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Onalaska American Legion

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American Legion Deployment Appreciation Night



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



GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

Welcome to February, the month of the mid-winter blues. Take heart, your Legion Post provides a number of opportunities to get out of the house and have a little fun. Remember, our next Smelt Fry will be on Feb. 27, starting at 4:30 pm.

February 14 is Valentine's Day. Make it special for those you love.

Requests for Memorial Bricks and Benches will be due by March 16. Bricks are \$50 and benches are \$750. Request forms are available at the Post.

We have a dedicated group of guys that we call "Counters" that monitor and manage our gambling machines for the Post. They are headed up by Bob Frechette and include Jerry Miller, Bob Dettinger, Don Duxbury and Jerry Malin. This is a big responsibility and these guys do an outstanding job. Their honesty, integrity and dedication to this task and to the Legion is truly appreciated. Thank You!

On February 17 we will be having a partner appreciation night. All are invited to stop in and say thanks to those that are sponsors for Legion Community Days.

On January 2d we had a "Pre-mobilization Appreciation Night" for families of soldiers deploying with the Wisconsin National Guard 32d Infantry Brigade. This event was made possible due to the efforts of many donors and volunteers. Thank you to all. *Donors/Contributors/Volunteers: Walmart, Kawik Trip, Buffalo Wild Wings, The Onalaska American Legion family, Legion Riders, Harley Davidson, Mary Fisher, Family Readiness Group, Jeff Mills, Training NCO, Co. A, 32 BTSSB, Operation Home Front. Cindy Bucholtz-publicity coordinator for the event.* The message that we want the "stay behind" families to remember: If they have a problem and there is nowhere to turn, call us! We will do everything we can to resolve their issue during the absence of their deployed family member/s.

Memorial Trees will again be planted this coming spring. We have room for 11 new plantings on the grounds. 3ea clump River Birch @ \$100 ea. 3ea Crab-apple @ \$100 ea. 1ea Linden @ \$100. 3ea Sugar Maple @ \$115 ea. An identification plate with holder will be extra @ approximately \$25 ea. Requests will be on a first come, first served basis. For requests, contact the Post Commander at 783-1715 by no later than March 19, 2009.

Have a great February, stay warm, keep our men and women in uniform in your thoughts and prayers. God Bless our troops, their families and our veterans. God Bless America.

Jim Nelson, Commander

February Footnotes: February 1st-National Freedom Day; February 8, 1910-Boy Scouts of America founded; February 12-Lincoln's Birthday; February 14-St. Valentine's Day; February 16-President's Day; February 22-Washington's Birthday.

American Legion Membership

Here we are into the hard winter months, yet we are quite busy with all of our functions and programs. Lest we forget, we are very pleased to welcome a number of new and transferred in members to our Post. Thank you to Joseph Matiak, Tom Tupper, Joseph Deml, James Hinds, Roy Jerome, Nicholas Shue, Natasha Boehm, Erin Rice, Tabatha Sullivan, Jonathon Kohn, and Brian Nichols. Welcome!

Our 2009 membership year renewal time is fast winding down and is nearing closure. We are currently at approximately 90% of our membership goal, which is 662. This puts our Post 336 as the 6th largest post in the State out of hundreds of American Legion Posts. Over the years, we have paid the annual dues for active duty members of our Post who are deployed. Please notify us if you know of one or more of our members who is currently deployed. Just call the Club and leave a message and we will followup.

Hope all is well and we shall see you at one of our many functions.

Ralph Amundsen, 1st vice Commander

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Ballroom Dancing - If anyone is interested in ballroom dancing, contact the Legion and leave a message for Rich Hoeth. We must have at least 10 couples. Six different dance lessons will be provided. If there is enough interest, times will be set up with the type of dances.

Rich Hoeth, 2nd Vice

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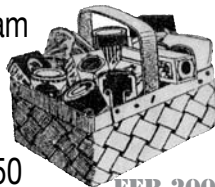
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SEEKING: Meeting summaries, uplifting articles, interesting items, legion questions and educational material, recipes, humorous articles & trivia from members and friends. Submit pictures of legion functions or gatherings in jpeg format labeled with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

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TEXAS HOLD-EM

Another year is about to begin with Texas Hold'Em making its start on February 5, 2009. Sign up is at 5:30PM and play starting at 7PM.

We finished last season with a great bunch of champions! The season ended with Dan Lamb being the Winter Champion getting \$\$\$\$ plus a silver engraved bracelet. Second Place was Tom Meyers, third place was Mike Winters, fourth place was Troy (Slippery) West and fifth place was won by Tim Clement. We had 12 great champs in the final round with great food supplied byh Beef & Etc. and Ed Pisarik and the great specials prepared by our own great S.A.L. and Auxiliary Helpers. Thanks to you all.

There is a nice display of photos in the back lobby at the club. See you all on February 5th for the start of our fourth season of fun. Thanks again!

LES, TERRY, JERRY AND CLARENCE

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Auxiliary - February 2009



Hello,

As I write this newsletter, I am in the sunny warm weather of Florida on a well deserved and needed vacation. I don't have much to say until next month. The serving committee for February is Diane Ryan - chairperson 608-783-7367, Sally Schultz, Dorothy Sagen and Norma L. Johnson

God Bless our Troops!
Elaine Schickowski, President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Hello,

We have sent in our 2008 dues and those that did not pay in 2008 have lost all their years of continuous membership. As a reminder, dues will be going up as directed by the Auxiliary Department. You still can pay your dues for 2009 as always. Drop them off at the club and they will get to me.

