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Onalaska American Legion

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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 !

May 8th is the day we have elections for officers and committees. The membership meeting will start around 7pm. At the meeting we will have an update on the flag burning barrel and possible placement of same. We will continue discussion on a possible expansion to the banquet room. Another topic has to do with having some fund raisers for Freedom Honor Flight, Camp American Legion and upcoming upgrades to the Post.

Our Post submitted to District, applicants for outstanding Teacher and Law Enforcement Officer for the year. The District selected them to move forward to State where the applicants will be considered against other applicants.

We are nearing the end of the membership drive for the year 2023. At present we are at 92% of the goal. The Legion Fiscal year runs July to June. Starting after July we will have the membership drive for 2024. It is the members who continue our mission to support the Four Pillars.

On May 20th at 1pm, there will be a free movie matinee at the Legion. The movie is titled "The Last Bridge Home." It was a locally made movie about a military veteran whose brother is MIA from VietNam. And, through some twist of fate, the brother is taken on a strange journey of reconciliation. Steve Kiedrowski, local actor, will give a short presentation on the award winning movie. On Tuesday, May 16, at 6pm, Steve will be at the Onalaska Library for a one hour talk on the making of the movie. The event is sponsored by the Onalaska Historical Society.

- Jim Binash Post 336 Commander

We will be having ceremonies for Memorial Day. Weather permitting, the parade will start at 10am with the ceremony following at the Onalaska Cemetery. If the weather isn't cooperating, the ceremony will take place in the Activity Center.

- Jim Binash



From the 2nd Vice . . .

Hello to All,

Happy Spring! Just kidding!!! I'm not sure what they call the season between Winter and Spring....

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

PAST HAPPENINGS

Girl Scout Troop 7276 had a successful cookie season.

Donations were made to the Tomah VA. Thank you to Onalaska American Legion Post 336 for their support!



UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDERS

- ◆ Membership meeting on Monday 8 May 2023 at 1900 hrs.

- ◆ Be sure to catch OHS and LHS Spring sports action. Check their school websites for dates and times.
- ◆ **If you have any unwanted scrap metal/aluminum, Camp Decorah (Gateway Area Council), is collecting that to help support activities. Please call me, 2nd Vice Dirk de Zeeuw, at 608-397-5485. Thank you in advance!**

SAVE THE DATES!

Onalaska Community Days 4-5 Aug 2023

- ◆ OCD Family Day Saturday 5 Aug 2023
- ◆ New this year is Kindschi Kids Pedal Pull!! Fun pedal tractor pull competition for ages 4-12.



More info to follow!

- Dirk de Zeeuw, 2nd Vice



2023 SAL Breakfast



Scheduled dates are:

May 14th ~ Mother's Day

Time is from 7:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Cost is \$12 per person age 11 & over, Age 5-10 \$7, and Age 0-5 Free.

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.

May 28th ~ Car Show

Breakfast 8:00 - 10:30 am (Activity Center)

**Lunch – Hot Dog/Hamburger booth – 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
during the Car Show on Legion Grounds.**

Service Officers Report



~ **SICK CALL** ~

Jan Main
Non-Member



~ **TAPS** ~

Gerald Jansky, Irv Horman
Non-Members

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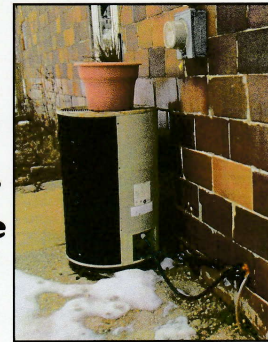
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The web page for WI is: <https://wilegion.org>

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.

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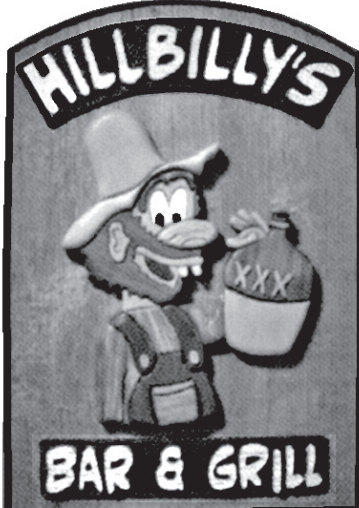


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~ AUXILIARY ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

Wishing all the Auxiliary ladies who have a birthday this month a very Happy Birthday and a very Happy Mother's Day to all moms!

Our next meeting will be on May 10th, at 7pm.

I would like to remind you that we have officer elections coming up in May. If you have interest in running for an officer position, or have questions about the duties of those positions, please let us know! The new officers' terms begin in June and run for two years. I am sad to report that we have over 150 members on our roster, but fewer than ten attend meetings. We need more participation to be an effective unit.

Presidents' and Past Presidents' scholarship applications are available for senior girls at the Onalaska Post 336.

We were EGG-cited for the great turn out we had for the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to all who attended and a BIG thank you to the Brotherhood Warriors and the ladies who made this possible!



We want to welcome our 2023 Miss Poppy, Nevaeh Medinger. Great-great granddaughter of Katherine Kirchner (Gold Star Mother) and great granddaughter of Marie Turk, daughter of Lindsey Turk. Welcome, Nevaeh!

Due to a shortage of small poppies, we were unable to include one in the newsletter. They will be available at our post as the time gets nearer. We will also have our Poppy distribution at Festival Foods in Onalaska on Saturday, May 27 from 10am until 2pm. Please drop by and support our veterans!

The Commander and Past presidents banquet was well attended. Auxiliary had two Fifty-Year members; Mary Boardman and Lavon Maybee. Thank you, ladies!

Our Memorial Day Service will be held at the Onalaska Cemetery on Monday, May 29th.

