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Past Commanders present at the
banquet



Miss Poppy, Kelsea Bingham,
with Adjutant Ray Kline



Past Presidents present at the
banquet

Legion Baseball News

This month we will talk about the Sunny Open Golf Tourney and next month we will print the schedules. The 2011 Sunny Open Golf Tourney proceeds benefit the Onalaska American Legion Baseball program. It will be held on Sunday June 19, 2011 at the Coulee Golf Bowl. A Four person scramble will be at 9:00 AM – 2:00PM. There will be openings for 30 Foursomes (120 golfers). \$20.00 per Golfer / \$80:00 per Foursome (please register as a Foursome).

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

GREETINGS TO ALL FROM THE COMMANDER:

Remember when the saying was "April showers bring May flowers"? New saying is, "Whatever we did, Mother Nature is having a hissy fit". We can only hope that May will bring us our normal spring weather.

I hope everyone had a great Easter. The kids Easter Egg Hunt was another great event. A huge turnout. Thanks to the Auxiliary for a great day.

My bride is continuing her battle with an unrelenting and cruel disease that gives and knows no quarter. Her mind is as sharp as it ever was, as is her eyesight and hearing. She still has a beautiful smile that she freely shares and is an avid fan of the Game Show Network (GSN) on TV. I know she is frustrated with my inability to understand her at times. We have developed some signs and signals we use to communicate. Some are not in the book on signage, but her message is unmistakable, if you know what I mean.

Election of Post officers will be at our Legion meeting on May 9th. If you are interested in a position submit your name to the Nominations Committee at the Post. Installation of those elected will be at our June 13th Legion meeting.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30th. Our guest speaker this year is LCDR Ray Ebert (Ret) United States Coast Guard. As you may recall, we have a different Military Service represented each year. Parade is 9:30am, Service at 10:00am. Coffee, juice and donuts prior to the parade and a lunch after the Service at the Post. Bring your lawn chair, come and honor our fallen heroes.

May will be the last month for Chicken & Dumplings and our Fish Fry. We will begin again in September. A big THANK YOU to all of the volunteers that worked those programs this year. It was a great season and thanks to all of our members and guests for their support.

Onalaska Night for Freedom Honor Flight is quickly approaching. June 11 – Music, 4-7 Happys Garage, 8-11 Studebaker 7 in the Activity Center. 5-10, charitable gaming, silent auction, raffles, Vegas table. Entry fee \$10 presale, \$15 at the door. Sandwiches & beer, \$1.50 each. All proceeds will go to Freedom Honor Flight. Come on in for a fun night and a great cause for our veterans.

Remember - Fly the Flag. God Bless our troops, their families and our veterans.

God Bless America.

Jim Nelson, Commander



Freedom Honor Flight

Commander Jim Nelson addresses the gathering at the kick off press conference for Onalaska Night for Freedom Honor Flight to be held at the Club on June 11, 2011.

Tickets are available at the bar, \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door.

Membership

A very short report this month from membership tells us that the 2011 membership renewal period is about complete.

Yes, we still have a number of stragglers for dues. To help remind us, a listing is being posted on the bulletin boards at each entrance to the Club. For those who have not renewed yet, please stop in or mail your due.

See you at one of our many Legion functions.

Ralph Amundsen, 1st Vice Commander

Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

JERRY MALIN - DAVID DELIMAT
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~ LAST BUGLE ~

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Steve Yonkovich - John Marcou
Chaplain: **Matt Wobeck**
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S.A.L.

Here it is May already. Where does the time go? First off we would like to thank all our guests who have turned our breakfast into such a wonderful success. Everyone seems to be really enjoying them. I would like to take credit for it, but it is all our wonderful volunteers that put their time and effort and hard work into it that really makes it a success. THANK YOU!

I would like to congratulate John Marcou, my Sergeant at Arms, for winning the Friend of the Legion Award. Way to go HAM BONE!

May will be a busy month for us. Our first breakfast on May 8th will be our Freedom Flight and Mothers Day Breakfast. Also on May 21st we are having a Freedom Flight Chili Cook Off in the Activity Center. We have a number of Legion Posts we have invited to bring their best chili recipe to compete. The hours for this are Noon to 3:00 PM. This is open to the public, and the cost per person will be \$5.00 for the cook off to come and eat. Come on out and try it and you will be the judge of the best chili recipe. All proceeds from these two functions will go to Freedom Flight. Winding up the month will be our breakfast on the 22nd.


Everyone have a safe month and welcome home to all of our snowbird members.

