



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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### Legion Community Days

Our 4th annual Legion Community Days looks to be a smashing success story. Not all the numbers are in yet but by the looks of it we are going to surpass all the other years in revenue and profit. My thanks go out to the committee members and chairmen of each of the events for making this thing work one more year. I had an awful lot of people come up to me over the weekend and tell me what a nice festival we have going and that it keeps getting better every year.

All of our new wrinkles we threw in this year were a positive for us. The soft-ball tournament was very well received and 5 of the 8 teams said put us down we want to come back next year. The parade was outstanding. Lots of people on the parade route and so many nice comments about it. The SOS breakfast went over real well. Great stuff by the way if you didn't try it. That will definitely will grow every year. Sorry for the interruption in our parking lot but the carnival was a nice addition to the Community Days.

I want to extend a special thank you to Dave Loomis for all the hours he spent in the RV Trailer Office at Community Days, counting and sorting all that dirty old money and preparing the financial reports. That is one big task folks, and he is the best at it!



I will have a full report on this year's festival next month in the newsletter.

*Mike Fries*



### Veterans Outreach

A new position has been created for Post 336 called "Veterans Outreach Liaison". The goal of the position is to outreach to Post 336 veterans on the available federal and state benefits. The position is not to help them get the benefits, but rather, it is to make them aware of what is available, and help them get in contact with the proper authorities and departments to obtain additional information and help. If a veteran is having a problem getting answers, or help, then the Veterans Outreach Liaison becomes its advocate and helps them get the answers they need. How can that be done?

First of all if anyone needs to contact me on one of the benefits, questions, etc. you can contact me at (608) 790-7368.

Second, I will start by being at Post 336 at least 1/2 day per month. But I would first like your input as to the what days; What about doing it on a Saturday afternoon?

Third, I will be putting some presentations together on benefits that can be given at the monthly meetings. They shouldn't take more than 15 minutes. I think I can also get some people in to speak on these programs was well.

Finally, we are also looking into the potential for doing an outreach to the vets at UW-L, WTC, and Viterbo. That can be done, but I need to wait until late September to do that. By then school will be back in place and I can make some contacts then.

Let me introduce myself! My name is Thom Downer, I grew up in Bangor. My mother and father were officers in the army during WWII. I was in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. I was a forward air controller and communications specialist. I belong to the VFW. I was brought up to respect and appreciate what veterans do and have done. It bothers me to see a veterans not getting what they deserve. When my wife and I moved back to Onalaska after being gone for more than 10 years I found this idea of a "Veterans Outreach Program" of great interest to me. I will do my best to make this work.

*Thom Downer – Veterans Outreach Liaison*

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



## GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

Evidently Septembers follows July. I don't know where August went. Must be a memory problem. We've done a lot of planning & spent a lot of time getting ready for Onalaska Legion Community Days. Those 3 days flew by and it's now over. A great weekend, a successful festival. Thanks to Mike Fries, his staff & all who supported and participated. The weather was absolutely beautiful and our Chaplain Claude Deck will most likely be canonized for his efforts.

As I have previously mentioned, Bride has ALS or Lou Gehrigs disease. Many of you have asked about her and expressed your concern and support. To update you, she is feeling fine physically, her attitude is truly positive and she will have a smile and hug for anyone in range. At this point she is having more difficulty in her speech and swallowing. She has some loss of strength in her right arm but it is minimal at this time. I will keep you informed about her situation.

A pleasant surprise took place recently. A young couple, Jordan & Kristi Chamberlain were married and at their reception they had the traditional dollar dance. Kristi came to the Legion and donated all of the money collected (\$80) to "honor the veterans for their service to their country". We are very thankful for their generosity.

