at 608-783-3913 to let her know.

Welcome back to the North to all you Snowbirds that go South for the winter!

Without our volunteers and their willingness to help at functions, we would not be successful! Please step forward and volunteer your time to help our Legion Family going strong! Thank you for supporting our organization, our Veterans, and their families!

Stay well and we'll see you around the part!

Shirley Berberich, President/Membership Chairman

Auxiliary:

President:

Shirley Berberich
(783-3892)

1st Vice:

Shirley Berberich

2nd Vice:

Keri Steinfeldt

Treasurer:

Sue Kelley

Secretary:

Sara Cagle

Chaplain:

Mary Powers

Sergeant at Arms:

Mary Powers,

Liz Reekers

Member at Large:

Sunshine Chairwoman:

Liz Reekers



COMMUNITY DAYS (OCD) COMMITTEE

CURRENT OFFICERS:

President – Angel Benrud **Vice President** – Keri Steinfeldt **Treasurer** – Cindy Delong

2nd Treasurer – Elizabeth Niles **Secretary** – Kristin Paradise

Board Members: Pat Paradise, Tina Rude, Mike Rude, Sara Cagle, Jennifer Hooker, Josh Steinfeldt, Rick Conway, Don Frett, Travis Niles, Ethan Niles and Alison Holweger.



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From the 2nd Vice

Hello to All,

Spring is finally here, woo hoo! But wait, Mother Nature says April Fools, not quite yet!

Happy Easter! I hope the Easter Bunny brings you lots of chocolate, jellybeans, and marshmallow peeps.

Happy birthday to our Legion members who have a birthday the month of April!!

April Happenings

Girl Scout Troop 7276 (Onalaska) is selling Girl Scout cookies!! Please support our Girl Scout Troop(s).

Cub Scout Pack 69 will be up at Camp Decorah on Sat 26 Mar for their annual Pinewood Derby race.

Boy Scout Troop 68 has started their planning for a High Adventure Trek up at the Boundary Waters in MN coming up in July 2022.

Reminders

Membership meeting on Monday 11 April 2022 at 1900 hrs.

***SAVE THE DATE:** Women Veterans Retreat Registration Now Open! Registration and all event information is now live at WisVetsWomen.com. All Wisconsin women veterans are invited and encouraged to attend this special weekend of fellowship and camaraderie on Saturday, June 4, 2022. WDVA is excited to partner once again with their friends at Trinity Equestrian Center in Eau Claire, WI.

SAVE THE DATE! Calling all Scouters and Scout Alumni, the Gateway Area Council will be celebrating their 100-year Spring Camporee at Camp Decorah (Council Bay) on 6-8 May 2022. Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops and Venture Crews will be participating and having activities to see. Other on location exhibits: the National Eagle Center, local fire departments, Army National Guard, reptiles, DNR plus a whole lot more. More updates to follow.

SAVE THE DATE! Onalaska Community Days will be Saturday 5-6 August 2022. There will be a band Fri/Sat night and a fun filled family day on Sat 6 Aug from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE! Medary Family Fun Day on Saturday 13 August 2022 12:00pm – 5:00pm at Medary Township Townhall.

Camp Decorah in Council Bay (Boy Scouts of America Gateway Area Council) is collecting any unwanted scrap metal and aluminum. If you have scrap metal/aluminum you want to give to Camp Decorah, please contact me (Dirk) at 608-519-5425.

-Dirk de Zeeuw, 2nd Vice Commander

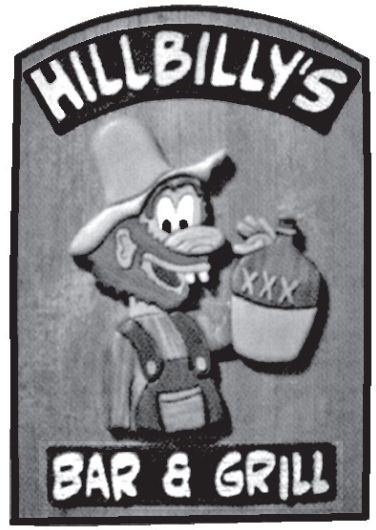


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S.A.L. NEWS

Hello S.A.L. Members and Friends

April showers bring May flowers. Hoping to see beautiful weather coming our way soon.

SAL breakfasts ... Mark your calendars for the upcoming dates: April 17 (Easter), and May 8 (Mother's Day) in 2022. Cost is \$12 per person over age 11; Age 5-10 is \$7.50, and age 0-5 is Free. Thank all of you who continue to assist us and the Legion in undertaking these great events.



