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Onalaska American Legion

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Finance Officer: **Mike Fries**

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Chaplain: **Rich Cota**

Service Officer:

Rich Musolf

Historian:

Sgt. at Arms: **Brad Heller**

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**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 !

2021 was a challenging year but a lot of people from our Legion Post #336 Family stepped up to carry our mission forward. For all of you who pitched in on behalf of the Legion, regardless of the spectrum of time and effort you gave, you have my deepest THANKS!! We have grown because of you.

For 2022, I would like to see us grow our membership, increase current member participation, look at innovative ways to grow our business model and find new ways to impact veterans in need and enhance our community.

Your leadership team cannot do this alone. Please come join us for an hour at the regular monthly Post Membership Meeting on February 14, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Hall.

Give us a chance to show you what the Legion is trying to accomplish and, who knows, you may find a new purpose and we all find a new friend. Thank you.

– Jerry Yushta, Commander Post 336

1st Vice

We are at 82.5% of our goal for 2022 membership. If you know of anyone that hasn't paid for 2021, they still have the month of February as a grace period to stay current.

For those interested being an officer at the Legion, there will be virtual training in February. The web site for more info is wilegion.org.

Make sure to listen in on the Podcast "Tango Lima Alpha" at www.legion.org for discussions on veteran's issues.

– Jim Binash, 1st Vice Commander

Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

Dick Poladna

Carl Mueller

† LAST BUGLE †

† Julie Malin †

(Member)

† Fred Panke † Leonard Ladue †

† Willaim Mazuk †

(Non-Members)

~ AUXILIARY ~



Welcome Auxiliary Members!

Wishing all the Auxiliary ladies that have a birthday this month a Very Happy Birthday!

Our next meeting will take place on February 9th at 7pm.

Membership is going well. National will be sending out late notices in January. Thank you to all the ladies who have paid their 2022 dues. Our unit is only 20 ladies away from meeting our goal for 2022. We'd like to wish a big welcome to the ladies who are new members or have transferred to Unit 336.

Congratulations to Marci S., the recipient of our 2021 Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship in the amount of \$700. Scholarship applications for 2022 are available at the Legion Bar. Just a reminder, the Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship is \$700 and the Past President's Scholarship is \$500. For any questions regarding scholarships, feel free to contact Shirley.

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.

Catering is still looking for medium sized containers (butter, cottage cheese, cool whip) with lids. Please bring clean containers to the Post.

Without our volunteers and their willingness to help at functions, we would not be successful! Please step forward and volunteer your time to help keep our Legion Family going strong! Thank you for supporting our organization, our Veterans and their families! Safe travels to all our snowbirds traveling south for the winter!

Schedule changes will be posted on the Facebook page or the Legion Website.

Stay well! We'll see you around the post!

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



Texas Hold'Em

We will start Texas Hold'Em on January *13 and play EVERY Thursday until April 14th. The championship tournament will be held on April 14. All winners of weekly rourey will play. If I can't get someone to help Matt on a weekly basis, I'm afraid we cannot continue Texas hold 'em after that.

It has been working out so far but I must have someone I can rely on to set up and run the game to the end. Call me at 608-780-4294 if you can help or know someone who can help.

Thank you, Clarence



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From the 2nd Vice

Hello to All,

I hope you had a healthy January.

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

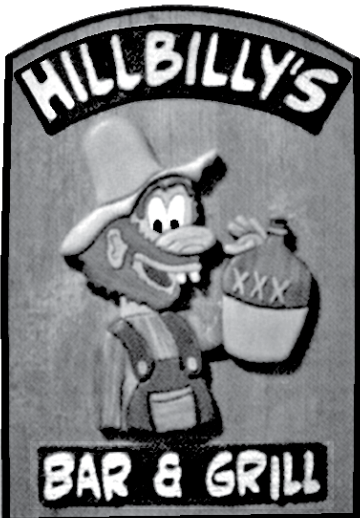
JANUARY HAPPENINGS

Boy Scout Troop 68 had Winter Camp up at Camp Decorah on 7-9 January. They had snow, cold and wind, but lots of fun.

REMINDERS

- Membership meeting on Monday 14 Feb 2022 at 1900 hrs.
- 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.
- Don't forget to check out our area schools for winter sports programs and other great activities. Be sure to catch all the action from show choir, swimming, hockey, basketball, wrestling, and gymnastics. All information is on the Luther and Onalaska school web pages.
- *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

The next SAL Breakfast will be February 20, 2022 from 7:30-11:00am in the Legion Banquet room. Please mark your calendars Feb 20, March 20, Apr 17 (Easter), and May 8 (Mother's Day – 2nd Sunday) for the upcoming breakfasts. Thank you to the many volunteers who make this happen every month and a huge Thank you to those who come in to partake in the breakfast. We couldn't do it without all hands-on deck.

Remember to exercise your freedom to vote in the upcoming Primary election on February 15th and General election April 5th.

Bingo – Held every Tuesday evening starting at 6:30pm, but get there early to get your seat and cards. Each month a charity is chosen where you can purchase extra cards to support them. It's always a fun time, you meet some great people, and you have an opportunity to support a local charity.

Preamble

Proud possessors of a priceless heritage, we male descendants of veterans of the Great Wars, associate ourselves together as "Sons of The American Legion" for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a true spirit of Americanism; to preserve the memories of our former members and the associations of our members and our forefathers in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our friendship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness; to adopt in letter and spirit all of the great principles for which The American Legion stands; and to assist in carrying on for God and Country.

Happy Valentine's Day, Get out and vote, and Continue to pray for those serving our country and those who have served.

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

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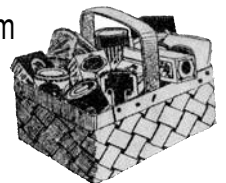
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 Who knows, you may see your neighbor there.
 Please contact La Crosse County ADRC at 785-5700.



LaCrosse Area
 Suicide Prevention Initiative
 "Raising awareness and hope in the community."
www.LaCrosseSuicidePrevention.org

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:
www.legion.org

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

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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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FEBRUARY 2022 Newsletter

All Members, Patrons and Guests:

I hope everyone made it through the holidays safe and sound. As you know we purchased new point of sale software and hardware so bear with me if we have any slight glitches. We've been seeing some growing numbers of people and some new faces and that is very exciting and hopefully will continue.

Cheers, Jon Mueller



ONALASKA VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

We have three spaces for new benches in the Onalaska Veteran's Memorial Park. These will be the last benches that can be put in the Veteran's Memorial Plot. Benches will then be available on a first come basis until all are sold. Due to the price increase by the Memorial Stone Company, we are offering these benches at \$3,000 per bench.

For more information, contact Bernie Sassi or Clarence Stellner, 608-780-4294.