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## Onalaska American Legion

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## Veterans Outreach Liaison

*Well fall is here and winter is coming shortly. It's going to be snow and cold. I know that because the dog wants to call under the bed sheets and sleep near my feet. And that's not fun. Just ask my wife!!!*

**UNCONTROLLED DIABETES.** The Tomah VA Medical Center has been given a grant to provide intensive care management to a select group of veterans with uncontrolled diabetes. The program was established to determine if intensive follow up with these veterans results in improvement of their health and diabetes. Part of the grant is a mobile clinic (35-foot RV-type van) with the intent of traveling to areas these veterans live. The program is starting with a site visit of 4 locations in Wisconsin. Working with the Tomah VA we, La Crosse County, has been chosen to be one of the four sites in Wisconsin.

**Onalaska Post 336** has "*stepped up*" and agreed to offer its parking lot for the special mobile clinic van. The first visit by the special mobile clinic van will be Thursday, October 28<sup>th</sup> for everyone to get a chance to see what it can do. After that the fourth Thursday of every month will be the time the van will be in the parking lot. Time hours are from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

**SOMETHING TO WATCH!** The wartime demands for personnel and record retention rates, due in part to a dismal job market, have left the services with an older, more experienced force...and a surprise \$1-billion-a-year pop in retirement costs. In late July, the Department of Defense's Board of Actuaries overhauled the assumptions used to calculate what the services must annually budget to cover future retirement obligations to the current force. The result is an \$800 million just in accrual retirement costs in which the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps have to pay starting in 2012 because more Service members are staying until retirement. Although, a portion of that cost is a projected 40 percent increase in disability retirement, resulting from a crackdown on the low-balling of disability awards by service through stricter compliance using rating practices of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Another \$200 million in added yearly retirement costs is attributed to retirees living longer; death rates are falling...and sharply.

**SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR FORMER POWs.** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has expanded policies to cover the increasing numbers of former prisoners of war (POW). Special benefits for former POWs include enrollment in medical care for treatment at VA hospitals and clinics without co-payments. The VA is asking former POWs not currently utilizing VA benefits to contact to find out if they may be eligible for disability compensation and other services. If you think you might be available for this contact the La Crosse County Veterans Service Office at (608) 785-9719.

**VETERANS DAY. November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day.** There are a lot of programs taking place in the La Crosse Area. One special program happening at Judge Todd Bjerke's courtroom in La Crosse. At 8:00 am a special ceremony is taking place to start the La Crosse Area Veterans Court. The mission of the La Crosse Area Veterans Court is to provide safety while assisting and supporting veterans and their families through a coordinated response based upon collaboration with the veteran's service delivery system, community based services, and the court system. Special thanks to Judge Bjerke for taking one of the leads on this to make this program happen.



*Not much else happening in November...*

*Oh Ya ... GET OUT AND VOTE!!!!*

*Thom Downer - Veterans Outreach Liaison, Onalaska Post 336*

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

### **GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:**

Fall came and went in October this year. Luckily we had some great days with moderate temperatures and sunshine. Not used to high water this time of year. Farmer's crops and the harvest should be at a record pace this year. I hope everyone is enjoying the fall colors and great weather.

An update on my bride. We periodically have appointments at Gunderson Lutheran and Mayo Clinic. The disease is progressing; she is unable to hold her head up as her neck muscles are very weak. She is unable to use her right arm & hand & her left arm & hand are very weak. Rising from a sitting position and walking are becoming very difficult.

Check out the calendar. Great things happening in November; Poultry Party, Chicken & Dumplings, Fish Fry, SAL breakfast, our Tuesday wings & shrimp, Friday entertainment, Burger night, Texas Hold 'em and Thanksgiving. The Post will be closed on Thanksgiving. If you haven't been to the Post lately, come on out and enjoy. Just a reminder, Christmas Party will include the Jim Bee Three. Come & enjoy.

We recently put out a plea to get some Christmas Trees for the Post. Thank you to Duane and Charlene Juen and Jack Liethen for their donation, it is truly appreciated.

As we come to the end of another summer season I want to recognize those that made our grounds a showplace. Vern & Liz Reekers for the flowers, Al Topel, John Marcou, Dave Holthause for the mowing & grounds keeping, Joel Thole & the Venture Crew for the tree rings & rock, Bernie Sasse for the grounds keeping at the Veterans Memorial and Merle Cunningham and his crew for the work on the baseball field. Thank you all for making our Post a show place for the Community. If I missed anyone it was not intentional, it is due to my CRS. Thanks also to those that take care of the cleaning and maintenance inside the Post. John in maintenance, Dianne, Ruby & Heather cleaning and Leath in the kitchen. Thank you all.

