



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

WEBSITE: WWW.ONALASKAPOST336.ORG EMAIL: LEGION3300@CHARTERINTERNET.COM



Legion Christmas Party

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



GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

I hope your Christmas was a joyous time with friends and family. Out goes 2008 and in comes 2009. As of this writing we have now completed our December blizzard, preparing for our January blizzard served up with a nice cold spell. I'm sure all of you snowbirds are feeling left out with all of the great winter weather we're having here in good old Wisconsin. Please save the hate mail, I'm just joking.

Speaking of winter weather; Bride went with her sister to Las Vegas for a few days last month. Get some sunshine, do a little gambling, see the sights, entertainment, etc. Well guess where one of Decembers biggest blizzards took place? Yup, good old Las Vegas. Remember, Vegas is in the very south of Nevada, you know, desert southwest, warm temperatures, sunshine, well anyway..... Airport was shut down, bride couldn't get flight back to Wisconsin, "snow removal" is not spoken in that town. New plan! Next trip is to the Bahamas for some snow boarding.

The 32d Infantry Brigade, Wisconsin Army National Guard, is being mobilized and will be deployed for training in January and then onto the middle east sometime in late February 2009. On January 2, 2009, we are having a Pre-Mobilization Appreciation Night for deploying soldiers and their families. All members of the local unit, their families and any soldiers that are deploying with any Brigade unit and their family that lives in this area will be honored. Legion members are also invited to stop in and express their appreciation. This will also identify families in the area that may need support while their soldier is deployed. Post 336 is partnered with both the National Guard and United States Army Reserve units in Onalaska.

Our smelt fries will be on the 4th Friday in January, February and March again this year. If you've got some free time and would like to help, give us a call.

We have started our 2009 membership year. If you have not renewed your membership as yet, please do. Membership is currently \$30.

You'll note that as time goes on our calendar has more activities than ever.. Come on out to your Post and enjoy.

As we enter into 2009 and many are experiencing difficulties in their lives, keep in mind that there are many sources of assistance available to you. The Legion is just one of those sources. If we are unable to give you immediate answers, we will do whatever we can to help you resolve your issue.

Historical notes. 1 Jan 45, 1st WWII Marine fighter squadrons fly off carrier. 7 Jan 1942, Japanese attack Bataan in the Philippines. 8 Jan 1847, Battle of San Gabriel (Navy, Marines, Army defeat Mexicans in California). 17 Jan 1991, Persian Gulf War began. 27 Jan 1973, Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord.

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

Jim Nelson, Commander

TROOP AND FAMILY SEND OFF PARTY

There will be a send-off party for troops and their families at the Onalaska American Legion Post 336. The Legion wants soldiers and their families to know help is available for those left behind after the soldiers deploy.

The pre-deployment gathering starts at 5 PM on January 2nd for an evening of fun, food and entertainment for service personnel and their families and children.

The intent of the pre-mob party is to identify who needs to be contacted in an emergency. According to officials, there are families in this area who might fall through the cracks during an emergency.

We have people living in this area that have loved ones who are soldiers belonging to other units from other parts of Wisconsin. We want to identify them so they aren't overlooked when the soldiers are mobilized. We want everyone to have a good time that evening and know they are among friends when their loved one is deployed.

We will be looking forward to seeing everyone!!

Jim Nelson

TEXAS HOLD-EM

Happy New Year to All Poker Lovers!!

By the time you read this, our champion will have been named and crowned. As usual, the full pomp and ceremony will have taken place and a great time was had by all for this year.

We will not have any tourneys in January, but starting February 2nd, a new season starts and goes for another 14 weeks before the championship on the 15th week.

As pit bosses, we have had a great time with great players and people who have been to the club to watch. The comments we get for our game make us very proud to be able to serve you.

Pit boss Jerry will again depart for the south, leaving Les and me to keep things on the straight and narrow. Hell of a job, but someone has to do it!

Till next year, have a great New Year. Come on over to the club and keep the bartenders busy so they don't get out of practice.

Before I forget it, thank you Sons of American Legion and Beef & Etc. for the great meal on championship night.

