



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

Chartered May 14, 1921

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### Officers:

Commander: Jerry Yushta

1st Vice: Jim Binash

2nd Vice: Dirk de Zeeuw

3rd Vice: Steve Sjonlander

Adjutant: Jim Binash

Finance Officer: Mike Fries

Judge Advocate: Todd Bjerke

Chaplain: Rich Cota

Service Officer:

**Rich Musolf**

Historian:

Sgt. at Arms: Brad Heller

House Committee:

**Commander, Finance Officer,  
and 6 Legion Members**

Building Committee:

**Rich Cota, Brad Heller,  
Kent Stephan**

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

July was a period of significant change for all of us. As we thank Patrick Paradise for his time with us and wish him the best in his new job, Monica Dickson has stepped up as Interim Bar Manager. She has worked long, hard hours to keep us on track. We are looking at our options for the management of the Bar and I would expect to share more with you in the near future.

At the same time, some of our staff are facing challenges which requires them to be away from their Legion duties. They are in our thoughts and prayers. It is a pleasure to watch as our staff step up to fill the shifts. Equally joyful is our Legion officers and members also giving their time and talents unselfishly. All of you have my sincere thanks.

While attending the dedication of the Habitat for Heroes home in La Crosse, the conversation amongst the various veteran and citizen groups is how we expand our outreach to veterans in need. Two ideas which drew my interest were making small homes and combine it with developing career training for veterans. I hope these ideas have an opportunity to grow and I would appreciate input from all the Legion family.

A great time to start that conversation would be to attend your respective Legion family (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL or Riders) meeting. The next Post Meeting is on August 12 at 7pm. I would be personally thankful if you would consider joining us!

*– Jerry Yushta, Commander*

### 1st Vice

We ended up at 91.68% of the goal set for us for member retention and recruitment. It is not too late to get your 2021 dues paid in order to keep your status for years paid. The 2022 dues remain at \$35.00. You can stop by and pay the dues or mail them in. The dues help the Legion maintain programs and to support the four pillars of the Legion family.

The American Legion night at a La Crosse Loggers game ended up with \$660.00 to benefit Camp American Legion. Thank all those who supported this effort to promote the American Legion and provide needed funds for Camp American Legion.

We would like to thank all the parents, volunteers and supporters of American Legion baseball for a very successful 16 and under tournament at Post 336. Your efforts showcased what we have here at our Post.

*– Jim Binash, 1st Vice Commander*



## ~ AUXILIARY ~

Wishing all the Auxiliary ladies that have a birthday this month a Very Happy Birthday!

Welcome to our new Post 336 Commander, **JERRY YUSHTA!**

Our next meeting will be on **August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**  
Let's not forget to thank a Veteran for their service.

Here comes the 2022 membership campaign! Please, ladies, as you send in your renewal to me, include your updated address and number(s) if you have landline and cellphone numbers. Our unit is becoming a "card holding" unit. That is not what we would like to be! We need to work on getting more ladies in attendance at our meetings with fresh ideas to become a more active unit.

At our June meeting, we discussed going to 4 meetings each year: December, March, June, and September. Discussion was held, and 2 motions were made to make this change. We will VOTE at our August meeting. Please attend so your voice can be counted. We will still carry on any functions that we have held in the past, regardless of what month they fall in. NEWSLETTERS WILL STILL BE MONTHLY.

We are working on building a volunteer roster of ladies who are willing to come and help with functions. If we can get this off the ground, we will have no limits on holding many functions, such as membership picnic, kids' egg hunt, Halloween party for kids, possible poultry party, etc. BUT we need all or many of you to volunteer to help fulfill your unit expectations. Please call Sally Schultz at 608-785-0350 (Corrected number!) or, if you see her around Post 336, to join the volunteer roster. Let's get our Unit #336 active again!

Catering is looking for clean containers with lids, such as ice cream pails, cottage cheese containers, butter tubs, etc.

### CHANGE OF PLANS!!!

**The Legion decided there will be NO MEMBERSHIP PICNIC this year.**

Our sunshine person would like to be informed if you know of someone in the hospital or ill at home. Please call Liz Reekers at 608-783-3913 to let her know.

Any schedule changes will be posted on Facebook or the Legion page.

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 well!

*Shirley Berberich, President/ Membership Chairman*



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# VA NEWS

*The VA in Tomah is not accepting any clothing at this time.*

For a list of items visit the Post website, [onalaskapost336.org](http://onalaskapost336.org), click on Tomah VA News. The list is long, so I didn't post it here. Items can be dropped off at the Post, North entrance.

The web page for National News is: <https://www.legion.org>.

The web page for WI is: <https://wilegion.org>.

The web page for the Podcast Tango Alpha Lima is: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org).

*If you need a ride to the Tomah or Madison VA contact Chuck Geszvain (DAV coordinator), at 1-608-372-3971 ext 66227*

*Service Officers Report*

**SICK CALL**  
Julie Malin

† **LAST BUGLE** †

† James Fox †  
† Robert Mason †  
( Non-Members )



## COMMUNITY DAYS (OCD) COMMITTEE

### CURRENT OFFICERS:

**President** – Angel Benrud    **Vice President** – Keri Steinfeldt    **Treasurer** – Cindy Delong

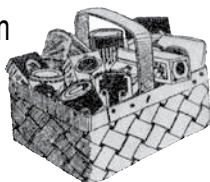
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# S.A.L. NEWS

Our next SAL meeting will be Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Legion. If you have items to discuss, please contact SAL Commander Kent Stephan to place it on the agenda. Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.

