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Onalaska American Legion

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Open

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

Legionnaire Family,

HAPPY NEW YEAR from Post 336!!! As we welcome in the New Year 2025 and Resolutions that often follow, the By-Laws Committee continues its review to present to the Membership at the 7pm January 13th, 2025 Membership Meeting with the recommended revisions. Preview of the recommended revisions (subject to updates) can be found on the American Legion Struck-Klandrud Post 336-Onalaska website: <https://onalaskapost336.org/> using the upper left dropdown tab to "By-Laws Proposed Revisions 2024" for the membership to review. Members who cannot attend the said meeting can email their input to onalaskalegion@gmail.com prior to.

As American Legion Membership milestones are reached thru Good Standing, Post 336 Annual Renewal Members that have achieved 50 plus continuous years will become "Post 336 Honorary Life Members" (dues paid by post) in gratitude for their unwavering support to Post 336 and the American Legion Family. All current 50 Year plus Milestone Members are posted in this Newsletter edition. As they're recognized, please congratulate and thank them for their monumental "years to decades" achievement, dedication, and support!

This motion carried unanimously at the December 9th, 2024 Membership Meeting.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Post 336 is still in immediate need of a Service Officer, and Honor Guard members. For any members interested in volunteering for these positions, 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**

From the 1st Vice . . .

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Membership is moving along as we topped 80% last meeting. Reminder, if you have not paid your 2025 dues please do so soon to keep yourself in good standing.

Howard L Horman Jr., 1st Vice/ Membership Chair

Service Officers Report

~ **SICK CALL** ~
Dale Schermerhorn

~ **TAPS** ~
Dennis J. McHenry



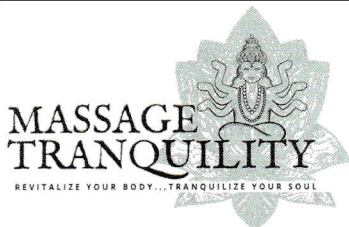
Membership 50+ Milestones

Last/First Name(years)

Bean, Richard (54)	Kowal, James (54)
Borchert, Lynnette (50)	Lafleur, David (52)
Braund, Rodney (56)	McWain, Gile (66)
Briggs, Keith (62)	Newberry, Jr, Clarence (59)
Brueggen, Stanley (53)	Nichols, Leonard (64)
Christianson, Michael (56)	Platz, Larry (51)
Cota, Richard (58)	Roraff Sr, Philip (69)
Cox, Daniel (50)	Rose, Daniel (54)
Czeiska, Siegfried (52)	Running, Jr, Maurice (58)
Devine, Donald (55)	Schultz, James (53)
Erdman, David (50)	Sherman, Ronald (56)
Gehri, Dale (53)	Sjolander, Carl (52)
Harebo, Elwood (61)	Skogen, David (60)
Helgerson, Rolf (59)	Skogen, Gary (60)
Hoff, Lloyd (56)	Thompson, Larry (54)
Horman Sr., Howard (59)	Thomson, Clare (58)
Johnson, Warren (54)	Walinski, George (63)
Kortebein, Michael (62)	Weber, Stephen (53)

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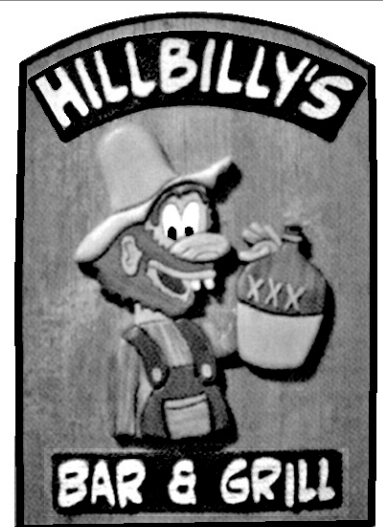
A Blue Star Service Banner in the window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces - and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands great sacrifice.

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Greetings Members and Guests!

Welcome to 2025! On behalf of the staff at Post 336, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who stopped by the Legion in December to share in the holiday spirit. Your presence made the season truly special, and we're thankful for your continued support and friendship.

