



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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and 6 Legion Members**

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**Merle Cunningham,**

**Wayne Henthorn,**

**Brad Heller**

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

The holidays are once again approaching. What we are all experiencing at this time is vastly different than in years past. Our resolve to continue to function with the needs of our Legion community remains in focus. We have been affected by COVID-19 like many businesses throughout the area and country. We continue to do our best to remain compliant with CDC, State and local guidelines. The Poultry Party that we have had in the past few years at this time is postponed until the Spring. The remodel project is moving forward. It is unlikely we will begin this project before years end. There was a power interruption that affected two freezers while we were closed. Fortunately, what we had in the freezers that were affected did not result in a significant loss. After being closed, our kitchen is back to operating full time now. The Veteran's Day lunch we had planned on November 11, will happen on December 16 from around 12pm to 5pm. This is for any veteran. There will be BBQ, Potato salad, chips and cupcakes. Legion Lager will also be on the menu.

Midwinter Conference is scheduled for January 14 thru 17 in Baraboo at Ho Chunk. For more information go to the WI American Legion website [wilegion.org](http://wilegion.org). For National information go to [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org).

We hope the upcoming your holidays find you safe and healthy. Not a bad time to do buddy checks on those you might normally see, but circumstances make it difficult.

**- Jim Binash, Post Commander**

### 1st Vice

Hope this finds you all in good health. Our numbers are slowly rising. Membership is at 74%. Keep them coming in. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**- Al Cagle, 1st Vice Commander**

**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**

## ~ AUXILIARY ~

### Welcome Auxiliary Members!



Winter is upon us! Membership is going well. Hopefully all dues will be paid by Christmas. National will be sending out late notices in January. Thank you to all the ladies that have paid their 2021 dues. We'd like to wish a big welcome to the ladies who are new members or have transferred to Unit 336.

Covid-19 has put a damper on all of our usual activities.

Since the Auxiliary Christmas party is cancelled due to the virus, I would like to ask a special favor of all members and Legion family and friends. The patients in the Onalaska Care Center have been under pretty severe restrictions since the pandemic started. They spend the majority of their time in their rooms, even to eat their meals. So, as you do your Holiday/Christmas cards, please take a few minutes and do up some for the folks at Onalaska Care Center so they can open and hang them on their bulletin board to brighten their holiday season. Cards may be sent to:

**Onalaska Care Center • 1600 Main St. • Onalaska, WI 54650  
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or they can be dropped off at the Legion, marked "Care Center" and we will see that they get to the Care Center.

Also, remember the Onalaska Food Pantry during the holiday season. They can use all sorts of non-perishable items, such as hamburger helper, canned tuna, mac & cheese, as well as paper products and feminine hygiene products. There is a basket in the front entry at the Legion or they can be taken directly to the Food Pantry. Thank you for your kindness in thinking of others this season.

Our next meeting will be on **January 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. We will keep social distance. It's your choice whether or not to wear a mask. If not feeling well, please stay home. Let's not forget to thank a Veteran for their service.

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring two families for Christmas again this year.

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 healthy and happy and we'll see you around Post 336!*

**Shirley Berberich, President/ Membership Chairman**

### **Auxiliary:**

President:

**Shirley Berberich  
(783-3892)**

1st Vice:

**Shirley Berberich**

2nd Vice:

**Keri Steinfeldt**

Treasurer:

**Sue Kelley**

Secretary:

**Sara Cagle**

Chaplain:

**Mary Powers**

Sergeant at Arms:

**Mary Powers,**

**Liz Reekers**

Member at Large:

Sunshine Chairwoman:

**Liz Reekers**



### THE ONALASKA LEGION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**FROM THE ONALASKA COMMUNITY DAYS (OCD) COMMITTEE**

*Onalaska Community Days is back and will be better than ever - our first meeting of year was Thursday, August 20th and we are in full swing and planning for Onalaska Community Days in 2021*

**CURRENT OFFICERS:**

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

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at the Onalaska American Legion.**

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**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.*

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**Please contact La Crosse County ADRC at 785-5700.**



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# S.A.L. NEWS

With the Onalaska-Holmen Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner being completed, we wish to thank all of our wonderful sponsors, those who answered all the phone calls at the bar, the people who partook in the dinner, the Legion for allowing us to utilize the facility, and most of all the fabulous volunteers who helped make it happen.

