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Onalaska American Legion

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Rich Musolf

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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 !

August has been a busy month for the entire Legion family. Staff, SAL, Auxiliary, Legion Riders, their officer's and many volunteers have pitched in to serve. I thank you all for your extra effort.

We were required to close on a Monday as well as limit our hours in the kitchen and bar a few times due to staff shortages. Some of it was related to exposures to patrons with known symptoms of COVID-19. The safety of our staff and patrons is paramount and not subject to compromise. Although Monica has hired several people to fill positions, we have also had cooks leave for other jobs. The House Committee is meeting soon to discuss wages and incentives to see if we can change that dynamic. The Committee is also continuing its work on filling the Bar Manager position. In the meantime, I would remind everyone we are still in a pandemic so, if you are not feeling well or you have been in the company of someone showing signs of COVID-19, quarantine.

Our annual By-Law Committee has completed its work and is submitting its draft for review and approval. You can review it online under Commanders Message.

We are talking about new ways to reach out to veterans in need and supporting community initiatives. Along with that, we are trying to find ways to enlist new members, especially our Iraq and Afghanistan era veterans. Your ideas may be the key we are looking for!

Clarence Stellner and the Texas-Hold-Em crew has an urgent need for two volunteers to work the games on Thursday from 7pm to 10pm. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and support for an almost two-decade tradition. Please give it consideration and call Clarence at 608-780-4294.

At the last Membership meeting, we had the pleasure of two new members joining us. Our Legion not only needs new members, we need each of the current members to be involved. We started having a drawing for a bottle of spirits at the end of each membership meeting. One of

the new members won the prize: a bottle of bourbon. We aren't doing this just for the fun, we need to have as many members present at our meetings to create a broad spectrum of voices and ideas.

So...if you want to share some ideas, or... working towards helping other veterans, or... improving our Post, or... growing our membership, or... getting a free drink and/or a chance at a free bottle of spirits...mark your calendar for September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Hall. Your Post #336 Leadership Team will be personally thankful.

– Jerry Yushta, Commander

1st Vice

We are receiving renewal notices and processing same. The online payments and 2022 cards will sent out soon. I have not as yet received the State's quotas for the membership year of 2022.

We are all aware of the recent developments in Afghanistan. As Legionnaires we are proud of those who have served to support the missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

– Jim Binash, 1st Vice Commander

Service Officers Report




SICK CALL
Julie Malin

† **LAST BUGLE** †

† Elwood Phelps † Charles Auenson †
(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 be on September 8th at 7pm. Let's not forget to thank a Veteran for their service.

Here comes the 2022 membership campaign! Please, ladies, as you send in your renewal to me, include your updated address and number(s) if you have landline and cellphone numbers. Our unit is becoming a "card holding" unit. That is not what we would like to be! We need to work on getting more ladies in attendance at our meetings with fresh ideas to become a more active unit.

Let's work toward making our unit 100% this year! All ladies that pay their 2022 dues by October 15th will be put into a drawing for one of three \$30 checks as a thank you. Any questions, please feel free to call me.

Catering is looking for clean containers with lids, such as ice cream pails, cottage cheese containers, butter tubs, etc.

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

REMINDER!!!

The Legion decided there will be NO MEMBERSHIP PICNIC this year.

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.

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!

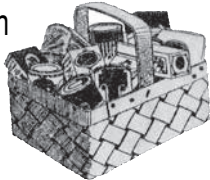
– Shirley Berberich, President/ Membership Chairman



The Food Basket is serving an increasing number of people and requests donations of food and money.

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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>.

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

COMMUNITY DAYS (OCD) COMMITTEE

CURRENT OFFICERS:

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

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ONALASKA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

The 2021 season started early as Onalaska was awarded the 2021 16 Under Junior Legion State Tournament in November of 2020 after the original host team was unable to follow thru when the dates were changed. Lots of planning goes into a State Tournament from umpires, to guaranteed hotel rooms, opening ceremonies, a tournament program, t-shirts, volunteers for concessions, admissions, between game field work and all the field improvements to get the field looking its best.

FIELD IMPROVEMENTS - \$7000 was spent on new red clay/sand mix for the infield and right and left side warning track. New yellow fence cap was added to the outfield fence. Bleachers were leveled and bark was added to all the new trees. Our tallest and proudest improvement came from the Merle Cunningham family in a 35 foot lighted flagpole in centerfield. It looks amazing. Merle will never be replaced but he will be remembered.

