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**Onalaska American Legion**

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## Legion Community Days 2010



This year's Legion Community Days held August 27 - 29 was a huge success. We by far surpassed all other years in number of people on the grounds, spectators at the parade, food vendor success and crowds in the beer tent. Just a great weekend weather wise also.

The financial numbers are looking great also. There will be a nice number when we do the split between the Legion the Auxiliary and the Baseball team. A lot of hard work not only on the weekend but all year long by these groups to pull this

thing off and have it grow as it has over the last five years. I get so many nice comments on our Community Days from all sorts of folks who enjoy coming out and sharing the weekend with us. Things like you are really doing all the right things to have a great festival, Keep doing what you are doing it is a lot of fun, great music both nights and the softball tournament is great to watch. All of the food vendors were happy with the set up this year and will return again.

I want to thank all of the volunteers who worked the weekend for us selling tip boards, Vegas boards, tending bar, working kid's games, and softball tournament, set up and take down. We just could not do this type of function without all of you. You are the people who make our Community Days go and look great to the Community and the surrounding area. It has made a lot of new friends for the Legion over the first five years and will continue to do that. So thank you very much for all that you do for us. A special thank you goes out to Commander Todd Hagel and the S A L for their generous donation of food items for our Pancake and S O S breakfasts. A very nice gesture in deed.



September 16th the committee kicked things off for the 2011 LCD and I can tell you it will be a bigger and better show than this year. Mark your calendars now the dates are August 26 - 28, 2011. You're going to want to be there.

As always if anyone has any comments or suggestions please let me know. You can drop them off at the bar and they will see that I get them. And if you would like to sit on the committee or just sit in on a meeting or two just to see how things work you are welcome. We meet the third Thursday of every month.

*Mike Fries*

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

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

We are now entering autumn, leaves will be changing color and the weather should be great. October will have our traditional kids Halloween party. Costumes will be judged, gifts, candy and lunch will be served. We will also have our Packer party on Sundays. Check the calendar, great events and at a reasonable price.

Our family made its quarterly trip to Mayo Clinic in September. It's a morale booster and offers an opportunity to gather with other ALS patients. Bride has great difficulty holding her head up and is now wearing a neck brace. Hospice is now visiting us and has helped in providing comfort items for her. She has "Life-Line" and is able to summon help if necessary. Her walking has slowed and she has difficulty standing from a sitting position. I am with her most of the time and Kristen, our daughter, is with her when I am away. Sandy wishes to, again, thank you for all of your prayers, cards, well wishes and support.

September marked the start of our Chicken & Dumpling and Fish Fry dinners. Mark your calendar. Come on out and enjoy a great dinner and evening at the Post. 1st Wednesday each month, Chicken & Dumplings, 2nd Friday each month, Fish Fry. 7th District Fall Conference will be held at our Post on October 2nd beginning at 8:00AM. Lunch will #103646555 be served, cost \$5.00. General meeting will begin at 12 noon. As we will be approaching the Christmas season in a couple of months, our decorating team is looking for some artificial Christmas trees. In the event you have an extra tree you would like to donate to the Post, it would be truly appreciated. Contact Eunice Christenson @ 783-7372.

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We participated in the Spanferkel Parade in Melrose September 12<sup>th</sup>, and the Applefest Parade in La Crescent September 19<sup>th</sup>. We received 1st Place in the Civic Division at Applefest. Maple Leaf Parade is ahead of us as is the Torch Lite Parade. A busy month with local celebrations. In addition to our M1

Abrams Tank, we also have a Low Speed (electric) Vehicle painted red, white & blue. Great entries and great crowd pleasers. The Post is now smoke free so now all you non-smokers come on in and enjoy. It is a great place to meet new friends and enjoy a friendly relaxing atmosphere.

*Have a great October. Remember to fly the Flag.*

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

*Jim Nelson, Commander*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Reporting in for the October newsletter, we really see how fast time passes when we have a deadline. This applies to our annual "Early Bird" program for membership renewals, which ends the first of November. So, please renew via mail or stop in at the club for your dues renewals.

