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

The new year for membership has begun. You may have already received notice about the dues for 2024. Last year we ended up with 94.4% of the membership goal National wanted us to achieve.

Once again The Membership Picnic for families is August 27. This year it will be held in the Acitivity Center. There will be some games provided. We are planning on having hot dogs, bbq, beans, coleslaw, soda, water and a dessert.

Community Days will be held on our grounds August 4 and 5th.

The Post is starting Breakfast on Saturdays. The times are now 9am to noon. We also have lunch specials on Wednesdays, tacos on Tuesday, pizza on Wednesdays, burgers on Thursdays and the Friday fish fry.

If you have ideas for Veteran's Day, or for any other occasion, please contact us at onalaskalegion@gmail.com.

Jim Binash Post 336 Commander

VA NEWS ... Tomah VA no longer will accept books or clothing.

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: www.legion.org

If you need a ride to the Tomah or Madison VA contact

Chuck Geszvain (DAV coordinator), at 1-608-372-3971 ext 66227

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The County Veteran's Service Office by referring to the website: <https://www.lacrossecounty.org/veterans/>

OR use email: kthorn@lacrossecounty.org OR 608-785-9719.

From the 2nd Vice . . .

Hello to All,

Here we are in the Dog Days of Summer and Fall is right around the corner. Ugh! Where did the summer go?!

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

Welcome new members, we salute you!

Heads Up!: There is no overnight parking on Friday 4 August in the Legion parking lot. Exhibitors will be arriving at 7:30am on Saturday 5 August to set up for Family Day.

***Handicap parking** this day in the Legion parking lot.* Please park in the parking lot at the Insurance Center, Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church, and Schumacher-Kish Funeral Home.*

Past happenings

• Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scout Zach Halverson (Troop 68)! Zach completed his Eagle project on 8 Jun 23, he, and other boys from the Troop (with Troop leadership supervision) constructed a great looking shelter over a concrete pad and picnic table that his uncle completed for his Eagle project over 20 yrs ago. Zach then departed for U.S. Marine Corps basic training in CA on Mon 12 Jun 23.



• Badger Boys State 2023: attended by 682 high school boys (2 from Luther High and 1 from Onalaska High) and staffed by 142 staff members and was held at UW Eau Claire.

• Troop 7276 researched native plants and put in a butterfly garden at Camp Ehawee back in early June. The garden will also be used for education on native plants and pollinators.



• Back on Mon 3 Jul the Riverfest Board reached out to our Legion girls softball to help clean up Riverside Park on Wed 5 Jul. This was very short notice but we were able to pull it off with the help of Girl Scout Troop 7276. This was a nice fund raiser for the softball team, they earned \$1,200.00. Thank you Riverfest Board!



• Onalaska American Legion girls fastpitch softball had a quadrangular double elimination tournament on Saturday 8 July. La Crescent Post 595, Viroqua, and Holmen participated. La Crescent Post 595 and Holmen played for the championship with La Crescent pulling out the victory.

Present

- A big thank you from Camp Decorah (Gateway Area Council) to all that have donated scrap metal over the last year. Your generosity is very much appreciated!
- Luther High School and Onalaska High School fall sports will be starting up very soon. Please be sure to support them. Check their websites for dates, times and what sport is being played.
- Cub Scout Pack 69, Boy Scout Troop 68 and Girl Scout Troop 7276 will be in full recruiting mode in Aug/Sept and back in weekly Den meetings and monthly Pack meetings.

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What's Your Current ID Number?

Somewhere in this newsletter is a member's membership number. If it's your number, you win \$10.00 - easy way to get \$10.00. If it's your number, call the Legion Post and leave a message for the Commander: 783-3300

Service Officers Report



~ SICK CALL ~

Tom (Pinky) Peek
Member



~ TAPS ~

Robert Sivanich, Dave Arneson
Non-Members

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Upcoming Events

Onalaska Community Days 4-5 August 2023 great music Friday and Saturday nights

OCD Family Day Saturday 5 August 2023

- New this year is Kindschi Kids Pedal Pull!!
Fun pedal tractor pull competition for ages 4-12.
- The 40 & 8 will be giving free rides around Onalaska, exhibits from: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Onalaska Fire Dept, Tri-State Ambulance, B.AC.A., LCHS therapy dogs, Gateway Area Council inflatable BB gun range, Get Bouncin', Naval Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol, and a WHOLE lot more!