Some time ago, July 13th, we had a "Vets picnic" here at the Post. We invite veterans from all of the care centers and assisted living homes in the area. This year we had a number of vets & their spouses from Eagle Crest. They were interested in getting an American Flag to place in their gathering place at Eagle Crest. Post 336 donated a flag, pole, stand, eagle & cord to the Eagle Crest Vets on August 10th. In turn, they made a very generous donation to the Post. We want to thank the Eagle Crest Vets for their generosity.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find information regarding the Legion Baseball season & its' successes. Congratulations are in order for the 18 & under team for their appearance at the State Tournament. A well done also goes out to our 16 & under team for their performance this year. This Post is fortunate to have a quality baseball program. Thanks to the coaches, parents, players and supporters for their continued efforts on behalf of Legion Baseball.

Post 336 was the winner of the Newsletter Award for electronics (web site & email availability) for this year. Thanks to our previous newsletter editor, Jim Buckholtz, our current newsletter editor, Bill Jaekel and Mike Fries for his monitoring and upgrading of our web site.

A new position will be tested that will tie into many of the subjects associated with veterans issues. Mr. Thom Downer has agreed to be our Veterans Liaison from Post 336. He will be in contact with the County Veterans Service Office (CVSO), the VA and any other agency that may be involved in veterans issues. He will keep the Post advised regarding veterans benefits and services. I want to thank Thom for his willingness to help with this effort.

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

*Jim Nelson, Commander*

## TEXAS HOLD'EM

Well, a new season is about to get started on Sept. 3, 2009. I have been asked several times if any rules have changed? The answer is no, same rules, same old pit bulls, and great players. We are looking forward to having a great season.

So see you all on Sept.3, 2009 at the great Onalaska American Legion, home of the "The best Texas Hold'Em game in the state'.

*Clarence, Jerry, Les, and Terry*

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## Service Officers Report

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## Notes from the Bar Manager

Thank you to everyone who made LCD 2009 a success! Volunteers, workers, and customers alike!

Coming up: It's PACKER SEASON! The bar will provide complimentary snacks/munchies during the games so stop in and catch the games here!

We DO have live entertainment on Friday 9/11, I inadvertently "lost" the information... a combination of computer error and user error! We do have SOMEONE booked! I will do a write in on the calendars posted at the clubhouse!!

**Bar parties:** We continue to host GREAT birthday, anniversary, special event, and comings/goings parties in the Bar! I want to clarify again what we offer to our members, friends, family, and the public in general. The bar is available for advanced notice booking anytime we do not have an event or function already planned. There is no charge to book a bar party, however there are a couple of "rules" to follow, no more than 75-100 guests please! Decorations, supplies, and related items are provided by the party planners. Food is welcome (the Auxiliary/Catering department is available for hire if you don't want to cook or clean-up!) However, your food is open to ALL customers and patrons. There is no kitchen/supplies/cooler/storage use available. Clean-up of all supplies, food, and party items is the responsibility of the party planner. There is no discount on drinks, however many parties do run tabs for tap beer and fountain sodas, average prices are \$6 pitcher for beer and \$3 pitcher for soda. By providing us with advance notice for your event, we can staff adequately and ensure your guests receive GREAT service, and the party is enjoyed by all! There is a possibility that the bar entertainment fund might be able to assist in helping with the payment of your DJ or other live entertainment, if this is something you are interested in, it can be arranged/discussed with me, Valerie.

Hopefully that clarified the bar party details, feel free to speak with me if you have any questions about booking for ANY upcoming events, in the Bar, Banquet Hall, or Activity Center!

Please support our Food Functions; Chicken and Dumplings, Fish Fry, and more! The bar will be running the Tuesday night Wings & Shrimp for the upcoming season, so expect a few small changes; it will (as always) be good food for a good price! The money raised is still for the good of the Legion even though it will not be run by the SAL this season. Our lunch menu has several new items as well, stop in and try a Chicken Quesadilla, or our new Appetizer Sampler! We are open for lunch 11am-2pm Monday through Friday!

Have a great end of summer, and recover from Community Days quickly so we see you here again soon!