Veterans Day will be here on the 11th. Remember to fly the flag. I will be involved in a Veterans Day ceremony at Luther High school. Our Honor Squad will be involved in Veterans Day activities at numerous locations and we thank you all for your dedication and support.

As many of you know, attempting to convince members to volunteer and accept positions within the Post is very difficult. The past few years should tell you that the Post is successful only because we attract many dedicated and knowledgeable members. As we approach another year in the life of our Post, it is interesting to note that we are in need of members to step forward and fill the open vacancies that now or will exist in the near future. Some of the areas in our Post that will require some help are; Newsletter Editor, Veterans Memorial Coordinator, Memorial Day Service, Building Committee Members, Fish Fry Coordinator, Building Committee members, Finance Officer, Chicken & Dumplings

Coordinator. Please contact me if you have any interest in these positions. They do not take that much time and we will provide you with all of the information you will need to do the job. Your Post needs you.

Have a happy and bountiful Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Remember to fly the Flag. God Bless our troops, their families and our veterans. God Bless America!

*Jim Nelson, Commander*



## ***Service Officers Report***

~ LAST BUGLE ~

*Marin Kirchner - Charles Snyder*

~ SICK CALL ~

*Donald Mullican - Allan Barum*

*Vern Reekers - Service Officer*

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## Auxiliary

With the days growing shorter and the holiday season fast approaching we need to keep the less fortunate in our thoughts and prayers. Liz Reekers, Nikki Sterling, Stephanie, the bar manager, came up with idea "FILL THE SHOPPING CART". This is what each one of us can do: bring a nonperishable item and fill the shopping cart so, Liz or Nikki will have to keep pushing that cart back and forth between the club room and the food pantry every time it is filled up. Let's make them run a lot. Here are some items that are need for the shelves: stew, chili, veg. soups, pork and beans, peanut butter, all tomato products, ravioli, spaghetti, hamburger helper, chili beans and cans of sloppy Joe mix. This will run thru November and December. Thanks for working together for others.

The December Serving Committee has set the date of Dec.8th for the Auxiliary Christmas Party. The cost will be \$10.00 and in lieu of exchanging gifts they would like everyone bring something for the food pantry. Please sign up and pay at the bar by no later than Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee needs to get everything set up so please sign up early.

I would like to thank Bev Mahlum, Reita Weber, Elaine Schickowski and Delores Kenyon for going to Fall Forum in the Dells. They will bring back a lot of helpful information for our unit. Diane Culbert, Edna Mitchell and "Doc" Todd Hagel for doing a very hard job judging the kids Halloween Costumes. Thanks also go to Cindy Bucholtz and all people that helped her with the Halloween party and brought treats.

Elaine Schickowski was good enough to get the basket raffle ready to take to New Lisbon for 7th District Fall Conference, Nov. 20th. Elaine along with Bev Mahlum and Norma Johnson made desserts for the county meeting that was held here at our post.

The Auxiliary will again will buy 10 of the Calendar raffles from Department. It was also voted on to give one half of the 50/50 raffle each month to President Florence's special project "THE HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS. We will do this from October thru July 2011. At that time we will write a check to Department. Please help Bev Mahlum

ONCE AGAIN WE WILL NEED A CATERING COORDINATOR. If anyone knows of someone that might be interested please contact Mary Boardman 792-6812 or myself Diane Ryan at 792-6488.

Please help Bev Mahlum, our membership chairman by paying your DUES.



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Our November. Serving Committee is: Norma Johnson 783-3763, Marcella Deigmann 783-1101, Edna Mitchell 781-6897, Lois Hanson 781-8498, and Sharon Miller 783-2022.

*Diane Ryan - President*



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**Clarence Stellner**

## S.A.L.

Well here we are in November already and the trees look so wonderful. I guess old man winter is just around the corner. Hope not!

We will have only one Breakfast Buffet in November and December because of the Holidays and deer hunting. Good luck hunters. They will both be on the second Sunday of the month, Nov. 14th and Dec. 12th so mark your calendars.