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON FRIDAY 4 AUGUST IN THE LEGION PARKING LOT!

The parking lot is needed for exhibitors to start setting up their awnings/tables/chairs for Family Day on Saturday 5 August. Questions or concerns contact: Dirk de Zeeuw, 608-397-5485.

Handicap parking will be at the parking lots of the Insurance Center, Shepard of the Hills Lutheran Church, and Schumacher-Kish Funeral Home.

Did you know?

From an article I read online



The Meaning of an Upside-Down American Flag (part 1)

The American flag has evolved and changed significantly over time. Currently, the flag has red, white,

and blue coloring with 50 white stars and 13 red and white stripes. The 50 stars in the flag's upper left corner represent the 50 United States, and the 13 stripes represent the original 13 colonies. While the American flag has not changed since August 1959 when Hawaii gained statehood, it has had many iterations. In total, 27 different versions of the American flag have existed!

While the American flag represents the United States as a whole, its presentation can have different meanings. For example, a flag flown at half-mast signifies a period of mourning for the country or specific area surrounding the flag. Displaying the flag upside-down, however, has a much

more complicated interpretation. Here is the history and meaning behind an upside-down American flag.

In the early 1900s, Civil War veterans wishing to honor the flag they fought to defend led the movement against flag desecration. Their activism was mainly a response to the flag being used as a commercial and political tool rather than a symbol of the country. After World War I, the first National Flag Conference was held in Washington D.C. The gathering saw the creation of the United States Flag Code. This official set of guidelines for how to display and respect the flag came after many states had already passed laws regarding the flag.

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Part 2 will be in next month's newsletter

Reminders

- Membership meeting on Monday 14 August 2023 at 1900 hrs. See you ALL there!

Save the Dates!

Medary Family Fun Day Saturday 12 August 2023 12:00pm to 5:00pm

- Boy Scout Troop 68 will be serving Braut and hamburger meals with all the fixin's for \$7.00, or one can choose a' la crate: braut, burger, chips, cookies, pop, pickles and more
- music, bounce house, raffles, tour the old school museum, prizes, silent auction, kids games and more
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Dirk de Zeeuw
2nd Vice



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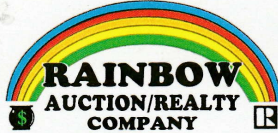
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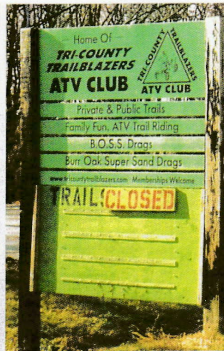
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~ AUXILIARY ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

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

Our next Auxiliary Meeting will be August 9th at 7 p.m.

Come and enjoy Onalaska Community Days, August 4-5.

The Auxiliary will be doing Bingo in the Hall on Friday, August 4th, 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

The 2024 membership campaign is underway. Our members are reminded as you send in your renewal, to please update any information that has changed...address or any phone numbers, landline or cell phone.

The Membership Picnic will be held Sunday, August 27th,

from 11-3 in the ACTIVITY CENTER ...

food and beverage will be served. Any member who pays their 2024 dues before OR at the picnic will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$34.00 checks.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT AT THE PICNIC TO WIN!!!!



Our 2023 President/Past President Scholarship recipient is Lyndsey Theis who is the great granddaughter of Delores Kenyon and granddaughter of Barb Theis. Congratulations Lindsey and our best wishes at school.

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



Without our volunteers and their willingness to help, we would not be successful. If you have extra time on your hands, we would

love to have you volunteer with us.

Thank you for your support!!!

