



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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**Commander, Finance Officer,  
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**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 !

We continue to improve upon our business plan to maintain financial stability while advancing the Four Pillars of the American Legion. This includes reviewing our insurance coverages, staffing needs, building and grounds, plus continuing our community involvement.

If you haven't done so, please consider paying your dues for the 2023 year. Some legionnaires may not have received a renewal notice for one reason or another. Membership is a major topic this year. The Post meetings are the second Monday of the month at 7pm. We will need to fill officer posts come this Spring. It is a rewarding experience to get involved. One reason to get involved is to remind our legislators about veteran's needs.

La Crosse County has been without a council for a couple years now. The council is now up and running. The purpose is to have a meeting place for La Crosse County Posts to share ideas and information.

*Jim Binash Post Commander*

## 2023 SAL Breakfasts

*Scheduled dates are:*

**February 19, March 19, 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,

I hope you had a healthy January. Happy birthday to all our Legion members who have a birthday the month of February!

A big welcome to new Legion member Tom Yashinsky.

## What's new

\*American Legion Softball is coming to Wisconsin in Spring 2023! It will be sanctioned by the American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, and will mirror that of Wisconsin American Legion Baseball. Offering a program for high school softball players will keep teams developing together throughout the summer. Onalaska Post 336 will be helping sponsor a team. The girls' softball committee has been meeting since Sept 2022. A BIG thank you to 3rd Vice Brad Heller for his expertise. The following are on the committee: 2nd Vice Dirk de Zeeuw, 3rd Vice Brad Heller, Commander Jim Binish, Mike Rude (Ona Legion boys baseball), Coach Mark Ross (Luther High School), Paul Roraff (Onalaska Legion member), Assistant Coach Stan Evans (Ona Legions girls softball) and parent rep Renee Rockwell.

## Past happenings

- ❖ In December 2022 a \$500.00 donation was given to the Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron 48037 (La Crosse airport). Their membership increased by 90% in 2022 and they need to purchase tables, chairs, and white boards to accommodate their growth. Here are just some of the surrounding communities the Cadets are from: Onalaska, Holmen, Winona, La Crosse, Tomah, Rushford, etc.

## PICTURED BELOW:

Composite Squadron Commander Maj Roxanne Munns  
C/CMSgt Adam Manka  
Legion Commander Jim Binash  
C/TSgt Grayson Wirth, and 2nd Vice Dirk de Zeeuw



- ❖ Our very own Boy Scout Troop 68 was the Nov 2022 Charity of the Month. They received about \$1,400.00. This will help go towards supplies, camps etc. A big thank you to the Legion bingo for your support!
- ❖ Congrats to OHS and LHS on their football and volleyball seasons! Remember to support them this coming fall.

## Upcoming Events

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

## Reminders

- Membership meeting on Monday 13 Feb 2023 at 1900 hrs.
- Be sure to catch OHS and LHS winter sports action. Check their school websites for dates and times.
- \*\*If you have any unwanted scrap metal/aluminum Boy Scout 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** ~

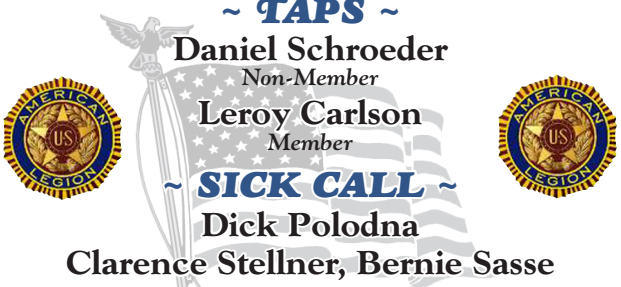
**Daniel Schroeder**  
Non-Member

**Leroy Carlson**  
Member

~ **SICK CALL** ~

**Dick Polodna**

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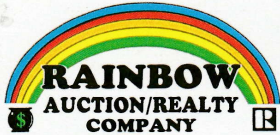
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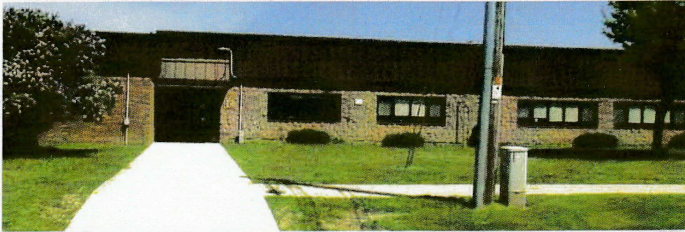
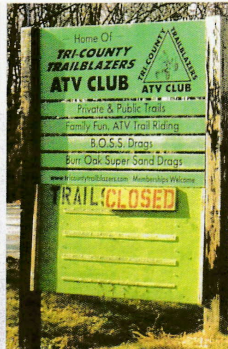
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The web page for the Podcast Tango Alpha Lima is: [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org)

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.

