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The World War II Memorial

Dedicated: Memorial Day weekend, May 29, 2004 in Washington, DC.

Location: On the National Mall between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial.

Materials: Bronze and granite. The granite was mined from quarries in Georgia and South Carolina.

Cost: \$175 million. Although some public funds were used, most came from private donations. School children from across the nation raised money for the project. Among those making large contributions was movie actor Tom Hanks.



Architect: Frederich St. Florian won a national competition to design the memorial.

Placement: The significance of placing the memorial between the Washington

Monument and the Lincoln Memorial: Washington was the key figure in the defining moments of the eighteenth century (the American Revolution and birth of the nation), and Lincoln in the nineteenth century (the Civil War that preserved the nation). World War II is considered the defining moment of the twentieth century.

The Design: The entrance features twenty-four bronze panels depicting World War II scenes. Two large arches (forty-three feet tall) represent the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of the war. Fifty-six granite pillars, each seventeen feet high, surround a plaza. Each pillar is inscribed with the name of a state or territory from the period. A Freedom Wall is decorated with 4000 gold stars, commemorating more than 400,000 Americans who died in World War II. During the war a gold star was presented to the families of soldiers who were killed. Mothers of slain sons were called "Gold Star Mothers".

Poultry Party

Under the guidance of Chairman Clarence Stellner, the Poultry Party held on November 6th was another success story. Thanks Clarence!



Chuck-a-Luck once again was a popular draw.



167 patrons came and enjoyed the food and refreshments in addition to winning hams, turkeys and meat packs.

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

GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

November is on its way out and I hope your Thanksgiving was enjoyable. We have endured another election season and now can look forward to the Christmas season without all of the campaign distractions. The weather has turned predictably cold but still no snow. Maybe that's a good thing, unless you're a deer hunter. Welcome to Wisconsin.

My bride is continuing her courageous battle with ALS. Needless to say, the journey has been heartbreaking. She recently caught pneumonia and we transported her to Gunderson Lutheran by ambulance. We were able to bring her home after four days of antibiotics and critical care. She is now unable to walk and can only stand very briefly. She is on oxygen to assist her breathing. We now have hospice visiting us weekly. What is making this experience bearable is the outpouring of support, well wishes, prayers and visits from so many of Sandy's friends and relatives. We so much appreciate the love and support you all have shown her and our family.

As we go into another Christmas season and our young men and women in uniform are serving around the world, we should all stop, give thanks and count our blessings. This season is the most difficult time to be separated from our loved ones, especially when they are serving their country under hazardous and dangerous circumstances. The families waiting for their loved ones to return home need our prayers and our support. This Christmas, locate a family that has someone deployed and do something special for them. It need not be much, but the spirit of Christmas will truly brighten the day for that family and for you.

A special thank you to Chris and Eunice Christensen for the decorations in the Post. The fall colors were great and now we will transition into the Christmas Season.

As my availability has been less than acceptable recently, I want to thank all of the officers, members and friends of the Legion who have stepped up to ensure that the Post continues to function as an organization to be proud of. It is humbling to be surrounded by such dedication. As I was so aptly reminded, "they've been covering for me for the last 6 years", to which I cannot disagree. As many of you know, we have many volunteers that step up to do the tough jobs. However, it is also important to know that without some rotation, we will "burn-out" those individuals and lose them as volunteers. If more step forward, the less time they will spend on any one job. You can also pick and choose where you would like to put your effort. A lifetime commitment is not what we want but a seasonal or project effort would be truly appreciated. Just



think you might meet some new friends and have a good time too.

Check the calendar for Legion and Auxiliary Christmas parties and our Post New Years Eve party. Santa will be here for the kids Christmas party, don't miss it. The Legion Christmas party will have the Jim B3 playing for us that evening. A great musical trio. A sign-up sheet will be available at the bar. By the way, if you're looking for a place to have your Christmas Party, call our Bar Manager Stephanie, she just might be able to help.

Remember our food programs are ongoing monthly. We would like to have you stop in over the Holidays and enjoy a Tom & Jerry or any of your favorite beverages. Don't let old man winter make you a shut-in.

*Have a very Merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year. Remember to fly the flag.
God Bless the men and women in uniform serving our country, their families and our veterans. God Bless America.*

Jim Nelson, Commander

Membership

It's almost the time for our winter chores to begin in earnest. With the onset of snow and cold temperatures, don't forget you always have a "warm" place at your American Legion Post. Thank you to our great membership.

As a Post, we are at some 77% of our stated membership goal for the membership year of 2011. That translates that we still about 150 members who have not renewed yet. Please drop off your dues or drop in the mail as soon as possible. Your help is greatly appreciated in early renewal of membership.

Thank you to all the special membership recruiters in our Post. It's almost impossible to name all, but a few include Linus Kujak, Clarence Stellner, Bob Frechette, Jim Nelson, Jerry Malin, Bill Sterling, and Al Topel. It's easy to promote a good organization and friendly, caring people.