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

Officers:

Commander:
Jim Nelson - 783-1715

1st Vice:
Ralph Amundsen

2nd Vice:
Rich Hoeth

3rd Vice:
Clarence Stellner

Adjutant:
Dave Loomis

Finance Officer:
Mike Fries

Judge Advocate:
Todd Bjerke

Chaplain:
Claude Deck

Service Officer:
Vern Reekers - 783-3913

Historian:
Bill Jaekel

Sgt. at Arms
Willie Fernholz

Editor:
Jim Buckholtz
715-985-3929
j.buckholtz@hotmail.com

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

CLASSIFIEDS

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

Used ATV Wanted - Looking for a used ATV, not less than 500cc, 4x4. Also a single axle, 14' x 6' trailer. We need these to assist us on the grounds, at parades and other chores. If anyone has any information on this, please contact Merle Cunningham at 783-7523.

Honest Paul's L&M Tavern

631 Copeland
On the Avenue
La Crosse, WI 54603

784-PAUL



"Trust Me"

Old Dutch

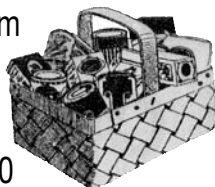


Everybody's Flavor Favorite
"Official Snacks of the Onalaska Legion"

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

Donated items can be brought to:
735 Sand Lake Rd. - Mon.-Sat., 9-11am

Checks may be sent to:
Onalaska-Holmen Food Basket
P.O. Box 311, Onalaska, WI 54650



LAKEVIEW RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

N4135 Hwy. 35 North • Onalaska, WI 54650 • 608-781-0150

"Homemade Cooking" our Specialty

~ **Restaurant Hours** ~

7 days/wk - 5:30am-2:00pm **Evenings** - Tues.-Fri.-Sat. @ 5:00pm

~ **Lounge Hours** ~

7 days/5 nights, Closed Sun. & Mon. nights
with "FREE" WINGS on Wednesday @ 2:00pm

Wheel Chair Access - Easy Bus Turnaround & Parking

Breakfast Everyday till 2:00pm with a Beautiful View of Lake Onalaska

LEGION POLO SHIRTS

We will order Polo Shirts for Post 336 Legion members upon request...Great Birthday gift. Shirts are cotton blend, short sleeves with embroidered AL Logo/City/Post#.

SIZE COST

SM...XL \$16.50

XXL...TALL \$22.50

+ 5.5% Tax

COLORS: Black, Bergundy, Gray, Dk Green, Lime, Navy, Orange, Red, Royal, Stone, White.



To Order: Call Claude

Deck @781-4948 or send note to 2244 Evenson Dr., Onalaska, WI 54650. Or, put a note in my in-box at the Post. Order will be sent to vendor when we have 10 or more requests. Make checks payable to Legion Post 336. *Pre-paid orders only.*

*Struck-Klandrud Post 336 Newsletter is your newsletter published monthly for the members and friends of Post 336. Send material for publication, address corrections and inquiries to Onalaska Legion Post 336, c/o Jim Buckholtz, 35917 Ash Street, Independence, WI 54747 or email to jbuckholtz@hotmail.com. Materials submitted for publication will be edited for content and clarity and may be printed as space permits. **Publication deadline is the third Monday of each month.***

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.

Auxiliary:

President:
Elaine Schickowski
781-9883

1st Vice:
Sue Kelley - 769-3628

2nd Vice:
Rhonda Hoeth

Treasurer:
Colleen Kujak

Historian:
LaVonne Rivers

Sgt. at Arms:
**Annette Kujak &
Jan Stanienda**

Chaplain:
Eunice Christensen

Members at Large:
**Wilma Dettinger &
Judy Nimmo**

Secretary:
Sonja Kerr

Parliamentarian:
Delores Kenyon

Sunshine Chairwoman:
Liz Reekers



Auxiliary - January 2009

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!! Can you believe it is 2009! Think Spring.....don't know about you, but I'm sick of snow and can't wait to go to Florida. I will be gone from January 13th to January 29th, so if you need anything you can contact Sue Kelley the 1st Vice.