SCHOLARSHIP - The Merle Cunningham Memorial Scholarship was started in late December and to date totals over \$8000. Two \$500 Scholarships will be given each year to Onalaska Legion Baseball Senior players. This year's recipients are Evan Gamoke and Maddox Hoff.

TEAMS - This year 46 players signed up to play Legion Baseball which left us no choice but to have three teams. Here is a brief summary of each team's season.

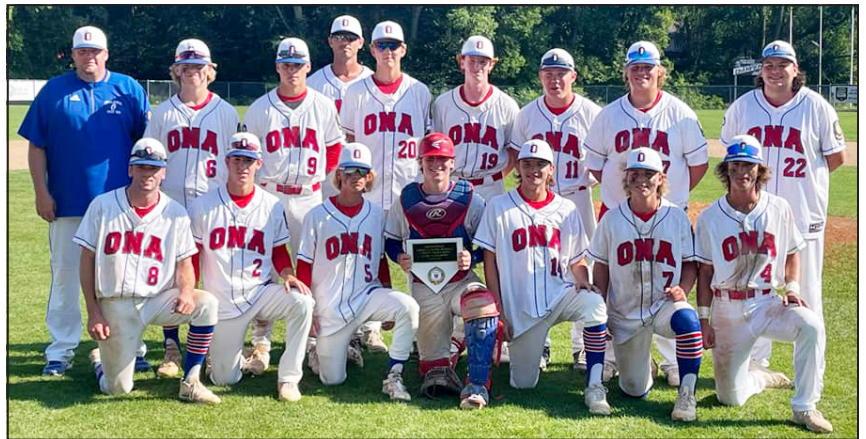
18 UNDER VARSITY

Head Coach - Brock Gnadt Asst. Coach - Tony Degaetano

The Varsity team had very successful season. They went 4-0 and won the Viroqua Tournament over the 4th of July weekend.

The biggest win of the Tournament was a walk off 8-7 win over West Salem with a 3 run home run in the bottom of the 7th. The following day Onalaska won the Championship Game 10-4 against eventual single A State Champion Viroqua. The following weekend Onalaska went 3-0 and won their own Tournament. Two weeks later Onalaska would win the Regional Tournament in Holmen with a 7-4 Championship Game win over Holmen and gain a birth in the AA State Tournament in Antigo. Onalaska would go 2-2 at the State Tournament and finish 4th, wins over Sturgeon Bay & Waupaca and losses to Kaukauna & Antigo.

Onalaska finished the season with 20 wins and 4 losses. Bryce Hoeft, Evan Gamoke and Mason Manglitz were named to the State All-Tournament Team. Bryce Hoeft was chosen to represent Onalaska at the WI Legion All Star Game.



16 UNDER JR. LEGION BLUE TEAM

Head Coach - Scott Pollack Asst. Coaches - Aaron Stauffer & Zach Dockham

The top Onalaska 16 Under team had a very good season. They took 1st place at our 6 team Wood Bat tournament held on Community Days weekend with a 4-1 win over West Salem, a 2-1 (8) Inning win over Viroqua and a 7-2 championship win over Sparta. Onalaska would finish in 2nd place in the Viroqua Tournament the following weekend. Wins over Westby, Prairie du Chein and Fennimore with a 7-6 loss to Tournament Champion Viroqua. Onalaska would go 2-2 at the Regional Tournament in Holmen but had an automatic birth in the State Tournament as the host team. In the state Tourney Onalaska would win game 1 over Manitowoc and a 13-1 win over Delafield. Losses to River falls and Beaver dam would leave Onalaska with a 4th Place finish. Carsten Holter was named to the State All-Tournament Team. Onalaska finished the season 21-8.

16 UNDER JR. LEGION RED TEAM

Head Coach - Nick Pica Asst. Coach - Ryan Gnadt

The 16 Under Red team didn't win a lot of games but grew better as a team all year long. Consisting of only 13 players this team was usually the underdog and battled every game it played. What made me most proud were the amount of umpires and opposing coaches who made a point to tell me after their games that the coaches were doing a great job and the players didn't quit. Because of a rule change we were able to enter two 16 under teams in the Regional. This turned out to be the highlight of the year when they defeated Bi-State 7-6 in 12 innings with a walk off 2 out 3 run double. They went 1-2 in regional play.