We are at about 2/3 of our Annual Membership Goal. Thank you to all who have renewed and the many new and transferred in members.

Please welcome and offer our hearty "thank you" to new and transferred in members Jim Bialecki and Kenneth Mertes. Welcome to the Onalaska American Legion Post 336.

*Let's keep the train rolling. See you at the Post.*

*Ralph Amundsen, 1st Vice Commander*

## ***Service Officers Report***

*~ LAST BUGLE ~*

*Virgil Johnson - George W. Stanienda*

*~ SICK CALL ~*

*Linus Kugak - Phillip Herrman - Robert Rude*

*Vern Reekers - Service Officer*

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## Auxiliary

With September coming to a end, the leaves changing and the family picnics over, I have to thank Joe and La Vonne Rivers for helping me set up the picnic, serving hot dogs and sloppy Joe's to all and donating two gift cards for Walmart. Thanks also go to Mary Powers and Liz Reeker for stepping in and helping with the clean up. I have to thank Stephanie, our bar manager for donating pop, beer, chips and two door prizes. Way to make the day Steph.

The three lucky winners from the drawing for paying their dues before or on the day of the picnic were: Jennifer Jenkins, Cathi Hauser-McCarty and Bev Mahlum. Each received a \$20.00 check.

Oct. 20th at 6:30 the Past Presidents will meet for their fall meeting. a Pot Luck and a \$5.00 exchange will happen before the meeting starts. Hope that all Past Presidents will be able to make it.

On October 24th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM the children's Halloween Party will happen. Cindy Bucholtz has agreed to take over from Sue Kenyon. Thanks Sue for all the years heading the Halloween Party. Cindy will need help so if you can make treats, help serve or just help in general please contact Cindy at 783-7790.

At our rap up meeting for Community Days Mike informed us that this was the best year so far. He also wants every person who helped to know without you it would have not been a great success. A check will come soon as all bills are not in yet. Allot of good ideas for next year were given. If there is anyone interested in joining the committee please let me know.

Our serving committee foe Oct. is: Mary Martin [CH] 783-2807, Arlene Liebold 783-3922, Rose Horman 783-3231 and Diane Colburn 526-4586

President Florence is hoping that each unit sends 4 members from each unit to the Informational Forum in the Dells on October 29 and 30. If you are interested please come to the October meeting so that Colleen can send in the registration form. Meal ticket reservation has to be in by October 22.

October 18-24 is the Creative Arts Festival in La Crosse. The Performance Gala and Art Show will me Sunday, October 24 at 2:00PM. If you would like to donate a cash donation it should be ear-marked: Creative Arts Festival and send to ALA Department Headquarters, at P.O. Box 140, Portage, WI. 53901. Any non Monterrey items please contact Pat Flanders at 608-372-9374.

7Th District Fall Conference is November 20 in New Lisbon.

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*Diane Ryan - President*



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**Clarence Stellner**

## S.A.L.

Here we go with another busy season. Our Breakfast started out with a bang and we thank all who came and enjoyed the meal, and my very heartfelt thanks to all who come to help. Without all the wonderful volunteers most of the Legion functions wouldn't be possible.

October's Breakfast Buffet dates are October 10 and 24 8:00 are till noon. Also don't forget the Bar also opens at 8:00 am and has a Bloody Mary special. We look forward to seeing you.

SAL members don't forget your 2011 memberships are due.

*Todd (Doc) Hagel*

## Texas Hold'Em



"Shuffle up and deal" were the words waited for since last May, and on the 9th of September it happened. Forty players showed up to play in the greatest game in the region.(so we are told) . Our great crew again did a great job and had a regular player of about 4 years start out as a champion.

Our first champ is Jim Schliffer

The new smoking law made some changes but, all worked out well, thanks guys . we are looking again for a great season with new players and the great old stand by's.