Hope to see you at one of our Post events or at the bar.

Ralph Amundsen, 1st Vice Commander

Service Officers Report

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Allan Barum – Melvin B. Lund

~ SICK CALL ~

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Auxiliary

The turkey is bought, family gathering planned and we are all thanking God that we can spend the holiday with our loved ones. Please remember our vets and their family during the holiday season please.

At our last meeting we decided to increase the number for families we help for Thanksgiving. We will be helping two families instead of one.

Remember the food cart in the fall of the Club Rooms. The Food Pantry needs our help to feed all those in need.

I would like to thank Tamra Lee from Post 52 and Sandy Musolf for coming and sharing their experiences with the vet at the Festival of Arts. Tamra was an ANGEL with the performers and Sandy worked with the artist. Both ladies said that the Vets could not believe how great the people in the Coulee Region were toward them and how wonderful the food is here. On Sunday it was so neat to see our National President, Past National President, State President; 7th District President, County President and myself all there to let the vets know much we all cared and supported them.

Elaine Schickowski; Judy Chesebro; Reita Weber and Laurie Tweten joined me in New Lisbon for 7th District Fall Conference.

Ladies don't forget the Auxiliary Christmas Party December 8th and the Joint Christmas Party on December 11th. Remember to bring a can good for the Food Basket. Both sound like a good time.

Mary Boardman and Nancy Hurm have good news for us. WE HAVE A NEW CATERING COORDINATOR. Her name is Sandy Asleson from Mindoro. Please welcome Sandy when you see her at the Post. The three of us would like to thank Wilma Dettinger for helping train Sandy.

Wilma Dettinger, Judy Nimmo and Laurie Tweten stepped forward to be on the Freedom Flight and Community Days Committees.

Our serving committee for January is: Trudy Lee {Chair} 783-2773; Marlene Emery 783-3711

Maion Engstad 783-6754 and Lil Smith 781-5930

My family and I would like to wish each and every one of our Legion Family a Happy Holiday Season. Hope that Santa is good to all.

Remember our Veterans and their families during the Holidays and All year long.

Diane Ryan - President

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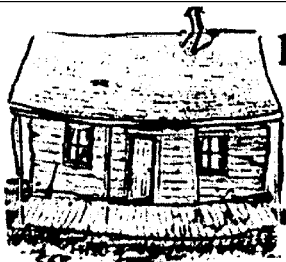
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S.A.L.

Here it is December already and I'm already sick of winter. This month again because of the holidays we will only have one breakfast buffet on December 12th, but it's going to be a special one. All proceeds are going to our American Legion Riders. The Wisconsin District 7 American Legion Riders are members of the American Legion Family, united by patriotism and their passion for riding; they are often referred to as the Special Operations Unit of the American Legion because of their "Can Do" attitude. The group organized in March of last year with seven members and today number more than forty. They ride to support programs of The American Legion, America's military, her veterans, and the families of our soldiers now deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan. There will be a number of them at the breakfast helping out, so come out and meet them, ask them questions about what they do, and show our support for all they do. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Todd (Doc) Hagel

Texas Hold'Em



Texas Hold-Em has been doing well this season and we have had 2 double winners so far this year. This means two extra draws for the non-winners to become champions. Make sure you get your 8 weeks in to qualify.

The Texas Hold-Em Team was the host for the Poultry Party on November 6th. All had a great time and lots of turkeys were given away. Jerry & Les had a tough time selling hams due to price increase, but did a great job. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event a success for the Legion. Vern, you and trouble sure did a great job in the kitchen, Thanks.

Our Championship will be held on December 23rd. This will be a special night as usual.

Til next month "shuffle up and deal" !

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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:
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AMERICA IS AT WAR

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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."



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FROM THE EDITOR

Did you know you could read the Onalaska Legion Post 336 Newsletter online at: www.onalaskapost336.org ?

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NOTES FROM THE BAR

Happy Holidays from all your friendly bartenders and staff!! Whether you've been naughty or nice... join us for many upcoming events.

Wednesday, December 15th at 5:00pm for our **TOM AND JERRY KICK-OFF PARTY**

Enjoy a hot and tasty Tom and Jerry for \$3.00 (regular \$3.50)

Door prizes, raffles and snacks. We hope to see you there!!

Saturday, December 11th is the Legion Christmas Party.

Cocktails from 5:30-6:30 - Dinner is at 6:30
Sign-up sheet is at the bar.

SAL Breakfast Sunday, December 12th we will have a Bloody Mary Bar from 8am-4pm. Along with the Bloody Mary Bar, enjoy our other SAL Breakfast drink specials

\$2.50 Screwdrivers - \$2.00 Mimosa (Champagne and orange juice)

Sunday, December 19th is the Kids Christmas Party from 3-6pm in our hall.

Christmas Eve we will be closing at 6:00pm.
Christmas Day we will be closed.

