



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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### Officers:

Commander: **Paul Roraff Sr**

1st Vice: **Howie Horman Jr**

2nd Vice: **Dirk DeZeeuw**

3rd Vice: **Kent Stephan**

Finance Officer: **Timothy Irish**

Service Officer: **Lindsay 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,

It's **Membership Renewal time** again! In support of the American Legion and our Post Membership, I would like to "echo" the importance of the message from our 1st Vice: **if you have not paid your 2025 DUES, please do so** as some Members have unfortunately been placed in an expired (removed from rolls/membership) status from previous year(s) unpaid dues. Please don't let your Membership lapse, because on behalf of the **American Legion**, I strongly assert that all **Members and their support are invaluable and immensely treasured.**

Renewal notices for the **2026 Membership year** have been sent out and the Membership Cards are ready to be mailed once dues are paid. So be on the lookout, as the "Early Bird" complimentary drink cards are back until **November 11th, Veterans Day**, for those who renew early. Some Members have already taken advantage, so please don't miss out. Be an **"Early Bird"** recipient!

To **reiterate the emphasis** previously brought to our Memberships attention, we are vigorously looking for members to help with **"operations supported by volunteers"** for event set-ups within the hall and activity center. Outside of the hired bar and kitchen staff, our

post's success to date has been supported and directly maintained by its members' volunteerism since its inception. That now, is in jeopardy. Overtime, through years of dedicated support, it has been getting increasingly difficult for those who have continued their volunteerism while feeling the impacts of "Ol' Father Time". Those volunteers are aging out and have begun to step aside. Please don't assume that others have or are about to **"answer the call"**. That's a perception that fails everyone.

Members who are willing to provide much needed relief by giving of their time and **volunteering in support of our post, please contact Our Bar Manager Christine Liethen** (608-783-3300 or email [336barmanager@gmail.com](mailto:336barmanager@gmail.com)), or the House (Lynn Borchert), Building (Howie Horman Jr.) Committee Chairpersons, Commander @ 608-783-3300 or email [onalaskalegion@gmail.com](mailto:onalaskalegion@gmail.com)

**IMPORTANT BULLETIN** Unfortunately not all positions are filled. Post 336 still needs House and Building Committee members. The Honor Guard is also in need of members. For any members interested in volunteering, please contact the Commander or 1st Vice Howard Horman Jr.

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**

## Greetings Post 336!

I am very happy to have been elected the new Service Officer for Post 336. I have thirteen years of experience working for the VA. I served 9 years in the MN Army National Guard as a 92Y, Supply Specialist. I deployed to Basara, Iraq 2009-2010. Serving my brothers and sisters is my true passion.

I welcome all Vietnam Veterans to my Peer Support led coffee social at the Post every

Wednesday from 10-11:30am. The first Wednesday of the month breakfast is offered. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the post Commander, Paul and bar manager, Christine for giving me the opportunity to hold the group at our post and making everyone feel so welcome. I look forward to meeting more of you along the way and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about VA benefits.

**Respectfully,**

**Lindsay Conrad, Post 336 Service Officer**

## Service Officers Report



~ SICK CALL ~

None to Report



~ TAPS ~

07/10 - DAVID SMITH, Army

07/21 - JEROME RUICE, Marine



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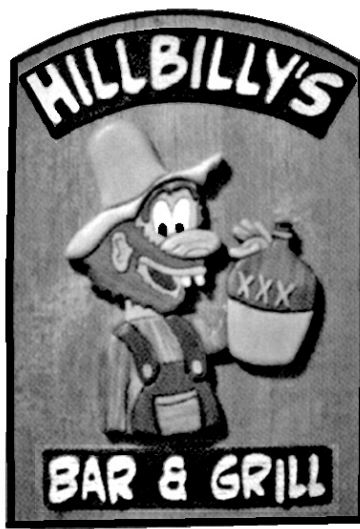
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## From the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice ...

