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Onalaska American Legion

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2009 Legion Community Days

Well another Legion Community Days is in the book and 2009 was a good one. We are showing total revenue of \$36,770.00 and expenses of \$29,672 for a net profit of about \$7,100.00. Each component of the committee received a return of \$2,000.00 from the Legion Community Days. The balance was left in the checking account for next year. The photo album is out on the website at the bottom of the Community Days page. The weather was great again this year, thanks to our Chaplin Dr. Claude Deck. He did inform us at the membership meeting in September the little shower we had at about 7:30 Friday night was just a sample of what we could have had were he not working so hard on it for us. Thanks again Claude.

Our committee sat down in September and went through the entire Festival and took each item one by one and talked about the good points and the bad points of each. So we have cracked the surface on the 2010 Legion Community Days and some of the things we have had in the past will remain and some will fall by the wayside. It is our intent to improve each year and make the festival as enjoyable to as many folks as possible. In that vein we would welcome any suggestions and or ideas our members and friends have for us as we begin this month to start putting LCD together. Just put a note in my box at the Legion or send me an e-mail at: mikefries@charter.net or send it to the Legion at: legion3300@charterinternet.com and we will take a look at them. We have had several suggestions and comments so far and we will take them into consideration.

Once again I would like to thank the members of the committee and the Activities Chairmen for the outstanding job they did for us this year. They put in an awful lot of work leading up and over the LCD weekend and don't get a lot of credit of it. See you all August 27-29, 2010.

Mike Fries



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



GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

I hope everyone enjoyed the weather we had this summer. It was great. Hope our fall is as nice.

We just had a work crew insulate the walls in the old garage for the Food Pantry. Thanks to Al Topel & crew; Vern Reekers, Terry Schaefer, Don Duxbury, Bernie Sasse, Claude Deck, Les Brown, Bob Dettinger & Ken Hanson. A job well done, thanks to all.

Also note that we're placing rings & rock around our Memorial Trees. Name stakes will be placed when completed. Thank you to Joel Thole & his Venture Crew for this project.

I attended the dedication of the UW-L Veterans Memorial Field & Athletic complex. It was a very special day for UW-L and all Veterans. The Stadium & Hall of Honor is very impressive. They are looking for more photo's & stories to add to the Hall.

Look for our Post M1 Tank in the Torchlight Parade in north La Crosse on the evening of 1 Oct. 2009. We were in the Apple Fest parade in La Crescent a couple of weeks ago. I got a walking tour of the entire city of La Crescent. A very long route but we made it.

September was another busy month with Chicken & Dumplings & Fish Fry start-up. Check the calendar for date & time in October, looks like another busy month. Don't forget the Kids Halloween Party October 25th.

Remember to fly the Flag. God Bless our troops, their families and our veterans. God Bless America.

Jim Nelson, Commander

From the Post Service Officer

Funeral Honors Program. www.wisvets.com/funeralhor - 1-800-947-8387.

The military honors program assists families and funeral directors by providing and coordinating funeral honors for Veterans. Based on available resources honors can include the presence of Military Members, folding and presentation of the flag, firing details, and the sounding of Taps.

For more information, contact the MFHP toll-free at 1-877-944-6667.

A standard military honors ceremony consists of the firing of three rifle volleys, the sound of "Taps", the folding of the flag, and the presentation of the flag to the next of kin. Each veteran is entitled, by law and upon request, to at least two uniformed service personnel who will provide the basic honors. Due to availability of personnel, a rifle detail is not always possible and, if available, is normally provided by a Veterans Service Organization. When arranging for military funeral honors, if the family desires military participation, they need to ensure their desires are expressed to their funeral director, who in turn will contact their MFHP for coordination of the honors. If no funeral director is involved, families may call the MFHP directly for assistance.

The MFHP provides funeral honors training, ammunition and other honors assistance to Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) upon request. The training includes both flag folding and rifle training.

For information or Assistance Contact: The Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs at 1-800-947-8387 and ask for the Military Funeral Honors Programs, or contact the MFSHP directly at toll-free 1-877-944-6667 or (608) 261-0510/0512.

Vern Reekers

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Service Officers Report

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Notes From The Bar Manager:

Fall is here! Cooler weather brings occasional soup and chili selections to the lunch menu! Stop in and try something from Neil, our new grill cook (Molly switched to the Tuesday night wings & shrimp and the Thursday night burger shifts!) Wings & Shrimp is going well, and the purpose (to bring customers into the bar on a slower night) is being fulfilled! Things are a bit different this season, and I hear that there is plenty of discussion on the new or different aspects; I would like to invite people in to try it for themselves! The few kinks (condiment choices, and half-and-half orders have been smoothed out!) There are many condiment choices now, and starting in October you can get a mixed order with 3 wings and 3 shrimp! Tuesday October 27th from 5-6 pm we will run a buy first order get second order free special! (Get TWO orders for \$4/\$5!)