Some of our Snow Bird friends will be leaving soon and will be missed until they return. (Wish I was going with where its warm for the winter.)

We would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays and if traveling to your loved ones a safe drive.

*Todd (Doc) Hagel*

## Texas Hold'Em



First of all mark the 6th of November for the great Poultry Night with your Pit Bosses being the hosts. This is always a fun night with great turkeys, hams, great soup and sandwiches, great camaraderie and fun, fun, fun.

Texas Hold-Em is doing well. We have had different winners each week so far and lots of fun. Come on down and join in on the fun. Our Chief Pit Boss has

requested light duty for a while. I think he played too much golf this year, but, Les, we do appreciate your presence any time you feel up to it, nobody else can reach in and take a guys chips, swap for bigger ones and get away with it.

See you all at the great Onalaska Legion!

*Les, Jerry, Terry and the Pit Bull*

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## Legion Baseball Collecting Cans

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### What's Your Current ID Number?

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To each and every one who serves, we say "thank you."



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## FROM THE EDITOR

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## NOTES FROM THE BAR

We will be closed on Thursday, November 25th to observe the Thanksgiving Holiday.

For the months of November and December the Auxiliary will be collecting donations for the Food Basket. A shopping cart will be located in the bar area. Some of the items that are needed include pork & beans, tomato products, ravioli/spaghetti o, hamburger helper, chili beans, sloppy joe, stew, canned chili, veggie soup and peanut butter.

Join us Saturday, November 6th from 6-10pm, for our annual Poultry Party. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help, there is a signup sheet hanging in the lobby of the Legion.

**\*\*GO PACK\*\*** Sunday, November 21st @ Noon - Packers vs. Vikings. Come cheer on your favorite team. Drink specials, Door prizes, raffles, food from Quizno Subs and great company. We hope to see you there!

Hope everyone has a safe and joyous Thanksgiving with family and loved ones.

*Stephanie*

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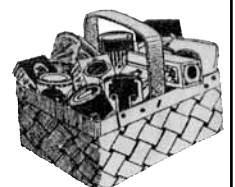
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# November 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM  Election Day	3 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30 - 7:00PM	4 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 7:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00 - 10:00PM	5 Sisters & Company 7:30 - 11:30 PM	6 Poultry Party 6:00 - 10:00 PM
7 Jaycee's Magic Show Daylight Savings Tome Ends	11 Executive Committee 6:00 PM Membership Mtg. 7:00 PM	9 NARVE 10:00AM Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	10 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM	11  Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 7:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00 - 10:00PM	12 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00 PM Karaoke Wild Entertainment	13
14 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	15 BLET Div 3 Meeting 9:30 AM	16 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	17	18 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 7:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00 - 10:00PM	19 Texxas Band 7:00 - 11:00 PM	20 Onalaska Big Band Ball
21	22	23 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM Building Comm. Mtg 5:30 PM House Comm. Mtg 6:30 PM	24	25 Happy Thanksgiving 	26 Bar Party Rose Sobota Karaoke 7:00 - 11:00 PM	27 50th Anniversary
28	29	30 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM				

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## **VAVS**

### ***News from the Tomah V.A. Voluntary Service***

Due to the current weather conditions, we are currently working inside and are now working on crafts, trivia board games and such. The fish pond is closed; we ended the season with an end of the year party.

We are currently looking for the following donations:

- New sweat shirts, Like new sweat pants, Stocking caps
- Magazines-- such as hunting, fishing, sporting, and Newsweek.

All donations are greatly appreciated. Donations can be dropped off by November 11th, as I am planning to attend the veteran's home in King on Veterans Day.

That is all for now. As always, don't forget to remember the fallen, hospitalized, or sick veterans.

*Michael Christianson - VAVS A.L. Rep*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Hello! It's November sneaking up fast, and the winter is soon to arrive with the cold and snow.

Membership wise, we are approaching the 70% mark of our Post goal. [If you have not renewed yet, please do so either in person or through the mail.](#) Our annual "early bird" program for dues extends through Veterans' Day, November 11th. [Renew before then and get your early bird drink at the bar.](#) Simply present your "early bird" stamped card to the bartender and enjoy.

For those who travel or are snow birds, don't forget to drop us a note detailing when and where for your newsletters. We also have the internet version. Details are in the newsletter.

Thank you for being a Legion member and a member of Post 336.

*Ralph Amundsen, 1st Vice Commander*