



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

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Legion Community Days is Drawing Near

Work is progressing nicely on the 2009 version of Legion Community Days. The committee, which meets monthly on the third Thursday, has been diligently working on a number of things for this year's event. Some of the things we are working on is a brand new food court we will have set up in the activity center. There will be nine or ten vendors on site with plenty of food choices for those in attendance. There will be pizza, burgers, fries, cheese curds, buffalo wings, prime rib sandwiches, soda and ice cream among other goodies to enjoy. In addition we will have our now famous pancake breakfast and new this year we will be having a SOS breakfast on Sunday morning. Now there is a treat you will not want to miss. There will be charcoal chicken available both on Saturday and Sunday this year for everyone to enjoy. (We are looking for folks to help us with pre-sale of tickets, so if you are interested if selling a few please let someone on the committee know and we will get you a few.)

We are working with the city with all the permits and licensing necessary to have in place, such as carnival permits, parade permits and amending the license to sell beer in the tent and a few other entities to keep us in conformance with our police and fire departments requirements. Along with that we are doing a major electrical upgrade in the activity center for a much smoother operation.

Our partnership sponsors are coming along well as the business community once again is stepping up to help us out with some of the ever increasing costs to put on our festival. We will continue to accept any donations our members or friends would like to send in also to help us out. Again just contact on of the committee members and they will help you. Or send it to Legion Community Days at the club.

Parade Chairman, Bob Wilhelm and his crew are getting our first parade on the drawing board and there have been quite a few requests for spots in the line up. We will have a real nice parade for everyone to enjoy that sunny Saturday morning.

Our entertainment is booked and ready to go. Studebaker 7 will once again kick us off on Friday night to get things off and running on a great note. Boy you don't want to miss them. Saturday night Happy's Garage will be on stage, and if you haven't seen this group get out there and see another great group from our area. They will be playing at the Legion I believe one Friday night in June, check the newsletter or website calendar for the exact date and check them out. We will have plenty of tables and room in the beer tent, but I warn you, best to get there early to catch some of this good free entertainment. Remember, no buttons required.

The volunteer book will be behind the bar by the first part of June for everyone to sign up and help us out with the various jobs for set up, take down and weekend duties needed. Come on in and get on the list.

Mark your calendar for August 21 - 23 this year and come on out. I know you will have a great time. I hear tell the commander buys an occasional drink if you can catch him that weekend.

We still would like to hear from any classes having their reunions. This would be a great part of your festivities to spend your Friday night or Saturday night with us and just have a ball. We can make arrangement to recognize those who would like. Just contact Cindy Buckholtz for details. Every year I would like to see more and more classes participate in Community Days. We will make it fun for you to be part of us.

As always if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions you can contact me:

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GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

Well, here comes May and I haven't even adjusted to the nice weather we've had in April. I have a small, above ground pool in my backyard with the winter cover still on. A pair of mallards dropped in, puddled around & then took a nap one day. Still seeing signs of spring with summer waiting in the wings. Bride has been actively engaged in executing my list of things to do. After winter, dogs house has to be cleaned of all straw. It was absolutely necessary that I vacuum out all of the dust. She knows I have trouble breathing straw dust. Is there some connection here? I've tried to explain to her that the dog does not want a roommate. Oh well.

Spring also means baseball. The crack of the bat & smack of a ball in a mitt can

be heard on the ball diamond. Baseball is underway. Good luck to our Legion Baseball teams.

Our Historian, Bill Jaekel, has done a synopsis of our history with our meeting minutes file. Anyone who would like a copy, contact us at your convenience. Good job Bill, thank you.

The 91st Annual Convention, Department of Wisconsin American Legion, will be held at the Wyndham Milwaukee Airport Hotel & Convention Center July 22-26, 2009. The Wyndham is located at 4747 South Howell Avenue in Milwaukee. Any member that would like to attend, please contact me prior to July 10, 2009. Post 336 will pay the registration fee of \$25 per person. See Article IV, Delegates, Section 1, to Post 336 By-Laws.

Election of Post Officers will be at this month's Legion meeting. This is addressed by the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Clarence Stellner in a different section of this newsletter.

What's happening at the Post in May you ask? Great things for your enjoyment, I reply. This will be our last month of Chicken & Dumpling & Fish Fry before our summer break. Thank you all for your support.

Check the calendar for our great food offerings. Noon lunches, Mon thru Fri, Wings & Shrimp, Tues, Burger nite, Thurs, SAL breakfast, 3d Sunday of the month & Friday night entertainment.

Boy Scout troops 1, 48, 68 & Venture Crew 382 will be offering a pancake & french toast breakfast at the Legion on May 24, 7-11am.