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*Les, Jerry, Jerry and the Pit Bull*

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### What's Your Current ID Number?

Somewhere in this newsletter is a member's membership number.

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# FROM THE EDITOR

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# NOTES FROM THE BAR

The Holiday Season is fast approaching. Be sure to book your Holiday Party early. We have many dates available in our hall as well as in the bar for smaller holiday parties.

Football Season is in full swing. Come in during all the Packer football games and enjoy drink specials, snacks and door prizes. Our next big Packer Party will be Sunday, October 24th. Packers vs. the Vikings. The game starts at 7:25pm. Since, we have so many Viking fans, we will be having Viking raffles as well.

Fall also brings back our SAL breakfast. Sundays, during the SAL Breakfast, the bar will be opening at 8am. From 8-Noon, we will have \$2.75 Bloody Mary's, \$2.50 Screwdrivers and \$2.00 Mimosas. As always, until noon every Sunday, buy your 1st drink and get the 2nd free.

We had a great time seeing everyone at our first Chicken and Dumplings and Fish Fry. Just a reminder that the first Wednesday of every month is our Chicken and Dumplings from 4:30-7 and the 2nd Friday of every months is Fish Fry from 4:30-7. We hope to see you there.

The Onalaska Legion is now on Facebook. Here is the link <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/group.php?gid=113034565403919&ref=mf> .

All you have to do is click like and you will receive our notifications and events information.

Again, I would like to thank everyone who donated items to the care package for the 101st. The first package has been sent. Thank you for the overwhelming support for our troops, the ones who give and sacrifice so much for our freedom.

*Stephanie*

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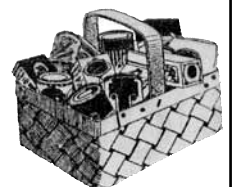
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# October 2010

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3	4	5 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	6  Chicken & Dumplings 4:30 - 7:00PM	7 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 7:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00 - 10:00PM	8  Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00 PM  Steve Mace DJ 7:00 - 11:00 PM	9
10  SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	11 Executive Committee 6:00 PM  Membership Mtg. 7:00 PM	12 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM  NARVE 10:00AM	13  Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM	14 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 7:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00 - 10:00PM	15  Shufflin Duprees 7:30 - 11:30 PM  Grill Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	16  Wedding Dining Hall
17	18  BLET Div 3 Meeting 9:30 AM	18 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	20	21 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 7:00 PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00 - 10:00PM	22  Karaoke Lisa Urban 7:00 - 11:00 PM  Grill Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	23
24 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon  Kids Halloween Party	25	26 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM Building Comm. Mtg 5:30 PM House Comm. Mtg 6:30 PM	27	28 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM  Texas Hold'Em 6:00 - 10:00PM	29  Time & 1/2 Band 7:00 - 11:00 PM  Grill Open 5:00 - 9:00 PM	30  Wedding Dining Hall
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## **Winter Storage At The Legion**

A significant fundraiser for our Legion Baseball program, winter storage of boats, campers, etc., will be conducted from about October 20 to November 1.

Preference is given long - term (past) customers

who have returned the past two years to fill the Activity Center. I will be calling past customers to schedule their storage. Should we be unable to fill the facility with past customers, and have space available, we will put notices on the Legion bulletin boards about November 1. Contact Bob Frechette prior to 6 pm daily at 783-8034 and leave a message if needed.

***Bob Frechette***

## **VAVS**

On behalf of the close to 200 veterans at the Tomah V.A.M.C., I want to say hello.

October is the beginning of the year at Tomah V.A., from October 1st to September 30th. In that time frame, there were 76 American Legion volunteers (not all active), with 353 assignments worked with a total of 3,269 hours worked through August. Also, for anyone interested in joining, I have information at the post on becoming a volunteer at V.A.M.C.

I also have information as well at the post for returning veterans from Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom OEF/OIF Program.

**Don't forget the fallen, missing and hospitalized vet.**

Thank you,

***Michael Christianson - VAVS A.L. Rep***