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Veterans Outreach Liaison

Hope you all had great holiday season fun. Well 2011 is here and we are looking forward to Spring. Are you tired of snow or what!!!!

BENEFITS, BENEFITS, BENEFITS. Just a quick reminder make sure you check out all the benefits you have available from your time in the military. Over the past few months I have heard to many stories of fellow veterans who didn't know the help that they have earned because of their service to our country. One story was a Vietnam veteran who had come down with Parkinson Disease. He had served in Vietnam during the Agent Orange. I was talking to his social worker that didn't know about the benefits available because of that period of time. We were able to get him in and start getting help.

HELPING A FELLOW VETERAN. As a veteran member of an American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars most of you know of all the benefits available out there. Unfortunately, a number of fellow veterans do not belong to organization like the Onalaska American Legion and don't know about those benefits available to them. If you know of a fellow veteran who doesn't belong to an organization like ours have them check out their benefits with the La Crosse Veterans Service Office Jim Gausmann or his staff at (608) 785-9719. They are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. Feel free to give me a call at (608) 790-7368 if they have any questions or need some help also. This is another reason to show those fellow veterans joining the Onalaska American Legion offers a number of great things available for them and their family.

RETIRING FROM THE MILITARY IN WISCONSIN. Interesting item came out recently...it came out on taxes in living in Wisconsin. If you are retiring from military service Wisconsin is one of the top states to live in. Why? Wisconsin exempts military retirement benefits for taxation. Occasionally we do some good things.

Looking forward to a better year in 2011. See you at the Club.

Thom Downer - Veterans Outreach Liaison, Onalaska Post 336

American Legion Website



The cost of preparing, printing and mailing of the monthly Legion Newsletter is very costly. To those of you who have a computer or have access to one, we are asking you to cancel your monthly mailed newsletter and go to the Website WWW.OnalaskaPost336.org to view the Newsletter on-line. By doing this you will help control the costs, and much of the information, like the calendar, is available sooner than the mailed one.

To cancel your mailed newsletter please contact me.

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GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

December 2010, reminded me of the winters when I was growing up in Camp Douglas. Lots of snow, but I can't remember it being that cold. The key word here is "remember" as I'm fortunate to remember where I grew up.

It is my hope that everyone will have an excellent Christmas with family and friends and Santa is good to all.

My bride is continuing her battle with ALS, very weak but able to stand on her own for brief periods. She is looking forward to our sons wedding in January. We traveled to Mayo clinic recently for an ALS clinic. It was a good test run to see what we will need to do on our trip to Madison for the wedding. Thank you for all your cards, visits, great food, good will and support. Sandy and I truly appreciate it.

We will begin our Smelt Fries in January and one per month thru March. Check the calendar. I hope you've been able to enjoy our Chicken & Dumplings and Fish Fry nights each month. We've had a great turn-out, thanks for your support.

Check the Ads in the newsletter. Support those that support the Post. We have some excellent advertisers and we appreciate their support.

I want to thank Willard Christensen for extending his tour as our Adjutant until we located someone to replace him. Special thanks to Ray Kline for stepping up to be our new Adjutant.



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

Texas Hold'Em

Time has come to put the Texas Hold'Em Tourney on hold for a while. I'm thinking until February 2011.

Our season has been great, ran a week longer so we don't have a season Champ.

Our Championship was held on December 23 and a great time was had by all, with great food and camaraderie. The Pit Crew would like to take the time to say a big "Thank You" to all who played and to those who won. Great people and great friends.

Until February, thanks and enjoy the Holidays.

Pit Bosses; Jerry, Les, Jerry, and the Pit Bull Clarence



Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

CHRIS SJOLANDER

Vern Reekers - Service Officer



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Auxiliary

The first snowfall left everything covered with a beautiful white coat of over 17 inches of white fluffy snow. The snow and slippery roads didn't keep members from the Joint Annual Christmas Party. There were over 100 guests who braved the wintery conditions and enjoyed "good food, the company of good friends wishing each other Happy Holidays and Good Cheer, and yes several door prizes which the Legion, Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion all contributed to. Thank you to all who pitched in and helped make this a success.

I hope that Santa was good to all and everyone was able to spend some quality time with friends and family during this Holiday Season.

I would like to thank Cindy Buckholtz for stepping up and taking over the advertising for the "Freedom Flight" committee and as a Representative for the Auxiliary on the 203826524 Community Days Committee, where she is heading up the Parade Committee this year if you see Cindy let her know how much our Unit appreciate her hard work she continues to put into these committees.

I would like to thank Cathi Hauser-McCarty, her daughters Taya and Jadin along with Sue Kenyon for doing the shopping for 2 families during Christmas. It surely helped out a great deal this year as time for shopping was very limited for me with trying to train a New Catering Coordinator during our busiest time.

I also would like to thank Bill Jaekel for all his hard work putting our newsletters together, without his email reminders to get our newsletters in our Post paper wouldn't come together. Thank you Bill from myself and the Auxiliary for all your help and support.