Memorial Day Service will be held again this year at the Veterans Memorial in the Onalaska Cemetery preceded by a parade from the Post to the cemetery. This year's guest speaker will be CSM George Stopper.

His background is US Army/WI Army National Guard. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the morning. Parade begins at 9:30am, Memorial Service at 10am. Coffee & donuts precede the parade. Lite lunch served after the Memorial Day Service. Come and honor our fallen heroes.

The Museum in the Onalaska Library has a military exhibit that I encourage you all to see. It features the Sobkowiak brothers and their Marine Corp service. Also on display is the Marine Corp dress uniform previously worn by Legion member John Collins.

What's the scoop from the Building Committee? On our list; rebuild the handicap ramp on the west side entrance to the bar, flood lights on the tank, electrical upgrade in the Activity Center & grounds, replace roof on dumpster building,

The kids Easter egg hunt was held last month on April 11. It was a great turn out. The hall was packed with kids, probably a new record. Thanks to the Page girls & their helpers for conducting the program again this year.

Have a great May. Stop in at the Legion, bring a friend & enjoy your Post.

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

Jim Nelson, Commander

The month of May, past & present. May 8, 1945, Victory Europe (VE) Day. May 10, Mothers Day. May 16, Armed Forces Day. May 25, Memorial Day.

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**Meetings are every
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No meetings in April or October due to bus trip.

American Legion Membership

Thank you one and all for your membership in The American Legion. Without each of us, we would not have the voice of the veteran.

The 2009 membership renewal and joining cycle is winding down. We still have a few members who have not renewed yet, so please drop off or send in your membership dues now.

An interesting thing occurred at the last Chicken and Dump-lings. While working that evening, Rich Leibold informed me that he found his membership number in the newsletter. See, there really are people who have found their number. Rich was the proud recipient of \$10.00, which he promptly donated to the scholarship fund within our Post. Thank you!

With summer almost here, we are having a summer hiatus from Chicken and Fish dinners. Don't let that stop you from coming in and enjoying the company of other veterans and members. Hope to see you at the Club.

Ralph Amundsen, 1st Vice Commander

Service Officers Report

~ Sick Call ~

Jerry Miller, Alfred Schulze, Dale Schickowski
Gary Turk, Mark Kane

~ Last Bugle ~

Theodore (Ted) Kothe ~ Donald H. Elsen

Vern Reekers, Service Officer

2009 Terry Eggen Memorial Scholarship

The Terry Eggen Memorial Scholarship began in 2002 to honor the Memory of Terry Eggen, Onalaska Legion Post commander in '80, '81, and '82. A Vietnam vet, Terry was a long-term member of the Onalaska American Legion Post #336 and donated a great deal of time and labor in his strong support of youth programs at the Legion level.

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SELECTION: Will be decided by the "Terry Eggen Memorial Scholarship Committee"

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Legion Baseball Collecting Cans

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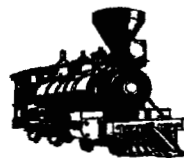
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Liz Reekers



Auxiliary - May 2009

Welcome Spring ... hopefully here to stay!!!

I will start with a big thank you to Sue Kelley for taking care of and conducting the April meeting. Just prior to the meeting, my husband was taken to the hospital and I needed to be with him. He still isn't doing well, but I have high hopes that things will be getting better.

April has been a busy month with weddings, banquets, parties and Spring Conference. Spring Conference was very well attended by approximately 67 ladies who were greeted by our Onalaska Mayor Mike Giese, Police Chief Trotnic, Commander Jim Nelson, SAL Commander Keith Brierly, County President Martha Robinson and County Commander Mike Wagner. The ladies put on a great lunch. Thanks to all who donated cakes, bars and cookies. Maureen Smith made the table decorations and they received a lot of compliments. The Conference concluded by 3:30 PM and by 4:30 PM the hall was transformed into a wedding hall thanks to all those that stayed around after the conference and helped with the transformation. Wow!!! What a day! By 9PM I was ready to drop after working both events. We are truly an Auxiliary Family and I cannot forget the guys from the SAL that helped with both events. It is for that reason that Kayla and Annette Kujak and I were back at the hall at 7 AM on Sunday to help the SAL with their breakfast buffet when they served approximately 135 people. We wish you an enjoyable and productive year!!!

MAY SERVING COMMITTEE: Liz Reekers, Sandy Nelson, Judy Nimmo and Marvel Faherty.

FYI: May 10th - Mother's Day; May 16th - Armed Forces Day; May 22nd-24th-Sunfish Days; May 25th - Memorial Day. Memorial Day at the Legion - Coffee and donuts at 8:00 a.m. before the parade with a light lunch at the Legion after the Memorial Service.

