



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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Commander: **Jerry Yushta**

1st Vice: **Jim Binash**

2nd Vice: **Dirk de Zeeuw**

3rd Vice: **Steve Sjonlander**

Adjutant: **Jim Binash**

Finance Officer: **Mike Fries**

Judge Advocate: **Todd Bjerke**

Chaplain: **Rich Cota**

Service Officer:

**Rich Musolf**

Historian:

Sgt. at Arms: **Brad Heller**

House Committee:

**Commander, Finance Officer,  
and 6 Legion Members**

Building Committee:

**Rich Cota, Brad Heller,  
Kent Stephan**

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

I would like to thank the membership of Post 336 for the honor of serving as your next Commander. I am proud to be associated with the many fine people who serve as Officers, Board and Committee members, and volunteers throughout our Legion family who are carrying out the mission of serving veterans. An example of this is the completion of the recent remodel of the bar. So many people contributed time, money, knowledge and sweat to make it all happen. Special thanks to Past Commander Jim Binash for his leadership, hard work and his mentoring.

On behalf of the Post, a sincere thank you goes out to all the members who recently completed service on one of our Boards or Committees. Your dedication is recognized and deeply appreciated. An equally sincere welcome to those elected to new positions.

There will not be a membership meeting in July. The Executive Board will meet at its regular date and time.

The annual Legion Convention is July 15-18 in Middleton. There are three Post members already registered. The Post pays for your registration, lodging and a peridium for meals, so if you have a desire to join in this event, please contact me.

We have tickets to the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Loggers game at the Legion bar. The cost is \$12.00. Half of the price of the ticket will go to Camp American Legion.

In closing, my personal goals for this year are to continue working on the business plan for the bar and, hopefully, gain some insight into how we can grow our membership in the spectrum of the younger generations of veterans.

– *Jerry Yushta, Commander*

### 1st Vice

We are currently at 91.3% with our last 2021 membership month of July. Get your dues in now or risk being expired. Also this is my last newsletter as I am no longer serving as 1st Vice Commander. Have a safe Independence Day.

– **1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander**





## ~ AUXILIARY ~

### Welcome Auxiliary Members!

Wishing all the Auxiliary ladies that have a birthday this month a Very Happy Birthday!

Welcome to our new Post 336 Commander, Jerry Yushta!

Our next meeting will be on **August 11th at 7pm.** Let's not forget to thank a Veteran for their service.

Because of Covid-19, we had to cancel our usual poppy distribution in 2020. We did very well this year and we want to thank everyone for your generous donations!

Here comes the 2022 membership campaign! Please, ladies, as you send in your renewal to me, include your updated address and number(s) if you have landline and cellphone numbers. Our unit is becoming a "card holding" unit. That is not what we would like to be! We need to work on getting more ladies in attendance at our meetings with fresh ideas to become a more active unit.

At our June meeting, we discussed going to 4 meetings each year: Dec., Mar., Jun., and Sept. Discussion was held, and 2 motions were made to make this change. We will VOTE at our August meeting. Please attend so your voice can be counted. We will still carry on any functions that we have held in the past, regardless of what month they fall in. NEWSLETTERS WILL STILL BE MONTHLY.

We are working on building a volunteer roster of ladies who are willing to come and help with functions. If we can get this off the ground, we will have no limits on holding many functions, such as membership picnic, kids' egg hunt, Halloween party for kids, possible poultry party, etc. BUT we need all or many of you to volunteer to help fulfill your unit expectations. Please call Sally Schultz at 608-317-9901 or if you see her around post 336 to join the volunteer roster. Let's get our Unit #336 active again!

Catering is looking for clean containers with lids, such as ice cream pails, cottage cheese containers, butter tubs, etc.

MEMBERSHIP PICNIC IS IN THE PLANNING! Ladies that pay their 2022 dues before the picnic will be entered into a drawing for one of three \$30 checks. Ladies, you MUST be PRESENT AT THE PICNIC TO WIN.

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.

Any 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 well!

**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**

### Service Officers Report



#### † LAST BUGLE †

† John Ward † Dick Lee †  
(Members)



† James Fox † Eugene Gerke †

† Robert Mason † Ron Oswieler † Ira Brown †

† Larry Richardson † David Stewart †  
(Non-Members)

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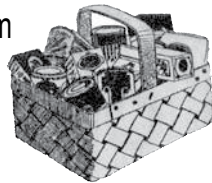
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# From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice

## Happy 4th of July to All!

First, I would like to thank past Post Commander Jim Binash for the past 2 years of his leadership and congratulations to our new Post Commander Jerry Yushta.

I would like to announce this year's 2021 Americanism Scholarship recipients:

- Onalaska High School: Vikram Aliani and Lydia Maleck
- Luther High School: James Biedenbender and Makayla Hansen.

