Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

Chartered May 14, 1921

WEBSITE: WWW.ONALASKAPOST336.ORG EMAIL: ONALASKALEGION@GMAIL.COM

Officers:

Commander: ***Paul Roraff Sr***
1st Vice: ***Howie Horman Jr***
2nd Vice: ***Dirk DeZeeuw***
3rd Vice: ***Kent Stephan***
Finance Officer: ***Timothy Irish***
Service Officer: ***Lindsy Conrad***
Chaplain: ***Rich Cota***
Judge Advocate: ***Todd Bjerke***
Adjutant: ***Jim Binash***
Sgt. at Arms: ***Ethan Niles, Casey Jones***
Historian: ***Bob Muth***
House Committee:
Commander, Finance Officer, and 6 Legion Members *(4 of 6 filled)*
Building Committee:
Commander, and 5 Legion Members *(3 of 5 filled)*

To My Fellow Legionnaires; Auxiliary and S.A.L. Members & Friends of the Legion, Welcome to the Struck - Klandrud American Legion Post 336 of Onalaska, WI !

Legionnaire Family,

Summer has been raising the thermometer, just like our roof fundraising! The 250th Celebration of our Nation's Birthday gave our Post more to commemorate in addition to our Independence. As some may have heard, during the weekend's celebration, unbeknownst, **First American Roofing and Siding, Inc,** having collaborated with **ABC Supply Co.Inc,** and **GAF** since the onset, made a **more than generous donation of an epic proportion!** Therefore, impacting our goal by instantly closing the gap and making it possible to proceed with the roof project this year. **A heartfelt thanks of tremendous gratitude goes out to them for strengthening our Posts' future!!** The project is scheduled to begin on Aust 3rd, 2026 and will take about 3 days. Our Post will remain open during this project.

Notes of significance: Please be on the lookout for the **2027 Membership renewal notifications** and renew early receiving the 'Early Bird".

Membership Meetings resume on the second Monday of each month beginning August 10th, 2026.

Thank you for supporting your Post 336 and the American Legion Family!

Please see the Posts calendar for upcoming events and come out for a visit and camaraderie!

Be safe and get involved by visiting your American Legion Post 336, Veterans serving the Veterans community

"The willingness of America's Veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our eternal gratitude."

– Paul Roraff Sr., Commander

From the 1st Vice . . .

The **2027 Membership Renewal notices** have been arriving along with the "Early Bird" initiative to act and renew early, please be on the lookout. **If you haven't renewed your 2026 Membership, your "In Good Standing" is now in an "EXPIRED" status. Please avoid being dropped from rolls by supporting your American Legion, Post, and your Membership by renewing now. Thank You for your invaluable support!**

– Howard L Horman Jr., 1st Vice/ Membership

From the Service Officer!

Reminder: At the **County Veterans Service Office (CVSO)**, Service Officer Jane Brannon is available to Veterans for assistance with **Benefits, Claims, and Appeals Services,** and how to file. If any Member has an inquiry or needs assistance with the process, please contact the CVSO directly at 608-785-9719 Located at 300 4th St N, La Crosse, WI. For further info please visit the **CVSO Website: www.lacrossecounty.org/veterans.**

Eternally Grateful for your Service!!
— Lindsy Conrad, Service Officer

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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

THE ONALASKA LEGION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Onalaska, Wisconsin 54650

June 27th, 2026 – Donation presentation during the Post's 250th Celebration of our Nation's Birthday.

Left Picture: holding the microphone, is Business Owner of First American Roofing and Siding, Inc, and Post 336 Member, Dallas Werner. Holding the $53,000 check is Customer Experience Manager and Brand Ambassador Chelsey Kube.

Right Picture: Receiving the check on behalf of Post 336 is the Post's Commander, Paul Roraff Sr.

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S.A.L. News

BREAKFAST BUFFETS: ***Our breakfasts start September 20th from 7:30 - 11:00.***

Please mark your calendars…..**September 20, October 18, November 15, December 13 in 2026,** and **January 17, February 21, March 28 (Easter), April 18, and May 9 (Mother's Day).**

We serve two types of eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, waffles, fried potatoes, tater tots, sausage, bacon, ham, juice, milk, and coffee. Proceeds from our breakfast continue to support our Veterans, Community, and Legion.

VOLUNTEERS: We are in need of additional volunteers to assist with these breakfasts in the kitchen and serving. It's a pretty relaxed group and we always have a fun time.