"Ring in the New Year" join us New Years Eve. Shufflin' Duprees will be playing from 8pm-1am. We will have drink specials, champagne and goodies.

New Year's Day, join us for our guest bartenders


As a reminder we still are still taking donations for the Food Pantry through the month of December. Items can be dropped off at the Legion Bar.

With the holiday season upon us, please remember our deployed troops, veterans and their families over this joyous time and the sacrifice they make every day for our freedom.

Have a blessed Holiday!!

Stephanie

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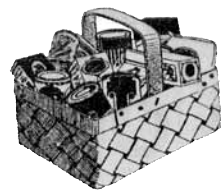
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December 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30 - Til gone	2 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00 - 10:00PM	3 Good Tymes Band 7:30 - 11:00 PM	4
5 Birthday Party Dining Room	6	7 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	8 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM Auxiliary Christmas Party	9 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00 - 10:00PM Christmas Party Dining Room	10 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00 PM John Stevenson DJ 7:00 - 11:00PM	11 Post Christmas Party Cocktails 5:00PM Dinner 6:00PM Jim B Three 8:00 - 11:00PM Bar J.C. Breakfast with Santa
12 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	13 Executive Committee 6:00 PM Membership Mtg. 7:00 PM	14 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM NARVE Christmas Party 4:00 - 8:00PM Hall	15 Tom & Jerry Kick Off Party 5:00PM	16 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00 - 10:00PM	17 Happy's Garage Band 7:00 - 11:00 PM Dining Room	18 Wedding In the Hall
19 Kids Christmas Party 3:00PM in Dining Hall	20 BLET Div 3 Mtg. 9:30AM	21 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Club Closes at 6:00PM	25 Christmas Day Club Closed 
26	27	28 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM Building Comm. Mtg 5:30PM House Comm. Mtg. 6:30PM	29	30	31 New Years Eve Shuffling Duprees 8:00PM - 1:00AM New Years Eve Party Dining Room	

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2011 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.

AMOUNT: \$750.00 check made out to the College to which the student is enrolled.

SCHOOLS: Must be enrolled as a full-time student in a 2 or 4 year College.

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

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Hope you all had a very great Thanksgiving and are looking towards Christmas. With deer season now going forward one of my hunter friends said he wanted to talk about it with a few beers at the Club. So we went and had a few and I listened to his sorry story! I thought all I heard about was the Passing Buck during his hunting story. Well after listening for an hour or so we got up to go. He got up and walked out and left me with the beer bill. Now I understand what he meant. He was talking about Passing The Buck down to me (the bill) rather and the passing buck that he missed hunting!

AGENT ORANGE BENEFITS ANNOUNCED. Some 90,000 Vietnam veterans and their survivors could receive **retroactive benefits** for exposure to Agent Orange according to a notice in the Aug, 31 Federal Register. Last fall it was announced a plan to add Parkinson's disease, hairy cell and chronic B cell leukemia and ischemic heart disease to a list of conditions presumed to have been caused by exposure to the defoliant. Some \$42.2 billion has been earmarked to pay for expected disability compensation and medical care. The retroactive benefits would cover an average of about 12 years of back pay. Another 150,000 vets are expected to apply and, if approved benefits would take effect the day of their application. If you feel effected by Agent Orange check in with the La Crosse County Veterans Service Office.

PRESIDENTIAL PANEL: FREEZE MILITARY PAY. You probably heard about the Presidential Panel looking at ways to cut money. I was reading through it the other day and read the commission on reducing the deficit has recommend freezing basic military pay and housing allowances for three years starting in 2011. The commission's recommendations posted online said, "A three-year freeze in 2011 levels for these compensation categories would save the federal government \$7.6 billion in compensation and tax expenditures, as well as another \$1.6 billion in less retirement accrual, or \$9.2 billion total discretionary savings in 2015. A White House spokesman could not be reached for comment. The recommendation is likely to get a cool reception in Congress. **Just thought you might want to know.**

WISCONSIN VET CENTER. If you were driving downtown La Crosse around the Festival Food store you may have seen a sign for the Wisconsin Vet Center. It is currently under construction on the first floor of the old building on Copeland Avenue. In 1979, Congress mandated the establishment of Vet Centers to provide readjustment counseling services to Vietnam era veterans, who were experiencing problems adjusting from military life to civilian life after having served during war times. Due to the success of the Vet Center in addressing the needs of combat veterans, the program was expanded to include veterans who served in post-Vietnam conflicts as well as WW-II and Korean War veterans. The Vets Center offers among other things, 1) readjustment counseling, 2) posttraumatic stress disorder counseling, 3) alcohol and other drug addiction counseling and referral, 4) job counseling and referral, 5) benefit counseling and referral. There should be an open house sometime in December. **Check It Out.**

Again, hope you have a blessed and thankful holiday season. Remember a fellow veteran in your thoughts.

Thom Downer - Veterans Outreach Liaison, Onalaska Post 336