Valerie

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## Legion Baseball Collecting Cans

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## Auxiliary - September 2009

With fall right around the corner and my first meeting behind me, I have to send a "Big Thanks" to Commander Jim Nelson and the Legion body for coming thru for us and paying for our Bi-Centennial Project. The Cemetery Directory is used by many, and thanks to you guys, it will continue to be used for years to come.

A vote was taken and passed to change the Scholarship Committee. It will now read that; "there will be 4 elected members and the current President", so for the next year it will be: Willma Dittenger Chair., Liz Reekers, Sue Kelley, Judy Chesebro and myself. I am hoping that we get some applications this year so we can help a student.

If anyone is interested in donating a Christmas Ornament in memory of, or in honor of someone please contact Eunice Christianson at 783-7372. The Ornaments will be put on the Christmas tree at the Club Room.

Willma Dittenger, our acting Kitchen Manager, would like to hear from you if you are interested in earning a little extra cash working for the Catering functions, if you are please contact her at 783-2814 and she will put you to work.

I would like to thank Bev Mahlum and her granddaughter Elizabeth Mahlum for walking in the Kornfest Parade handing out candy and brochures for Legion Community Days.

Willma Dittenger, Lill Smith, Bev Mahlum and Karen Marquardt will make up the Color Guard for the Legion Community Day Parade. Cathi McCarty and her two daughters, Taya and Jadin Hauser, will be joined by Sue Kenyon and Elizabeth Mahlum in the Festival Cart, representing the Junior and Senior Auxiliary. Thanks to Willma Dttenger for re-doing our serving books again this year. If you are not on a Serving Committee and would like to join one contact Willma or myself.

By the time you read this, the Family Picnic will be over. Hopefully everyone had a good time and remembered to pay your dues. Sorry I couldn't be with you at the Picnic this year, I was in California with my three children celebrating Aunt Kay's 100th birthday.

Our Serving Committee for

September is: Rhonda Hoeth Chair. 526-2092, Delores Kenyon 783-4480, Jessica Cook 385-5410, Judy Chesebro 526-4465 and Jacqueline Jung 784-9976

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*Diane Ryan*  
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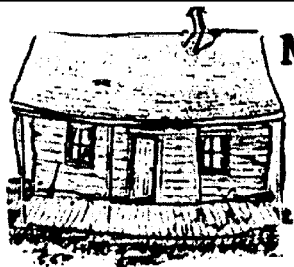
Talk about a fast summer. With September already upon us, we are right in the midst of renewal time for memberships. Please send in your dues or drop them off at the Club as early as possible this year. We are already past the halfway point of our membership goal for the 2010 membership year. For that, "thank you".

The "early bird" drink offer has been very popular this year. Stop in and utilize your free drink for dues renewal this year.

Please welcome, and them make feel at home, the following new and transferred in members to our Post: James Bump, Sr., Gary Bump (over in Milwaukee), Ronald Olson, James Kingslien, Suzanne Kelly, Ricky Severson, and Robert Hembd. We wish to thank you all!

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*Ralph Amundsen, 1st Vice Commander*



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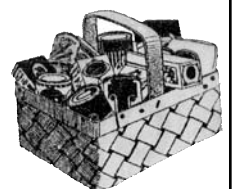
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# September 2009

