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Onalaska American Legion

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**Commander, Finance Officer,
and 6 Legion Members**

Building Committee:

Open

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

Legionnaire family, I hope everyone has had a safe and fulfilling summer. As we head into Fall, Post 336 will be hosting District 7's Fall meeting on September 21st. Registration with coffee and breakfast rolls will begin at 0800 am with a lunch break at 1200pm. All Legionnaires are encouraged to attend to include Sons of the American Legion. Post 336 is still in need of a Service Officer and Honor Guard members, for any members interested in volunteering for these positions, please contact the Commander or 1st Vice. Members that are receiving both the hardcopy (USPS) and emailed newsletter or wish to receive by email in lieu of the hard copy, please contact the 1st Vice so that we may update our distribution list to aid in lowering the Posts expenses.

A heart felt "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers and staff for your service to the American Legion Family

Be safe and get involved by visiting your American Legion Post 336, Veterans serving the Veterans community

Paul Roraff Sr. COMMANDER

From the 1st Vice . . .

Membership renewal is progressing forward; members are encouraged to pay their dues before November 11th to take advantage of the "EARLY BIRD" free drink special. Any questions or concerns about your membership or how to be PUFL (Paid Up For Life), please feel free to contact me. Thank you for supporting Post 336 and the American Legion Family,

— **Howard L. Horman Jr. 1st Vice/Membership Chair**

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.

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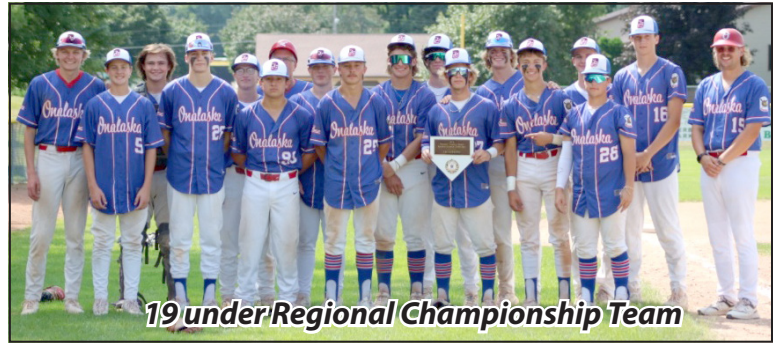
LEGION BASEBALL SEASON SUMMARY

***19 Under -

We had a very successful season. Our overall record was 20-10. We won our own 5 team Onalaska Tournament. We beat GET 10-3, Fennimore 10-0, BRF 4-3 and PDC 2-0

Two weeks later at the 5 team double elimination Regional's we hosted at Onalaska. We defeated West Salem 3-0, the LaCrosse A's 7-5 & West Salem again in the Championship game 16-2 . We then played in the State tournament at West Salem, winning the first 2 games. 7-0 over Fort Atkinson & 5-4 over Beaver Dam. We lost both of the last 2 games 3-2 by Seymour and Medford and were eliminated finishing 3rd in the 8 team State Tournament .

Our head coach for the 3rd year was John Adams & assisted by Scott Pollack.



19 under Regional Championship Team

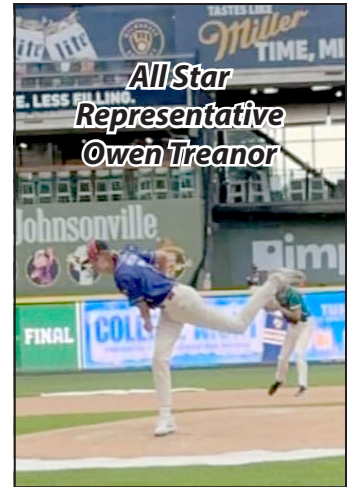
***16 Under -

The 16 Under was very young dominated by 15 year olds. Even with there 3 best players playing on the 19 under team, they competed and played hard in every game. There overall record was 10-13.They went 1 - 2 in the Regionals at Prairie du Chien and were eliminated.They were coached by Zach Dockham and Ben Stuhr.