S.A.L. Officers

Commander: Ben Zimmer

1st Vice: Neil Merritt

2nd Vice: Ralph Geary

3rd Vice: Rich Musolf

Adjutant: Dan Ferries, Jean Lunde

Finance: Kent Stephan

Sgt. at Arms: Sam Van Riper

MEMBERSHIPS: We're almost at 100% in 2026 with only 14 unpaid. The 2027 Membership Cards have arrived. Please stop by the Legion and get your new ones paid up and we'll mail out your new card to you. Thanks for your support of the SAL and the Legion.

ELECTIONS: If you are interested or know someone interested in serving on the Sons of the American Legion Board, please contact Ben Zimmer or Sam Van Riper.

GRATITUDE: Thank you for the dedication and volunteering to serve on our Executive Committee: Neil Merritt and Kent Stephan. Most will still be involved with the SAL Breakfasts and the Legion but are excited to bring in new ideas and volunteers to the Legion & organization. We sincerely could not do our job serving our Legion without those willing to serve in all capacities.

MONTH OF AUGUST: **4th –** Coast Guard Birthday; **7th –** Purple Heart Day; **29th –** Marine Forces Reserve Birthday.

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

– Ben, Ralph, Rich, Kent, Sam, & Dan (and Jean)

SAL Breakfasts start September 20th – from 7:30-11:00

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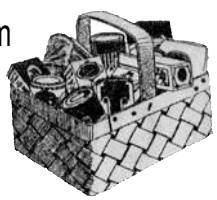

Checks may be sent to:
Onalaska-Holmen Food Basket
P.O. Box 311, Onalaska, WI 54650

~ Auxiliary ~

Greetings, Members

Happy Birthday to all our August Auxiliary members!

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be September 9th at 7:00 p.m.

JUST THE FACTS

- Creation of the Purple Heart (August 7, 1782): The Purple Heart, a military decoration awarded to those wounded or killed while serving, was first created by General George Washington. It remains one of the oldest military awards still given to U.S. service members

PAST BUSINESS, WOW WHAT A PAST MONTH FOR OUR UNIT!

- A BIG thank you to all our auxiliary members who donated baskets and time for our 250TH Celebration, we raised just over 500.00
- Auxiliary Scholarships — Congratulations to Mallory Kujak, Sophia Coon, and Emily Bartlet; each were awarded $1000.00!
- 4 young ladies from Onalaska (2) and Luther (2) High school attended Badger state Girls, congratulations girls on your many accomplishments and future endeavors.

WHAT'S COMING

- District 7 President to visit our unit

MEMBERSHIP

- We are always looking for new members and reconnecting with our past members that have not renewed. If you know someone interested or that has temporarily stepped away, please reach out to Shirley Berberich

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

- If you know of a member who is hospitalized or ill at home, please notify our Sunshine Representative: **Liz Reekers — 608 783 3913**

— Respectfully, Kim Roraff, President

Auxiliary:

President:
Kim Roraff
1st Vice:
Shirley Berberich
2nd Vice:
Bobbi Garves
Secretary:
Mary Powers
Treasurer:
Sue Kelley
Sergeant at Arms:
Sally Schultz, Patty Maestas
Historian:
Open
Parliamentarian:
Open
Chaplain:
Arleen Nelson
Sunshine Chairwoman:
Liz Reekers

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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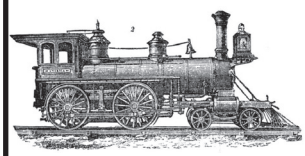

Call: Doug Fischer at 608-269-0989.

Meetings are every 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am at the Onalaska American Legion.

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Hello Legion Family!

Bar Update

August is rolling in at Post 336, and you can feel that first little hint of fall in the air (but don't worry... we're still hanging onto summer one cold beer at a time).

As we start dreaming up those fall flavors, now's your chance — if you've got a drink idea or a favorite you want to see behind the bar, get it over to Elizabeth! Around here, the best ideas come straight from our Members.

We've also got our eye on the future — some fun, fresh, and dance-floor-worthy bands are already getting lined up for 2027. Safe to say, your weekends at the Legion are in good hands.

Now, about that roof... you might see a little extra action around the Post as the new one goes on any day! But don't you worry—we will be open and ready to serve you during roof construction. Keep an eye out for some fun promotions while we're at it.

It's been a busy stretch, and that's just how we like it. From friendly faces at the bar to laughter echoing through the hall, this place keeps getting better because of YOU! Thank you for your continued support, you are the reason Post 336 keeps getting better! Cheers to August!

— Elizabeth, Asst Bar Manager

From the Kitchen at Post 336!

