



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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**and 6 Legion Members**  
Building Committee:  
**Kent Stephan**  
**Bill Crail**

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

Elections will be coming up in May. There will be a sign-up sheet in the entrance ways at the Legion for those interested in a particular position. We will also need members to consider being on either the House or Building Committees.

Topics we discussed at the last Post meeting had to do with a flag burning barrel, Legion Family Day in April, fund raising and a Civil War plaque. Items that we need at the Legion include an AED machine, upright freezer and a flag burning barrel.

National Headquarters is where we secured our website. The site has been upgraded for us. It is easier to use and more streamlined.

We are in the process of getting girl's legion softball off to a good start. The costs with getting started, and maintaining a team, require some financial assistance in the beginning. In order to have a financial base, please consider helping them out. There is a Platinum level at \$400.00, Gold level at \$300.00, Silver level at \$200.00 and Patron at \$100.00 or less. Checks can be made out to American Legion Girl's Softball.

Our kitchen is serving up more and more meals at lunchtime. Pizza, taco, and fish dinners are also popular. If you have an event coming up, consider using our banquet room or the Activity Center. Members do get a reduced rate.

– *Jim Binash Post 336 Commander*

## 2023 SAL Breakfasts

*Scheduled dates are:*

**April 9 (Easter),  
and May 14 (Mother's Day) in 2023.**

**Time is from 7:30 -11:00 a.m.**

**Cost is \$12 per person age 11 & over, Age 5-10 \$7, and Age 0-5 Free.**

*They are usually on the 3rd 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.*



# From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice . . .

## Hello to All,

It's April ..... HAPPY SPRING!!!

Happy birthday to all our Legion members who have a birthday the month of April!



## Past Happenings

• On Sun 19 Feb 2023, Troop 68 got to practice their summer sausage making skills, large grind, mixing, small grind, and casing. They will be able to taste test the fruits of the labor at their next Troop meeting



• On Saturday 25 Feb 2023 a \$500.00 donation was presented to the Naval Sea Cadets toward the purchase of a portable AED (automated external defibrillator) unit.



## Upcoming Events

Gateway Area Council wide Pinewood Derby races are set for 22 Apr 2023 at Valley View Mall La Crosse.

- 9:30am - 10:15am: mandatory car check-in and inspection
- 10:15am - 1:00pm: race time!
- 12:00pm - 12:3 pm: Hometown Celebrity Race

## What's New

❖ Legion Girls fastpitch softball team: in the process of gettin' ready to rumble! More updates next month.

## Reminders

- Membership meeting on Monday 10 April 2023 at 1900 hrs.
- Be sure to catch OHS and LHS Spring sports action. Check their school websites for dates and times.
- \*\*If you have any unwanted scrap metal/aluminum, Camp Decorah (Gateway Area Council), is collecting that to help support activities. Please call me, 2nd Vice Dirk de Zeeuw, at 608-397-5485. Thank you in advance! \*\*

- **Dirk de Zeeuw, 2nd Vice**



## Service Officers Report



~ TAPS ~

Clarence Stellner  
Member



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Robert E. Smith, Gregory Sparks  
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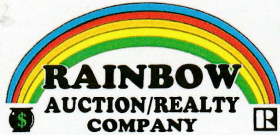
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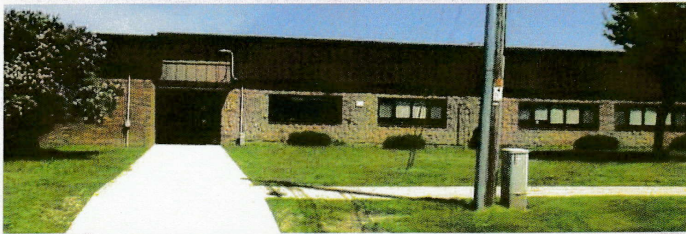
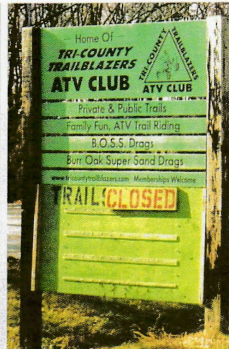
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The web page for the Podcast Tango Alpha Lima is: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

If you need a ride to the Tomah or Madison VA contact

Chuck Geszvain (DAV coordinator), at 1-608-372-3971 ext 66227

## BE VETERAN INFORMED & RECEIVE UPDATES

The County Veteran's Service Office by referring to the website: <https://www.lacrossecounty.org/veterans/>

OR use email: [kthorn@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:kthorn@lacrossecounty.org) OR 608-785-9719.