***Wisconsin Legion All Star Game -

Onalaska was represented at American Legion All Star game that followed the Milwaukee Brewers game on August 9th by Senior Pitcher Owen Treanor. He pitched a perfect 8th inning and represented Onalaska well .Owen is a great kid and a class act. He will attend UWL this fall.

General Manager- Mike Rude



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Greetings Members and Guests!

Hello September!!

August was a fun filled month here at Post 336. I got to experience my very first Community Days. I watched a great group of volunteers put this event together, and enjoyed great music and saw many familiar faces.

I also have to tell you how impressed I am by the Ona Legion Family. In July these folks quickly rallied, and put together a benefit for the daughter of one of our very own employees here at the post. For all of you that attended and donated to Haley Day, you are my kind of people. Haley definitely felt the love, and support that was shown to help her along on her recovery.

Coming up in September, we are excited to resume our Packer Parties in the bar. Check out the calendar here in the newsletter, and follow us on Facebook for upcoming events such as Live Music, and two Craft Shows being hosted in the Activity Center. SAL Breakfasts make their return this month as well. See you soon!

– **Rachel Rausa**
336barmanager@gmail.com

News from 3rd Vice / Historian

Aloha!!

Boy, it seems Summer has flown by! Our post has activities going all the time. I have done some traveling and stop by American Legions when ever possible. It's sad to see posts that are only open on Friday for a fish fry or only for a couple hours on Friday and Saturday. But it's also a warning for us! Our older veterans are passing away and the younger generation needs to get involved to continue or we will slowly die. I encourage all members to invite all veterans to come here and see what we have to offer. If we think someone else will do it, our post could end up like many that have closed. So from one of the OLD guys, get involved even if it's only one or two days a month. In the service we were always told never volunteer! That doesn't apply here gang! Hope to see you at the post or a golf course!

Semper Fi!
Bob Muth
3rd Vice/Historian



2024 - 2025 SAL Breakfasts

*Breakfast Buffet dates in 2024
will be September 15, October 20,
November 17, and December 15.*

*In 2025 – January 19, February 16, March 16,
April 20 (Easter), and May 11 (Mothers Day).*



Cost: \$12 per person age 11 & over, \$7 age 5-10, Free under 5, \$10 Veterans

*If you have neighbors or friends who aren't aware of our monthly breakfasts,
please invite them to join us. Proceeds continue to enhance our community
including military and Legion families.*



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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

From the 2nd Vice . . .

Hello to All,

Is it really September already?! Where did the summer go?

Happy birthday to all our Legion members who have a birthday the month of August and September. Happy Birthday!!

Welcome new members, we salute you!

Currently

- Onalaska Luther and Onalaska High School fall sports started. Please be sure to support them throughout the fall season: football, volleyball, girls tennis, girls' golf, cross country, boys soccer, girls swimming, dance
- *Onalaska High School: New in 2024-2025 - All Senior Citizens ages 62 and over will be admitted to all MVC athletic events for free (does not include post-season events). <https://gofan.co/event/1616923?schoolId=WI17153>

Past Happenings

Miss Lou Fischer was presented the Legion Certificate of Participation, a small bouquet of flowers and a Legion coin for singing the National Anthem on Monday 27 May 2024 at the Onalaska American Legion's annual Memorial Day celebration at the Onalaska Cemetery. She sang very beautifully.



Badger Boys State

OHS student Ryan Vriens (now a Sr) attended the 81st session of the WI Badger Boys State held on 9-15 June 2024 at the University of Wisconsin — Eau Claire. Badger Boys State is a civic leadership program of the Wisconsin American Legion.

The program is an important part of the Legion's mission and is an opportunity which can change a young leader's life.

Ryan is being presented the American Legion Good Citizenship Citation for attend Badger Boys State. Onalaska

American Legion Girls Fast Pitch Softball

Our Onalaska American Legion girls fast pitch softball team enjoyed an end of season pizza party here in the Legion hall. This was the 2nd season for the team.

Thank you young ladies for your time and hard work this season! They are already looking forward to next season in 2025.



Did you know?