Our Banquet Hall still has a few Saturdays open in 2009, 11/28, 12/12, 12/19, & 12/26. While on the topic of bookings, our facilities (bar, activity center, banquet hall, & back room space) have been busier than EVER! It is very IMPORTANT that any and all groups who would like to use our space book it correctly! I would like to apologize to the multiple groups lately who have encountered miscommunications from staff and/or members and believed that space was reserved for their events/meetings, etc. Legion, Auxiliary, or SAL members, and Bar Staff are sometimes unaware of booked events and timelines, and are not able to take bookings for any events. PLEASE be sure to book your event or meeting through myself (Valerie, Bar Manager) only. It not only guarantees you the space and time slot you need, but also that others who have paid for rentals are not offended or disappointed in the service or guarantees the Legion has made to them. If you need space for meetings, give us a try!

We will have Steve Mace (and Julie!) from A Night to Remember Entertainment here on Saturday October 31st from 7-11pm to celebrate Halloween! We'll have some great specials for anyone in costume so stop by after you're done passing out candy to the trick-or-treaters! Happy Halloween!

Valerie

Chili Feed

The Coulee Sno Drifters is holding their 25th annual Chili Feed at the Onalaska American Legion Activities Center on Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 11:00 - 2:00. A \$2.00 donation gets you all the chili you can eat, along with a chance to win cash prizes.

Bernie Sasse - Coulee Sno Drifters

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Our organization's positions and programs are guided by resolutions passed by American Legion Nation Convention delegates, and committee and commission members who represent 2.6 million wartime veterans and their families. Those programs, and the men and women who take the time to perform them, are what allow The American Legion to make a difference locally, and on the state and national levels.

It's who we are and what we do.

In the following newsletters I will spell out as to what each of these pillars are all about.

Willard Christensen - Adjutant

TEXAS HOLD EM

The season is off and running with 29 players each week, so far. I'm sure the weather and kids sports have something to do with this. We will still continue with the best game in the county, with some of the greatest players and people. Don't forget that the burger night is back in session again and just as good or better. We are proud to have your favorite bartender, Suzie, back for the season. Come on down and join the fun.

Pit Bull, Terry, Les, and the "big guy" Jerry

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Ralph Amundsen: 783-7599

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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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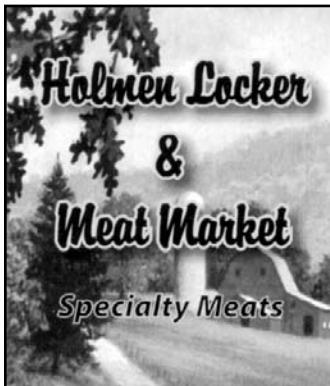


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American Legion Membership


A hearty "thank you" to all members who have renewed already for the 2010 dues. For those who need to renew yet, don't forget that we have until Veterans Day to renew and receive the "early bird" renewal special. Simply present your "early bird" stamped membership card at the bar for your annual free drink.

We have quite a number of membership recruiters and to those respected members, we say a special "thank you". We have new pins for the past recruiters for 2009. If you would like a cap pin, please let me know and you shall receive. It's easy to catch me at Chicken and Dumplings or the Fish Fries.

Welcome to our Post 336 new members Jason Blacken and Frederick Weber. Hope to see you at our Post soon.

Take care, and we shall see you down the road.

Ralph Amundsen, 1st Vice Commander



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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. #103646599 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 Bill Jaekel at 608-783-3623 between the hours of 9am and 5pm. If needed, leave a message. My email is wrjkl@charter.net. All phone calls and emails will be returned. Thank You, Bill Jaekel, Newsletter Editor.

