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Onalaska American Legion

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Commander: **Jim Binash**

1st Vice: **Al Cagle**

2nd Vice: **Dirk de Zeeuw**

3rd Vice: **Rich Musolf**

Adjutant: **Jerry Yushta**

Finance Officer: **Mike Fries**

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Sgt. at Arms:

Steve Sjolander - Brad Heller

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and 6 Legion Members**

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Wayne Henthorn,

Brad Heller,

Rich Cota

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

The two years as Commander have gone by quickly. This past year has been a real challenge for all of us. We were, however, able to complete phase 1 of the remodeling in the bar. Other projects will be completed as we progress throughout the years. Like most businesses, we too are looking for employees to work as bartenders and kitchen staff. The staffing needs are another challenge for us at this time. Thanks to our officers and staff, our finances remain strong.

Jerry Yushta will be the new Commander. In the next Newsletter, and once sworn in, an updated list of new officers and committee members will be published. Our website will also be updated with this information.

Mark your calendars for July 26th, American Legion Day at a La Crosse Loggers game. We are selling tickets at the Legion for \$12.00 a ticket. Half of the sales of the tickets will go to Camp American legion. In the near future, we will be discussing dates for a Legion picnic sometime this summer.

Take care and we will see you at the Legion.

Jim Binash

1st Vice

We are fast approaching the year end of membership renewal for 2021 so to prevent from being expired send in your dues today. We are sitting at 90% right now.

- Al Cagle, 1st Vice Commander



~ AUXILIARY ~



Welcome Auxiliary Members!

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

Our next meeting will be on June 9th at 7pm. We will keep social distance. It's your choice whether or not to wear a mask. If not feeling well, please stay home. Let's not forget to thank a Veteran for their service.

Proud to say I will be your unit 336 President for the next two years, as well as all our other officers. Please come to the meetings to support your unit! Such a shame to see only the same handful of ladies each month. Needless to say, as membership chairman, I know how many paid members we have. Where are you? It's one Wednesday evening a month?

It came up in discussion at our last meeting, that due to the small number of attendees at our meeting, we are considering going to 4 meetings a year. We need a minimum of 10 people at a meeting to vote and we're having a hard time getting people to attend.

This will be brought up at our June 9th meeting at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

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.

Onalaska Ladies Auxiliary and Past Presidents Scholarships are available at the Legion Bar. The scholarships are \$700 for Auxiliary and \$500 for the Past Presidents. For any questions regarding scholarships, feel free to call me. Shirley (608)783-3892



Don't forget to fly your flags in honor of the veterans on Flag Day, June 14!

Any schedule changes will be posted on Facebook or the Legion page.

Without our volunteers and their willingness to help at functions, we would not be successful! Thank you for supporting our organization, our Veterans and their families! Stay well!

*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:

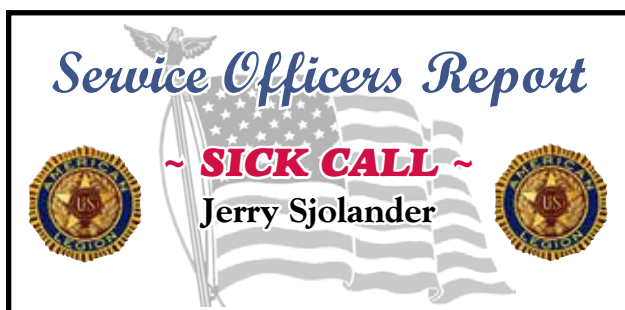
Mary Powers,

Liz Reekers

Member at Large:

Sunshine Chairwoman:

Liz Reekers



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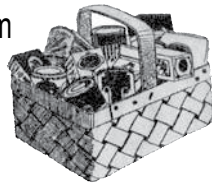
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FROM THE ONALASKA COMMUNITY DAYS (OCD) COMMITTEE

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

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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.

Onalaska Community Days June 18th and 19th

Come join us for the 16th Annual Onalaska Community Days!

- Grounds open Friday at 4:00. Friday is Onalaska Fire department night. Come early and watch the start of the wood bat baseball tourney starting at 3:00. Vertigo takes the stage at 4:30 followed by Junk FM at 7:30.
- Come back and bring the kids Saturday for family fun activities from 9:00 a.m to noon including water wars, Jaws of life demonstration and fire trucks from the Onalaska Fire Department. We will have a rock wall, yard games with prizes, a magician, bounce house, Boy Scouts, girl scouts, let the kids build a birdhouse and enjoy performance's from Misty's dance unlimited dancers. There will be baseball starting at 10:00 and continuing throughout the day.
- Saturday is Merle Cunningham Memorial Day.
- Music starts at 2:00 with Cat and the Fiddle, followed by the Freezers at 4:30 closing out the night is Blue collar 40. 7:30-11:30.
- Enjoy food all weekend from Shindoggies, taco town and sugarcoated.
- Stop back Sunday at 10:00 to watch baseball.

Hope to see you all there!