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

Shirley Berberich, President/Membership Chairman

Mary Powers, Secretary

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 Who knows, you may see your neighbor there.
 Please contact La Crosse County ADRC at 785-5700.



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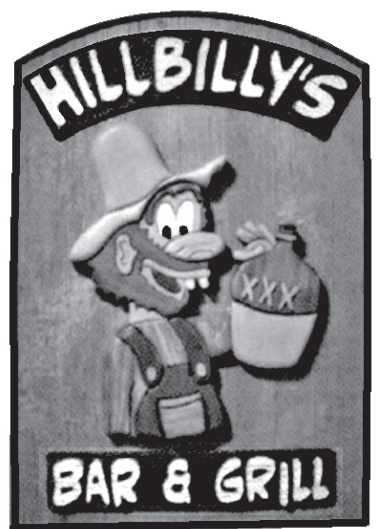


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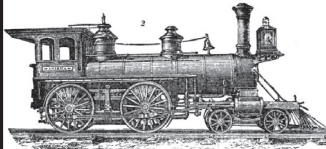
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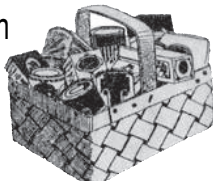
AMERICA IS AT WAR
A tradition continues
 A Blue Star Service Banner in the window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces - and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands great sacrifice.
 To each and every one who serves, we say "thank you."

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		1 \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm Bar Modified Menu plus \$2 Taco Special 4pm - 8pm BINGO 6:30pm - 9pm	2 Hall Booked 4-7 Bar Lunch Special Homemade Menu 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm	3 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3am Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	4 Community Days	5 Community Days Breakfast 9-12
MEMBERSHIP PICNIC August 27, 2023 - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Held in the Activity Center	6 Activity Center Booked Carpet Cleaned	7 \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm Bar Modified Menu plus \$2 Taco Special 4pm - 8pm BINGO 6:30pm - 9pm	8 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3am Open to Public Bar Lunch Special Homemade Menu 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm Ladies Auxiliary 7pm	9 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3am Open to Public Bar Lunch Special Menu 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm Ladies Auxiliary 7pm	10 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3am Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	11 Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2 pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Schumacher-Kish Lunch for Gegenfurtner
13 Hall Baby Shower Becky Rybold	14 Insurance Center 1-3 Executive Meeting 5:30 Membership 7pm	15 Hall NARVE Meeting 9am - 12pm \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm Bar Modified Menu plus \$2 Taco Special 4pm - 8pm BINGO 6:30pm - 9pm	16 Hall Union Rail Meeting 11am - 3pm Bar Lunch Special Homemade Menu 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm	17 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3am Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	18 Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2 pm & 4pm - 8pm Larry's Drifters in Hall	19 Bar Breakfast 9-12
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27 Membership Picnic 11-3	28 Blood Drive 10am-5pm HC/BC Meeting 6pm	29 \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm Bar Modified Menu plus \$2 Taco Special 4pm - 8pm BINGO 6:30pm - 9pm	30 Bar Lunch Special Homemade Menu 11am - 2pm Hall Rented Insurance Center All Day Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm	31 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3am Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Irish Fest Meeting 5:30pm - 8pm		

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S.A.L. NEWS

MEMBERSHIP: Please remember to pay your \$20 annual membership dues, stop in to the Legion or contact First Vice - Neil Merritt at 608-797-4824 neilmerritt1@yahoo.com to bring your dues up to date before you lose your years of being an active member. Membership dues can also be paid at the membership picnic at the Legion August 27th.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming breakfast dates:

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12 (*notice the date change*), and Dec. 17 in 2023.

In 2024 the dates will be: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 17 & 31 (Easter), April 21, and May 12 (Mother's Day). See you all there and we sincerely thank you for

your continued support! With your support we were able to contribute to the La Crosse Area Veterans Mentor Program, Freedom Honor Flight, Onalaska Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Auxiliary kids Easter event, Legion Girls softball, and Santa's List.

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*Keep cool and see you around the Legion!
Ben, Neil, Ralph, Rich, Dan, Kent, & Sam*

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