Not very much to report since there was no regular meeting in December. The Auxiliary party was great, we even had a visit from Santa himself. Thanks Santa for the candy kisses. After the party came the Joint party. Everyone that braved the weather had a great time with good food, good fun and lots of prizes.

A huge thank you goes to the SAL and Miss Poppy for their hard work cooking and serving both parties. Without volunteerism we would not have been able to enjoy two great events. So, SAL and Miss Poppy.... We thank you very much!!

Sunday, December 21st was the kids Christmas party and needless to say the Saley did a wonderful job. Thank you very much !!!

We have received 25 backpacks for Operation Military Kids. It is not, repeat is not, to late to donate items to put in the backpacks. There is a box at the Legion next to the Holiday Tree to leave any donations. We do have troops from Onalaska ready to deploy, so it would be nice to have these backpacks ready for their kids. The American Legion Riders have offered to help us get the packs ready for distribution.

Well, that's it for this month, like I said a short one!!!! I'll make up for it next month.

Happy and Healthy New Year to one and all. God bless our troops and their families.

Your President, Elaine Schickowski



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Hello,

Welcome to the New Year! 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 2008 as always. Drop them off at the club and they will get to me.

See you at the Post,

Sue Kelley, First Vice President

FROM THE BAR BOSS

New Years' Day Specials!!

Come on down to the Legion Club and support our guest bartenders!

To keep thins simple for them, we are running GREAT (and easy!) drink specials from 10 AM to 6 PM! \$1.00 can, bottle and tap beer products!

\$2.00 rail, call and top shelf liquor/premium products (wine, malternatives)(excluding PREMIUM LIQUORS).

\$2.00 Vodka and Ice from the guest bartenders, then visit the BLOODY MARY BAR and make your bloody mary with LOTS of extra garnishes, mixes and choices to fix it up just the way you would do it if you made it yourself (which you are)!! You can add a beer chaser for \$1.00.

Enjoy lunch while you're here from our regular grill menu. The grill is open weekdays from 11 AM to 2 PM and Thursday nights from 5 to 8 PM. We serve appetizers and frozen pizzas daily from 11 AM to 8 PM.

January means NFL Playoffs are here. We do not have the details and schedules as of the newsletter deadline, but stop in for happy hour prices and snacks during the games!!

Valerie Driscoll, Manager

EVERY PLUMBING & HEATING

Dennis Every, Owner
MP #17540



WE FIX

- Faucets & Toilets
- Water Heaters

WE DO

- Repairs
- Remodeling
- NEW Construction

Remodeling
783-2803
Onalaska, Wisconsin

A Trade Partner with Xcel Energy
Energy Efficient Water Heaters

\$10 OFF
Your next bill

7891131

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!

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.

I no longer wish to receive the Print edition of the Legion Newsletter.

Name: _____

Member ID: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please Note: If there is an Auxiliary or SAL member in your household, they must also opt out of the print version or it will continue to be mailed to your home. Return this filled out form to Onalaska American Legion Post 336, 731 Sand Lake Road, Onalaska WI 54650 or email the information to jimbuckholtz@yahoo.com.

Food - Fun - Friends

**Veterans and the Public Welcome
New & Transfer Members Invited**

Food Events & Entertainment on Selected Evenings

Bar opens 11 a.m. daily

Lunch served 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Monday thru Friday

**Facilities & Catering for Weddings,
Anniversaries, Special Events, Etc.**



**Onalaska American Legion
783-3300
WWW.ONALASKAPOST336.ORG
731 Sand Lake Road, Onalaska, WI**



105 State St. • Holmen, WI 54636

**T-Jo's
Pizza**

**VIP
\$100 OFF
any purchase
(Holmen location only)**

Call: 526-2244



Specialty Meats & Foods

Wine Tasting: Wed. & Fri., 6-8

**412 Main Street
Holmen, WI 54636**

(608) 526-3112

www.holmenmeatmarket.com

**ChemDry®
of La Crosse**

*Drier. Cleaner. Healthier.™
Serving La Crosse, Houston & Winona Counties*

(608) 788-6000

(507) 457-9458

Residential
& Commercial

**DAVE
PLANTZ**

**festival®
foods**

Sloopy's Alma Mater begins year 28 at
163 Copeland Ave., La Crosse, WI and year 39 since 1969.