Mike Rude - General Manager

Onalaska Legion Baseball Committee

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Mike Rude - Treasurer

Bill Martinson - Secretary

Concessions - Janet Holter & Brenda Stuhr

Dianne Pica

John Adam

Paul Sampson

Mark Stuhr

Jarod Holter

Al Cagle - Legion Representative





S.A.L. NEWS

Our next SAL meeting will be Saturday, Sept 18, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Legion. If you have items to discuss, please contact SAL Commander Kent Stephan to place it on the agenda. Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month.

S.A.L. Officers
 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

SAL Breakfasts: We are in need of volunteers to continue our breakfasts. Please contact Commander Kent Stephan to add your name on the list of volunteers. A huge thank you to all who have continued to volunteer for our breakfasts and other projects throughout the year. We hope to see your smiling faces there to help out. **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).

New membership cards have arrived. Stop in to the Legion or contact SAL Commander Kent Stephan or 1st Vice/Adjutant Neil Merritt to bring yours up to date. Membership is \$20. Thank You for continuing to support the Sons of the American Legion and the projects they sponsor to support your Legion and families.

9/11 Tidbits . . .The **September 11 attacks**, often referred to as **9/11**, were a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks by terrorist groups against the United States on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

Four California-bound commercial airliners, which took off from three different airports across the United States were hijacked mid-flight by 19 al-Qaeda terrorists, who carried out the attacks in three groups of five and one group of four. American Airlines Flight 11 was flown into the North tower of the World Trade Center complex in Lower Manhattan at 8:46 am eastern time; seventeen minutes later at 9:03 am, the World Trade Center's South tower was hit by United Airlines Flight 175. Both 110-story towers collapsed within an hour and forty-two minutes, leading to the collapse of the other World Trade Center structures including 7 World Trade Center, and significantly damaging surrounding buildings. A third flight, American Airlines Flight 77, flown from Dulles Int'l airport, was hijacked over Ohio, at 9:37 am, was crashed into the west side of the Pentagon (the headquarters of the American Military) in Arlington County, Virginia, causing a partial collapse of the building. The fourth flight, United Airlines Flight 93, was flown in the direction of Washington, DC; the plane crashed in a field near Shanksville, PA at 10:03 am, after passengers forced their way into the cockpit and fought the hijackers over the controls. Investigators determined that Flight 93's target was either the White House or the Capitol Building.



In the immediate aftermath of the attacks, suspicion quickly fell onto Al-Qaeda. The United States formally responded by launching the War on Terror and invading Afghanistan to depose the Taliban, which had not complied with U.S. demands to expel Al-Qaeda from Afghanistan and extradite their leader Osama Bin Laden.

With the chaos happening in the world, we sincerely Thank those who have and continue to serve our country and preserve our freedoms. To those who lost loved ones during 9/11 our deepest sympathies and we wish you peace.

Stay cool and we'll see you around the Legion!

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

From the 2nd Vice



Hello to All! I hope you had a great summer. It sure went by quick. As usual, I didn't have enough time or Summer days to get my "Honey Do" list done. Well, there's always next year. Just a reminder that school has started, please be vigilant for kids walking, riding their bikes to and from school and parents dropping them off and picking them up.

Camp Decorah (Boy Scouts of America Gateway Area Council) is collecting any unwanted -scrap metal. If you have some you want to give to Camp Decorah, please contact me (Dirk) at 608-397-5485.

August Happenings:

Kornfest Parade: Cub Scout Pack 69 participated in Holmen's Kornfest parade on Sat 21 Aug.

Medary Family Fun Day: On Saturday 14 August Cub Scout Pack 69 set up a booth which was well received by the families attending the event.

Post 336 Legion baseball season has come to an end. Congrats to our very own Bryce Hoeft on being named on the Legion All-Star Stripes Team. What a great season!

OHS and Luther High School fall sports: football and volleyball has started. See you at the games!

Reminders

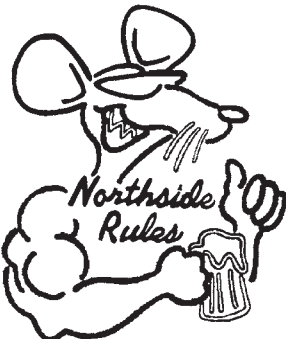
Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop online popcorn sales started 1 July 2021. Please support Scouting in your communities with your online purchases.