*Thank You Veterans  
For Defending Our Freedom*

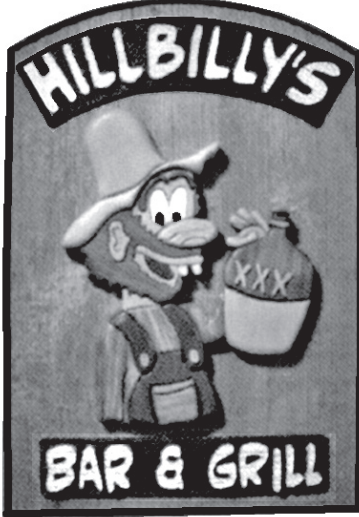


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# ~ AUXILIARY ~

## Welcome Auxiliary Members!

Wishing all the Auxiliary ladies who have a birthday this month a very Happy Birthday!

**Our next meeting will be on April 12th, at 7pm.**

I would like to remind you that we have officer elections coming up in May. If you have interest in running for an officer position, or have questions about the duties of those positions, please let us know! The new officers' terms begin in June and run for two years. I am sad to report that we have over 150 members on our roster, but fewer than ten attend meetings. We need more participation to be an effective unit.

**Nominations for new officers will take place at our April meeting. Please plan to attend.**

**We will be crowning our 2023 Miss Poppy at our April Meeting.**

**At the 2022 National Convention, a dues increase of \$6.00 per senior member for the 2024 membership year was approved. There is no increase in junior dues. Please make sure to get your 2023 dues up to date.**

Presidents' and Past Presidents' scholarship applications are available for senior girls at the Onalaska Post 336.

### **Easter Egg Hunt Memorial for Diane Ryan April 9 1:30 -3:30 for ages 0-10 years old**

We're egg-cited for the Easter Egg Hunt Memorial for Diane Ryan. Diane was an Auxiliary member for over 50 years. She did a great job for more than 15 years with the Easter Egg Hunt. Since her passing and then COVID, we haven't held the Egg Hunt. The Brotherhood Warriors are assisting us with getting it back up and running. The hunt will be on Easter Sunday, April 9, from 1:30 to 3:30 at Onalaska Legion. Bring the kiddos from 0-10 years for a fun filled time! **We need some volunteers Thursday, April 6 at 6pm to help prepare eggs for the Easter Bunny. Sign-up book for volunteers for both the 6th and the 9th is at the bar.**

Past Commanders & Past President Banquet will be Wednesday, April 19th. Cocktails at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30. Invitations will be out soon.

Past President Potluck/Meeting will be Monday, April 24th at 6 pm. Please plan to attend.

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.

Without our volunteers and their willingness to help at functions, we would not be successful! If you have extra time on your hands, we would love to have you volunteer with us! Thank you for supporting our organization, our Veterans, and their families!

Safe travels to all our snowbirds. Stay well and stay WARM and we'll see you around the post!

**Shirley Berberich,**  
President/Membership Chairman

## Auxiliary:

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**Shirley Berberich**  
(783-3892)

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**Shirley Berberich**

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**Mary Powers,**

**Liz Reekers**

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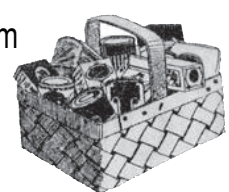