The American Legion Emblem:

"There shines the Emblem of The American Legion, it is your badge of distinction, honor and service. It stands for God and Country, and the highest rights of man. Of its several parts, each has a meaning."

Elements of the emblem

The inner rings

The smaller of the two inner rings set upon the star represents service to our communities, states, and the nation. The larger outer ring pledges loyalty to Americanism.

Next month the words American Legion



Scouting

Our Cub Scout Pack 69 is open to girls and boys in kindergarten to 5th grade. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month right here in the Legion hall from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. If you have a child or grandchild that is in K-5th grade and would like more information, please call Cub Master Joe Kress at 608-387-0563.

Our Boy Scout Troop 68 is open to girls and boys in 6th through 12th grade. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month right here in the Legion hall from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. If you have a child or grandchild that is in 6th -12th grade and would like more information, please call the Troop Charter Rep — Dirk de Zeeuw at 608-397-5485.

Our Girl Scout Troop 7276 is open to girls in Kindergarten through 12th grade. They meet weekly at a few different locations . For more information please contact Stacey Hronis-Johnson at 715-563-4568.

Reminders

- Membership meeting on Monday 9 September 2024 at 1900 hrs. See you there!
- The American Legion girls softball is selling team apparel in the bar area. Baseball style caps, koozies, t-shirts, hoodies. Please help support our girls fastpitch softball team!
- LHS and OHS fall sports.

Save the Dates!

- Friends of the NRA chili contest fundraiser on Saturday 12 October 2024 in the Legion activity center from 11:00am — 2:00pm. Enter your chili for a chance to win a Henry Big Boy. Event Ticket is \$20.00 — sample all chili entries and a ticket to vote for your favorite chili. For questions contact Hurbert Hoffman 608-792-0669, hurberthoffman@outlook.com.

— **Dirk de Zeeuw, 2nd Vice**



~ Auxiliary ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

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

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be September 11, at 7 p.m.

The Auxiliary has awarded two (\$1000.00) scholarships this year. Congratulations to both recipients: Maya M., granddaughter of Bob and Connie Muth, and Parker V., grandson of Dan and Pat Hoch.

Ladies, I have 2025 membership cards. Dues are \$34.00 for Seniors and \$6.00 for Juniors members. I carry cards with me, so if you see me at the Post, please come pay me and get your card. You can also send a check made out to: ALA Unit 336 for the amount and mail or take to: Onalaska American Legion, 711 Sandlake Road, Onalaska, WI 54650 (attention Shirley Berberich). I will then mail your card. Thank you!

Also, I have 8 ladies who have not paid their 2023 or 2024 dues!! If unsure, please call me at 608-783-3892. I have posted a list at the west entrance to the Legion. Thank you for taking care of your membership!!! Since we didn't have a membership picnic, you have until September 15, to get your dues paid, to get your name entered for the drawing of 3 names to receive a check for your dues amount of \$34.00. Thank you!!!

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 606-783-3913 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 generous donation of time helps to keep our Legion family strong! Check at the bar for volunteer opportunities. Thank you for supporting our organization, our Veterans, and their families!

Stay well, and we'll see you around the Post!

Shirley Berberich, President/Membership Chairman
Mary Powers, Secretary

Auxiliary:

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Shirley Berberich
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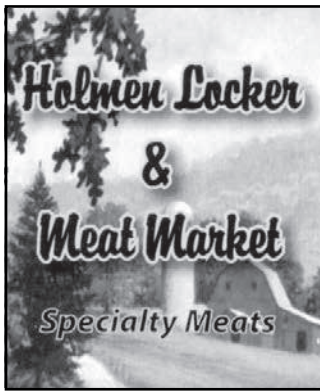
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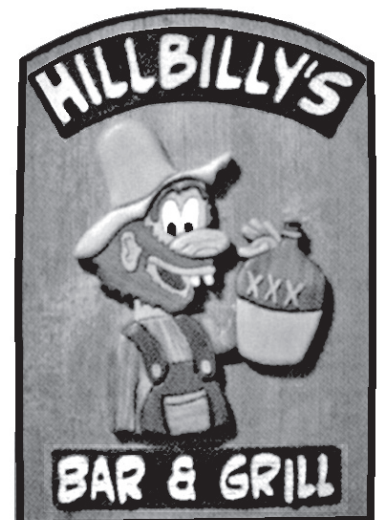
A tradition continues