Come and enjoy! - Open 7am Mon.-Sat.; Sunday 8am

Breakfast, Lunch, and much more.

Big 10 Burgers - Homemade Pizza

Broasted Chicken - Soups - Chili

A Legion Member for 35 years.

S.A.L.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and Happy New Year.

The December Breakfast with Santa went very well. There were several children there to meet Santa. Our next breakfast will be January 18th from 8 until Noon. We also have the Wings and Shrimp every Tuesday from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

The Ed Zietlow fundraiser will be on January 17th. There will be a bowling tournament held at the Coulee Golf Bowl. Bowling times will be 1 pm and 3 pm. Prizes will be awarded at the Legion after the bowling is finished. There will be food available at the Legion after the bowling also. Sign up at the Legion or at Coulee Golf Bowl.

Keith Brierly, SAL Commander

S.A.L.:

Commander: **Keith Brierly**

1st Vice: **Ron Henderson**

2nd Vice: **Michael Hunt**

Adjutant: **Derrick Olson**

Finance Officer: **Ken Drury**

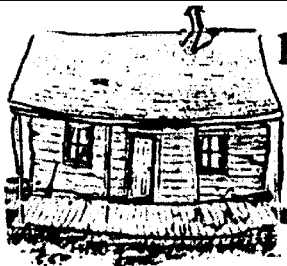
Chaplain: **Joe Erickson**

Sgt. at Arms: **Brad Drury**

Historian: **Matt Erickson**

S.A.L. Advisor: **Clarence Stellner**

RENEWALS - NEWSLETTER ADS ... We will be communicating with the current newsletter advertisers to determine if they wish to continue to advertise with us. Ads are available on a one-year basis, Jan. thru Dec. 2009. Sizes available are a 2"x2" @ \$50./year and a 2"x3.75" @ \$80./year. The larger ad is horizontal. All payments must be made for the full year, payable in advance. New ad space will open up if there are some non-renewals. The space will be made available on a first-come first-served basis for new advertisers. Questions, comments and ad purchase should be directed to Jim Buckholtz at 715-985-3929 between the hours of 9am and 5pm. If needed, leave a message. My email is jbuckholtz@hotmail.com. All phone calls and emails will be returned. Thank You, Jim Buckholtz, Newsletter Editor.



MY SECOND HOME

2104 George Street
La Crosse, WI 54603
783-9847

Owners
Mike & Debbie Dwyer

Buy one, get one free with this ad.
Limit one per customer
(18 year member of the Onalaska Legion)



"We are in the business of helping Our Customers Express Themselves"

310 Sand Lake Road
Onalaska - 783-2140

205 S. Holmen Drive
Holmen - 526-1168

Same Day Delivery
Trempealeau • Galesville
Arcadia • Holmen
Bangor • West Salem
Onalaska • La Crosse

Flowersbyguenthers.com

Toll Free: 800-788-6434



SAM'S BAR

2116 George St.
La Crosse, WI

(608) 781-2060

Top of the Golden Strip

Accounting Tax Bookkeeping Service
Individuals Partnerships Corporations

NEALE A. HORMAN & ASSOCIATES
Neale A. Horman A.B.A.

1024 Main St., Onalaska, WI Phone: (608) 783-0440
Fax: (608) 783-0472
16741 S. Main, Galesville, WI Phone: (608) 582-2620


Paul's
HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.

"Season to Season - Year to Year"