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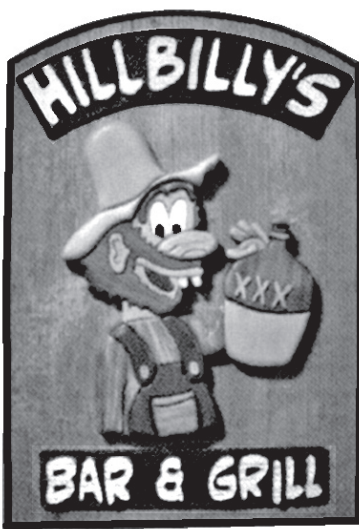


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## ~ AUXILIARY ~



### Welcome Auxiliary Members!

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

**Our next meeting will be on February 8th, at 7pm.  
Valentine treats will be provided by the Auxiliary.**

We have 29 members who haven't paid their 2023 membership dues. Nine members haven't paid their 2022 dues. The current membership year comes to a close on December 31st. National will be sending out late notices in January. Members whose dues have not been processed by Department or National have now become expired and lost all Auxiliary benefits and privileges currently held, including any officer or chairman positions along with the right to vote on any auxiliary business, until their dues are received by Department or paid electronically to National via phone or online. Once payment is processed, the member will be reinstated with no adverse effect.

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! Any of us would be happy to go over what we do. The new officers' terms begin in June and run for two years. It is time I step aside and make way for someone with a new perspective and fresh ideas to make sure our unit continues to grow for many years to come.

**Please note that we have reduced our quorum from ten to seven so that we can vote at meetings.**

We will be sponsoring two junior girls from Onalaska High School and from Onalaska Luther for Badger State Girls in June.

If you or someone in your family has an address or name change, please notify us at the Legion. It's important for newsletter mailings. Thank you!

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! Your generous donation of time helps keep our Legion Family going strong! Check at the bar for volunteer opportunities. 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:

President:  
**Shirley Berberich**  
(783-3892)

1st Vice:  
**Shirley Berberich**

2nd Vice:  
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Treasurer:  
**Sue Kelley**

Secretary:  
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Chaplain:

**Mary Powers**

Sergeant at Arms:

**Mary Powers,**

**Liz Reekers**

Member at Large:

Sunshine Chairwoman:

**Liz Reekers**



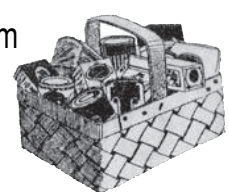


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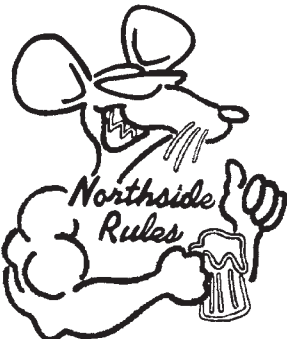
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**AMERICA IS AT WAR**  
**A tradition continues**  
 A Blue Star Service Banner in the window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces - and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands great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



**The American Legion Family**  
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Lunch Special Homemade Pork Chops 11am - 2pm ARA 4-7 Amateur Radio 7pm - UTC	<b>2</b> Euchre 10am - 3am Lunch Special Tacos 11am - 2pm \$3 Burger Special 4pm - 8pm Gary Snow drifters 7pm - UTC	<b>3</b> Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Band Pinski Brothers 7pm - 11pm	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Legion Riders 12pm - 4pm Troop 68 6pm - UTC	<b>6</b> Hall Carpet & Tile Cleaning 8am - 10am Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	<b>7</b> Regular Menu 11am - 2pm BINGO Express Menu 4pm - 8pm BINGO Hall & Bar 630pm - 9pm	<b>8</b> Lunch Special Homemade Beef Roast 11am - 2pm Union Rail Meeting 11am - 3pm \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Stick Drawing 4pm - 7pm Auxiliary 7pm - UTC	<b>9</b> Euchre 10am - 3am Lunch Special Tacos 11am - 2pm \$3 Burger Special 4pm - 8pm	<b>10</b> Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Bar Karaoke Rose 7pm - 11pm	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Exec 5:30pm Post 7pm	<b>14</b> MARVRE 9am - 12pm Regular Menu 11am - 2pm BINGO Express Menu 4pm - 8pm BINGO Hall & Bar 630pm - 9pm	<b>15</b> Lunch Special Homemade Meatloaf 11am - 2pm \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Stick Drawing 4pm - 7pm Lions	<b>16</b> Life Screening 8am - 5:30pm (Euchre Pending Date Adjustment) Lunch Special Taco 11am - 2pm \$3 Burger Special 4pm - 8pm	<b>17</b> Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Band Larry's Drifter 7pm - 11pm	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> SAL Breakfast 7:30am - 11pm Troop 68 6pm - UTC	<b>20</b> Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Sheet Metal Worker 3pm - 6pm	<b>21</b> Regular Menu 11am - 2pm BINGO Express Menu 4pm - 8pm BINGO Hall & Bar 630pm - 9pm	<b>22</b> Lunch Special Homemade Roasted Chicken 11am - 2pm \$5 Pizza Special 4pm - 8pm Stick Drawing 4pm - 7pm	<b>23</b> Euchre 10am 3am Lunch Special Tacos 11am - 2pm \$3 Burger Special 4pm - 8pm Irish Fest 5pm - 8pm	<b>24</b> Fish Fry 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Band Backroads Band Duo 7pm - 11pm	<b>25</b> Retirement Party 11am - UTC
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Regular Menu 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Building Committee 6pm House Committee 6pm	<b>28</b> Regular Menu 11am - 2pm BINGO Express Menu 4pm - 8pm BINGO Hall & Bar 630pm - 9pm				

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## S.A.L. NEWS

*Please mark your calendars for all the upcoming 2023 SAL breakfasts ... Scheduled dates are: February 19, March 19, 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.

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:** Welcome Thomas McClintock as a new member! 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 February 18th.

*Stay Healthy & Wishing you and yours a Happy Valentines Day!*

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

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