Angel Benrud

LOOKING FOR HONOR GUARD MEMBERS

Legion & SAL members – Are you interested in participating in Military Funerals, posting/presenting of Colors at events, being part of local schools programs, Memorial Day activities, and representing Post 336?

(Duty as needed, Mondays thru Fridays and also weekends)

We are seeking additional Honor Guard Members for our Post.

Contact Rich Musolf at 397-9548 for more information.



S.A.L. NEWS

S.A.L. Officers

Commander: **Dan Ferries**

1st Vice: **Kent Stephan**

2nd Vice: **Ralph Geary**

3rd Vice: **Rich Musolf**

Treasurer: **Chris Carlson**

Adjutant: **Neil Merritt**

Sgt. at Arms:

Clarence Stellner

The SAL Officers were elected on May 15, 2021 as follows: 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. Welcome aboard and Thank you for your continued service to the SAL, American Legion, and the Legion families. Our sincere Thanks also goes out to all of the past Commanders and the tremendous dedication they provided the Legion and the various projects they undertook during their service.



Tidbits about Fathers Day ... Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. It did not have much success initially. A bill to accord national recognition of the holiday was introduced in Congress in 1913. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson went to Spokane to speak in a Father's Day celebration and wanted to make it official, but Congress resisted, fearing that it would become commercialized. US President Calvin Coolidge recommended in 1924 that the day be observed by the nation, but stopped short of issuing a national proclamation. In 1957, Maine Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote a proposal accusing Congress of ignoring fathers for 40 years while honoring mothers, thus "[singling] out just one of our two parents". In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson

issued the first presidential proclamation honoring fathers, designating the third Sunday in June as Father's Day. Six years later, the day was made a permanent national holiday when President Richard Nixon signed it into law in 1972. In addition to Father's Day, International Men's Day is celebrated in many countries on November 19 for men and boys who are not fathers.

SAL breakfasts... Scheduled dates are: Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 19 in 2021. Jan 16, Feb 20 March 20, Apr 17 (Easter), and May 8 (Mother's Day) in 2022. Cost will be \$10 per person. They are usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month unless there is a special holiday or inclement weather (or a pandemic). Thank all of you who continue to assist us and the Legion in undertaking these great events.

Our next SAL meeting will be Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Legion. If you have items to discuss, please contact the SAL Commander Kent Stephan. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful Dads, foster dads, step-dads, grandpas, and significant others who help shape the lives of our children. Hope you have a great Father's Day and we'll see you around the Legion!

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



VA NEWS

The VA in Tomah is not accepting any clothing at this time.

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>.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	FLAG DAY JUNE 14 THE FLAG RESOLUTION OF 1877	1 Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm Bingo - 6:30pm	2 Pizza & Stick Drawing - 5-8pm	3 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30 - 8:30pm	4 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm Briana Rae Band - 7-11pm Grad Party - A/C	5 Melissa Briggs Grad Party - A/C Jim Binash - Hall Wedding Shower
6 Manglitz Grad Party Hall	7 Sheet Metal Mtg., 4-6pm, Hall	8 Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm Bingo - 6:30pm	9 UTU - Hall - 1 pm Pizza & Stick Drawing - 5-8pm Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm - Hall	10 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30 - 8:30pm Local 953 - 5-7pm - Hall Randy Knapp - 8am-4:30pm	11 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm Karaoke w/Rose - 7-11pm Shay McRenalds, A/C	12 Steve Stolander Grad Party - A/C Wedding - Hall
13	14 Executive Meeting - 6pm Membership Mtg - 7pm	15 Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm Bingo - 6:30pm	16 BLET - 10am - Hall Pizza & Stick Drawing - 5-8pm	17 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30 - 8:30pm	18 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm ONALASKA COMMUNITY DAYS	19 ONALASKA COMMUNITY DAYS
20 	21 Irish Fest, 5-8pm, Hall Gloria Beasley, 10am - 4:30pm, Hall	22 Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm Bingo - 6:30pm	23 Pizza & Stick Drawing - 5-8pm	24 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30 - 8:30pm	25 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm Frank & Dave Duo - 7-11pm	26 Wedding Ashley Sullivan A/C
27	28 Sheet Metal Meeting, 9am - 7pm, Hall Building/House Committee, 6pm - Hall	29 Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm Bingo - 6:30pm	30 Pizza & Stick Drawing - 5-8pm			

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JUNE 2021 Newsletter

Members, Patrons & Friends

June brings lots of events to the Legion. We have Weddings, Graduation Parties and don't forget **Onalaska Community Days June 18th and 19th**. Things have definitely turned for the better. I want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience during a difficult time. We have been trying to accommodate the growth of business, but it has been difficult with the limited staff. The kitchen employees have stepped up and have done their very best to handle the growth with only a few members working. We are looking forward to a very busy summer and I hope that the continued growth keeps going. The Legion will continue to have live music on Fridays, so come out enjoy your favorite bands.



Pat Paradise, Bar Manager