December events, such as Sketti with Santa and the return of Santa's List, are heart warming reminders of all the good that goes on right here at the Post, and in return benefits the community. I hope you all got a Christmas pic with Santa at the SAL Breakfast!

I am thrilled to announce a change to our monthly entertainment schedule. Starting in January, Karaoke with Rose will now be held on the second Saturday of each month. That means even more chances to rock out- Friday night fun and now Saturday Karaoke too! I plan to add more entertainment to Saturdays and Sundays in the new year. Keep and eye out for updates. We can't wait to see you!

Rachel Rausa
336barmanager@gmail.com

News from 3rd Vice / Historian

Aloha Gang!

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are excited for the New Year! Our grounds at the cemetery are winterized. Again, if someone is interested, I'm looking for someone to take over. It's not that much time and in many ways fun and rewarding. We now have our storage area in the old building. I have an area just for Historical items and records. Some items we are planning to get rid of this Spring and will keep you advised. Winter has stopped putting bricks in the ground until Spring. The brick directory is about half done and should be completed this Spring as well. The World War One Plaque is in the process and we are looking for a future date to dedicate. (Warm Out) Keep trading those license plates and again check list in north hallway of those we already have. Hope to see you at the post soon.

As always,

Semper Fi

Bob Muth

3rd Vice/Historian/House Committee

2025 SAL Breakfasts



Breakfast Buffes are:
January 19, February 16, March 16,
April 20 (Easter), and May 11 (Mothers Day).



Cost: \$12 per person age 11 & over, \$7 age 5-10, Free under 5, \$10 Veterans

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.



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From the 2nd Vice . . .

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I can't believe another year has snuck past us, and it's 2025.

Happy birthday to all our Legion members who have a birthday the month of January. Happy Buuurrrthday!!



Welcome new members, we salute you!

PAST HAPPENINGS

Our Girl Scout Troop, Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop moved the rocks from the trees in front of the Legion back on Saturday 16 November 2024, followed by pizza for dinner. It was a cold and windy day!



On Monday 2 December 2024, Legion Commander Paul Roraff and 2nd Vice Commander Dirk de Zeeuw presented a donation check to the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) La Crosse Composite Squadron for color guard uniforms and equipment.



On Wednesday 4 December 2024, Legion Commander Paul Roraff and 2nd Vice Commander Dirk de Zeeuw presented a donation check to Mark Ross of Luther High School for use of their girls softball fields for the Legion girls fast pitch softball team during the summer of 2024. Thank you Luther High School for your support!



SCOUTING

Our Cub Scout Pack 69 is open to girls and boys in kindergarten to 5th grade. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month right here in the Legion hall from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. If you have a child or grandchild that is in K-5th grade and would like more information, please call Cub Master Joe Kress at 608-387-0563.

Our Boy Scout Troop 68 is open to girls and boys in 6th through 12th grade. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month right here in the Legion hall from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. If you have a child or grandchild that is in 6th -12th grade and would like more information, please call the Troop Charter Rep – Dirk de Zeeuw at 608-397-5485.

Our Girl Scout Troop 7276 is open to girls in Kindergarten through 12th grade. They meet weekly at a few different locations. For more information please contact Stacey Hronis-Johnson at 715-563-4568.

REMINDERS

Remember to support our local schools in all their winter activities.

SAVE THE DATES!

- ◆ Onalaska American Legion softball fund raiser, chicken dinner on Sunday 27 April 2025 from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Dine in or take out.
- ◆ The Friends of the NRA annual Spring banquet 27 March 2025 at Stoney Creek Hotel in La Crosse. Time TBD

**– Dirk de Zeeuw
2nd Vice**





~ Auxiliary ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

Happy New Year to all Auxiliary Members!

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

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be January 8th at 7 p.m.

The members of Auxiliary who attended the Christmas Party enjoyed great food and conversation and the exchanging of white elephant gifts.

Thank you again, to everyone who helped with their donations and contributions for Thanksgiving and Christmas for those in need to the Food Basket.

Membership is going well for 2025. As of now, 16 ladies have yet to pay their dues and are delinquent!!!