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."**

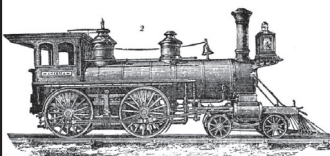


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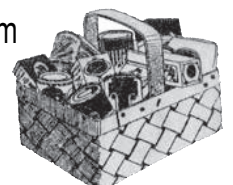
**Meetings are every
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| 1 Pack 69 3-5pm Troop 68 6-7pm | 2 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm | 3 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm AM Radio Assoc. 5-10pm | 4 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Apartment Assoc. Mtg 6-9pm | 5 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm VIP Group 10:30- Noon BUCK HOLLOW BAND 7-11pm FREE | 6 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Private event in the HALL Activity Center Private Event | 7 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Private event in the HALL Activity Center Private Event |
| 8 SAL Breakfast Buffet 7:30-11am Packer Party @ Noon in Bar Troop 68 6-7 Craft Show in Activity Center 10-3pm | 9 Carpet Clean Executive Meeting 5:30pm Post Meeting 7pm | 10 \$3 Taco Special 1 1-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm NARVE 10-Noon | 11 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm La Crosse County Vets Meetings 1-4:30 Auxiliary 7pm | 12 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Xcel Energy 5-7pm River City 4 Wheelers 7:30pm | 13 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm KARAOKE 7-11pm FREE Hall Booked 8pm | 14 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Activity Center Private Event |
| 15 SAL Breakfast Buffet 7:30-11am Packer Party @ Noon in Bar Troop 68 6-7 Craft Show in Activity Center 10-3pm | 16 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm | 17 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Red Cross Blood Drive 8-2pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm | 18 Private event in Hall 7:30-10:30am Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Food Pantry Mtg 6-9pm | 19 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm LARRY'S DRIFTERS 7-11pm FREE Craft Show in Activity Ctr. | 20 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon 7th District Conference in HALL 8-3pm Craft Show in Activity Center | 21 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon 7th District Conference in HALL 8-3pm Craft Show in Activity Center |
| 22 Packer Party in Bar @ Noon | 23 Sheet Metal Local 18 3-5:30 House/Building Meeting 6pm | 24 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm | 25 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm Insurance Center Mtgs 12:30-6pm | 26 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm | 27 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm ANDERSON ROAD 7-11pm FREE | 28 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Private Event in Activity Center |
| 29 Packer Party in Bar @ Noon | 30 | Fall is Here! | | | | |

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S.A.L. News

Breakfast buffet in 2024 will be on September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15. In 2025 – January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20 (Easter), and May 11 (Mothers Day) from 7:30am – 11:00am. Cost: \$12 per person

age 11 & over, \$7 age 5-10, Free under 5, \$10 Veterans. These breakfasts are normally held on the third Sunday of the month unless they are moved to coincide with a holiday. If you have neighbors or friends who aren't aware of our monthly breakfasts, please invite them to join us. Proceeds continue to enhance our community including military and Legion families.

Memberships: Renewing your membership online is easier than ever.

1) Simply visit mylegion.org; 2) Go to the membership tab and select SAL RENEW; 3) Enter your information and follow the directions. The 2025 Cards are in so get them paid up. Welcome to our new SAL member Harper Heller (son of Brad Heller).

Board/Membership meetings are normally held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Onalaska Legion. Our September meeting will be held on September 7th due to conflicts.

Playground: The playground is a great place for the kids to use throughout the community as well as siblings of Legion baseball players. We wish to continue having this beautiful playground around for many years to come. Please be respectful of the equipment and others while youngsters are utilizing the playground.

Stay well and we'll see you around the Legion!
Ben, Neil, Ralph, Rich, Dan, Kent, & Sam

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