



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

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*Jerry Malin and Les Erickson
took the last Freedom Honor Flight.
They are members of our Post.*



*After the October 13
Legion Meeting, we had
a little birthday party
for Jim Nelson, the
Legion Commander.*



**Friday Night
Fish Fry . . .**

Legionnaires, Auxiliary, S.A.L., and Friends



GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

Here we are leaving October, entering November; seems like this same thing happened last year! So far this has been a great fall season, great colors, great weather, great to live in Wisconsin.

Reminder - November 11 is Veterans Day. Fly the Flag.

Our Post membership reached 100% again this year. Thanks to Ralph Amundsen for, once again, keeping us on top. Our membership drive for 2009 is now underway.

Our cleaning lady of many years, Edie Lyons, is leaving on the 1st of November. We thank Edie for all she has done for the Post and wish her well. In her place, we have hired Tod "Doc" Hagel. Welcome aboard Doc. Also leaving is Al Topel. We want to thank Al for all of his hard work and support while he was here as our part time Maintenance Custodian. In Al's place we have hired John Marcou. Welcome aboard John.

We have listed our email address and website in the newsletter. As a reminder you can also find the newsletter on our website.

Check your calendar. Our annual Poultry Party is coming up on November 1st. Come on out to the Legion and enjoy an evening of chance, camaraderie and a superb lunch. If you would like to volunteer, contact Clarence Stellner at 780-4294.

In the September newsletter I told you about FREEDOM HONOR FLIGHT. On October 8, a flight went to Washington, DC & returned with 120 veterans and other support personnel. It was a superb event and will be remembered for years to come. Two members of Post 336 were on that flight; Jerry Malin and Les Erickson. The next flight is scheduled to take place in June of 2009. If you are interested call 608-784-1015 for additional information.

If you have not noticed, the Old Post Building roofing and siding is complete and it looks great.

Did you Know? The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veterans organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a not-for-profit community service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members, men and women, in nearly 15,000 American Legion posts worldwide.

God Bless our troops, their families and our veterans. God Bless America.

Jim Nelson, Commander

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RETIRED SOLDIERS' SOUND OFF

Law Changes – Retirees now salute flag. Retired Soldiers are Still Proud! Still Serving! Congress has put **Still Saluting** into law for Retired Soldiers and other veterans. The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 110-181) changed Sect. 9, Title 4, U.S. Code, which covers "Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag." Following is that section of the U.S. Code, as reworded by the law change. This is to share information with veterans and other retired military who don't get **Echoes**.

"During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present in uniform should render the military salute. Members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute. All other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes."

From Army Echoes, Issue III, Volume LII, Sep-Dec 2008



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SERVICE OFFICERS REPORT

Sick Call - Flowers were sent to Rod Johnson, Richard J. Greene, Sr., Wesley L. Schuppel and Donald Calhoun.

SERVICE OFFICER AND HONOR GUARD

October 2008, the Honor Guard was at the LaCrosse Airport to welcome home the Veterans returning from their Freedom Flight trip to Washington, DC, to see the WWII Memorial.

Submitted by Vern Reekers, Service Officer

LEGION BASEBALL TO HANDLE WINTER STORAGE

The Onalaska American Legion Post 336 Baseball Committee has announced that it will, once again, handle WINTER STORAGE of boats, campers, cars, etc., in the Legion's Activity Center.

General storage will be handled on Saturday, November 1 from 9 AM until Noon. Should the building not be filled on that date, further availability will be announced via notices at the Legion. For further information, contact Merle Cunningham AFTER October 18. Phone: (608) 783-7523. Note that space cannot be reserved or held for anyone! It's first come/first served. Full payment is made at the time of storage. Legion Baseball thanks you for your patronage of this important fundraiser!



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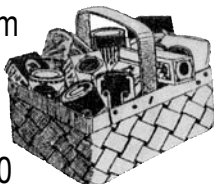


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American Legion Membership

Good-day to all!

Our 2009 membership year dues program is in full swing. We are at approximately 77% of our membership goal. Thank you to all who have already renewed and to those members who have been recruiting new members.

Our "early bird" designation is available to all dues paid by Veterans Day, November 11th. We might just as well get the stamp and receive our free drink at the bar. Come join the large group who have taken advantage of this program.

Post 336 extends a "thank you" and welcome to our newest and transferred in members: Larry Button, Donald Johnson, Robert Keil, and Joe McKeon. Welcome aboard!

