



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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**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,

**Sending Warm wishes and a Merry Christmas to all! Hope you're Holidays are filled with Joyous Memories!** As we close out the year 2025, I would like to thank the Post's Executive Officers, All Committees, Auxiliary, the SAL, the Bar and Kitchen Managers and their staffs, along with the Membership and the countless volunteers for all their continuous support to our Post, Community, and the American Legion Family. Your support is absolutely "without doubt", invaluable. Thank you.

I would personally like to thank our 1st Vice Howard Horman Jr. and Adjutant Jim Binash for taking on the responsibilities of the Commander during my absence, to include all others for their patience, understanding, and all the "well wishes". Sincere thank you to all.

I will be reintegrating myself back into the responsibilities as Commander as my recovery progresses.

P.S. Are you looking for a Holiday gift idea and/or a great way to support our Post? Look no further than our **Post 336 apparel** of the popular new shirts and hoodies that our very own Asst. Bar and Kitchen Managers, Elizabeth Niles and Angi Kinstler, have designed. Please inquire through our Bar Staff for the exciting new Post 336 apparel.

Also, please check out our Kitchen section in this newsletter for upcoming special.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Vice ...

**Seasonings Greetings and Merry Christmas!!**

Membership renewals continue to be processed as they arrive.

77% of the renewal goal has been met for 2026. Your continued support to our Post and the American Legion Family is indispensable and vital.

Thank you to those that have taken advantage of the "Earlybird" as we march forward into 2026.

**If you haven't renewed your 2026 Membership, please support your Post by renewing it before years end, Thank You for your invaluable support!**

**– HOWARD L HORMAN JR., 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE/ MEMBERSHIP**



## Seasonings Greetings 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](http://www.lacrossecounty.org/veterans).

*Eternally Grateful for your Service!!*  
**Lindsay Conrad, Service Officer**

## Service Officers Report

~ **SICK CALL** ~

**PAUL RORAFF SR.** (Commander)

**LYNN BORCHERT** (House Chair)

**RICH MUSOLF**

~ **TAPS** ~

**VERNON BENSON** (Member)

**JAN OLSON** (Member)

**FRED W. AHLSTROM ~ LARRY RYAN**

**MICHAEL SCHOEN**



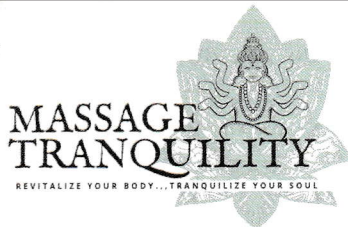
# Breakfast Buffets

— Please mark your calendars —

**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.*



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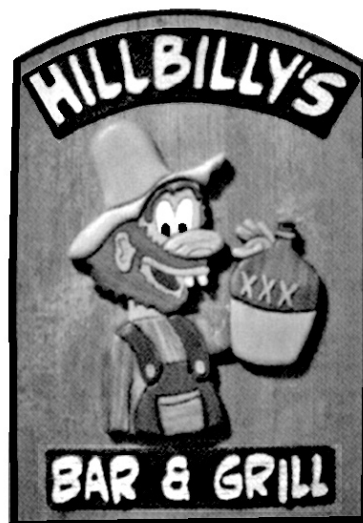
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# Hello Legion Family!

I hope everyone has had a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving! Thanks to all who made our Packer Potlucks and Friendsgiving a hit this past month. Be sure to check our December calendar for more of our upcoming events. In addition to our normal Friday entertainment, we have multiple music events and holiday fundraisers happening! Finally, thank you for the amazing amount of food being donated to the Food Basket. We're sure this will only increase this month. Please remember only non-perishable and consumable items for donations. Clothing and school supplies may be donated to local schools or churches, the Salvation Army or the Warming Center. The Food Basket would love to take all items, but they have limited space. Thank you so much for your help and big hearts. We'll see you soon, and happy holidays everyone!

**Cheers,**

**– Christine Liethen, Bar Manager**



## Post 336 Honor Guard Spotlight

Bill Crail grew up in Charleston, IL, where, as a young man, he learned to fly Cessna aircraft. He holds fond memories of flying to Indianapolis and cities in Lower Michigan. Bill is an Army vet who served in Vietnam. He joined the VFW 60 years ago and has been a member of the American Legion and our Honor Guard for 39 years. Bill is a former member of our House Committee and continues to volunteer at Post 336. He has two adult children and four adult step-children. Bill graduated from Eastern Illinois University. We appreciate your service, Bill.

## From the Kitchen at Post 336!

**FLAVORABLE SEASONINGS TO COMPLIMENT YOUR YULETIDE APPETITES!**

### New Years Eve Ribeye Special

Ring in the New Year with a delicious dinner at the Legion!

Join us for a 10 oz. ribeye, cooked just the way you like it, served with a baked potato, mixed vegetables, sided salad, and three butterfly shrimp. Dinner also includes dessert and your choice of a glass of wine or champagne to toast the evening. Dinner begins at 6PM.

