



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

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Officers:

Commander: **David Delimat**

1st Vice: **Al Cagle**

2nd Vice: **Dirk de Zeeuw**

3rd Vice: **Rich Musolf**

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Finance Officer:

James Bialecki

Judge Advocate: **Todd Bjerke**

Chaplain: **Rich Cota**

Service Officer:

Vern Reekers - 793-3913

Historian:

Howard Horman Jr. (Howie)

Sgt. at Arms: **Jerry Yushta**

House Committee: **David Delimat**

Building Committee:

Merle Cunningham

To My Fellow Legionnaires; Auxiliary and S.A.L. Members & Friends Of The Legion, Welcome To American Legion Post 336 In Onalaska, WI!

Community Days has come and gone. I hope that everyone had a chance to stop on over and see what this year's celebration had to offer! I hear the Water Balloon Wars was a hit! Oh and there was no rain like last year!

The 4th of July is right around the corner! The Post was closed last year but this year we will once again be open as we have in the past. Come show your patriotism and support the Legion on Independence day!

How do they put it? Do you want the good news or bad news first? There is no easy way to say this so I am coming straight out with it. The HVAC project, the original closure of the bar time frame of 2 ½ weeks is no longer. I was made aware, for the first time, on June 8th that the Legion would vacate the entire building for the duration of the project. This change was made in March and was done as means to lower the cost of the entire project. What does that mean? It means that the Post will be closed from July 9th through August 17th. We will not consider opening in another location in any capacity. Any activities scheduled for the Activity Center are still a go and any open days in the Activity center are still there for use. We are currently working out details with HSR and the contractors regarding access the kitchen area but as it reads now we vacate the whole building during the project.

Has anyone noticed that we have three, yes 3, Legion Baseball teams this year! Come show your support for these young players! They are our future. The AAA 16 and under team took first place in the Community Days wooden bat tournament! Way to go! Speaking of the Baseball group, they will be having a special one-time only Bingo night ran by Neil and his crew. A 100% volunteer effort all in support of the Onalaska Legion Baseball! This is in no way a Legion function since we are shut down for all operations. More information in the Bar Report.

Update on the Elected Officers, I was approached after the elections by Dirk de Zeeuw expressing interest in being the 2nd Vice Commander. With Rich Musolf being elected to two Officer positions Rich had no issues with relinquishing the 2nd Vice Commanders position and at the June Membership meeting I appointed Dirk as the 2nd Vice Commander. The Historian position also went without anyone being elected and with the exceptional work Howard Horman Jr (Howie) has been doing getting ready for the National Visit and showing our History I have appointed him as the Post Historian. Please welcome these new officers if you see them around.

Newsletter editor... This position is still unfilled at this time. We are exploring our options and trying to work out getting a regular newsletter editor. If anyone is interested please contact me.

With it being July we do not hold our regular membership meeting. There will still be an Executive Committee meeting on July 9th in the Activity Center. Our next general membership meeting will be held on August 13th at 7pm also in the Activity Center due to the HVAC project.

Regards, David Delimat, Commander (608) 317-7750, commander.post336@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP NEWS –

We are about to start our 2019 membership year. We will have received the new membership cards after the Father's Day weekend. We will have missed 100% for 2018 by approximately 35 members.

This is my last newsletter as Al Cagle is the new 1st Vice Commander and Membership Chairman. I'd like to thank everyone for all the support I have received over the last few years.

Thank you, Bob Weber

HISTORIAN MESSAGE –

Still looking for any and all information regarding the history of the Struck Klandrud American Legion Post 336! If you have anything, pictures, videos, stories, please contact me, Howie, at 608-792-2619 or hormanhljr@gmail.com. I am planning on playing the history of our post when the National Commander is here with the Legacy Run in August.

~ AUXILIARY ~

Welcome!

Wow! One year already of being auxiliary president! I had a lot to learn and I'm still learning. I guess one is never too old to learn new things! I feel honored to be part of a great American Legion family. Off to another great year together!

Our volunteer banquet was June 6. Everyone that attended had a great time and as always, the food was delicious. Thank you to Liz and Ray.

At this time, I'm not sure of a date for our Legion Family Membership Picnic, due to the closing of the facility for updating. WATCH FOR DATE IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER!

NO MEETING IN JULY!

At this time, not sure about the August meeting. We will have an update in the next newsletter.

Ladies, there are still a handful of you who haven't paid your 2018 dues. There's still time to pay so you don't lose consecutive membership years. Dues for 2019 will be \$30. Let's make 2019 a 100% year!

Thanks everyone for coming out for Onalaska Community Days weekend. We appreciate your support! Also, a big thank you to the folks who helped out with bingo.

If you or someone in your family has an address or name change, please notify us at the Legion as it is important for the newsletter mailings! Thank you!

Scholarship applications for Onalaska Ladies Auxiliary and Past Presidents are available at the Legion. High school seniors are eligible to apply.

Thank you to all members attending the June meeting and also for the serving committee for the delicious lunch! We would love to see even more of our members participating. Support from members is essential to our success as an organization.

Our next meeting will be to be announced.

Your support makes us more successful as an organization.

Thank you for supporting our Veterans and their families! See you around the Post.

Shirley Berberich, President/ Membership Chairman

Auxiliary:

President:

Shirley Berberich (783-3892)

1st Vice: **Shirley Berberich**

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We will have a full house that evening as we will be having a wreath placement at grave marker for Otto Stuck and August Klandrud before the group arrives at the Legion Post where we will have a POW Ceremony before we feed everyone dinner.