Todd (Doc) Hagel

Legion Baseball Collecting Cans

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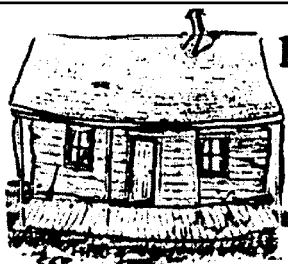
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Nancy Hurm**

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Auxiliary

This year's Badger Girls State from Onalaska High school are; Heather Handel and Allison Jensen, from Luther High are; Kimberly Ebner and Aleesha Wahl. I hope the girls have a good time and learn a great deal about our government we always look forward to them coming to our meeting and reporting on their experience.

I would like to thank Barb Burrell and Carol Johnson for doing the May Baskets this year they always do a wonderful job. Thank you.

The nominating committee for our new officers are Sue Kelly and Elaine Schickowski, if you are interested in running for an office please come to the May meeting or contact either Sue or Elaine.

The Past Commander Past President Banquet was a success. Leath and his kitchen crew served a wonderful meal. I would like to also thank Kayla Kujak and Mary Powers for the beautiful job they did on decorating the hall for this event. I would like to thank the following individuals for taking time out of their busy schedules to come and join us for our banquet. County President Liz Staff, Elaine Schickowski 7th District 2nd Vice President, Kelsea Bingham Miss Poppy for 2011 also for presenting the first Poppy to Ray Kline the SAL Adjutant, and for presenting our Gold Star mother Kathryn Kirchner with a Yellow Rose. Ray Kline for being the first to contribute to the Poppy Fund this year. We had a great turnout with 9 Past Presidents in attendance.

Our congratulations go out to Rich Musolf Legionnaire of the year and John Marcou Friend of the American Legion.

I would like to thank Eunice Christianson for the wonderful African Violet and also let everyone know that the Center Piece from the Head Table was sent to Carol Summerfield who is a Past President, as a get well soon.

On April 14th Reita Weber and myself went to the Sunfish Days meeting and after much discussion Mike Fries made a motion and it was 2nd to disband Sunfish Days Festivals. The monies in the treasury will be divided between the 7 community groups. It was a 7 to 2 vote in favor of dissolving the organization known as "Sunfish Days." The 2 groups that want to keep the organization alive want to do so to keep the Softball tournament going, not the festival itself. If you would like more information come to the May meeting.

This year's Easter Egg Hunt was attended by 147 kids all several parents too many to count let's just say we had a very full house. I would like to thank Barb and Pete Theis from PT Welding in La Crescent for donating money for the cookies and punch served to the "hunters." Thank you also to all who donated treats for the hunt. I would also like to send a big THANK YOU TO: SAL for purchasing 4 of the bikes, Bar manager Stephanie West for purchasing 2 bikes and Mary Boardman for helping purchasing 2 bikes and the Easter Baskets for the Auxiliary to give away as the 1st and 2nd prizes. We also tried something a little different this year; we had two different sized eggs for the kids to find if they were lucky and found one of the "big" eggs they were able to go to a separate table and pick a prize which were donated by myself and Mary Boardman.

The lucky winners were: 0-2 Khloe Shemankowski and Parker Shemankowski 1st Prize Bikes; Ami Brunner and Tate Siewert 2nd Prize Easter Baskets; 3-5 Mikayla Root and Parker Moreno 1st Prize Bikes; Aryanne Brown and O'Maryo Kruase 2nd Prize Easter Baskets; 6-8 Amber Greityah and Xavier Nilsestwen 1st Prize Bikes; Abigail Peterson and Presten Rockwell 2nd Prize Easter Baskets; 9-12 Haley Hanson and Noah Heimbor 1st Prize Bikes; Grace Gambell and Brad Kellehen 2nd Prize Easter Baskets.

A very BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with the hiding of the eggs, counting money, and putting out the treats for all our little egg hunters. Without the help from everyone our Easter Egg Hunts would not be the huge success that they are, we continue to attract more and more people to our Post. Once again thank you to all who helped with another successful Easter Egg Hunt.

Ladies if you are interested in Voting for running for an Office within the Auxiliary make sure you attend the May Meeting.

Norma Johnson and Liz Reekers are redoing the serving committee booklets, if you are interesting in changing months or to be a chairman please contact either Norma or Liz. The December committee is open to any group that would like to put on the Christmas Party.

Start thinking if you would like to go to the State Convention in Appleton on July 14-17 come to the May meeting and let us know so Colleen can send in your reservation.

Remember June 11th is the Freedom Flight Fund Raiser come and listen to some good music and spend a little money remember it all goes to a very good cause our Veterans.