Remember to send in your dues along with the bottom slip so you can continue to receive your newsletters, stay up to date on what's happening at the Legion, and most of all to support our veterans and families. Dues until Dec. 31 will stay at \$15, if paid after Dec 31 (due to National raising the dues) they will increase to \$20.

The SAL will host monthly meetings on the third Saturday of every month at the Legion. The next meeting will Saturday, Dec 19th at 10:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Legion. If you have an item to be put on the agenda please provide it a week prior to the next meeting to SAL Commander Dan Ferries at hunyucks@yahoo.com.

The SAL breakfasts are postponed until further notice due to COVID -19.

Stay Healthy & Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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

*Remember....send in your dues and include the bottom portion of the letter to continue receiving the newsletter.*

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



## VA NEWS

There are items that the Tomah VA Hospital requests for the veterans there. Go to our website, [onalaskapost336.org](http://onalaskapost336.org), click on Tomah VA News. The list is long, so I did not post it here. Items can be dropped off at the Post, North entrance.

*Service Officers Report*

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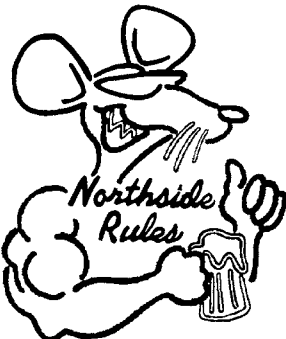
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*LCVSC is able to provide emergency assistance to veterans in need! To receive an application, stop in at the La Crosse County Veterans Service Office at: 212 6th N La Crosse, WI 54601. The Blue Water Navy (BWN) in Vietnam. Blue Water Navy Veterans who served aboard ships in the open waters off the coast of Vietnam during the Vietnam War are now presumed to be exposed to Agent Orange. There is a list of Veterans' Diseases Associated with Agent Orange. VA assumes that certain diseases can be related to a Veteran's qualifying military service. We call these "presumptive diseases." For more information contact Adam Flood at the La Crosse County Veterans Service Commission.*

*For more information on the National Level go to <https://www.Legion.org>*



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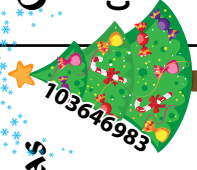

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**AMERICA IS AT WAR**  
**A tradition continues**  
 A Blue Star Service Banner in the window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces - and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands great sacrifice.  
**To each and every one who serves, we say "thank you."**



**The American Legion Family**  
[www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

# DECEMBER 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm	2 Pizza Night - 5-8pm	3 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30pm - 9pm Texas Hold 'Em - 7pm	4 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm 2 For The Road - 7-11pm	5
6	7	8 NARVE - 10am - Hall Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm	9 UTU - Hall - 1 pm Pizza Night - 5-8pm Auxiliary Meeting - 7pm	10 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30pm - 9pm Texas Hold 'Em - 7pm Snow Mobile Club - Hall	11 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm Karaoke w/Rose 7-11pm Duratech Christmas Party - Hall - 4pm	12 Santa's List Hall - 12 - 2pm
13	14 Executive Meeting - 6pm Membership Mtg - 7pm	15 Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm	16 BLET - Hall - 10 am Vets Day Celebration 12 noon - 5pm Iron Workers - 4pm Pizza Night - 5-8pm	17 \$2 Tacos - 11am \$2 Burgers - 4:30pm - 9pm Texas Hold 'Em - 7pm	18 Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm Ed & The Country Drifters - 7-11pm	19 UW-L ROTC - Hall Alison's Birthday Party SAL Meeting - 10am
20	21	22 Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm	23 Pizza Night - 5-8pm	24 Christmas Eve Club Closing at 4pm 	25 Christmas Day Club Closed	26
27	28 Building Committee Meeting - Hall - 6pm House Committee Meeting - Hall - 6pm	29 Wings & Shrimp - 5pm Ladies Night - 6pm	30 Pizza Night - 5-8pm	31 New Year's Eve 8:30 - 12		

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### Members, Patrons & Friends

We are heading into the final stretch of a very hard year. We will hopefully start construction on the new cooler and beer taps very soon! We will remain open during construction, but I am sure that it might be a little noisy at times. Please understand that this will only take a short period of time and will be amazing when it is finished. Christmas is coming and I wanted to take the time to wish

everyone a very Merry Christmas!! The Legion will be closing at 4pm on December 24th and will be closed the entire day on December 25th. The Legion will be open at 10am on December 26th. I am hoping for a much better 2021.



Pat Paradise  
Bar Manager