S.A.L. Officers

Commander: **Kent Stephan**

1st Vice: **Neil Merritt**

2nd Vice: **Ralph Geary**

3rd Vice: **Rich Musolf**

Adjutant: **Neil Merritt**

Finance: **Chris Carlson**

Sgt. at Arms:

Clarence Stellner

Grounds clean-up will take again place this spring, date & time to be announced soon. We are looking to clean up leaves in and around the playground area. SAL Members, family, and friends are encouraged to assist in updates to the playground. Wood chips need to be spread, trimming is needed around the playground and benches, weed control, planting decorative plants and keeping them watered as needed for the summer. Please call SAL Commander Kent Stephan at 608-780-3294 to volunteer your much needed time.

Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022 to assist in additional renovations around the Legion. Please call SAL Commander Kent Stephan to volunteer.

Gun Safety Class.... Will take place on April 2, 2022 at the Onalaska Legion. This was scheduled in 2020 but due the pandemic the DNR was unable to hold classes until this year.

Reminder membership postcards have been sent out to those who have not remitted their 2022 dues. If you have changed your address, e-mail, etc. please let us know so we can keep you informed of news, etc.

*Wishing you all a Happy Easter,
and we'll see you around the Legion!*

Kent, Neil, Ralph, Rich, Chris, & Clarence



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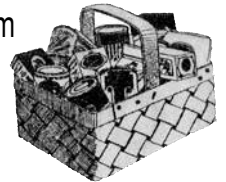
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VA NEWS ... Recently I was at the Tomah VA Voluntary Services. They are not accepting any used clothing. New clothing items include winter hats, gloves/mittens and pre-paid VISA gift cards. New items are men's sweatpants (M-2XL), Men's t-shirts (M-L), Men's long sleeve t-shirts (M-XL), Tennis shoes sizes (8-11.5), Men's sweatshirts (M-XL), Men's underwear (M-L), Winter boots Men's (sizes 9-11), sports bras (L-2XL).

For a list of items visit the Post website, onalaskapost336.org, click on Tomah VA News.

The list is long, so I didn't post it here. Items can be dropped off at the Post, North entrance.

The web page for National News is:
<https://www.legion.org>

The web page for WI is: <https://wilegion.org>

The web page for the Podcast Tango Alpha Lima is:
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					April Fools Fish Fry 11am-8pm Cat and the Fiddle 7-11 pm	Hunters Safety 7:45am
3 Pack 69 3p-5p	4 Past Presidents Aux 6pm	5 Bingo 6:30pm	6 \$5.00 Pizza and Stick Drawing 5-8pm	7 Irishfest Meeting in Hall 5:30pm Euchre Texas Hold'em in Bar	8 Fish Fry 11 AM - 8 PM Karaoke With Rose 7-11	9 BBQ Judging 6am-3pm
10	11 Executive Meeting 6pm Hall Membership Meeting 7pm Hall	12 Bingo 6:30pm	13 \$5.00 Pizza and Stick Drawing 5-8pm Auxiliary Meeting 7pm	14 Texas Hold'em Championship Euchre	15 Fish Fry 11am - 8pm Larry's Drifters 7-11	16 Easter Egg Hunt 12:30pm Hall Booked
17 Easter Sunday S.A.L. Breakfast	18 Sheet Metal 3:30-6:00	19 Bingo 6:30 pm	20 BLET \$5.00 Pizza and Stick Drawing 5-8pm Lions	21 Past Commanders Dinner 6:30pm Euchre	22 Earth Day Fish Fry 11 AM - 8 PM Daddy's Girls 7-11	23 OCD Meat Raffle
24 Coulee Chordsman	25 Building Committee 5:00 House Committee 6pm	26 Bingo 6:30 pm	27 \$5.00 Pizza and Stick Drawing, 5-8pm	28 Spaghetti Feed 4:30-7:30 Euchre	29 C.O.L. Fish Fry 11 AM - 8 PM The Fabulous Baloney Skins 7-11	30 Class 1977 Renunion

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All Members, Patrons and Guests:

Spring has sprung. The month of April brings some exciting times. We have the Past Auxiliary Presidents Dinner, Past President/Commander Dinner, Spaghetti Dinner Feed and Easter, just to name a few. We are bringing back the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th. S.A.L breakfast is on April 17th.

Cheers, Jon Mueller



Texas Hold'em

We will end our season on April 14 with a championship tourney, only the winners of the weekly tournament will play. Our season has been great and the help has been great. I'm still looking for another helper. Any one interested please call me at 608 780 4294. Matt has been a big help but it take at least 2 persons to work its out. I not sure when in September we will start again. Til then have a great summer and watch the news letter for future updates. A big thanks to the men who came in early to set up and help take down.

Thank you all for helping me, Clarence, (the pit bull)