I hope everyone has a HAPPY EASTER!

Serving Committee for May: Chr.-Liz Reekers-(608) 783-3913; Cindy Bucholtz-(608) 783-7790; Judy Nimmo-(608) 783-1788; Mary Powers-(608) 783-1535; Nikki Sterling-(608) 781-6084.

Diane Ryan - President

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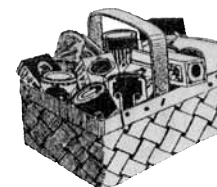
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May 2011

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8 Mothers Day Bloody Mary Bar 8:00AM - noon SAL Freedom Flight Breakfast 8:00AM - noon	14 Executive Committee 6:00PM Membership Meeting 7:00PM	10 NARVRE Mtg. 10:00AM Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	11 Auxiliary Meeting 7:00PM	12 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00PM	13 Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:00PM Wild Entertainment Karaoke 7:30 - 11:30PM	14 Cancer Benefit
15 Birthday Party	16 BLET Div 3 Meeting Onalaska Jacee's Meeting 7:00PM	17 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM	18 Liver and Onions	19 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00PM Texas Hold'Em 6:00PM	20 Time & 1/2 Band 7:30 - 11:30PM	21 Wedding SAL Chili Cook Off Bar Party
22 Bloody Mary Bar 8:00AM - noon SAL Breakfast 8:00AM - noon	23	24 Wings & Shrimp 4:30 - 7:00PM Building Comm. Mtg. 5:30PM House Comm. Mtg. 6:30PM	25 K of C Chicken Q Activity Center 11:00AM - 5:00PM Whispering Winds Condo Assoc.	26 Tacos 11:00AM - 2:00PM Burger Night 4:30 - 8:00PM	27 John Stevenson DJ 7:30 - 11:30PM	28 Baby Shower
29 Birthday Party Activity Center	30 Memorial Day Parade 9:30AM Program at Cemetery 10:00AM Lunch at Legion 11:00AM	31				

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Texas Hold'Em

Spring is on the way and our attendance has slowed, however the spirit and fun the players are having is worth it. It helps the "Champ Kitty" when more players attend the weekly tourneys, so if you want to keep up what we did in the past come on down and join us. New-comers are always welcome.

Jerry is back now so Les and I can take a back seat and let him work, right Les?

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LEGION COMMUNITY DAYS 2011

The 6th Annual Legion Community Days Festival is set for August 26 - 28. The committee has done another fine job of getting ready.

Friday night will kick off with the opening ceremony at 6:00PM followed by check presentations to Freedom Honor Flight from our Fundraiser in June. Highlights for the night include Bingo, Studebaker 7 and new this year a fireworks display at approx. 10:00PM.

Saturday will begin with our now famous Pancake Breakfast put on by the Baseball Team. That has become a popular event with LCD. Ed and Sally will be in with the Blarney Party Radio Show at 9:00AM. The big parade will fire off from 3rd and Main Sts. At 11:00AM we will have Bean Bag Toss, Softball and Euchre tournaments during the day. The Fire Department will have a huge display and booths set up in the parking lot from 1:00PM - 4:00PM. Lots of goodies for the kids to do. The motorcycle run heads out right after they finish the parade and will return shortly after 4:00 for the awards presentations to the winners. Flashback will again take the stage for the Fireman's Dance Saturday night right after the annual Legion Baseball Team raffle drawing. Bingo will be in the Dining Hall throughout the day. Lots of great food and beverages available all three days. We have an excellent food court again this year.

Sunday starts at 7:00AM with our SOS breakfast put on by Ray Kline and Liz Staff and their fine crew. At the same time we will begin registration for the ALS Family Fun Walk which steps off at 8:00AM sharp. The Softball Tournament will continue in the morning. The Jim B Three will play music in the beer tent beginning at Noon until about 3:00PM unless we can get enough refreshments to bribe them into an hour or so more. Texas Hold'Em will be the tournament of the day, always an exciting event for us. The Show and Shine Car Show will be back with us again this year on Sunday afternoon. A new feature this year will be a kids fishing contest sponsored by the Onalaska J C's. Fishing will be 9:00AM - Noon with prizes to the winners presented on the main stage at 1:00PM.

So you can see we have a lot of things going on again this year. More information will be up on the website shortly and the brochures will be out in early July. Save the date for a great weekend of fun.

The volunteer sign up book will be behind the bar. Please give some thought to helping us out by filling your name in on the duty roster a time or two. We always appreciate the help we get from everyone. Lots of fun areas for you to work at. And remember always hug a committee member. For all of their hard work.

Mike Fries - Finance Officer