### Pre-sale only for \$30!

*Stop by the bar to sign up and place your order – including how you want your ribeye cooked.*

Let's celebrate the New Year together – good food, good company, and a great night ahead!

And don't forget – Karaoke with DJ Shay from 7pm to Midnight! Stay for the fun, the music, and the countdown!

**LET'S RING IN 2026 TOGETHER!**

**Angie Kinstler**  
Kitchen Manager

*Happy Holidays!!*



## 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**

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# S.A.L. News

**BREAKFAST BUFFETS:** Our next breakfast is December 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 11:00. **Please mark your calendars for upcoming breakfasts for 2026 . . . . . 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. Cost: \$12 per person age 11 & over, \$10 Veterans, Free 10 and under. Proceeds from our breakfast continue to support our Veterans, Community, Youth, and Legion. November breakfast guests were at an all-time high of 244.

**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. October winner: Gile McWain. November Winner: Kent Stephan.

**FEEDBACK, IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS NEEDED:** The Sons of the American Legion (SAL) is looking to contribute to a program, event, or project that will enhance the quality of life in our community. Send suggestions with a short description of the project for review to: Onalaska American Legion, SAL Commander, Ben Zimmer, 731 Sand Lake Road, Onalaska, WI 54650.

**SAL EMBLEM:** The sun in the background represents the Sons of the American Legion and the rays represent the loyalty of its membership. The blue of the emblem, like the blue in our flag, stands for Justice. The two stars in the blue border stand for freedom and democracy.

**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. Many hands make light work!

**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 \$20 membership for 2026, please get in touch with Ben Zimmer or Neil Merritt....Or just send it in to SAL Commander Ben Zimmer at the Onalaska Legion.

**SAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:** Held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Onalaska American Legion. Please note, meeting dates or times may be cancelled or changed based on scheduling conflicts or inclement weather.

- MONTH OF DECEMBER . . . . 1** - Civil Air Patrol Birthday;  
**7** - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day;  
**13** - US National Guard Birthday;  
**13** - National Wreaths across American Day;  
**20** - Space Force Birthday; **25** - Christmas.

**Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!  
See you at the Legion,**

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

## S.A.L. Officers

Commander:  
Ben Zimmer

1st Vice: Neil Merritt

2nd Vice: Ralph Geary

3rd Vice: Rich Musolf

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Jean Lunde

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Sgt. at Arms:  
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If it's your number, call the Legion Post and leave a message for the

Commander: 783-3300



# ~ Auxiliary ~

## Welcome Auxiliary Members!

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

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be December 10th, at 7:00p.m.

We will be doing a little celebrating at our meeting on 12/10, please make sure you sign up no later than 12/05, there is a sign-up sheet behind the bar. This will ensure we have the appropriate amount of food and dessert. Although not required, but much appreciated I am asking you to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to local food pantries.



**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE** Membership is moving along nicely! We already have 30+ members who have paid for 2026. Let's make Unit 336 proud again and reach 100%! If you're unsure whether you've paid, please contact **Shirley at 608-792-9862.**

**DISTRICT 7 NEWS** District 7 President, **Jesse Elmhorst**, was unable to attend our November meeting but has confirmed she will join us in January. We'd love to see you all there to give her a warm welcome!

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE** Please remember to inform our Sunshine person if you know of someone in the hospital or ill at home. You can reach **Liz Reekers at 608-783-3913.**

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** We are always seeking volunteer — your generous donation of time helps keep our Legion strong! Please check at the bar for opportunities. Thank you for supporting our organization, our Veterans, and their families.

**Merry Christmas! May your days be merry, your nights cozy, and your heart full of laughter and gratitude.**

— **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:  
**Delores Kenyon**
- Chaplain:  
**Arleen Nelson**
- Sunshine Chairwoman:  
**Liz Reekers**

## Membership 50+ Milestones

### Last/First Name(years)

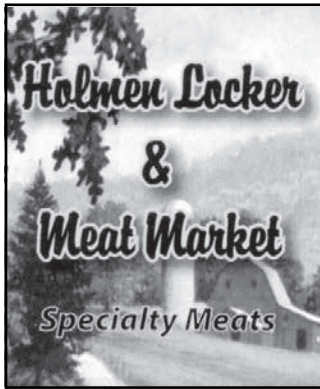
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Barilani, Kenneth (50)	Johnson, Warren (55)
Bean, Richard (55)	Kortebein, Michael (63)
Betz, Thomas (50)	Kowal, James (55)
Borchert, Lynnette (51)	Lafleur, David (53)
Braund, Rodney (57)	McWain, Gile (67)
Briggs, Keith (63)	Newberry, Jr, Clarence (60)
Brueggen, Stanley (54)	Olson, Wayne (50)
Christianson, Michael (57)	Page, Gerald (50)
Cota, Richard (59)	Platz, Larry (52)
Cox, Daniel (51)	Roraff Sr, Philip (70)
Czeiska, Siegfried (53)	Rose, Daniel (55)
Devine, Donald (56)	Running, Jr, Maurice (59)
Erdman, David (51)	Schultz, James (54)
Fleis, Steven (50)	Sjolander, Carl (53)
Gehri, Dale (54)	Skogen, David (61)
Guy, John R (50)	Thompson, Larry (55)
Harebo, Elwood (62)	Thomson, Clare (59)
Helgerson, Rolf (60)	Walinski, George (64)
Hoff, Lloyd (57)	Weber, Stephen G. (54)



