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Onalaska American Legion

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Shufflin Duprees played to a nice crowd on New Year's Eve in the Dining Room. The ice storm that went through the area about 5pm that day held the crowd down somewhat, but those that showed were treated to some great music, good food and lots of party favors and champagne over the course of the evening. You may want to reserve your spot early for next year as we will have the Happy's Garage Band in on that night.

New Year's Day brought our traditional Guest Bartender Day and again it was a smashing success story dimmed only by the fact the Wisconsin Badgers stubbed their toe in the Rose Bowl game. A super Bloody Mary bar and good food was available for those who attended.



Shufflin Duprees Play



Great Waitstaff



Bill & Nikki Sterling

Legion Community Days

The Legion Community Days Committee, after taking the month of December off, had their sleeves rolled up and were back at work again in January. Again this year we have a full weekend August 26-28 planned on the Legion Grounds. The sub-committees are hard at work putting together entertainment, working to bring in good food vendors, setting up the 3rd annual parade, working on the motorcycle run, lining up bingo and softball tournaments, bean bag toss tournaments and our 2nd annual car show are some of the things we will have going. Once again, if anyone has some ideas of what they would like to see or particular entertainment they would like to have us bring in stop in at one of our meetings, we meet the third Thursday of every month in the Dining Hall at 6:30pm, or leave a note at the Bar and we will take a look them. We are always looking for fresh and exciting ideas. Our 6th Legion Community Days will be another great one.

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GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

If this makes it into the February newsletter, I will be surprised as I am, as usual, late in my submission.

Time has been particularly scarce for me lately and quite honestly, I have been very busy at home.

I can only thank the many members that have stepped up and ensured that business went as usual. The many dedicated members and volunteers in this post make it an honor to be associated with them all.

The March newsletter will hopefully have me back on track. Remember your sweetheart on Valentines Day.

God Bless the men and women in uniform serving our country, their families and our veterans.

God Bless America.

Jim Nelson, Commander

Editors Note: *Please keep our Commander and his family in your prayers.*

Membership

Wow! February already.

Our 2011 membership roll is still not filled. Don't forget, if you have not renewed yet, you may drop off your dues at the Post or drop in the mail. We will send your new card immediately.

With so very many activities and things to accomplish, we need to keep in the forefront our fellow veterans and their families. Please let our Post Service Officer know if we as a Post can be of assistance to one of our own.

Welcome and thank you to our new and transferred in members to include: Terry Butzman and Dennis King. Your fellow American Legion members extend a friendly "hello".

Come join us in our many Post functions.

Ralph Amundsen, 1st Vice Commander

Texas Hold'Em

And the winner is "Wayne Hanson"! Congratulations to Wayne on his big win including \$\$\$\$\$\$\$ and a diamond engraved ring in the 2010 Fall Tourney...

The other winners were Jim Kowal, Tom Meyers, Darrel Hanson and Terry Schamms. Nice job done by all who played. It was great fun.

A special thanks to Eddie from Chicago Beef & Etc for his great food and to Heather and Leath for the special service and to our great friend and contributor Sue.

The non winner champ was often a bridesmaid but never a bride non other than the great Dave Houlthaus. Better luck next year Dave. Our tourneys will start again on Feb. 10, 2011, same time, same station, no changes.

See you on February 10th.

Les, Terry, Clarence (and in abstencia Jerry - sitting in Fla.)

Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

CHRIS SJOLANDER

Vern Reekers - Service Officer

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Auxiliary

The New Year brings us in need of a new Kitchen Manager, again. I would like to thank Mary Powers, my daughter Cathi, Nikki Sterling and Wilma Dettinger for helping me with all the functions we have had. If anyone is interested in taking over the kitchen please let Mary Boardman know. Mary's number is 608-792-1268.

Norma Johnson is taking over for Liz Reekers while Liz enjoys the sun down south. If you know of a member that is sick or in the hospital please call Norma at 608-783-3763.

Members that are not paid by January 31st will become delinquent members.

State President Florence's Testimonial will be May 21st in Barneveld. More information will be published in future Unit Mailings and "Wisconsin" issues.

Anyone interested in bowling in a 9 Pin Tap Tournament in Green Bay at the Riviera Lanes remember these dates, APRIL 2-3 and APRIL 9-10. The only eligibility requirement is that you have a current Wisconsin Auxiliary card and be 18 or older. Any questions can be directed to Anna Graham at 608-225-8579 or email her at, agraham17@charter.net.

Let all of us as an American Legion Family make the POPPY a symbol that says: "WE ARE THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY AND WE HONOR OUR VETERANS".

I would like to thank the Legion for sending Stephanie, the Bar Manager, to the Wedding World held at the La Crosse Center where Stephanie talked about our Hall and the Catering that we do.

Remember that the "7th DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE" will be at POST 52 in La Crosse on APRIL 16th.

The serving committee for February is: Diane Ryan (Chair) 792-6488, Dorothy Sagan 783-5217, Mary Boardman 792-6812, Nancy Hurm 781-9324 and Laurie Tweten 781-2798.

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NOTES FROM THE BAR

GO PACKERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

The good ole' Green and Gold is going all the way! Super Bowl XLV, Sunday, February 6th Super Bowl Party. The party will be held in the Banquet Hall. Tailgate Party begins at 2:00pm. Fun, food, games, door prizes and drink specials. Come in and join the fun and cheer on the PACK!!

