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Onalaska American Legion

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and 6 Legion Members**

Building Committee:

Kent Stephan, Bill Crail

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

We are six months into the fiscal year for our Post. The improvements in procedures and accountability, for our bar/banquet room, have made a positive financial difference. Membership is going well. We are seeing an increase in transfers and new members. National has informed us that dues will be increasing for the 2025 fiscal year. That amount will be \$40.00.

The Activity Center is having some work done on the ridge. Military personnel are familiar with the term "PM", preventive maintenance. The ridge line needs to be replaced to prevent damage from water leakage. Work will also begin on the old Post building. The Food Pantry is expanding to accommodate increased food service. In February of 2024, demo will take place on the interior of the building. If all goes well, the Food Pantry will be ready with their expansion by late Spring.

Veteran's Day was well attended. This year we wanted to also recognize spouses and families. Mid-Winter will be in La Crosse

January 18 thru 20th. This would be a great opportunity to attend and learn a little more about the Legion.

Christmas season has arrived. New Years is fast approaching. We at the Legion wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you at the Legion.

Jim Binash Post 336 Commander



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by referring to the website:

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OR use email: kthorn@lacrossecounty.org

OR 608-785-9719.

Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

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~ TAPS ~

Edwin Quall

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YOUR POST 336 HONOR GUARD

Looking for Legion & Sons of The American Legion members interested in joining our Post Honor Guard. We volunteer / participate in Funeral Honors for Veterans, present / post colors for various events in the area, present programs, our Memorial Day parade & program. If interested or need more information, Contact Rich Musolf at 608-397-9548.

POST 336 HONOR GUARD COORDINATOR

Our Post is looking for a Legion or Sons of the American Legion member to fill this position. As of 1 June 24 the coordinator position will be available. The position is to administer / manage the overall scope of Honor Guard activities as listed in the joining information found elsewhere in this newsletter, plus work with those requesting our services / the community / the county or district Legion / our Post needs. If interested or need more information, Contact Rich Musolf at 608-397-9548.

*Merry
Christmas*
& **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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

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La Crosse County Veteran Service Office is scheduled for community office hours on the second Wednesday of each month from 1-4:30pm at the Onalaska American Legion Post #336. Stop in to apply for disability compensation, education benefits, healthcare benefits, and more. No appointment required.



S.A.L. News

Breakfasts: Next dates are: December 17, 2023. The 2024 dates are: January 21, February 18, March 17 & 31 (Easter), April 21, and May 12 (Mother's Day) from 7:30 -11:00 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person age 11 & over, \$7 age 5-10, and under 5 Free, Veterans \$10.

Membership: If you have not paid your \$20 dues... contact SAL Commander Ben Zimmer or First Vice - Neil Merritt at 608-797-4824 neilmerritt1@yahoo.com to bring yours up to date before you lose your years of being an active member. A huge Thank you to all of our members who continue to support the Sons of the American Legion and Legion projects. Recently a postcard was sent out from National with the incorrect amount of the SAL dues at Post 336, please be aware the dues are \$20 and are payable to the SAL at Post #336 in Onalaska. Also, if your dues are paid up as of December 31, 2023, we will be drawing 10 names to receive a memorial brick. So, get your \$20 dues paid up for a chance to win!

Memorial bricks: The SAL will be providing an opportunity to sign up at each breakfast for veterans to place their name in a drawing to be held after the breakfast for a free brick. If you attend all 10 breakfasts, you'll have a chance at each one. If you already have a brick, sign up for a chance and gift it to another veteran. Our December brick winner: Steve Sjolander. Please contact SAL Commander Ben Zimmer to claim your brick.

Volunteers needed: We are in need of volunteers for the SAL Breakfasts. Please contact Kent Stephan to volunteer at 608-780-3294 or email at 62fisherman@live.com. It's a great organization to get involved in and help support our military families and community.

Board/Membership meetings are normally held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Onalaska Legion. Next meeting is December 16, 2023.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. See you at the Legion!

Ben, Neil, Ralph, Rich, Dan, Kent, & Sam

S.A.L. Officers

Commander:

Ben Zimmer

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From the 2nd Vice ...

Hello to All,



**Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year to all!! Safe
travels if you are
traveling.**



**Happy Birthday to all our Legion members who have a birthday the month of December.
Welcome new members, we salute you!**

CURRENTLY

- **** Our Legion girls softball is having their 1st fundraiser on Thurs 14 Dec 23 at Burrachos in Onalaska: ****
 - all online orders placed on the Burrachos website will count towards the fundraiser and all day long in store orders from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Customers must say they are there for the "Onalaska American Legion Girl's Softball". We need to have a minimum of 50 entrees to earn 25% of the sales.
 - **Badger Boys State** is 9-15 June 2024 at UW Eau Claire. Updates to follow.
 - **Girl Scout Troop 7276:** just completed the all-important First Aid Badge. Several of the girls traveled down to Madison for Program Assistant Training. For December they will be crafting fleece tie blankets for donation.

PAST

- **Thank you to all who supported the Cub Scouts in popcorns sales.** The money raised goes to the Packs and BSA Council in La Crosse.
- **Thank you to all who also supported the Boy Scout Troops with purchasing Christmas wreaths and garland.** The money raised supports the individual Troop members.

REMINDERS

- **Membership meeting on Monday 11 December 2023 at 1900 hrs.** See you there!
- **The American Legion girls softball is selling team apparel in the bar area.** These items will make a great Christmas gift! Baseball style caps, koozies, t-shirts, hoodies. Please help support our girls fastpitch softball team!