Hope to see you at the Club.

Ralph Amundsen, 1st Vice Commander

FROM THE BAR BOSS

Embroidered polo shirts with the legion emblem and post number will soon be available! You can pre-order at the bar, or wait until we get a few in stock. The cost will be approx. \$25.00. (We will not keep much of a back-stock, so pre-orders are appreciated!!)

There is little to no markup, the cost per shirt is coming in at approx \$22.50, we want to make them available as a service to our members!

It seems that drink prices have ALWAYS been a hot topic around here; I have been hearing a lot of murmurs about pricing. I want to clarify that the drinks prices REMAIN the same with the exception of five star brandy & bacardi rum (which increased a quarter when they moved from the rail/well stock to a "call" brand,) bloody mary's (which increased to \$3.25,) and drinks using a CANNED SODA mixer (which increased a quarter.) I'm sure most people realize that the cost of supplies and barstock has been rising steadily, and we have managed to keep almost ALL of our original low prices! I would once again extend an invitation for anyone with questions or concerns to talk with me or a member of the house committee.

The packer parties this season have not had the support I expected, and the bar lineup/events scheduled for the upcoming games is still undecided. The bar will continue to provide some sort of snack or dish, and with the approach of cooler weather I plan on possibly doing more soups or chilis! If you are looking for a place to watch your college or pro football; keep us in mind! Round 2 of the chili cookoff will be during the November 24th monday night game against the saints. Cooks who enter will get \$1 drinks until the game ends (for themselves only, 1 cook per entry!) The game is a late one, so bring your chili in a little early!!

Holiday parties are booking fast! Please keep in mind that members can get the member rate on rentals for their employee holiday parties (the member MUST be an employee for the business to get the discount!)

Just a reminder that there will be no burger night or texas holdem on Thursday, November 27th. We will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

I hope everyone is enjoying the lovely FALL weather (it's my favorite!) and the colorful leaves inside (the great new bar deco by the auxiliary) and out!

Thanks, Valerie Driscoll, Bar Manager

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Auxiliary - November 2008

What a wonderful time of the year. Fall colors, hunting, football and Thanksgiving. Time to be with family and friends and to give thanks for the wonderful freedom that our veterans have fought so hard for, that we might enjoy what we have today.

During the October meeting we voted to have a potato/pie supper. This will be held on January 19th, 2009. Wilma D. has agreed to chair this event. So, when the call goes out to all of you members for deserts, please say you will help!

Eunice is once again bringing us the Honor/Memory Christmas Tree. She is looking for everyone to bring in an ornament with someone's name on it for the tree. Eunice will use the same tree that was in the hallway last year but hopes to add new ornaments this year. Remember a loved one or dear friend with an ornament again this year.

This newsletter went to print before the Kids Halloween Party, so I'll give a report on it in the next newsletter.

We have two (2) members who are turning 90 years young this month!!!! A BIG HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Liz O'Connell and Alice Shaffer!!!!

This month's newsletter maybe one of the shortest I've done, but with it goes a big message of Happy Thanksgiving from my husband Dale and I.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Nov. 1st - District Fall Forum; Nov. 4th - Election Day (Exercise your right to vote); Nov. 11th - Veterans Day (honor our veterans with a hug); Nov. 12th - Auxiliary Meeting @ 7 PM; Nov. 27th - Thanksgiving Day (*we all have a lot to be thankful for*).

NOVEMBER SERVING COMMITTEE: Norma Johnson, Lois Hanson, Marcy Deigmann, Edna Mitchell, Sharon Miller.

*"I don't know the key to success,
but the key to failure is trying to please everybody".*

Until next month.... You're President Elaine



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Hello ... We are over halfway in reaching our 100% goal for this year in membership. A big thank you to everyone who has either dropped off or mailed their membership in. We will be taking memberships up until December 31, 2008 for the 2009 year. After that date, your membership won't be current and you will lose your continuous years plus the other benefits that the Auxiliary offers. So with that being said, lets get them in soon!!

See you at the Post, Sue Kelley, First Vice President

SPECIAL REQUEST ... Onalaska Historical Society Needs Marine Uniform

On February 11, 2009 there will be a new Marine exhibit at the Onalaska Historical Museum. The seven Sobkowiak brothers, all of them were Marines, will be featured with photos and a display. The Museum only has one Marine shirt to display. We are in need of the donation or loan of Marine uniforms.

