



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

Chartered May 14, 1921

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Officers:

Commander: **Paul Roraff**

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

Building Committee:

Open

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

Hello! My name is Paul Roraff Sr and I have the Distinct Honor and Privilege of serving as the "New Commander" of Post 336. I look forward to serving the Post 336 family, meeting members, and the community alike. As all new experiences go, there's sure to be a learning curve applied to myself as I strive in sparing no effort to provide continuing support for the Mission of the American Legion Family.

We also have a new 1st Vice Commander and Membership Chair, Howard Horman Jr. who be the primary POC for membership applications, transfers, dues, and related issues. As the new Membership Cards have arrived for the year 2025, please remember or if unaware, the Dues have increased to \$40. If any member has submitted the past due rate of \$35, please submit the difference of \$5 so that we may process and get your Membership Cards out to you without further delay. All members who submit their dues payment prior to, or on

Veterans Day, will receive an "Early Bird" card along with their membership card for ONE FREE DRINK!

Have a SAFE summer and look forward to meeting everyone!

Paul Roraff Sr., COMMANDER

Your Post 336 Honor Guard

Looking for Legion & Sons of The American Legion members interested in joining our Post Honor Guard. We volunteer / participate in Funeral Honors for Veterans, present / post colors for various events in the area, present programs, our Memorial Day parade & program. If interested or need more information, Contact Rich Musolf at 608-397-9548.

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website: <https://www.lacrossecounty.org/veterans/>

or use email: kthorn@lacrossecounty.org

or 608-785-9719.

2024 - 2025 SAL Breakfasts



**Our future breakfast dates in 2024
will be September 15, October 20,
November 17, and December 15.**



**In 2025 – January 19, February 16, March 16,
April 20 (Easter), and May 11 (Mothers Day).**

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.

Post 336 Honor Guard Coordinator

Our Post is looking for a Legion or Sons of the American Legion member to fill this position. As of 1 June 24 the coordinator position will be available. The position is to administer / manage the overall scope of Honor Guard activities as listed in the joining information found elsewhere in this newsletter, plus work with those requesting our services / the community / the county or district Legion / our Post needs. If interested or need more information, Contact Rich Musolf at 608-397-9548.

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Greetings Members and Guests!

Time flies when you are having fun, right? Well, here we are already in August. It must mean ALL THE FUN is here at Post 336!

July brought us many exciting events, with a full house every weekend for our Delicious Friday Fish Fry, and LIVE Entertainment. The Activity Center held a Rummage Sale/ Bake Sale for New Leash on Life Pet Rescue. This was a huge success, and also brought new business to the Legion. We helped this local organization raise funds for their charity, and hope to make this an annual event.

Coming up in August, do not forget to join us for Onalaska Community Days! August 2nd and 3rd. Full schedule available on the OCD website and Facebook Page. We are also excited to see all your happy faces as the Packer Pre Season Games start, bringing back great specials and fun with friends.

See you soon!

– **Rachel Rausa**
336barmanager@gmail.com

Attention on Deck!

Our license plate display is up in the activity center and we have all kinds of room for more. If you are planning on traveling, take a plate with you and trade at the American Legion post there. We have 113 plates up and I have placed a list of the plates in the north entrance bulletin board so we don't get one we already have. Contact Rich Musolf to get our plate for trading.

The brick sales are up and we are currently waiting for 14 we ordered. I'm seeing more families that are getting together and ordering and I will put them together per your wishes. We have room for three more benches so if interested please contact me. Improvements are going on all over our post and grounds and help is always welcome! I'm working on a accurate list of all world war one veterans at our cemetery with the help of expert Cindy Sjolander. Hoping you are having great summer!

As You Were! Semper Fi!
Bob Muth 3rd vice/Historian

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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

Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336 Onalaska American Legion

~ Post History ~

Chartered in 1921, American Legion Post 336 was named in honor of two young Onalaska men who died in world War I. The two men were Otto W. Struck and August B. Klandrud.

Otto W. Struck, born in 1888 and went overseas in September 1918 at the age of 30. On his way overseas he was taken ill and passed away with influenza. That same month, his remains were brought back to Onalaska from England. His remains were buried in the Onalaska cemetery with full military honors.

August B. Klandrud died in France at the age of 26 on October 10, 1918. Upon his death, the chaplain wrote his mother saying, "He received the best possible medical attention. We did what we could to honor his memory. His grave is well cared for."

The first Commander of Post 336 was Edward G. Showers.

CHARTER MEMBERS:

W. Aiken — L. J. Adams — Rex McNeill — E. G. Showers — George Renstrom — William Otto — Fred Christopherson — Vern Dale — Odin Klandrud — Plymouth Fjelstad — H. A. McNutt — H. O. Foss — Earl Page — Royce Phillips — Leonard J. Sagen.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Women's Auxiliary -

The Onalaska American Legion Post 336 received a Charter from the American Legion Department of Wisconsin that established Onalaska American Legion Auxiliary Unit 336 on May 22, 1926 with 37 members signing the original Charter. At the end of the year 2006 Unit 336 had two hundred seventy six (276) members.

Sons of the Legion - The Sons of the Legion or SAL for American Legion was founded in 1932. The Legion has every reason to be proud of it's Sons of Legion unit, which gained statewide recognition because of it's programs of service.

Patriotic Days

MEMORIAL DAY has always been an outstanding occasion in this community. In addition to memorial events throughout the Onalaska community, the goal of every Veteran to it's last man is to keep MEMORIAL DAY sacred to the memory of our war dead of all of the wars of the country; and all graves are decorated on this National Holiday.