That is it for this month ... I leave you with this, "The blossom come before the fruit, the bud before the rose, the seed is planted in the ground before the flower grows."

Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers. May your day be filled with sunshine and thanks!!!

God Bless our Troops.

ELAINE SCHICKOWSKI, President



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP

Hello,

As I come to the end of my term in office as your First Vice President, I want to thank everyone who has helped me in any way. Especially, Norma Johnson and Betty Stellpflug for their help in updating our member listing. Also anyone who has invited a new member to join our organization. We will be electing new officers in our June meeting, so I encourage all members to attend that meeting to help choose the new officers for the next two years.

See you at the post,

Sue Kelley, First Vice President

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FROM THE EDITOR

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TEXAS HOLD'EM

First thing is to welcome back our Pit Boss Jerry. He had his feet in the sand to long, and now it's time to get back to work.

Well, another season is coming to a close with a great tournament of champions on May 14th. We will be having our great feed and intro of champs. We will also allow non-winners to have a special game as usual. Come on down and watch the fun.

The Legion Pit Bosses have been asked to put on a tournament for Sunfish Days at the Omni Center on May 24th. For those interested, check the Sunfish flyer.

We will not be having any tournaments in June or July, but will be at Community Days in August. Watch for more information.

To all our players, thank you for a great season and we will try to keep this great program alive for you to enjoy on September 11th.

Again, have a great summer!

Les, Jerry, Terry and Clarence

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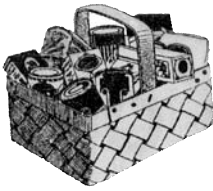
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May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>May 10th</u> - Mother's Day • <u>May 16th</u> - Armed Forces Day <u>May 22nd-24th</u> - Sunfish Days • <u>May 25th</u> - Memorial Day</p> <p><i>Memorial Day - Coffee and donuts at the Legion at 8:00 am before the parade with a light lunch at the Legion after the Memorial Service.</i></p>					<p>¹ TEXXAS Band 7:00-11:00pm</p>	<p>² Onalaska Fireman's Ball</p>
<p>³</p>	<p>⁴</p>	<p>⁵ S.A.L. Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00pm</p>	<p>⁶ Last Chicken & Dumplings of the season 4:30 - ??</p>	<p>⁷ Texas Hold' Em 7:00 - 10:00pm Burger Night 4:00 - 8:00pm</p>	<p>⁸ Last Fish Fry of the season 4:30 - 7:00pm Karoke/DJ by John Stevenson 7:00 - 11:00pm</p>	<p>⁹ Congratulations Joe & Mary Wakeen 50th Anniversary Reception Hall</p>
<p>¹⁰ Venture Group Reception Hall 1:00 - 3:00pm <u>Mothers Day</u></p>	<p>¹¹ Executive Meeting 6:00pm Legion Meeting <u>Election of Officers</u> 7:00pm</p>	<p>¹² NARVRE Meeting 9:30am S.A.L. Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00pm</p>	<p>¹³ Auxiliary Meeting 7:00pm</p>	<p>¹⁴ Texas Hold' Em CHAMPIONSHIP 7:00 - 10:00pm (No Burger Night)</p>	<p>¹⁵ TIME & A HALF Band 7:00 - 11:00pm</p>	<p>¹⁶ Bar Party 1:00 - 4:00pm (Hall Available)</p>
<p>¹⁷ SAL Breakfast Buffet 8:00 - 12:00am SAL Meeting <u>Election Of Officers</u> 1:00pm Baseball Sign-up 1:00 - 5:00pm Reception Hall</p>	<p>¹⁸</p>	<p>¹⁹ Last S.A.L. Wings & Shrimp of the season 4:30 - 7:00pm</p>	<p>²⁰</p>	<p>²¹</p>	<p>²² DJ Steve Mace 7:00 - 11:00pm A.C. Graduation Party</p>	<p>²³ Congratulations Don & Tanya Reception Hall Ron Elson Retirement Party Bar 4:00pm - ?? A.C. Graduation Party; Kyla</p>
<p>²⁴ Wakeen Graduation Party Reception Hall A.C. Boy scouts Pancake Breakfast 7:00 - 11:00am</p>	<p>²⁵ <u>Memorial Day</u> Open @ 8:00am Pre-Parade Specials</p>	<p>²⁶ House Committee Meeting 6:30pm</p>	<p>²⁷</p>	<p>²⁸</p>	<p>²⁹ Sister's & Co. 7:00 - 11:00pm Jackie & Ryan Reception Hall</p>	<p>³⁰ Liz & Ryan Reception Hall</p>

