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Onalaska American Legion

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Kent Stephan, Bill Crail

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

We have already started the membership year for 2024. We are off to a great start with the renewals coming in almost daily. Hopefully you were able to attend our family membership picnic on August 27. This was for all members and potential members.

We are getting very good feedback for our lunches and Friday Fish Frys. The Wednesday specials generally sell out. The Saturday breakfasts are being monitored to determine cost effectiveness. Boys' baseball and girls' softball have concluded for the year. This was the first-year for girls' softball. We are already planning for next year.

We are advertising for a new bar manager. Currently, we have a couple leads for potential candidates. We are fortunate to have the kitchen and bar staff we do. The present bar manager, Tom, has established a team atmosphere with improvements on service to customers.

It appears we may have our flag burning barrel in place withing the next month. We will then begin to have flag burning ceremonies at our Post. If you have any ideas, or things you would like to see at the Legion, please contact us.

Jim Binash, Post 336 Commander

VA NEWS ... Tomah VA no longer will accept books or clothing.

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

Heath Riniker (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.

From the 2nd Vice ...

Hello to All,

Schools are back in session, be vigilant for kids!
Happy birthday to all our Legion members who have a birthday the month of September!
Welcome new members, we salute you!

Past happenings

- Congratulations to Ian Hronis for completing his Eagle Project! He added handrails to the steps at the Onalaska Sunfish statue.



- We had 2 Boy Scouts (Andrew Hatcher and Sam Stetsin) from our Troop 68 that attended the 2023 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV 19-28 July. They did everything from A to Z!

Present

Make sure to catch all the Fall sports action Luther High School and Onalaska High School have to offer. Check their respective school websites for dates and times.

Did you know?

From an article online

PART 2

Details of the Flag Code

In addition to instructing when to fly the American flag, the United States Flag Code provides guidelines on how to fly it. If the flag is hung vertically, the blue section should always be to the viewer's left. The flag should always be above any other flags on the flagpole, and to the far right of all other flags in a procession. If the flag is not on a flagpole, it must be displayed flat or suspended so that it falls freely. The flag cannot touch anything below it and can never be used in place of a ceiling.

While these rules seem strict the creators of the code believed they would preserve the idea of the American flag as the representation of a living country. However, in 1989, the United States Supreme Court ruled against flag-protection laws. This was because the laws were determined as a violation of free speech mentioned in the first amendment.

When the United States Flag Code was published, the flying of an upside-down American flag had a clear meaning. The code explained that the flag should only be flown upside-down in times of extreme danger and distress. This out-of-the-ordinary presentation of the flag would serve as an alert to others of the threat at the time. However, the use of the upside-down American flag has recently become much more popular. During times of political distress, members of a dissenting party will fly the flag upside-down to signify their disagreement. Especially since the 2016 election, the upside-down American flag has transformed from a symbol of physical danger. Now, it is being used as a vehicle for political discourse and expression.

Reminders

- Membership meeting on Monday 11 Sept 2023 at 1900 hrs. See you there!

Save the Dates!

Trunk or Treat Sunday 29 Oct 2023. More info to follow.

Dirk de Zeeuw, 2nd Vice



Service Officers Report

~ **SICK CALL** ~

Carl Mueller ♦ Stan Brueggen

Bruce Smith

~ **TAPS** ~

Edwin Quall

Non-Member



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S.A.L. NEWS

MEMBERSHIP: Thank you to all our members who attended the Legion family picnic on August 27 and brought their memberships up to date. If you have not paid your \$20 dues yet contact SAL Commander Ben Zimmer or First Vice - Neil Merritt at 608-797-4824 neilmerritt1@yahoo.com to bring yours up to date before you lose your years of being an active member. Many Thanks to all of our members who continue to support the Sons of the American Legion and Legion projects.

2023-2024 Breakfasts: September 17, October 15, November 12 (date change), and December 17 in 2023. The 2024 dates are: January 21, February 18, March 17 & 31 (Easter), April 21, and May 12 (Mother's Day) from 7:30 -11:00 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person age 11 & over, \$7 age 5-10, and Free age 0-5.

Volunteers needed: We are in need of volunteers for the SAL Breakfasts. There is a core group of people, but they do go on vacations, become ill, etc. We would love to train in some members to assist in cooking, serving, clean up, etc. 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.

Board/Membership meetings are held 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. Next meeting is September 16.

Fall Clean-up is scheduled for October 21 at 10:00 a.m. (weather permitting) to clean up leaves around playground area and Legion. It's a great opportunity to meet others within the SAL and keep the Legion grounds looking good. With faithful volunteerism you continue to make your forefathers proud and promote Americanism by your actions. Spring cleanup is forecasted to be April 27 at 10:00. Bring your families to be a part of the fun. Many hands make light work. See you there!

Newsletters: A few years back the Legion switched to emailing newsletters to all members. If you requested a paper copy to be mailed and you still are not receiving it or would prefer to receive it by e-mail, please contact Neil at neilmerritt1@yahoo.com so we can get it to you. We have been receiving back about 20 non-deliverable newsletters and would really like to get them to you to keep you updated on happenings around the Legion.

If you weren't able to attend Community Days, you missed a great event! Thanks to all of those who organized, worked, and supported the Legion with this event.

See you around the Legion and wishing you all a Happy Autumn Equinox!