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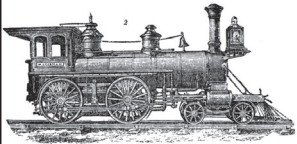
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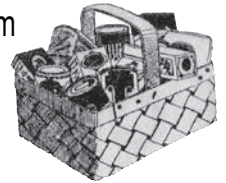
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at 608-269-0989.**

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

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# DECEMBER 2025



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	<b>1</b> Carpet Cleaning Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Pack 69 5pm-7pm	<b>2</b> \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	<b>3</b> Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Vets Group 10am-11am AM Radio Mtg. 5:30pm-9pm \$6 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing @ 6pm	<b>4</b> Hall Euchre Open to Public @ 12:30pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm DJ Trivia @ 6pm	<b>5</b> Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm VIP Group 10:30am-Noon B-SIDES Play @ 7PM	<b>6</b> Open @ 10am BILL CRAIG XMAS SHOW 4PM-5:30PM Pizza & Apps 10am-10pm	
<b>7</b> Pizza & Apps 10am-8pm WEST SALEM ADULT JAZZ BAND 3:30PM-5:30PM Troop 68 6PM-7PM	<b>8</b> Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Red Hats Society 11am-4pm Executive Mtg 5:30pm Post Mtg 7pm	<b>9</b> \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm NARVRE 10am-12pm BINGO 6pm	<b>10</b> Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Vets Group 10am-11am La Crosse County Vets-Open to Walk-ins 1pm-4:30pm \$6 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm Aux. Mtg 7pm	<b>11</b> Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 12:30pm \$4 Burger Special 11am-2pm & 4-8pm DJ Trivia @ 6pm Excel Energy Mtg 5pm-7pm	<b>12</b> Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm PINKSI BROTHERS @ 7PM	<b>13</b> Open @ 10am Pizza & Apps 10am-10pm ONA PD XMAS PARTY 11AM-2PM KIND HELPING HANDS FUNDRAISER 3PM-6PM Karaoke w/ Rose @ 7PM	
<b>14</b> Pizza & Apps 10am-8pm WARRIOR BROTHERHOOD XMAS TOY FUNDRAISER 11AM-3PM	<b>15</b> Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Pack 69 5pm-7p	<b>16</b> \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	<b>17</b> Homemade Special 11-2pm Vietnam Vets Group 10am-11am \$6 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing @ 6pm	<b>18</b> Holiday Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm DJ Trivia @ 6pm	<b>19</b> Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4-8pm LARRY'S DRIFTERS @ 7PM	<b>20</b> Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-9pm DJ Trivia @ 6pm Remax Client Event 3pm-7:30pm	
<b>21</b> Pizza & Apps 10am-8pm SAL Breakfast Buffet 7:30am-11am KIND HELPING HANDS FUNDRAISER 12PM-3PM Troop 68 6pm-7pm	<b>22</b> Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm House Bldg. Mtg 6pm	<b>23</b> \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	<b>24</b> Homemade Special 11-2pm Vietnam Vets Group 10am-11am Closed @ 4PM	<b>25</b>  Closed for the day. <i>Have a Merry Christmas!</i>	<b>26</b> Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm SPARE PARTS PROJECT @ 7PM	<b>27</b> Open @ 10am Pizza & Apps 10am-10pm Karaoke w/ Shay @ 7PM	
<b>28</b> Pizza & Apps 10am-8pm	<b>29</b> Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm	<b>30</b> \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	<b>31</b> <i>Happy New Year!!</i> Full Menu available 11am-2pm LARRY'S DRIFTERS 1PM-5PM Reserved Ribeye Dinner served @ 6pm Music & Karaoke w/ Shay 7pm-Midnight				

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## DECEMBER 2025 Newsletter

### News from Historian

May the force be with you!

December already! Cold weather has arrived and some of us have gone into our hibernation mode. Sadly it appears many others have done the same thing but for the whole year! Our monthly Post meetings only have about twenty show up. Those twenty are the same ones that help out at the post year round. Please put on your long underwear, fur hats and parkas and drift over to the post meeting. Find out where you might be able to help out and get involved. Your opinion does us no good if we don't hear it. Get involved in one of the many area's that could use help. You might just find out that there's some fun and warm feelings of things our post accomplishes for veterans and our community. In my daily travels I find young veterans who don't belong to any post. I'm proud of our post and encourage them to join. We need young veterans to join but many have never been approached or thought about it.

This time of the year I remember the Christmas's I was in the jungle or some base far away. I pray your Christmas is full of joy and happy times with family and friends. And remember where ever you go that's where you will be like at a Legion Meeting!

– **Bob Muth, Historian**