We are inviting the whole community to come out to show your support to this amazing cause and effort put on by everyone in the Legion Family that is involved with this event.

American Legion Riders Update -

The American Legion Riders District 7 would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us with the Legacy Run on June 16th! It was a hot day but a great day to be out and riding. We missed a few on the ride but I am sure we will see them on next years ride.

Keep your eye on the newsletters and the TV news and newspapers for more information in the weeks to come regarding the National American Legion Riders Legacy Scholarship Run that will be stopping at Post 336 on August 22nd. This will be one amazing event and may not be back to our area for a while.



Service Officers Report



~ **LAST BUGLE** ~

David Merrell
Charles Allen



Vern Reekers, Service Officer

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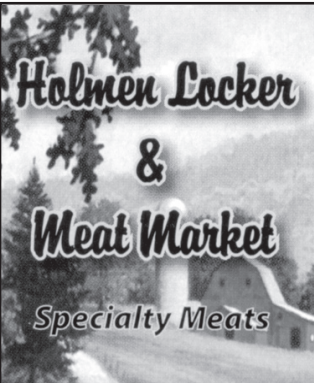
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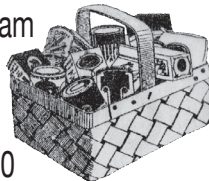
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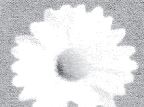
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by Washburn

~ S.A.L. ~

The playground is installed! Hurray! Our sincere appreciation to all of the monetary donors for this project, the families, and members who donated their time, expertise, and patience during the process. We couldn't have done it without everyone pitching in to make this a reality. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! The playground dedication will be during the Legion Family picnic and membership drive at a date yet to be determined.

We will be working on Phase II of the playground in the next few months. Which will include sidewalks, gazebo, & benches. We look forward to our legion families and community organizations in becoming partners with us to complete this task.

S.A.L. Officers

- Commander:** Todd "Doc" Hagel
1st Vice: Dan Ferries
2nd Vice: Ralph Geary
3rd Vice: Kent Stephan
Treasurer: Chris Carlson
Adjutant: Neil Merritt



Elections were held on June 9th with Todd "Doc" Hagel-Commander, Dan Ferries-1st Vice Chair, Ralph Geary-2nd Vice Chair, Kent Stephan-3rd Vice Chair, Chris Carlson-Treasurer, and Neil Merritt-Adjutant. Congratulations to all!

The next SAL breakfast will be on September 16th (remember they are on the third Sunday of each month from Sept – May). If you would like to join our awesome group in serving or cooking, please let us know. Or if you are all volunteered out, come join us for our fabulous buffet. All funds raised through the breakfasts are used to enhance our community and region as a whole.

Again, we can't say enough to thank everyone who has pulled together to make the Legion, Onalaska Community Days, and

our wonderful community projects a success. Kudo's to everyone, it looks awesome!

**Doc, Dan,
Ralph, Kent,
Chris & Neil**



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8	9 Veterans Picnic 4pm - Hall	10 Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	11	12	13 Craig Olson Project 7:30-11:30pm - Bar	
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15	16	17	18	19	20	
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22	23	24	25	26	27	
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29	30	31	There is still Bingo, a one-time event on July 10th at 6:30pm. This is an American Legion Baseball sponsored event, a 100% volunteer effort! The food and drinks will be provided by the Legion baseball concession stand. This charity night of Bingo will support our 16 under and 18 under teams. Will be held in the Activity Center. We hope to see you there!			
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Hello Members, Patrons and Friends

I am sure you are all aware about the upcoming closing of the bar for heating and air/conditioning project. Although it is longer than expected, it is required to ensure the quality of the project as well as the safety of all of you. For all the Euchre players, please contact Diane Ryan with details on playing. The bar will be open on July 4th, if you don't have anyone to spend the holiday with you are more than welcome to stop by and have some fun with us! I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer. We hope to see you all back in late August!

There is still Bingo, a one time event on July 10th at 6:30pm in the Activity Center. This is not a Bar or Legion function, as operations are shut down, but rather an American Legion Baseball sponsored event, a 100% volunteer effort! The food and drinks will be provided by the Legion baseball concession stand. This charity game will support our 16 under and 18 under teams. We hope to see you there!

Thank You,

Neil Merritt - barmgr.post336@gmail.com

Onalaska Community Days

What an amazing weekend! We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came out to support the event on June 15th and 16th. A special thanks to the Onalaska American Legion members and staff for facilitating and working with the event.

Personally, we would like to thank the OCD board: Angel Benrud, Christopher Matt, Cindy Dulong, David Delimat, Don Frett, Jennifer Hooker, Joshua Steinfeldt, Mike Rude, Patrick Paradise, Sammie McReynolds, Sara Cagle, Shirley Berberich, Sue Kelley, and Tina Rude. Also thank you to Gary Blanchard for bringing his tractor and, quite literally, saving our backs. Kish Electric also saved the day by getting our outlets up to par for the food vendors. To ALL of the volunteers who helped make this event happen, thank you all for your time and help.

We had HOT weather, cold drinks, great food and lots of fun activities. We also learned a lot and are planning on putting that to work for 2019. If anyone has an interest in joining the OCD team, please contact Neil or Keri. We will be taking a short break, but we will start planning 2019 soon!

See you next year!!

Neil Merritt & Keri Steinfeldt