1513 George Street
LaCrosse, WI 54603
(608) 784-0751

Receive \$10.00 off any service call with this ad

The Bend In The Road
STAINED GLASS STUDIO

2532 Rose St
LaCrosse, Wisconsin 54603

CUSTOM WORK • CLASSES • SUPPLIES • GIFTS

Laurie Naas
owner/operator

(608) 781-4775
www.stainedglasslacrosse.com

Dave's Barber Shop

711 2nd Ave. So.
Onalaska
608-783-6888



DAVE HOLTHAUS
RETIRED

Master Barber
Legion Member Since 1965

Coulee Trophy

114 2nd Avenue North
Onalaska, WI 54650



ONE DAY DELIVERY
ON ENGRAVING
SERVICE


AWARDS • TROPHIES • PLAQUES

Scott Guenther
Owner

JANUARY 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Pre-Mob Appreciation Night Jan. 2nd - 5 pm For All Family and Friends		Remember: Fish Fry - Jan. 9 - 4:30-7pm Smelt Fry - Jan. 23 - 4:30-7pm		Guest Bartenders 1 10:00a-6:00p Drink Specials - 10a-6p Grill Open - 11a-2p Burger Night - 5-8p	DJ/Karaoke 2 Becky Wilhelm 7:00p-11:00p Pre-Mob Appreciation Night - (Hall)	Surprise Birthday 3 Party - (Bar) Surprise Birthday Party - (Hall)
4	5	Wings & Shrimp 6 4:30-7:00p	Big Al's Chicken & Dumplings 7 4:30 - 7:00p	Burger Night 8 5:00-8:00p	Fish Fry 9 4:30-7:00p Time & A Half Band 7:00-11:00p	Hall Available 10
11	Executive Mtg. 12 6:00p Legion Mtg. - 7:00p	Wings & Shrimp 13 4:30-7:00p NAARVE Meeting - 10:00a	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:00p 14	Burger Night 15 5:00-8:00p Community Days Committee Meeting 6:30p	Texas Band 16 7:00p-11:00p	Ed Zietlow Benefit - (Hall) 17 Will Talbot 70th Birthday Party (Bar)
SAL Breakfast 18 8:00a - 12 noon SAL Meeting 1:00p	19	Wings & Shrimp 20 4:30-7:00p	21	Burger Night 22 5:00-8:00p	Smelt Fry 23 4:30-7:00p DJ/Karaoke John Stevenson 7:00-11:00p	Hall Available 24
Home Depot Holiday Party (Hall) 25	26	ONA Community Health Screen by Lifeline - 8:00a-5:00p Wings & Shrimp - 4:30-7p House Committee - 6:30p 27	28	Burger Night 29 5:00-8:00p	Stoney Ridge Band 30 7:00p-11:00p	31

ONALASKA AMERICAN LEGION • POST 336 • 731 SAND LAKE ROAD • PHONE (608) 783-3300
WWW.ONALASKAPOST336.ORG • Email: LEGION3300@CHARTERINTERNET.COM



4th Annual

Ed Zietlow

Bowling Tournament & Silent Auction

Proceeds for the Edgar Zietlow Scholarship & Special Education Fund
c/o Sons of the American Legion Squadron 336

Saturday, January 17th, 2009

9-Pin Tap Handicap Bowling Tournament at Coulee Golf Bowl
100 Greens Coulee Rd., Onalaska

Times: 1-3 pm or 3-5 pm • \$15.00
Includes 3 games!

Prizes for Top Finishers in the Women & Men's Division

Raffles during bowling

Silent Auction will be held at **Onalaska American Legion 4-7 p.m.**
Food, beverages & music provided!


Sign up and prepay at the Onalaska American Legion
Deadline: Sunday, Dec. 31st
Anyone interested in donating silent auction items or have any questions, please contact Ron H. @ 781-0696 or Karla W. 781-2897




Ed Zietlow

LEGION BLOOD DRIVE

Watch your newsletter for more information on the
LEGION BLOOD DRIVE
February 2nd • 11:30 am to 5:30 pm




VOITURE 830
WANT TO RENT THE LOKEY
CALL 608-784-2811, JIM
608-796-0296, AL



WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS,
PARTIES, PICNICS,
ANY SPECIAL OCCASION ONLY YOU
CAN HAVE YOUR OWN TRAIN

THE ONALASKA LEGION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
 Publication No. 1-2009
 Issue Date - January, 2009



Published by: **American Legion Post 336**
 731 Sand Lake Road
 P.O. Box 326
 Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650

January 2009 Newsletter
Onalaska, WI 54650



Non-Profit Org
U.S. Postage
PAID
La Crosse, WI
Permit NO. 12

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

American Legion

731 Sand Lake Road • P.O. Box 326

Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650

Phone (608) 783-3300



Legion Christmas Party