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

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~ AUXILIARY ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

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

Our next meeting will be September 13 at 7 p.m.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Membership Picnic, and a special thank you to those who have paid their 2024 dues. The names of the 3 winners of the drawing will be posted in the next newsletter.

A reminder that this years dues are \$34.00 for Seniors and \$6.00 for Juniors. You may drop payment off at the Legion or mail them to:

Shirley Berberich 1213 La Crosse St. Onalaska Wi. 54650

There is still time to pay dues for 2023 if you haven't done so..\$30.00.

Our sunshine person would like to be informed if you know of a member 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.



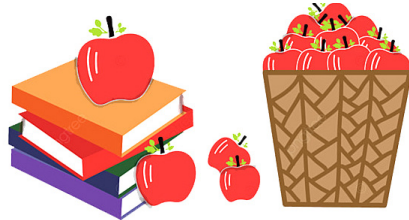
**Thank you for your support!!!
Stay well and we'll see you around the post.**

**Shirley Berberich, President/Membership Chairman
Mary Powers, Secretary**

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Liz Reekers

Happy Fall!!!



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



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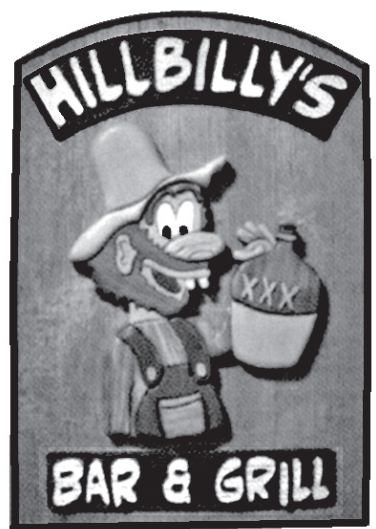


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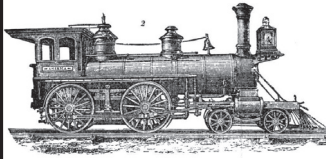
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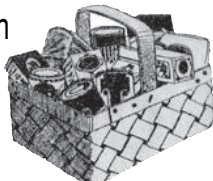
AMERICA IS AT WAR
A tradition continues
 A Blue Star Service Banner in the window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces - and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands great sacrifice.
 To each and every one who serves, we say "thank you."

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 735 Sand Lake Rd. - Mon.-Sat., 9-11am
 Checks may be sent to:
 Onalaska-Holmen Food Basket
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
		Fall is Here!					
3 Pack 69 3-5pm Hall Troop 68 6-7pm Hall	4	5 \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm Bar Modified Menu plus \$2 Taco Special 4pm - 8pm BINGO 6:30pm - 9pm	6 Bar Lunch Special Homemade 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm	7 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	8 Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Rose W/ Karaoke Bar 7pm - 11pm	9 Bar Breakfast 9am - 12pm Hall Private Event Activity Center Booked	
10 Craft Show Activity Center Troop 68 6-7pm Hall	11 Carpet Cleaning Executive Meeting 5:30pm Membership Meeting 7pm	12 \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm Bar Modified Menu plus \$2 Taco Special 4pm - 8pm BINGO 6:30pm - 9pm Hall MARVE Meeting 9-12 pm	13 Bar Lunch Special Homemade 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Hall Booked Rail Meeting Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm Ladies Auxiliary 7pm	14 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	15 Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Band Larry's Drifter 7pm - 11pm Free	16 Bar Breakfast 9am - 12pm Hall Private Event.	
17 Craft Show Activity Center Troop 68 6-7pm Hall	18 Insurance Center Hall	19 \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm Bar Modified Menu plus \$2 Taco Special 4pm - 8pm BINGO 6:30pm - 9pm	20 Bar Lunch Special Homemade 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm	21 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Activity Center Booked Hall Booked	22 Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Don Harvey Duo 7pm - 11pm Free Activity Center - Craft show	23 Bar Breakfast 9am - 12pm Activity Center Craft show Hall Private Event	
24 House/Building Meeting 6 pm Sheet Metal Workers 3-5:30pm Hall	25 House/Building Meeting 6 pm Sheet Metal Workers 3-5:30pm Hall	26 \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm Bar Modified Menu plus \$2 Taco Special 4pm - 8pm BINGO 6:30pm - 9pm	27 Bar Lunch Special Homemade 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Hall Booked Insurance Center 1pm - 3pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm	28 Hall Euchre 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	29 Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Hall Cat and the Fiddle 7pm - 11pm Free	30 Bar Breakfast 9am - 12pm	

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SEPTEMBER 2023 Newsletter

From the 3rd Vice ...



..... Just a shout out to the all golfers. Al Cagle, from our Post, turned me on to the VGA "Veteran's Golf Association". It's a national organization where you may golf all over the country. Go to www.vgagolf.org, for more information or contact Al or myself, Bob Muth. It's for all levels of golfers. You will meet other veterans from all over the country. Guaranteed a great golfing/personal experience.

On a historical note, we have ordered the plaque for the 58 Civil War veterans buried at the Onalaska Cemetery. The plaque will be placed on a covered board at the cemetery. All 58 tomstones have been cleaned and are looking awesome. The didication date is to be determined. This will depend upon the completion of the plaque.

Semper Fi!

Bob Muth, 3rd Vice/Post Historian

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