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**Thank you.**

**Howard L Horman Jr, 1st Vice / Membership**

## Greetings Members & Guests!

Wow! We're more than halfway through the Summer already! **Hope you all can make it out and show your support for Community Days August 2nd.** I've started booking bands for next year, and I'm on the lookout for our new once-a-month group. Let me know if you have any suggestions for current groups for new groups you'd like to see. **Don't forget we to join us for breakfast every Saturday 9AM-Noon and be on the lookout for our bartender and cook choices of the month.** See you all soon!

**Cheers,**

**Christine, Bar Manager**

## Membership 50+ Milestones

Last/First Name(years)

Allen, Ron (57)	Johnson, Warren (55)
Barilani, Kenneth (50)	Kortebein, Michael (63)
Bean, Richard (55)	Kowal, James (55)
Betz, Thomas (50)	Lafleur, David (53)
Borchert, Lynnette (51)	McWain, Gile (66)
Braund, Rodney (57)	Newberry, Jr, Clarence (60)
Briggs, Keith (63)	Olson, Wayne (50)
Brueggen, Stanley (54)	Page, Gerald (50)
Christianson, Michael (57)	Platz, Larry (52)
Cota, Richard (59)	Roraff Sr, Philip (70)
Cox, Daniel (51)	Rose, Daniel (55)
Czeiska, Siegfried (53)	Running, Jr, Maurice (59)
Devine, Donald (56)	Schultz, James (54)
Erdman, David (51)	Sherman, Ronald (57)
Fleis, Steven (50)	Sjolander, Carl (53)
Gehri, Dale (54)	Skogen, David (61)
Guy, John R (50)	Skogen, Gary (61)
Harebo, Elwood (62)	Thompson, Larry (55)
Helgerson, Rolf (60)	Thomson, Clare (59)
Hoff, Lloyd (57)	Walinski, George (64)
Horman Sr., Howard (60)	Weber, Stephen G. (54)

**Be a Bar Fly for a day ... YOUR BIRTHDAY!!**

**Here's how it works:**

**All Birthday Guests enjoy a free drink and entree on their birthday. Sign ups must be done at least one month prior to your birthday. Bring your friends, but only the Birthday Guest redeems the FREEBIES!**

**See you soon!**



# S.A.L. News

**Breakfast Buffets:** *Our breakfasts start September 21st from 7:30 – 11:00. Please mark your calendars – September 21, October 19, November 16, December*

*14, January 18, February 15 March 15, April 5 (Easter), May 10 (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.

**Memberships:** Thank you to each of our SAL Members who continue to support the SAL and Legion by keeping their dues current. If you have not paid your membership for 2025, please get in touch with Ben Zimmer or Neil Merritt.

**Memorial Bricks:** At each breakfast there is an opportunity to sign up a veteran, whether it is for yourself or another veteran for a memorial brick at the Onalaska Cemetery (value of \$50). Info is at the entrance of the breakfast on the south east side of the door. Please follow up with Bob Muth and let him know it was from the SAL drawing for your brick.

**Month of August:** 4th Coast Guard Birthday; 7th Purple Heart Day; 25th National Hire a Vet Day; 27th National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day; 28th National Buffalo Soldiers Day; 29th Marine Forces Reserve Birthday and US Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary; June 2 to Aug 29 Military Bands at the Capitol.

*Stay Cool and we'll 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

Sgt. at Arms:

Sam Van Riper



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## Your Post 336 Honor Guard

Looking for new volunteers to join the Honor Guard, if interested or need information, the interim POC is

**Charles Nick at 608-519-2513**

## What's Your Current ID Number?

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# ~ Auxiliary ~

**Welcome Auxiliary Members!**  
**Welcome to our newly elected Auxiliary President!**

**Happy Birthday to all Auxiliary members celebrating a birthday this month!**

**Our next Auxiliary meeting will be WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 @ 7:00 P.M.**

Its time once again to pay membership dues for the coming year. Dues (\$34.00) that are paid by Monday, SEPTEMBER 1st, will be eligible for the drawing which will be held at our September meeting. THREE names will be drawn, to have their membership paid.

At our September meeting, Jesse Elmhurst, District 7 Auxiliary President, will be our guest speaker.

Our membership chairman has reported a 100% membership, which is a first time achievement!!! Thank you Shirley Berberich for all the time and effort!!