Please consider paying!!! Those ladies who have not paid their 2023 and 2024 dues will be dropped by state and will lose membership years!. Any questions, please get in contact with me.

Would love to see more members at monthly meetings, 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m.!

The office of Auxiliary President (and others) will be open in June, we are always looking for fresh faces, and ideas for our organization to grow. We are in need for young moms with young daughters as we no longer have Jr. girls for Poppy Queen. I will stay active in the Auxiliary after this term has ended in June, and will be happy to answer any inquiries of those who may be interested in holding an office.

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

If you have extra time on your hands, please consider volunteering with us at Post 336. There are various opportunities for you to lend an extra hand. With your willingness to help and show of support, we continue to be successful. Please check at the bar or contact a member with any questions. Thank you for your support!

Hoping you all had a healthy and happy Holiday season.

Safe travels to all of our snowbirds! Stay well and stay WARM and we'll see you around the Post!

Shirley Berberich,
President/ Membership Chairman
Mary Powers, Secretary

Auxiliary:

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Shirley Berberich
(783-3892)

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Shirley Berberich

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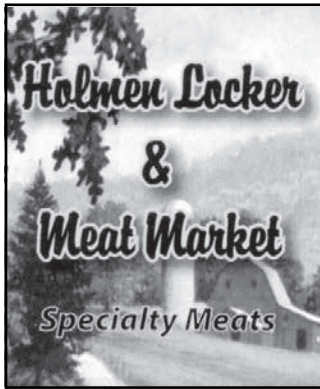
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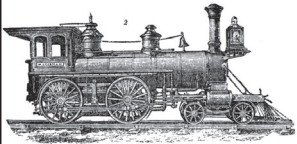
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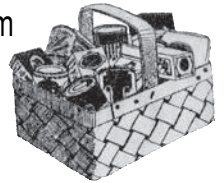
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12 Private Event in HALL- Life Celebration	13 Executive Meeting 5:30pm Post Meeting 7pm	14 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm NARVRE 10-Noon BINGO 6pm	15 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm R & R Program 12:30-1:30 Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm Girls Softball Meeting 6-8pm	16 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm	17 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm LARRY'S DRIFTERS 7-11pm FREE	18 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Private Event in HALL BAR PARTY-Reserved
19 SAL Breakfast Buffet 7:30-11am Troop 68 6-7 pm Bar Closing at 4pm for Employee Appreciation Party!	20 Pack 69 5-7pm	21 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	22 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	23 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm	24 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm DOWN EAST 7-11pm FREE	25 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon
26 Legion Baseball League Scheduling Noon-3pm	27 Sheet Metal Workers Meeting 4-6pm House/Building Meeting 6pm	28 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	29 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	30 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm	31 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm B-SIDES 7-11pm FREE	

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JANUARY 2025 Newsletter



S.A.L. News

Breakfast Buffets: 2025 Breakfasts will be – January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20 (Easter), and May 11 (Mothers Day) from 7:30am – 11:00am. Cost: \$12 per person age 11 & over, \$7 age 5-10, Free under 5, \$10 Veterans. These breakfasts are normally held on the third Sunday of the

month unless they are moved to coincide with a holiday. 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. A huge Thank You to our gracious volunteers with SAL and Auxiliary who are the backbone of our organizations. We sincerely appreciate each and everyone of you for stepping forward to make our organizations and the Legion great!

Volunteers - We are in need of additional volunteers to help out for these breakfasts. Please let Ben Zimmer know if you are able to help out during that time or other dates from September to May. There is also discussion about helpers needed for a broasted chicken night held at the Legion. More info will be coming from the Legion.

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 (across from where you pay).

Memberships: Get your dues paid up and help our Legion reach 100% in memberships! If you are behind on dues, please get them caught up so you retain your years on membership.

Board/Membership meetings are normally held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Onalaska Legion. The SAL is a proud sponsor of various events held throughout our area. Santa's List has returned to the Onalaska Legion and supports numerous families/youth in Onalaska. Many Thanks to the Onalaska Police Department for putting on a great event and bringing Joy to those families.

Wishing all a very Happy New Year! We'll see you around the Legion!

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

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