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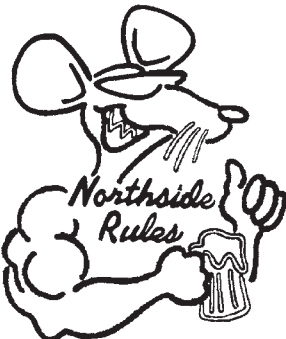
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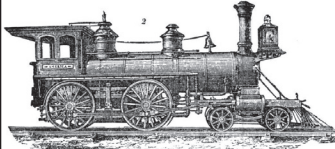


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**What's Your Current ID Number?**  
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Carpet Cleaning Hall Closed 8am - 10am Bar Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	<b>4</b> Bar \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm BINGO Bar Menu 4pm - 8pm plus Special TBD Express Window Option BINGO Hall & Bar 6:30pm - 9pm	<b>5</b> Bar Lunch Special Homemade Beef Roast 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Practice Larry's Drifters 3pm - 5pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm	<b>6</b> Euchre 10am - 3pm Bar \$3 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm VA Benefits Information Session 12pm - 4pm	<b>7</b> Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Band Daddy's Girls 7pm - 11pm	<b>8</b> Birthday Party All Day
<b>9</b> Easter Day SAL Breakfast 7:30am - 11am Easter Events Auxiliary 10am - 4pm	<b>10</b> Bar Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Executive Meeting - 5:30 Post Meeting - 7pm	<b>11</b> NARVE 9am - 12pm Bar \$2 Taco Special - 11am - 2pm BINGO Bar Menu 4pm - 8pm plus Special TBD Express Window Option BINGO Hall & Bar 6:30pm - 9pm	<b>12</b> Union Rail 11am - 3pm Bar Lunch Special Homemade SOS 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Practice Larry's Drifters 3pm - 5pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm AUX Meeting 7pm - UTC	<b>13</b> Euchre 10am - 3pm Bar \$3 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Irish Fest 5pm - 8pm	<b>14</b> Bar Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Bar Entertainment Karaoke Rose 7pm - 11pm	<b>15</b> DELTA All Day
<b>16</b> Celebration of Life 12pm - 3pm	<b>17</b> Bar Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	<b>18</b> Bar \$2 Taco Special 11am - 2pm BINGO Bar Menu 4pm - 8pm plus Special TBD Express Window Option BINGO Hall & Bar 6:30pm - 9pm	<b>19</b> Bar Lunch Special Homemade Giant Meatballs 11am - 2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm - 8pm Past Presidents Banquet 5:30pm - UTC	<b>20</b> Euchre 10am - 3pm Bar \$3 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	<b>21</b> Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Band Larry's Drifters 7pm - 11pm	<b>22</b> Band Ontourage 7pm - 11pm
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## S.A.L. NEWS

*Please mark your calendars for all the upcoming 2023 SAL breakfasts ... Scheduled dates are: April 9 (Easter), and May 14 (Mother's Day) from 7:30 -11:00 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person age 11 & over, Age 6-10 \$7, and Age 0-5 Free. They are usually on the 3rd Sunday of the month unless there is a special holiday or inclement weather (or a pandemic).*

If you have neighbors or friends who aren't aware of our monthly breakfasts, please invite them to join us. Proceeds continue to enhance our community including military and Legion families.

### **What is the meaning of Easter?**

*The most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and held (in the western Church) between March 21 and April 25, on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the Northern Spring Equinox. The period in which Easter occurs, especially the weekend from Good Friday to Easter Monday.*

**Volunteers needed for the SAL Breakfasts.** We would love to train in some members to assist in cooking, serving, clean up, etc. Please contact Kent Stephan to volunteer at 608-780-3294 or email at 62fisherman@live.com. It's a great organization to get involved in and help support our military families and community.

**MEMBERSHIP:** If you forgot to pay your \$20 Annual membership dues stop in to the Legion or contact SAL Commander Kent Stephan or First Vice - Neil Merritt at 608-797-4824 neilmerritt1@yahoo.com to bring your dues up to date.

**Board/Membership meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Onalaska Legion.** We value everyone's input and look forward to seeing you there! Next meeting is April 15th.

*Stay Healthy & Wishing you and yours safe travels!*

**- Kent, Neil, Ralph, Rich, Chris, Dan, & Sam**

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