Boy Scout Troop 68 Christmas tree and wreath sales will be starting in Nov with delivery before Thanksgiving. More info to follow.

– Dirk de Zeeuw, 2nd Vice Comman



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

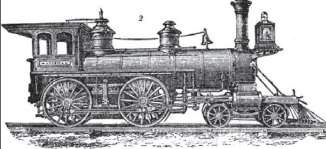


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AMERICA IS AT WAR
A tradition continues
 A Blue Star Service Banner in the window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces - and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands great sacrifice.
 To each and every one who serves, we say "thank you."

The American Legion Family
 www.legion.org



SEPTEMBER 2021



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Pizza special and stick drawing 5-8 PM HASA Meeting 6:30 - 8 PM Hall	2 \$2 Tacos Lunch \$2 Burgers - 4:30 PM Texas Hold'em - 7 PM	3 Fish Fry 1 AM - 8 PM Bar Cat and the Fiddle 7-11 Bar	4
5 Clarence Stellner Bday party - Hall Merle Cunningham Celebration of Life 4 - 8 Activity Center			6	7 Bingo 6:30 PM Wings and Shrimp 5 PM Ladies Night - 6PM	8 Pizza special and stick drawing 5-8 PM UTU Meeting 1 PM Hall Auxillary Meeting 7 PM Hall	9 \$2 Tacos Lunch \$2 Burgers - 4:30 PM Texas Hold'em - 7 PM Local 953 5PM Hall
12 Celebration of Life Schuidt 1PM - 4 PM Hall	13 Executive Meeting 6PM Hall Membership Meeting 7PM NARVE Meeting 10AM Hall	14 Bingo 6:30 PM Wings and Shrimp 5 PM Ladies Night - 6PM	15 Pizza special and stick drawing 5-8 PM Lions Meeting Hall 7PM -8PM	16 \$2 Tacos Lunch \$2 Burgers - 4:30 PM Texas Hold'em - 7 PM	17 Fish Fry 11AM - 8PM Daddy's Girls 7 - 11P	18 Ben Zimmer 4PM Hall
19 SAL Breakfast 9 AM - Noon	20 AMI COVID Vaccination Clinic 10 - 2 LaCrosse Meeting 7:30 - 9	21 Bingo 6:30 PM Wings and Shrimp 5 PM Ladies Night - 6PM	22 Pizza special and stick drawing 5-8 PM	23 \$2 Tacos Lunch \$2 Burgers - 4:30 PM Texas Hold'em - 7 PM	24 Fish Fry 11 AM - 8 PM Larry's Drifters Hall 7 - 11 PM	25 Amundson Wedding 4 PM Hall Kelsey Clements going away party Noon - Bar
26 Lorrayne French Celebration of Life Hall 1-4	27 Building Committee Meeting - 5:30 House Committee Meeting - 6 pm	28 Bingo 6:30 PM Wings and Shrimp 5 PM Ladies Night - 6PM	29 Pizza special and stick drawing 5-8 PM	30 \$2 Tacos Lunch \$2 Burgers - 4:30 PM Texas Hold'em - 7 PM		

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SEPTEMBER 2021 Newsletter

All Members and Volunteers:

I would like to first extend our gratitude to the numerous volunteers and committee members that have supported and assisted us in these unprecedented times of staffing shortages. If you are interested in any opportunities to volunteer, please do not hesitate in contacting me or a committee member. We are continually seeking assistance with the following, but not limited to:

- Hall setup for events
- Kitchen prep and food delivery
- Bingo card sales, calling, etc.

I would also like to thank all of you for your patience during this time of limited staffing and health concerns. We are trying our best to avoid any closures, but at times it cannot be avoided, as we must make the health of our staff and community a priority. We are using facebook and the marquee as communication for any updates in the event of service changes. Please also consider the stress our staff is under as they are wearing many hats and working extended hours often right now to provide the best service possible.

As a last note, please honor our respective open hours as posted on the doors. We open at 11 AM Monday through Friday and 10 AM on Saturdays and Sundays. If you arrive and find the doors open prior to this, it is for vendors, staff, and volunteers that have business to conduct. Please do not enter. Service will not be provided prior to these times.

Best Regards,

Monica Dickson, Bar Manager

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