Do you have one that we may have or borrow? We could also include any other Marine artifacts or photos that you would care to share.

Contact Sandy Musolf at 783-4849 if you have donations or items to loan. Plan now to visit the exhibit. The museum will also host a reception for the Sobkowiak brothers. The museum is located at the Onalaska Library. Mark your calendars. **Thank you, Sandy Musolf (Mrs. Rich Musolf)**

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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: Ralph Amundsen: 783-7599

FROM THE EDITOR

Did you know you could read the Onalaska Legion Post 336 Newsletter online at: www.onalaskapost336.org ?

By opting out of receiving the print edition of the newsletter, you can save the Post money and get the information sooner! The online edition of the Legion Newsletter is usually available 2-3 days before the newsletter hits your mailbox. Provide us with your e-mail address and we will notify you each month when the latest edition is available on our site.

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S.A.L.

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Look for the Ed Zitlow Scholarship fundraiser that will be held in January. This is the major fundraiser to raise money to be given away to students in our area. Would like to see a big turnout to make this a success.

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SEEKING: Meeting summaries, uplifting articles, interesting items, legion questions and educational material, recipes, humorous articles & trivia from members and friends. Submit pictures of legion functions or gatherings in jpeg format labeled with names, dates, information and photographer name noted.

**Keith Brierly, SAL
Commander**

S.A.L.:

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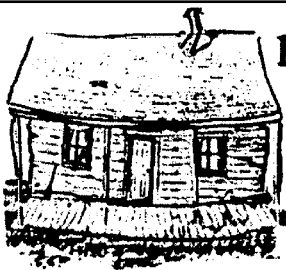


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Monday Night Football - PACKERS vs SAINTS - 7:30p Chili Cookoff Round 2 - Starts 6:00p Enter your Chili & Get \$1.00 Drinks till end of game!		POULTRY PARTY - Sat., Nov. 1st 6-10 pm • Win Holiday Turkey & Hams!			Poultry Party 1 11:00a-1:00p Winter Storage Rental (AC) 9:00a-12 noon	
Packers vs Titans 2 12 Noon Venture Group 7:00-8:00p (Hall)	3	Wings & Shrimp 4 4:30-7:00p	Big Al's Chicken & Dumplings 5 4:30 - 7:00p	Burger Night 6 5:00-8:00p Texas Hold Em 7:00-10:00p	Texas Band 7 7:00p-11:00p	Hall Available 8 Event Cancelled
Packers vs Vikings 9 12 Noon	Executive Mtg. 10 6:00p Legion Mtg. - 7:00p	Wings & Shrimp 11 4:30-7:00p	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00p 12	Burger Night 13 5:00-8:00p Texas Hold Em 7:00-10:00p	Fish Fry 14 4:30-7:00p Sisters & Co. Band 7:00-11:00p	Bar Party 15
SAL Breakfast 16 7:00a - 12 noon Packers vs Bears @ Noon SAL Meeting 1:00p Venture Group - 7-8p	17	Wings & Shrimp 18 4:30-7:00p	19	Burger Night 20 5:00-8:00p Texas Hold Em 7:00-10:00p	Midnight Rodeo Band 21 7:00p-11:00p	Big Band Ball 22 (Hall)
23	Packers vs Saints - 7:30p 24 Chili Cook Off Round 2 - 6:00p	Wings & Shrimp 25 4:30-7:00p Building Committee 6:00p House Committee 6:30p	26	HAPPY THANKSGIVING 27 CLUB WILL BE CLOSED 	Steve Mace DJ 28 7:00p-11:00p	29
Packers vs Panthers 30 12 Noon						
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TEXAS HOLD-EM

As I write this newsletter, our Texas Hold'Em season is in full swing. Last week we had 37 players; we have room for 40. But the spirit of competition is very high and it looks like we are having a good season. As you know, we try to include a raffle with our poker season if we can obtain a good item. Last week we raffled off a Packer Bird House. We try to get the unusual for your pleasure. Come on down, try a good burger and enjoy a great game of Texas Hold'Em. We welcome you all to come down and play and if you don't play come to hear the "famous words to the players from the Great Pit Bull".

Till next month, remember our Troops in your prayers!

Jerry, Les, Terry and the Pit Bull, Clarence Stellner

FROM LINUS KUJAK ...

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