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		1 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00 pm (\$4:00 Dine in; \$5:00 carryout)	2 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30 - 7 PM	3 Burger Night 4:00 - 8:00 PM  Texas Hold'Em 7:00 - 10:00 PM	4 Karaoke by John Stevenson 7:00 - 11:00 PM	5 Hall: Amanda & Nick Reception
6	7 Labor Day	8 NARVRE Mtg. 9:30 AM  Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00 pm (\$4:00 Dine in; \$5:00 carryout)	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00 PM	10 Burger Night 4:00 - 8:00 PM  Texas Hold'Em 7:00 - 10:00 PM	11 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00 PM  Live Music 7:00 - 11:00 PM	12 AC: La Crosse Area Homebuilders Assoc.
13 Bar: Packers vs Bears 7:20 PM (Snacks Provided)  AC: Fundraiser/ Benefit	14 Executive Mtg 6:00 PM  Legion Mtg. 7:00 PM	15 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00 pm (\$4:00 Dine in; \$5:00 carryout)	16	17 Burger Night 4:00 - 8:00 PM  Texas Hold'Em 7:00 - 10:00 PM	18 Sister's & Co 7:30 - 11:30 PM	19 Hall: Tack & Saddle Show  AC: Sandrick Benefit Live Music
20 Bar: Packers vs Bengals Noon (Snacks Provided)	21 BLET Div 3 Mtg. 10:00 AM  SAL Meeting 6:30 PM	22 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00 pm (\$4:00 Dine in; \$5:00 carryout)  House Comm. Mtg 6:30 PM	23	24 Burger Night 4:00 - 8:00 PM  Texas Hold'Em 7:00 - 10:00 PM	25 Karaoke by Becky Wilhelm 7:00 - 11:00 PM	26 Hall: Debra & Keith Reception
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## S.A.L.

I hope everyone had a good summer.

As you may have heard by now, several SAL members have transferred. With that happening we have lost the majority of the workers for the Breakfast and the Wings and Shrimp. Everything is still up in the air on having any functions.

I am calling a meeting of the SAL for Monday Sept. 21 at 6:30. Please try to attend.

*Keith Brierly - SAL Commander*

## S.A.L.:

Commander: **Keith Brierly**  
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## **ONALASKA LEGION BASEBALL**



**THE 16-UNDER TEAM** finished the season with 16 wins and 15 losses. It was a good season for these youngsters and showed promise for next year.

**THE 18-UNDER TEAM** participated in the AA State Tournament at Kimberly. The team beat Antigo 6-0 in the first game behind Jordan Guth who struck out 14. Kimberly and Waupun each beat our Onalaska Legion team to end the tournament for us.

**ONALASKA LEGION PITCHER JORDAN GUTH** was selected as an All-Star and played in the '09 American Legion All-Star Game August 16 at the Milwaukee Brewer's Miller Park. He pitched two scoreless innings. Jordan Guth, a UW-Milwaukee recruit, finished the season with an 8-0 record.

**STATE TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS** selected Mason Sedlacek to the All-Tournament Team and presented the Onalaska Legion Team with the Sportsmanship Award. Our team finished the season with 30 wins and 9 losses. Congratulations and thanks go to the players, coaches and supporters for a great season.

**ZEB ALLERT HAS BEEN THE HEAD-COACH OF THE 18-UNDER TEAM** for the past 4 seasons. During that time, he has compiled a record of 104 wins and 44 losses along with a State AA Championship in '08 and a 5th place finish at State in '09. The team was ranked #1 in the State throughout the '09 season up to the State Tournament. Great accomplishment Zeb! The Onalaska Legion members, players, parents and supporters thank you!

**WINTER STORAGE** for boats, campers, etc. is expected to be accomplished about October 31. Firm dates will be available through the bulletin boards at the Legion sometime after October 1.

**THE SUNNY OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT** is scheduled for Sunday, June 13, 2010 at the Coulee Golf Bowl. That's the Sunday before Father's Day (as was done this year). Early entry is recommended to avoid disappointed golfers. More information will be provided in months to come.

**BASEBALL CASH RAFFLE WINNERS** were drawn at Legion Community Days Saturday, August 22. Winners are: 1st place (\$700) Sean Devine; 2nd place (\$400) Gary Vos; 3rd place (\$200) Sharyn Schreier; 4th place (\$100) D. Dominick; 5th place (\$100) Matt Summers; 6th place (\$100) Todd Van Order; 7th place (\$50) Carl Lind; 8th place (\$50) Brad Johnson; 9th place (\$50) Danny Knutson; 10th place (\$50) Virginia Cayler. Congratulation to the winners and thank you to all participants!

*Bob Frechette*

