



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

Chartered May 14, 1921

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### Officers:

Commander: Al Cagle  
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 Vacant  
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 House Committee:  
 Bob Weber  
 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!

Since April could not make up its mind, whether it is spring or winter, let's hope that May has a better understanding. I hope everyone had a good Easter and are ready for warmer weather. Let's see if the May flowers actually do come out. With that; it is Poppy time, so please appreciate your Poppy for what it stands for and donate to the cause. The membership has the annual election of officers this month so if you are interested in having a say, sign up for one of the available positions. Last month we celebrated our Past Commanders and Past Presidents. I would like to congratulate our Friends of the Legion, Pat and Kristen Paradise for all that you do throughout the year. You both are much appreciated. The Legionnaire of the year is Clarence Stellner, he not only celebrated 70 years as a member, but his continued support for the Legion with Texas Hold 'Em, SAL Breakfasts and other little things he does around here are no doubt keeping him young at heart.

As my term comes to a conclusion, I want to say I thank you to all that supported me and tried to talk me into running for Commander again, but it takes a lot of time and unfortunately I still have a full time job. Hope I will win the lottery so I can retire and be back soon. I will be seeing you around the Legion.

*There was a By-laws change and was first read at the last meeting so here is the second reading.*

#### Section 4

#### Post Finance Officer

*9. The post Finance Officer shall receive a monthly stipend to help defray costs incurred in the performance of his or her duties. The amount of the stipend is voted on by the Executive Committee.*

### - MEMBERSHIP NEWS, FIRST VICE -

Our membership took a little bit of an advance as we sit at 98%. Just a few more to get to 100% but you need to pay this month; we go into the next Membership year in June. .

- Alan Cagle



*Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.*

### Service Officers Report

**~ SICK CALL ~**

George Walinski

**† LAST BUGLE †**

James Schuals † Robert Freson  
Member Member

Robert Boomer † Steven Haugen  
Member Member

Stanley Olson † Ralph Wilcox  
Member Non-Member

Vern Reekers,  
Service Officer



## ~ AUXILIARY ~

**Hello to all of our Auxiliary Family Member Ladies!**

Ladies, mark your calendar! **Our May meeting will be Wed, May 8th at 7pm.**

~ **Serving Committee** ~

Mary Powers - 385-8306      Liz Reekers  
Shirley Stuart                      Shirley Strahs

*Thank you to the ladies who came to the April meeting and to our serving committee.*

Our Easter egg hunt was held on Saturday, April 20th. Thank you to everyone who brought their little ones to find eggs. Thank you to Diane and all her helper bunnies!

Our Past Commanders and Past Presidents banquet was a success! Thank you to everyone who attended.

Thank you to all the members who have paid their 2019 membership.

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

### Auxiliary:

President:

**Shirley Berberich**  
(783-3892)

1st Vice:

**Shirley Berberich**

2nd Vice:

Treasurer: **Sue Kelley**

Secretary: **Amy Delimat**

Chaplain: **Maureen Smith**

Sergeant at Arms:

**Mary Powers, Liz Reekers**

Member at Large:

Sunshine Chairwoman:

**Liz Reekers**



### **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 27TH**

A poppy will be enclosed in the newsletter today. Poppy donation containers will also be placed in the Legion.

Our new Miss Poppy for 2019 is Mercedes Hadley! Congratulations, Mercedes! Her installation took place prior to the banquet on April 17th.

**Delores Kenyon has made a request for anyone willing to volunteer to help out with bingo at the Onalaska Care Center. Contact Delores at 783-4480.**

**Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand and together make a difference!**



Without our volunteers and their willingness to help at functions, we would not be successful! Thank you for supporting our organization, our Veterans and their families! Stay healthy and happy and we'll see you around Post 336!

*Shirley Berberich, President/ Membership Chairman*

## **Onalaska Community Days**

Don't forget to join us for Onalaska Community Days! We are featuring a new and improved family area. The area will feature an inflatable B.B. Gun Range from the Gateway Area Council, Army Climbing Wall, Vehicle Displays, Wisconsin State Patrol role over simulator and so much more. Demonstrations by the Onalaska Fire Department, Misty's Dance Unlimited and the Mississippi Mayhem Roller Derby team will also be a part of this year's family area. The best part. It's Free!

Don't forget our live bands, wood bat tournament, food and the best part....spending time with your friends in our community!

**Mark your calendars for June 14<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup>! Hope to see you there!**

### **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 the Legion post and leave a message for the Commander: 783-3300

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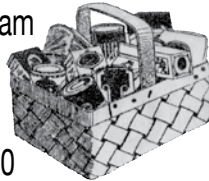
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**La Crosse County ADRC**

*Do you have some spare time? Would you like to feel good about helping the great communities of Onalaska and Holmen?*

*We are looking for people to deliver meals to homebound seniors and to help out at the Onalaska and Holmen Senior Dining Centers.*

*Who knows, you may see your neighbor there.*

**Please contact La Crosse County ADRC at 785-5700.**

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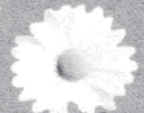
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Dear Member

Once a year we seek donations in exchange for poppies the memorial flower of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary. The enclosed poppy is a replica of the poppies that bloomed on the battlefields of France. This memorial poppy is not only a personal tribute to those who gave their lives for our Country, but it honors our living Veterans.

When you wear this little red flower it helps to keep alive the kind of patriotism so necessary in this great country of ours. The poppy we are distributing in return for a contribution is made by veterans... to remember veterans... and to help veterans.