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Notes from The Bar Manager

- ◆ We have added some lighter (and healthier!) items to our lunch menu, swing in and try something new! Fridays in May the bar lunch menu will offer a seafood choice/daily special. Lunch is served from 11am-2pm Monday through Friday.
- ◆ If you need somewhere to watch this seasons' Brewers games, we do get FSN and ESPN, so most of the games will be available! A limited number of Post 336 Brewers Magnet Schedules are available from your bartender, please limit to one per person!
- ◆ May is National Tavern Month, and our local Tavern League has chosen the Freedom Honor Flight as their May Fundraiser, if you would like to make a donation, there is a container on the bar!
- ◆ Saturday May 2nd the Onalaska Firemen's' Ball is returning to our venue again! Please help support their program! Food, drinks, dancing, raffles.... Weather permitting it will be held in the Activity Center or Hall.
- ◆ Support our various groups at their last meal events for the season! Chicken and Dumplings, Fish Fry, and Wings & Shrimp will all return again in the fall!
- ◆ Bar Parties: Please schedule any bar events several weeks in advance to assure good service and planning! We always welcome last minute groups, but keep in mind that no notice might leave your event slightly understaffed!
- ◆ There are still a few Saturdays available for Banquet Hall events in 2009: Please spread the word to friends and family looking for a venue! Available dates are: 5/16, 6/13, 7/4, 11/14, 11/28, 12/12, 12/19, & 12/26

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Election of Officers for 2009-10 will be held at the General Meeting Monday May 11.

Following is a list of the candidates:

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Service Officer - Vern Reekers
Historian - Bill Jaekel

House Committee:

(two to be selected from the following candidates)

**Bob Webber, Mike Fries,
Roger Saley, George Walinski**

Building Committee - Don Johnson

These are the candidates. However any one can be nominated, and elected, from the floor at the meeting.

**Direct any questions to:
Willie Fernholz or Clarence Stellner
at the Club 783-3000 and leave a message.**

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A Little Bit of History ...

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August 6, 2003

Commander Clarence Stellner
Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336
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Dear Commander Stellner,

In July my brother and I visited the post facility. As I reviewed the Charter Membership of Post 336, I could remember several of the members from my days growing up in Onalaska.

First I was a little surprised to see my father, Odin Klandrud as a charter member, but I remember he always kept his Legion dues up to date in honor of his twin brother August Klandrud for whom the post is named. Both the grave sites for August and Otto Struck are next to each other in the north east corner of Onalaska Cemetery.

Warren Aiken an early commander was well known as the owner of the local lumber yard. My dad built several houses in Onalaska so we were often at the yard buying lumber.

Vern Dale was my dad's boss for many years.

Earl Page lived across the field from us and we would often visit his place when they were making concrete blocks.

George Renstrom's (Rags Renstrom) son Donald and I were confirmed together at First Lutheran. I believe Donnie was one of the first servicemen from Onalaska killed in Korea. He was originally listed as missing in action and later confirmed dead. His funeral service was held at First Lutheran Church.

Royce Phelps was known to me when I worked at the canning factory. We used to call it the pickle works.

I noticed that the date on the charter indicates May 8, 1952, but I believe the Legion Post was first chartered in 1921.

These are just a few thoughts to share when you think about the Post's history.

Sincerely,

Wallace Klandrud



Billy Otto



Louis Struck 1917

Here is some contact information extracted from the FORWARD VETERANS newsletter, WDVA, that you may find useful.

US Dept of Veterans Affairs (VA), 1-800-827-1000, www.va.gov

WI Dep of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), 1-800-WIS-VETS, (1-800-947-8387), wisvets.com

WDVA Claims Assistance Office (Milwaukee), (414) 902-5757

Milwaukee Veterans Service Center, (414) 382-1727

Veterans Benefits Booklets, www.dva.state.wi.us/BenefitsBooklets

VA Health Care Benefits, 1-877-222-VETS (8387)

Wisconsin Veterans Museum, (608) 267-1799, www.museum.dva.state.wi.us

Wisconsin Veterans Home (WVH)

WVH King 1-888-458-5586

WVH Union Grove, 1-866-669-8387

Northern WI Vets Mem Cemetery (Spooner), (715) 635-5360

Southern WI Vets Mem Cemetery, (Union Grove), (262) 878-5660

Central WI Vets Mem Cemetery (King), (715) 258-5586 x2260

WDVA Military Funeral Honors Program, 1-877-944-6667

Wisconsin CVSO Association, www.wicvso.org

WI Veterans Employment Services, 1-888-258-9966, www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/wjc