**SAL breakfasts . . .** Scheduled dates are: September 19, October 17, November 14, December 19 in 2021. January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17 (Easter), and May 8 (Mother's Day) in 2022. Cost will be \$10 per person. They are usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month unless there is a special holiday or inclement weather (or a pandemic). Thank all of you who continue to assist us and the Legion in undertaking these great events.

New membership cards have arrived. Stop in to the Legion or contact SAL Commander Kent Stephan or 1<sup>st</sup> Vice/Adjutant Neil Merritt to bring yours up to date. Membership is \$20. A sincere Thank You for continuing to support the Sons of the American Legion and the projects they sponsor to support your Legion and families.

**Tidbits about National Purple Heart Day, August 7<sup>th</sup>** . . . Temple Hill was the site of the New Windsor Cantonment, which was the final encampment of the Continental Army in the winter of 1782-1783. Today, the National Purple Heart continues the tradition begun on these grounds in 1932, of honoring those who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

The Purple Heart has undergone many changes with respect to the criteria for being awarded. At first, the Purple Heart was exclusively awarded to Army and Army Air Corps personnel and could not be awarded posthumously to the next of kin. In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt signed an executive order allowing the Navy to award the Purple Heart to Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guard personnel. Also in that year, the Purple Heart was made available for posthumous awarding to any member of the Armed Forces killed on or after December 6, 1941.

Originally the Purple Heart was awarded for merit. Being wounded was considered to be one type of merit. With the creation of the Legion of Merit in 1942, the award of the Purple Heart for merit became unnecessary and was therefore discontinued. Currently, the Purple Heart, per regulation is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917 has been wounded, killed, or has died after being wounded by enemy action. ([www.thepurpleheart.com](http://www.thepurpleheart.com))



*A Salute To  
Our Nation's  
Combat Wounded*

**National  
Purple Heart  
Day**

August 7

**S.A.L. Officers**  
 Commander: **Kent Stephan**  
 1st Vice: **Neil Merritt**  
 2nd Vice: **Ralph Geary**  
 3rd Vice: **Rich Musolf**  
 Adjutant: **Neil Merritt**  
 Finance: **Chris Carlson**  
 Sgt. at Arms:  
**Clarence Stellner**


**Our new 2021-2022 SAL Officers are:** Commander - Kent Stephan; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice - Neil Merritt; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Ralph Geary; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice - Rich Musolf; Adjutant - Neil Merritt; Finance - Chris Carlson; Sgt at Arms - Clarence Stellner.

Stay cool and we'll see you around the Legion!

**- Kent, Neil, Ralph, Rich, Chris, & Clarence**



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

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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.  
 To each and every one who serves, we say "thank you."  
  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Honor Guard Meeting Noon - 2:30 - Hall	2 Irishfest meeting 5pm - 8 pm - Hall	3 Euchre 1 PM Bingo 6:30 - Hall	4 Insurance Center Meeting 8am-4 pm - Hall Pizza and Stick drawing 6pm to 8pm- Bar	5 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30pm Barb Sjolander, Celebration of Life, 1 pm - 4 pm - Hall	6 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm Frank and Dave Duo 7pm - 11pm - Hall	7 Riverland AM Radio - Hall Hauser Reunion Activity Center
8 Ed Burrell 90th Birthday party - Bar	9 Executive Meeting 6pm - Hall Membership Meeting 7 pm - Hall	10 Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm Bingo - 6:30pm NARVE 10 am - Hall	11 Pizza & Stick Drawing 5- 8pm UTU Meeting 1 pm - Hall Auxillary Meeting 7 pm - Hall	12 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30pm Euchre 1 pm - Hall	13 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm Karaoke with Rose 7 pm - 11 pm Bill and Amy Reception Hall	14
15 William Olson 90th Birthday party - Hall	16 Executive Meeting 6pm - Hall	17 Wings & Shrimp - \$5.00 Ladies Night - 6pm Bingo - 6:30pm Euchre 1 pm	18 Pizza & Stick Drawing 5-8pm BLET 10 am - Hall	19 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30pm Insurance Center Meeting 8 - 4 - Hall 40&8 Steak Fry 5 pm - Hall	20 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm Breana Rae Band 7 pm - 11 pm	21 Henry Celebration of Life
22 Honor Guard Noon - 2:30 - Hall	23 Building Committee Meeting - 5:30 House Committee Meeting - 6 pm	24 Wings & Shrimp - \$5.00 Ladies Night - 6pm Bingo - 6:30pm Euchre 1 pm	25 Pizza & Stick Drawing 5- 8pm Insurance Center 9:30 am - 5 pm - Hall	26 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30pm D.6 Banquet - Hall	27 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm Country Legends 7pm - 11 pm - Hall	28 Celebration of Life - Noon - 5 pm Hall
29 Ira Brown Celebration of Life 1 - 4pm - Hall	30	31 Wings & Shrimp - \$ 5.00 Ladies Night - 6pm Bingo - 6:30pm	<h1>SUMMER</h1>			



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## AUGUST 2021 Newsletter

### Members, Patrons & Friends

Monica Dickson is our Assistant Bar Manager and is assuming the duties of Bar Manager. We are taking steps towards filling the position of Bar Manager. We are also in need of bar tenders and kitchen staff. It is proving difficult to fill those positions. The hospitality industry in general faces the same staffing issues.

**Monica Dickson, Bar Manager**