We are asking our members to remember the sacrifice that our service men and women made for America. ALL funds derived from this distribution of poppies are used exclusively for rehabilitation of veterans and assistance to their families. To continue our support, we need your help. Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the Post. If you cannot donate at this time, please wear this poppy proudly in honor of our Veterans.

Yours in Service

*Shirley Berberich*

Shirley Berberich  
Poppy Chairperson



Remember .....

**ALL GAVE SOME...SOME GAVE ALL...**



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# Car Show

**SUNDAY**  
**May 26, 2019**

All Makes, Models,  
Customs & Bikes  
Welcome!



## Swap Meet

Starts at 10 a.m.

Interested Vendors Please  
Contact Neil During Mornings  
at the Legion 608-783-3300

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- ★ General Motors (Car or Truck) ★ Restored Original - 1st, & 2nd Place
- ★ General Motors (Car / Truck) ★ Customized - 1st, & 2nd Place
- ★ MoPar (Car / Truck) ★ Restored Original - 1st, & 2nd Place
- ★ MoPar (Car or Truck) ★ Customized 1st, & 2nd Place
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# Hello Members, Patrons and Friends,

May is upon us! We finally have some good weather in the forecast.

We will be doing one more BBQ Rib dinner on May 1st. We will then be taking a summer break until September. I want to thank the whole gang over at Traditional Masonry for volunteering their time and cooking some of the best ribs ever! If you need any masonry work done don't hesitate to call 608-317-0350 or visit [www.traditional-masonry.com](http://www.traditional-masonry.com).



We look forward to seeing you all this summer!

- Neil

# American Legion VA Rep - Mike Christianson - 519-5818

Come to the Tomah VAMC 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Fishing Tournament on May 15, 2019! It is from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. The tournament benefits the veterans who call the Tomah VAMC their home. Hamburgers and fried catfish will be served for everyone!

### Current Needs List:

Clothing needs: tennis shoes (men's—all sizes), men's sweatpants (s, m, l, xl, 2xl), men's jeans (29-34), colored pocket t-shirts, women's sweatpants/sweatshirts (s-xl), women's leggings, women's underwear (s-m), women's sports bra (various sizes)

Medium-large size duffle bags

New and unused reusable water bottles

I tunes gift card

Stamps

Decaf coffee

New and unused "realistic" looking animals (dogs, cats)

Call 608-372-1727 for volunteer and current needs



*As always, never forget the fallen, missing or hospitalized Veteran's.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Baby Back Rib Dinner 4:30pm until gone	2 \$2 Tacos 11am \$2 Burgers 4:30-8pm Texas Hold-em 7pm	3 Fish Fry 11-8pm Ann & the Crush 7:30-11:30pm	4 Wedding Reception Stacy & Raymond
5	6 Cub Scouts Troop 69 meeting 6:30pm	7 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	8 Pizza Night 5-8pm Auxillary Meeting 7pm	9 \$2 Tacos 11am \$2 Burgers 4:30-8pm Texas Hold-em 7pm IBEW 5PM	10 Fish Fry 11-8pm Karaoke with Rose Sobotta 7:30-11:30pm	11 50th Wedding Anniversary John & Fay
12 Mothers Day S.A.L. Breakfast Buffet 7:30- 11am	13 Medicare Meeting - 9am Executive Meeting- 6pm Membership Meeting- 7pm	14 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm NARVRE - 10AM	15 Pizza Night 5-8pm BLEET 10am	16 \$2 Tacos 11am \$2 Burgers 4:30-8pm Texas Hold-em Championship 7pm	17 Fish Fry 11-8pm The Balony Skins 7:30-11:30pm	18 Armed Forces Day. 95.7 Big Bikes - Activity Center
19	20	21 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm	22 Pizza Night 5-8pm	23 \$2 Tacos 11am \$2 Burgers 4:30-8pm	24 Marty & The Sharks 7:30-11:30pm Graduation Party - Mollic A/C	25 Graduation Party Alex & Ray A/C
26 Memorial Day Car Show 11am	27  Grad Party - A/C Nathan	28 Wings & Shrimp 4:30-8pm Ladies Night 6-close Bar Bingo 6:30pm Building Comm mtg 4pm House Comm mtg 5pm	29 Pizza Night 5-8pm	30 \$2 Tacos 11am \$2 Burgers 4:30-8pm	31 Fish Fry 11-8pm The Great River Troubadours 7:30-11:30pm	

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### 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**

### S.A.L. News

We are excited to announce the beginning of April the SAL ordered and received benches and picnic tables to be installed by the playground and ballfield. Please be patient while we work on putting more wood chips in the playground area, pouring concrete pads for the benches and tables, and the installation process. We sincerely thank those families who stepped forward to purchase the benches and tables in memory or honor of their loved ones. We are truly proud of what our families and businesses have supported and accomplished this past year. **THANK YOU!**

Our next **SAL Breakfast Buffet will be on Mother's Day, May 12 from 7:30-11**. We hope you will stop by to see us and bring your moms, daughters, or significant others out for a great breakfast! It's the best Breakfast Buffet in town at only \$9.00 per person. We sincerely thank everyone who continues to come out to support the SAL and the numerous Legion events. We couldn't do this without your sponsorship and support. The proceeds from these events continue to be put back into the community and provides support for our Legion and families.

Here's hoping Mother Nature starts controlling her outbursts and provides us with beautiful weather soon! Punxsutawney Phil may have been in cahoots with her too! We wish all our families a blessed year and Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication!

See you all at the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and Event - May 27<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Remember....next SAL breakfast buffet.... Mother's Day, May 12....  
Next one will be in Sept.....See you there!!**

### 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!"



The American Legion Family  
[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)