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

LEGION COMMUNITY DAYS

The Legion Community Days Committee has been hard at work and is putting together a great Legion Community Days weekend this year August 21 - 23. We will kick off the weekend with our opening ceremony at 6pm, (Our unofficial opening ceremony will be at 6am with the Lead Balloon show with Mikie and Rosko in the clubroom. Breakfast and Bloody Mary specials will be on tap.), followed by Pork Sandwiches for a buck at 6:30. We have ordered more pork and will put a limit on the number of sandwiches so that more folks will have a chance to enjoy them. The entertainment on stage that night will be the ever popular Studebaker 7. In an effort to improve on our food service and concession area we will use vendors from throughout the area; businesses like Seven Bridges, Happy Joe's, Kate's Kitchen and others. We will have a very good variety of food items available. The food court will be located in the Activity Center building.

Saturday will kick off with our now famous pancake breakfast at 7am. All you can eat pancakes and sausages. Good stuff. At 11am we will kick off our first ever Legion Community Days parade. The units will line up at 3rd and Main St. and follow Main up to Sand Lake Road, head north to Quincy Street, where it will disband. At noon the chicken Q will fire up and the carnival will be in full swing. The volleyball and softball tournaments will be running also. Softball will start up Friday night and Volleyball will begin at 9am Saturday. We will have a lot of things going on all afternoon Saturday. We are looking at several different options for the afternoon entertainment on stage. At 7pm Happy's Garage will take the stage for the evening entertainment. And of course ice cold beverages will be served all day long.

Sunday we will begin with our first ever SOS breakfast. You don't want to miss this. Our ecumenical service will start at 11am. The softball tournament begins at 9am, Chicken Q at noon. Bingo will be run all three days in the dining room for all those bingo lovers.

So you see we again will have a fun filled weekend and hope to fill the yard Friday night through Sunday afternoon with all our members and friends from the area. If you know of anyone interested in having a unit in our inaugural parade have them contact Bob Wilhelm. He will see that you get a spot. We will have sign up slips for volunteers behind the bar by late spring so look for them and give us an hour or two of your time that weekend. We can always use the help. Mark off the 4th weekend of August and reserve it now.

Mike Fries

Legion Baseball Collecting Cans

The Baseball Committee of our Legion Post 336 has a site in the parking lot to collect aluminum cans to raise money for our Legion Baseball. All are encouraged to donate their aluminum cans to this most worthy cause!

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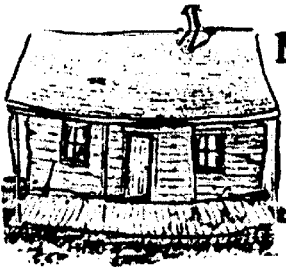
Hopefully we are turning the corner to warmer weather. I know I am tired of this cold and we have definitely had enough snow!

The January Breakfast Buffet was a great success after a slow start. The next S.A.L. Breakfast Buffet will be Sunday, February 15th from 8AM to 12Noon.

Not much else happening since we did not have enough members in January to hold a meeting. We need your attendance at the regular meetings.

The next S.A.L. Meeting will be at 1PM, Sunday, February 15th. Please make every effort to attend. We need our members.

Keith Brierly
S.A.L. Commander



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"SOUP"ER BOWL PARTY 4:P-? Drink Specials 1	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 11:30a-5:30p 2	S.A.L. Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7:00p 3	Big Al's Chicken & Dumplings 4:30 - 7:00p 4	Texas Hold'Em 7:00-10:00p Burger Night 4:00-8:00p (new time) 5	Buck Hollow Band 7:00p-11:00p 6	DJ Steve Mace 7:00p-11:00p Bar Party 50th Birthday 7
8	Executive Mtg. 6:00p Legion Mtg. - 7:00p 9	S.A.L. Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7:00p NAARVE Meeting - 10:00a 10	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00p 11	Texas Hold'Em 7:00-10:00p Burger Night 4:00-8:00p 12	Fish Fry 4:30-7:00p Heavy Water Band 7:00-11:00p 13	Happy Valentine's Day 14
SAL Buffet Breakfast 8:00a - 12 noon SAL Meeting 1:00p 15	LCD Partners Appreciation Night 7:00p 16	S.A.L. Wings & Shrimp 4:30-7:00p 17	18	Texas Hold'Em 7:00-10:00p Burger Night 4:00-8:00p 19	Sisters & Company Band 7:00p-11:00p 20	Tim Hunt Benefit 2:00p-? 21
Scout Pack 68 (Hall) 22	23	S.A.L. Wings & Shrimp - 4:30-7p Bldg. Committee - 6p House Committee - 6:30p 24	25	Texas Hold'Em 7:00-10:00p Burger Night 4:00-8:00p 26	Smelt Fry 4:30-7:00p DJ Steve Mace 7:00-11:00p 27	28
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 11:30 A - 5:30 P		VALENTINE'S DAY Bring Your Valentine and Your 1st Drink is FREE!!			Remember FABULOUS ... Fish Fry - Feb 13 - 4:30-7pm Smelt Fry - Feb 27 - 4:30-7pm	

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(Courtesy of VA WASHINGTON (AFRNS))

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