Our scholarship recipient this year is Nick Oldenburg, grandson of Mary Powers. Nick will be attending Winona State in the fall. Congratulations Nick and our best wishes at school.

**Onalaska Community Day is August 2.** Family events (on Legion grounds) start at 10:00. Studebaker 7 plays at 4:00 and Brianna Rae Band plays at 7:30.

Labor Day ... celebrated on Monday, September 1st

Please remember to inform our Sunshine person if you know of someone in the hospital or ill at home. Please call Liz Reekers at 608-783-3913.



Volunteering is a valuable way to contribute and show your support to the Legion, veterans and their families! Please contact a member or inquire at the Post if you are interested.

Thank you for your support!

Enjoy the HOT crazy hazy days of summer!

**Kim Roraff, President**

**Mary Powers, Secretary**

## **Auxiliary:**

President:

**Kim Roraff**

1st Vice:

**Shirley Berberich**

2nd Vice:

**Open**

Secretary:

**Mary Powers**

Treasurer:

**Sue Kelley**

Sergeant at Arms:

**Sally Schultz,**

**Patty Maestas**

Historian:

**Open**

Parliamentarian:

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Chaplain:

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Sunshine Chairwoman:

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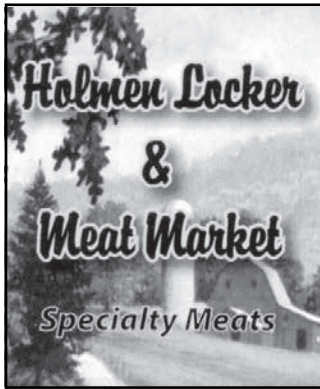


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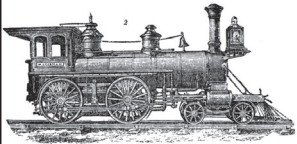
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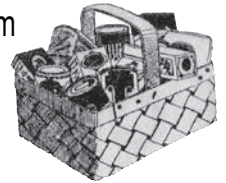
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Pizza & Appetizers Open - Close Troop 68 6pm-7pm	4 Carpet Cleaning Broasted Chicken Special 4pm-8pm Pack 69 5-7pm	5 \$3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	6 Homemade Special 11am-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Vietnam Vets Coffee Social 10am-11am AM Radio Mtg 5:30pm-9pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	7 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 12:30pm \$4 Burgers DJ TRIVIA @ 6PM	8 Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm HILLBILLY FEVER 7-11pm FREE	9 Bar Breakfast 9am-Noon Karaoke 7pm Private Event in Hall
10 Pizza & Appetizers Open - Close	11 Broasted Chicken Special 4pm-8pm Executive Mtg 5:30pm Post Mtg 7pm	12 NARVIRE 10am-Noon \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	13 Homemade Special 11am-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Vietnam Vets Coffee Social 10am-11am Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	14 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 12:30pm \$4 Burgers Excel Energy Mtg 5pm-7pm DJ TRIVIA @ 6PM	15 Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4-8pm LARRY'S DRIFTERS 7-11pm FREE	16 Bar Breakfast 9am-Noon Private Event in Hall
17 Pizza & Appetizers Open - Close Troop 68 6pm-7pm	18 Broasted Chicken Special 4pm-8pm Pack 69 5pm-7pm	19 \$3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	20 Homemade Special 11am-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Vietnam Vets Coffee Social 10am-11am Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	21 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 12:30pm \$4 Burgers DJ TRIVIA @ 6PM	22 Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4-8pm THE EXECUTIVES 7-11pm FREE	23 Bar Breakfast 9am-Noon
24 Pizza & Appetizers Open - Close Event for Autism	25 Preventative Health Screening 8:30am-5:30pm Broasted Chicken Special 4pm-8pm House Bldg Mtg 6pm	26 \$3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	27 Homemade Special 11am-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Vietnam Vets Coffee Social 10am-11am Insurance Center Mtgs 12:30pm-6:30pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	28 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 12:30pm \$4 Burgers DJ TRIVIA @ 6PM	29 Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4-8pm DOUBLE TAKE 7-11pm FREE	30 Bar Breakfast 9am-Noon
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