ARMISTICE DAY, now called VETERANS' DAY, originally marked the end of fighting in World War I. It is an important holiday on the calendar of Legionnaires everywhere and in the hearts of all Veterans. Annually the Post sponsored the Armistice Day Parade. An important tradition was established when the Post led in the memorial exercises at 11 o'clock on the morning of November 11, marking the exact hour of the cessation of hostility on the war fronts.

Registration Of Graves

Since it's inception American Legion Post 336 has been a leader in this community in the area of graves registration; which has been incorporated by all the American Legion Posts in La Crosse County. Grave Registration enables all interested parties to locate the site of the grave of each Veteran. American Legion Post 336 acquired a burial lot in Onalaska Cemetery and this has been marked by the erection of a massive monument marking it as the burial lot for servicemen without kin. Each year, active members place a flag on each Veteran's grave.

Scholarships and Community Projects

American Legion Post 336 sponsors various scholarships for the further education of our children. We also sponsor and financially assist many worthy community projects and programs initiated by the National American Legion.

Join Us and Keep this History Alive



~ Auxiliary ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

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

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be August 14 at 7 p.m.

Please come and enjoy Onalaska Community Days, August 2 -3.

The Auxiliary will be doing Bingo in the hall Friday, Aug 2, 6-9 p.m.

There will be an INCENTIVE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, Saturday, August 3, 10-2. We will be outside at a table, under a canopy.(weather permitting)

An incentive drawing for any NEW member OR TRANSFER to Auxiliary Unit 336. Current members can still pay 2024 dues to keep from being delinquent.

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



Without our volunteers and their willingness to help we would not be successful. If you have extra time on your hands, we would love to have you join us.

Thank you all for your support!!!

Stay well! Enjoy the summer!! We'll see you around the Post!!!

– Shirley Berberich, President/Membership Chairman

– Mary Powers, Secretary

Auxiliary:

President:

Shirley Berberich
(783-3892)

1st Vice:

Shirley Berberich

2nd Vice:

Kim Roraff

Secretary:

Mary Powers

Treasurer:

Sue Kelley

Sergeant at Arms:

Patty Maestas,

Mary Grenier

Historian:

Diane Culbert

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Delores Kenyon

Chaplain:

Arleen Nelson

Sunshine Chairwoman:

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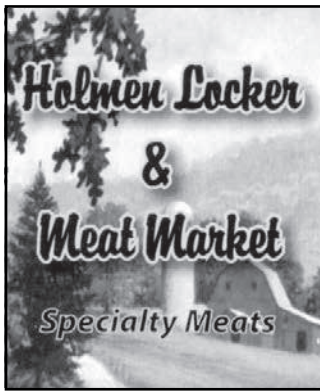
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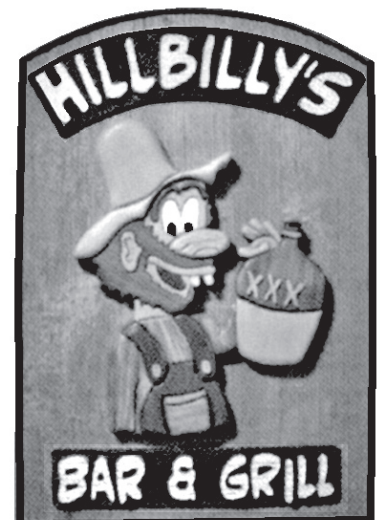
A tradition continues

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."**

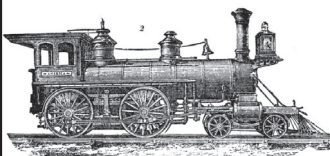


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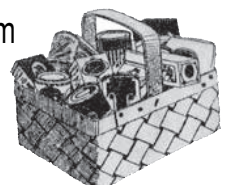
**Meetings are every
2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am
at the Onalaska American Legion.**

**The Food Basket is serving an
increasing number of people and
requests donations of food and money.**

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735 Sand Lake Rd. - Mon.-Sat., 9-11am

Checks may be sent to:

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P.O. Box 311, Onalaska, WI 54650





AUGUST 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Pack 69 3-5pm Troop 68 6-7pm	4 Carpet Clean Turkey Federation Bingo Night				5 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	6 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm NARVE 10-Noon	7 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm Altra Prime Times 1-4pm AM Radio Assoc. 5-10pm
	11 Executive Meeting 5:30pm Post Meeting 7pm	12 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm NARVE 10-Noon	13 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm La Crosse County Vets Meetings 1-4:30 Auxiliary 7pm	14 Hall Euchre Open to Public starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Food Pantry Mtg 6-9pm	15 Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm LARRY'S DRIFTERS 7-11pm FREE	16 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Private event in the HALL	
Troop 68 6-7pm	18 Blood Drive 8-2pm Sheet Metal Local 18 3-5:30 House/Building Meeting 6pm	19 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	20 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	21 Hall Euchre Open to Public starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm	22 Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm DADDY'S GIRLS 7-11pm FREE	23 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Private event in the HALL	
ALRA 2-4pm	25 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	26 Blood Drive 8-2pm Sheet Metal Local 18 3-5:30 House/Building Meeting 6pm	27 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm Insurance Center Mtgs 12:30-6pm	28 Hall Euchre Open to Public starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm	29 Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm CAT & FIDDLE 7-11pm FREE	30 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Private event in the HALL	

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S.A.L. News

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Board/Membership meetings are normally held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Onalaska Legion. (We take a break in June, July, & August).

Memberships: Get them paid up, 2025 membership cards are in.

Playground: Lately we have had to replace the springs on the Frog and Duck which are quite costly. If you see older kids playing on the spring animals, kindly remind them they are recommended for kids under 10. The playground is a great place for the kids to use throughout the community as well as siblings of Legion baseball players. We wish to continue having this beautiful playground around for many years to come.

Wishing a great summer. See you around the Legion!

Ben, Neil, Ralph, Rich, Dan, Kent, & Sam

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

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