SAVE THE DATES!

- **Onalaska Community Days (OCD)
2-3 August 2024.
OCD Family Day
Saturday 3 Aug 2024
10:00am to 2:30pm.**

**Dirk de Zeeuw
2nd Vice**



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~ Auxiliary ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

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

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 13, at 7 p.m.

Enjoy the nice weather we are having, Winter will be here soon! Our membership is going a little slow. If you have not paid your 2023 dues, please do as soon as possible (\$30.00). The 2024 dues are \$34.00. The names of those who HAVE NOT paid 2023 dues by December 15th will be posted. A big THANK YOU to all members who have paid!

The Auxiliary Potluck Christmas Party will be December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

Please use the sign up sheet in the volunteer folder located in the bar so we know how many will attend. Please bring a dish to pass. (your choice) Also, please remember to bring a non-perishable item such as canned goods, paper products, cleaning supplies, peanut butter and personal care items for the Onalaska Food Pantry.

If you have extra Christmas cards on hand, the residents at Onalaska Care Center would love to receive your good wishes. The cards can be dropped off at the front desk at the Onalaska Care Center – 1600 Main Street, labeled REC THERAPY OR you can bring them to the Legion, marking them for CARE CENTER and we will deliver them.

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



Without our volunteers and their willingness to help at functions, we would not be successful. If you have extra time on your hands, we would love to have you volunteer with us! Your donation of time helps to keep

the Legion family going strong! Thank you for supporting our organization, our Veterans and their families.

Enjoy the holiday season! Safe travels! Stay healthy! Good bye snowbirds, we will see you next year at the Post!

Shirley Berberich, President/Membership Chairman
Mary Powers, Secretary



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Shirley Berberich
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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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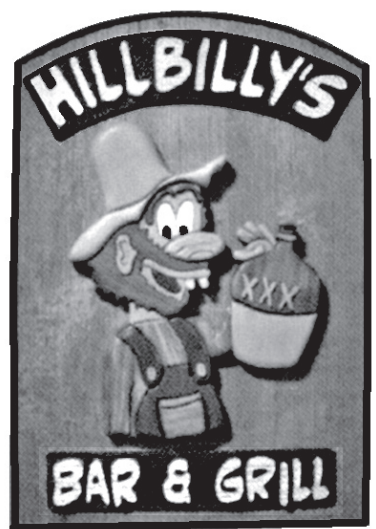


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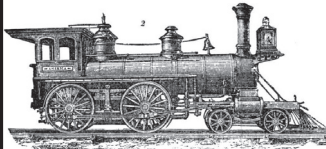
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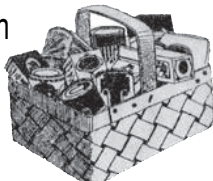
AMERICA IS AT WAR
A tradition continues
 A Blue Star Service Banner in the window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces - and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands great sacrifice.
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 735 Sand Lake Rd. - Mon.-Sat., 9-11am
 Checks may be sent to:
 Onalaska-Holmen Food Basket
 P.O. Box 311, Onalaska, WI 54650




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
3 Pack 69, 3-5 pm Troop 68, 6-7 pm	4 Carpet Cleaning	5 \$3 Taco Special, 11am - 2pm & 4-8pm Bar Modified Menu BINGO, 6:30pm - 9pm	6 Bar Lunch Special Homemade, 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special, 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing, 6pm - 8pm Amateur Radio Assoc. 5-10 pm, Hall	7 Hall Euchre, 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Private Event, Hall, 5:30 - 10 pm	8 Bar Fish Fry, 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Karaoke, Bar, 7pm - 11pm	9 Sketti with Santa in Hall 1 pm to 8 pm Bar Party, 3 pm
10 Special Needs Dream Team Christmas Party 9-4 pm Hall	11 Executive Meeting, 6 pm Legion Meeting, 7 pm	12 \$3 Taco Special, 11am - 2pm & 4-8pm Bar Modified Menu BINGO, 6:30pm - 9pm NARVE Meeting, Hall, 9-12 pm	13 Bar Lunch Special Homemade, 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special, 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm Auxiliary Meeting, 7 pm La Crosse County Veterans Service Office Meeting, 1-4:30pm	14 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm River City 4-Wheelers 7:30 pm	15 Bar Fish Fry, 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Don Harvey Duo, Bar, 7pm - 11pm Private Event, Hall, 4pm - 12	16
17 SAL Breakfast, 7:30 to 11 am Packer Party Troop 68 Hall	18 House and Building Committee Meeting, 6pm	19 \$3 Taco Special, 11am - 2pm & 4-8pm Bar Modified Menu BINGO, 6:30pm - 9pm	20 Bar Lunch Special Homemade, 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing, 6pm - 8pm	21 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Food Pantry Meeting, 6-9pm	22 Bar Fish Fry, 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Larry's Drifters, Hall, 7pm - 11pm	23
24  31 Larry's Drifters, 2-6 pm, Hall	25 	26 \$3 Taco Special, 11am - 2pm & 4-8pm Bar Modified Menu BINGO, 6:30 - 9 pm	27 Bar Lunch Special Homemade, 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing, 6pm - 8pm	28 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	29 Bar Fish Fry, 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Anderson Road, Hall, 7pm - 11pm	30

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2023-2024 SAL Breakfasts

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December 17

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