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.

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! Thank you for supporting our organization, our Veterans, and their families!

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

Shirley Berberich,
President/Membership Chairman

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(783-3892)

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Shirley Berberich

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**Mary Powers,
Liz Reekers**

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Liz Reekers

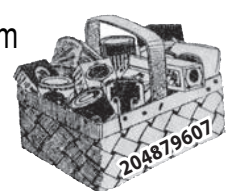



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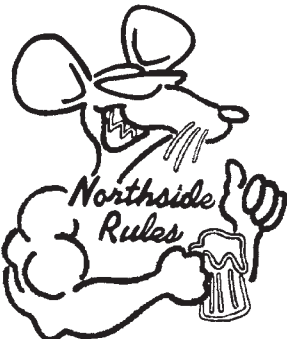
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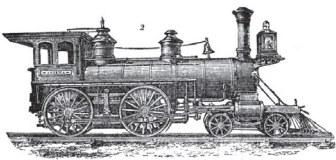
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To each and every one who serves, we say "thank you."



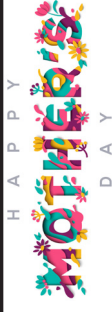
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What's Your Current ID Number?
 Somewhere in this newsletter is a member's membership number. **If it's your number you win \$10.00 - easy to get \$10.00.** If it's your number call the Legion post and leave a message for the Commander: 783-3300





MAY 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 Carpet Cleaning Hall Closed 8am - 10am Bar Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	2 Bar \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm BINGO Bar Menu 4pm - 8pm plus Special TBD Express Window Option BINGO Hall & Bar 6:30pm - 9pm	3 Bar Lunch Special Home-made Beef Stew 11am - 4pm Bar \$5 Pizza 4pm - 8pm Hall IVA Benefits Information Session 12pm - 4pm Hall ARA 4pm - 7pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm	4 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3am Bar \$3 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm AC Grad Party Hall Snow drifters 7pm	5 Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Band Backroads Band 7pm - 11pm	6 Hall Band Glass Stiletto 7pm - 11pm	
7 Blue Stars John and Missy Chicken Dinner 4-7pm	8 Bar Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Aaron Rice Work Development 11am - 3pm Hall Executive Meeting 5:30 Membership Meeting and Post Elections 7pm	9 Hall NARVE 9am - 12pm Bar \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm BINGO Bar Menu 4pm - 8pm plus Special TBD Express Window Option BINGO Hall & Bar 6:30pm - 9pm	10 Hall Union Rail 11am - 3pm Bar Lunch Special Homemade Fish 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm Hall AUX Meeting 7pm - UTC	11 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3am Bar \$3 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Troop 68 Leaders 6:30pm - 8pm	12 Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Bar Karaoke Rose 7pm - 11pm	13 Hall OCD BINGO Food Pantry Postal Food Drive	
14 Mother's Day SAL Breakfast 7:30am - 11pm Hall Softball Meeting 6pm - UTC	15 Bar Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	16 Bar \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm BINGO Bar Menu 4pm - 8pm plus Special TBD Express Window Option BINGO Hall & Bar 6:30pm - 9pm	17 Bar Lunch Special Homemade Chili 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm	18 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3am Bar \$3 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	19 Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Larry's Drifters 7pm - 11pm	20 Hall Movie Showing Last Bridge Home 1pm - 4pm	
21 Hall Celebration of Life All Day	22 Bar Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Sheet Metal Workers 3pm - 5:30pm Hall Building & House Committee Meetings 6pm	23 Bar \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm BINGO Bar Menu 4pm - 8pm plus Special TBD Express Window Option BINGO Hall & Bar 6:30pm - 9pm	24 Bar Lunch Special Homemade Meatloaf 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Hall Insurance Center 1pm - 3pm Hall Condo Association Meeting 7pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm	25 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3am Bar \$3 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	26 Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Band Ryan Herman 7pm - 11pm	27 AC Graduation Party All Day Hall Graduation Party All Day	
28 Car Show (Car Entry Fee) 10am-4pm Legion Grounds AC - SAL breakfast 8-10:30am and SAL lunch booth 10:30am - 12:30pm during Car Show on Legion Grounds Hall Graduation Party All Day	29 Bar Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Sheet Metal Workers 3pm - 5:30pm	30 Bar \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm BINGO Bar Menu 4pm - 8pm plus Special TBD Express Window Option BINGO Hall & Bar 6:30pm - 9pm	31 Bar Lunch Special Homemade Giant Meatballs 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Hall Insurance Center All Day Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm				

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S.A.L. NEWS

The last SAL Breakfast for this season will be on Mother's Day, May 14th from 7:30 -11:00 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person Age 11 & over, \$7 Age 6-10, and Free 5 & under. SAL Breakfasts are usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month from September to May unless there is a special holiday or inclement weather. 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.

MEMBERSHIP: Welcome New Members - Benjamin Zimmer and David Van Okerstrom! If you are a current member and forgot to pay your \$20 Annual membership dues, stop in to the Legion or contact SAL Commander Kent Stephan or First Vice - Neil Merritt at 608-797-4824 neilmerritt1@yahoo.com to bring your dues up to date.

Board/Membership meeting and election will be held on Saturday, May 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Legion. Meetings are usually the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Onalaska Legion. We value everyone's input and look forward to seeing you there!

Volunteers needed for upcoming events: Car Show Sunday, May 28th for Pancake, sausage, & egg breakfast 8:00-10:30 and a hot dog/hamburger booth during the Car Show on the Legion grounds.

We would also love to train in some volunteers to assist in cooking, serving, clean up, etc. for the SAL monthly breakfast from September to May. 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.

Stay Healthy & Wishing you and yours a Happy Mother's Day!

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

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