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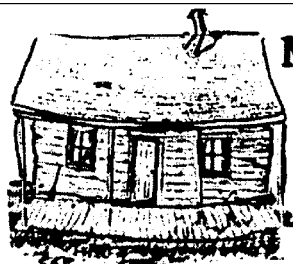
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S.A.L.

Hello all, I hope everyone had a safe and happy holidays. As most of you know, we had to cancel our December breakfast due to "SNOW", so we will be rescheduling our Legions Riders breakfast to a different date. We have not set a date for that yet, but we will let everyone know as soon as we set a tentative date.

Our two dates for the Breakfast Buffet in January are the 9th and 23rd. 8:00AM till noon. The bar also opens at 8:00AM with drink specials that are posted on all the tables. Also in May we will be donating all proceeds to Freedom Flight from one of our breakfasts. I will also let everyone know that date as soon as possible.

We would like to set up a committee for that one, so anyone interested can let me or one of the officers know that you are interested. Also there are a number of members that have not paid their dues, so please do so soon. You can drop them off or mail them to the Post in an envelope with name, current address and date of birth. State would like to get this wound up.

Thanks, and pray for an early spring.

Todd (Doc) Hagel

Membership

January and the New Year is already upon us. Thoughts from your Post include - "let's get finalized on 2011 memberships". We are currently at some 80 plus of our membership goal. We have quite a number of new and transferred in members to date. Our problem is that we have many members who renew very late year to year. It would be quite surprising who some of these members are. So, let's renew as soon as possible and make fellow members jobs easier.

Welcome and thank you to new and transferred in members to include: Gerald Kjos, Mike Dunlap, Al Cagle, and Jim Knope. Come on around and meet the other fine members of your American Legion Post.

Happy wintering! And we shall see you at the Post.

Ralph Amundsen, 1st Vice Commander

Great Gift/Remembrance

Give A "Brick"

for a loved one or friend who has served his or her country

Applications Available at the Onalaska Legion



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Legion Baseball Collecting Cans

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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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:
783-7599

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.

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 ?

By opting out of receiving the print edition of the newsletter, you can save the Post money and get the information sooner! The online edition of the Legion Newsletter is usually available 2-3 days before the newsletter hits your mailbox. Provide us with your e-mail address and we will notify you each month when the latest edition is available on our site.

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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. 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.

RENEWALS - NEWSLETTER ADS ... We will be communicating with the current newsletter advertisers to determine if they wish to continue to advertise with us. Ads are available on a one-year basis, Jan. thru Dec. 2009. Sizes available are a 2"x2" @ \$50./year and a 2"x3.75" @ \$80./year. The larger ad is horizontal. All payments must be made for the full year, payable in advance. New ad space will open up if there are some non-renewals. The space will be made available on a first-come first-served basis for new advertisers. Questions, comments and ad purchase should be directed to Bill Jaekel at 608-783-3623 between the hours of 9am and 5pm. If needed, leave a message. My email is wrjkl@charter.net. All phone calls and emails will be returned. Thank You, Bill Jaekel, Newsletter Editor.

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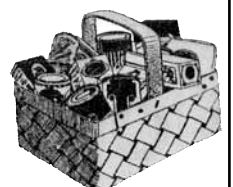
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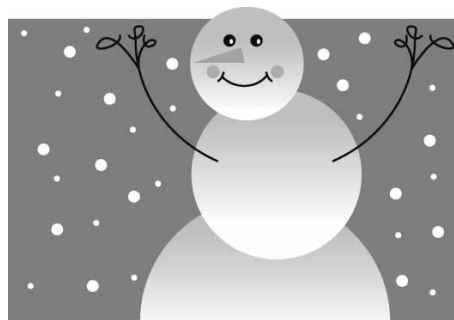


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January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Guest Bartenders Happy New Year Guest Tenders 8:00AM - 4:00PM
2	3	4 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	5 Chicken & Dumplings 4:30 - Til Gone	6 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00PM	7 Double Take 7:30 - 11:30PM	8
9 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	10 Executive Committee 6:00PM Membership Meeting	11 NARVE Mtg. 10:00AM Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	12 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00PM	13 <u>Going Away Party - Dining Hall</u> Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM <u>Burger Night</u> 4:30 - 8:00PM	14 <u>Fish Fry</u> 4:30-7:00PM <u>Rose Sobota Karaoke</u> 7:30-11:30PM	15 Retirement Party in the Hall 1:00-4:00PM
16	17 BLET Div 3 Meeting	18 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	19	20 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00PM	21 Texas Band 7:30-11:30PM	22 Anniversary Party in the Hall
23 SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - Noon	24	25 <u>Wings & Shrimp</u> 4:30 - 7:00PM <u>Building Comm. Mtg.</u> 5:30PM <u>House Comm. Mtg</u> 6:30PM	26	27 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00PM	28 Smelt Fry 4:30-7:00PM John Stevenson DJ 7:30-11:30PM	29
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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".