Saturday, February 26th, out with the Cold, in with spring, end of Winter Party. Join us in celebrating the end of winter. Fun, food, door prizes and entertainment with Jim B Three. Party begins at 6:00pm with Jim B Three playing from 7:30-10:30pm.

Happy Valentine's Day!!! No plans for Valentine's Day? Come hang-out with good friends and your friendly bartenders. Snacks, games and drink specials beginning at 5:00pm.

The Onalaska Legion participated in this year's Bridal Expo that was held on Sunday, January 16th at the La Crosse Center. The booth was beautifully decorated and we had great response. So many don't know about the Legions beautiful Banquet Facility. It was so much fun to get out there and talk to people about our facility and what the Onalaska Legion has to offer. Pictures will be displayed on our website.



Bar Bingo was scheduled to begin February 16th, unfortunately it will be postponed until March. Dates and times will be listed in the March Newsletter.

Check out our new lunch menu. Many items have been added to our already delicious menu. Lunch is served Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm.

As a reminder, our Banquet Facility and Activity Center is available for all your special occasions, Birthday, Anniversary, Reunions, Graduations, Weddings, Rehearsal Dinners & Holiday Parties. Dates are booking up fast for 2011. Don't wait, give me a call today at 783-3300.

Happy Valentine's to all!

Stephanie

2011 Terry Eggen Memorial Scholarship

The Terry Eggen Memorial Scholarship began in 2002 to honor the Memory of Terry Eggen, Onalaska Leg/on Post Commander in '80, '81, and '82. A Vietnam vet, Terry was a long-term member of the Onalaska American Leg/on 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.

REQUIREMENTS: Must write a 500 word, or less, paper on !!Americanism!! Must be a Legion Member of Post 336 or, Spouse, Child/Step Child, or Grandchild of an active member of Post 336. (If not a member, submit the name of the active member and relationship.) **MUST BE RECEIVED** by the COMMITTEE NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2011

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

CONTACT PERSON: 2nd Vice Commander, Rich Musolf, Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336, American Legion, 731 Sand Lake Road, P.O. Box 326, Onalaska, WI 54650

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The Baseball Committee of our Legion Post 336 has a site in the parking lot to collect aluminum cans to raise money for our Legion Baseball. All are encouraged to donate their aluminum cans to this most worthy cause!

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AMERICA IS AT WAR

A tradition continues



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.

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Smelt Fry



The Smelt Fry's are gearing up and will be held in January, February and March. They will occur on the 4th Friday of each month. The menu will be the same as in the past. Smelt - all you can eat with Cole Slaw, Beans and Bread. 203789627 The cost will remain at the \$9.00 level. Come on out on January 28th, February 25th, and March 2nd, for some good eating and great entertainment in the bar afterwards.

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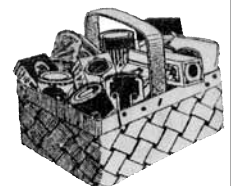
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February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	2 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30 - Till Gone	3 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00PM	4 Sisters & Company 7:30 - 11:30PM	5
6 Super Bowl Party Banquet Hall Tailgate Party starts at 2:00PM 	7 J C's Meeting 7:00PM	8 NARVE Meeting 10:00AM Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM	10 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00PM	11 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00PM Karaoke - Lisa Urban 7:30 - 11:30PM	12 Roosevelt Christmas Party Hall
13 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	14  Executive Committee 6:00PM Membership Meeting 7:00PM	15 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	16 Onalaska Booster Club Meeting 6:30PM- Dining Hall	17 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00PM	18 Time & 1/2 Band 7:30 - 11:30PM	19
20	21 BLET Div 3 Meeting 9:30AM J C's Meeting 7:00PM	22 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM Building Comm. Mtg. 5:30PM House Comm. Mtg 6:30PM	23	24 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00PM	25 Smelt Fry 4:30 - 8:00PM Karaoke with On Kue	26 Good Bye Winter - Hello Spring Jim B Three In the Lounge 7:30 - 10:30PM
27 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	28					

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Legion Baseball News

The Onalaska Legion Baseball Team has been awarded the 2012 State Tournament. Bids were taken on January 22nd at the Mid Winter Meeting in Wisconsin Dells. This will be the first time Onalaska has hosted a State Tournament and we are very excited.

VAVS News

With January's snowy cold being over, it is time to think of something more pleasant, like February and Valentine's Day. February 13th through the 19th, it is National Salute to Veterans Patients' Week. The 2011 National Creative Arts, performance arts try-outs will be held at Tomah February 17th at the Chapel in the morning. In the afternoon the State Commander and Auxiliary President will be there. There will be art work on display all week. Everyone is welcome to attend these events.

I attended a program in helping distribute meal trays. This included opening milk cartons, buttering bread and actually feeding the veterans who need that level of assistance. This is called, "Loving Spoonfuls" and is a volunteer feeding program and they assist on Nursing Units at mealtimes by doing such activities at the Tomah V.A. Also, I attended a program titled, Tomah VAMC 1st Annual Homeless Veteran's Summit. The purpose of this summit is to educate and incorporate the Tomah VAMC's plan to end homelessness with that of our local partners, both VA and Non VA.

Currently seeking colored t-shirts, jeans and casual dress items (no suits, ties or white dress shirts), crossword puzzles, and current magazines are all welcomed as well.

As always, don't forget the fallen, hospitalized and missing veterans.

Michael Christianson - A.L. Rep