Kitchen Update

August is rolling in hot, and the kitchen is keeping up the pace at Post 336! Whether you're stopping in for a quick lunch, a family dinner, or fueling up before a night of music and fun, we've got something cooking for everyone.

From our Friday Fish Fry to broasted chicken, burgers, pizzas, and all the comfort food in between — there's something cooking every day of the week. Whether you're stopping in for a quick lunch or settling in for a full night of music and fun, we've got you covered.

We've had some busy weeks (and a few "ran out because you love it too much" moments — thank you for that!), so we're continuing to keep the kitchen stocked and ready. Keep an eye out for specials and don't be afraid to ask if there's something you'd love to see — we're always open to ideas from our Legion family.

Our kitchen stays busy because our Legion family keeps showing up — and we can't thank you enough for that support. Every meal ordered helps keep our Post strong and our doors open for the community we love.

Hope to see you soon!

— Angi, Kitchen Manager

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.

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						1 Opens At 10am Pizza & Apps All Day
2 Opens At 10am Pizza & Apps All Day	**3** Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Carpet Cleaning	**4** $3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Bingo 6pm	**5** Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am Insurance Center Mtg 10am AM Radio Mtg 5:30pm $6 Pizza Special 4pm-8pm Stick Drawing 6pm	**6** Hall Euchre Open To Public At 1pm DJ Trivia 6pm GRAA Mtg 6pm-9pm $4 Burger Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm	**7** Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Vip Group 10:30am LB & The Hivolts 7pm-11pm	**8** Opens At 10am Pizza & Apps All Day
9 Opens At 10am Pizza & Apps All Day	**10** Tap Cleaning Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Insurance Center Mtg 10am Exec Mtg 5:30 Post Mtg 7pm	**11** $3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Bingo 6pm	**12** Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am La Crosse County Vets 1pm $6 Pizza Special 4pm-8pm Stick Drawing Starting 6pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	**13** Hall Euchre Open To Public At 1pm Excel Mtg 5pm DJ Trivia 6pm $4 Burgers Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm	**14** Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Radio Active 7pm-11pm	**15** Opens At 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Karaoke 7pm
16 Opens At 10am Pizza & Apps All Day	**17** Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Insurance Center Mtg 10am	**18** $3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Bingo 6pm	**19** Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am Euchre Open To Public At 1pm $6 Pizza Special 4pm-8pm Stick Drawing 6pm	**20** Gloria Life Line Screening At 8am DJ Trivia 6pm $4 Burger Special 11pm-2pm & 4pm-8pm	**21** Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Larrys Drifters 7pm-11pm	**22** Opens At 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Dart Tournament 1pm
23 Opens At 10am Pizza & Apps All Day	**24** Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Tap Cleaning House Building Mtg 6pm	**25** $3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Bingo 6pm	**26** Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am Insurance Center Mtg 12:30pm $6 Pizza Special 4pm-8pm Stick Drawing 6pm	**27** Euchre Open To Public At 1pm PHW Mtg 5:30pm DJ Trivia 6pm $4 Burger Special 11pm-2pm & 4pm-8pm	**28** Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Pinski Bros 7pm-11pm	**29** Opens At 10am Pizzas & Apps All Day Private Event In Hall 12pm
30 Opens At 10am Pizza & Apps All Day	**31** Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm					

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Bean, Richard (56)
Betz, Thomas (51)
Borchert, Lynnette (52)
Braund, Rodney (58)
Brueggen, Stanley (55)
Christianson, Michael (58)
Cota, Richard (60)
Cox, Daniel (52)
Czeiska, Siegfried (53)
Devine, Donald (57)
Erdman, David (52)
Fleis, Steven (51)
Gehri, Dale (55)
Guy, John R (51)
Helgerson, Rolf (61)
Hoff, Lloyd (58)
Horman Sr., Howard (61)
Johnson, Warren (56)
Kortebein, Michael (64)
Kowal, James (56)
Kowal, Robert (57)
Lafleur, David (54)
McArthur, Wilmer (50)
McWain, Gile (68)
Newberry, Jr, Clarence (61)
Olson, Wayne (51)
Page, Gerald (51)
Platz, Larry (53)
Roraff Sr, Philip (71)
Rose, Daniel (56)
Running, Jr, Maurice (60)
Schultz, James (55)
Sjolander, Carl (54)
Skogen, David (62)
Thompson, Larry (55)
Thomson, Clare (60)
Weber, Stephen G. (55)

Your Post 336 Honor Guard

Looking for new volunteers to join the Honor Guard, if interested or need information, please contact the Honor Guard Chair:
Charles Nick at 608-519-2513