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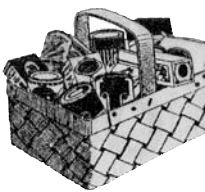
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Onalaska-Holmen Food Basket
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October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Burger Night 4:00 - 8:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 7:00 - 10:00 PM Torchlight Parade 7:00	2 Bar: Stoney Ridge Band 7:00 - 11:00 PM	3 Hall: Reception Ashley & Kirby
4	5 Packers/Vikings Party 7:30 PM	6 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00 PM (\$4.00 dine-in; \$5.00 to go)	7 Chicken & Dump- lings 4:30 - ?/7:00 PM	8 Burger Night 4:00 - 8:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 7:00 - 10:00 PM	9 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00 PM Bar: Karoke w/DJ Shay McReynolds 7:00 - 11:00 PM	10 Hall: Reception Janet & Jon
11 SAL Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM - 12:00 (Packers Bye Week)	12 Executive Comm. Mtg. 6:00 PM Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM Columbus Day	13 Hall: NARVRE Mtg. 9:30 AM Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00 PM (\$4.00 dine-in; \$5.00 to go)	14 Auxiliary Mtg. 7:00 PM	15 Burger Night 4:00 - 8:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 7:00 - 10:00 PM	16 Bar: Heavy Water Band 7:00 - 11:00 PM	17 AC: Chili Feed 11:00 - 2:00 PM Hall: DeWayne & Artis Aasen 50th Anniv/ Dance Bar: Kim Pierce 50th B'day/Steve Mace DJ.
18 Packers/Lions Noon	19 Hall: BLET Div 3 Mtg 10:00 AM	20 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00 PM (\$4.00 dine-in; \$5.00 to go) Hall: Humana Mtgs Noon - 5:00 PM	21 Past Presidents 6:00 PM	22 Burger Night 4:00 - 8:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 7:00 - 10:00 PM	23 Bar: Midnight Rodeo Band 7:00 - 11:00 PM	24 Hall: Marty Jaeger Benefit 3:00 PM - on
25 Packers/Browns Noon Hall: Kid's Hallow- een Party	26	27 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00 PM (\$4.00 dine-in; \$5.00 to go (BOGO Spcl) Bldg Comm 6:00 PM House Comm 6:30	28	29 Burger Night 4:00 - 8:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 7:00 - 10:00 PM	30 Bar: Band 7:00 - 11:00 PM	31 Halloween Specials! Steve Mace DJ 7:00 - 11:00 PM Specials for every- one in costume!

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S.A.L.

The SAL will be holding a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Oct 11th from 8 to 11 am.

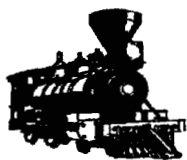
Just a reminder that the SAL membership dues need to be paid. Try and get them in as soon as possible. We would like to reach 100% early.

We will also be holding our October meeting at noon on Oct. 11th.

Keith Brierly - Commander

S.A.L.:

Commander: **Keith Brierly**
1st Vice: **Ron Henderson**
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No meetings in April or October due to bus trip.

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Veterans Outreach

Many of you may know about or have used the La Crosse Veterans Service Office. It is a great resource and advocate for La Crosse County Veterans. The following is the La Crosse Veterans Service Office Mission Statement and Vision Statement.

Our Mission

The mission of the Veterans Service Office is to assist and support La Crosse County veterans and their family members in recognition of the sacrifices and Service of veterans to La Crosse County, the state of Wisconsin, and the United States.

Our Vision

Ensure respect for Veterans achievements and sacrifices on behalf of the nation and the world.

Demonstrate leadership and advice for La Crosse County Veterans.

Intensify our commitment to service excellence while assisting Veterans with the applications for state and federal Veterans programs.

The La Crosse Veterans Service Office can help you with your federal benefits, state benefits or county benefits. These federal benefits include such things as disability benefits, medical care, home loans, education and training, survivor benefits, life insurance, homeless veterans or alcohol and drug rehabilitation. The state benefits cover home, personal and home improvement loans, grants, veteran's homes and veteran assistance centers. County Benefits cover recording of DD214s, obtaining certified copies of vital records, and Veteran Service Commission help.

The La Crosse County Veterans' Service Office is located in the County Administrative Center, 400 4th Street North, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Office hours are from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. Telephone number is (608) 785-9719. The Veterans Service Officer is James Gausmann with Sue Otten the Veterans Services Specialist.

Give them a call. It is a great one-stop benefit service to all veterans and their dependents.

The **La Crosse Veterans Stand Down** will be held **Thursday, October 22, 2009, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM** at the La Crosse American Legion Post 52 at 711 South 6th Street. **All Veterans are welcome with a special invitation given Iraq/Afghanistan Veterans.** Service providers will be available to assist you in; 1) Employee Assistance, 2) Legal Consultation, 3) Agent Orange/Gulf War Information, 4) Probate, Estate & Funeral Planning, 5) Health Screening, 6) Veterans Service Officers to assist with benefits, 7) Financial Counseling, 8) Drug & Alcohol Treatment Information, 9) VA Benefits/Enrollment/ Referral, 10) Veterans Service Organizations, 11) Housing & Shelter Information/ Referrals, 12) Female Veterans Representative, 13) Clothing, and 14) Flu Shots.

Any questions feel free to contact me.

Thom Downer – Post 336 Veterans Outreach Liaison - (608) 790-7368