*Congratulation's recipients!*



## June Happenings:

- Onalaska Community Days: Family Day on Saturday 19 June Cub Scout Pack 69 and Cub Scout Pack 91 (Holmen) shared an activity booth which was well received by the families attending the event.
- Boy Scout Troop 68 (Onalaska) and Girl Scout Troop 7276 (Onalaska) helped place flags on veterans' graves sites at the Onalaska Cemetery for the Memorial Day weekend.
- Cub Scout Pack 69 (Onalaska), Boy Scout Troop's 68 and 168 (Onalaska), Girl Scout Troop 7276 and Luther High School band participated in the Memorial Day parade.
- Post 336 Legion baseball teams (3) are up and running. Good luck for a winning season!
- Take me out to the ballpark! Take me out with the crowd... Save the date of Monday 26 July, time 1835 hrs it's American Legion night at the La Crosse Loggers. Tickets are \$12.00 and can be purchased at the Legion. See you at the ball game!!
- Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troop online popcorn sales starts 1 Jul 2021. Please support Scouting with your online purchases.

– Dirk de Zeeuw, 2nd Vice Commander

## COMMUNITY DAYS (OCD) COMMITTEE

### CURRENT OFFICERS:

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## VA NEWS

*The VA in Tomah is not accepting any clothing at this time.*

For a list of items visit the Post website, [onalaskapost336.org](http://onalaskapost336.org), click on Tomah VA News.

The list is long, so I didn't post it here. Items can be dropped off at the Post, North entrance.

The web page for National News is: <https://www.legion.org>.

The web page for WI is: <https://wilegion.org>.

*If you need a ride to the Tomah or Madison VA contact Chuck Geszvain (DAV coordinator), at 1-608-372-3971 ext 66227*



# S.A.L. NEWS

**New SAL Officers:** Commander - Kent Stephan; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice - Neil Merritt; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice - Ralph Geary; 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice - Rich Musolf; Adjutant - Neil Merritt; Finance - Chris Carlson; Sgt at Arms - Clarence Stellner.

**SAL Breakfasts . . . Scheduled dates are: Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 14, Dec 19 in 2021. Jan 16, Feb 20 March 20, Apr 17 (Easter), and May 8 (Mother's Day) in 2022.** Cost will be \$10 per person. They are usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Our next SAL meeting will be Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Onalaska Legion.** If you have items to discuss, please contact the SAL Commander Kent Stephan. **Meetings are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month.**

**Tidbits about July 4 - Independence Day . . .** When the initial battles in the Revolutionary War broke out in April 1775, few colonists desired complete independence from Great Britain, and those who did were considered radical. By the middle of the following year, however, many more colonists had come to favor independence, thanks to growing hostility against Britain and the spread of revolutionary sentiments.

On June 7, when the Continental Congress met at the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall) in Philadelphia, the Virginia delegate Richard Henry Lee introduced a motion calling for the colonies' independence. Amid heated debate, Congress postponed the vote on Lee's resolution, but appointed a five-man committee—including Thomas Jefferson of Virginia, John Adams of Massachusetts, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania and Robert R. Livingston of New York—to draft a formal statement justifying the break with Great Britain.

On July 4th, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Declaration of Independence, which had been written largely by Jefferson. Though the vote for actual independence took place on July 2nd, from then on the 4th became the day that was celebrated as the birth of American independence.

Festivities including concerts, bonfires, parades and the firing of cannons and muskets usually accompanied the first public readings of the Declaration of Independence, beginning immediately after its adoption. Philadelphia held the first annual commemoration of independence on July 4, 1777, while Congress was still occupied with the ongoing war.

George Washington issued double rations of rum to all his soldiers to mark the anniversary of independence in 1778, and in 1781, several months before the key American victory at the Battle of Yorktown, Massachusetts became the first state to make July 4th an official state holiday.

After the Revolutionary War, Americans continued to commemorate Independence Day every year, in celebrations that allowed the new nation's emerging political leaders to address citizens and create a feeling of unity. By the last decade of the 18th century, the two major political parties—the Federalist Party and Democratic-Republicans—that had arisen began holding separate Fourth of July celebrations in many large cities.

## History of The Federalist Party

*The Federalist Party was one of the first two political parties in the United States. It originated, as did its opposition, the Democratic-Republican Party, within the executive and congressional branches of government during George Washington's first administration (1789-1793), and it dominated the government until the defeat of President John Adams for reelection in 1800. Thereafter, the party unsuccessfully contested the presidency through 1816 and remained a political force in some states until the 1820s. Its members then passed into both the Democratic and the Whig parties.*



**Wishing everyone a safe, fun Independence Day and we'll see you around the Legion!**

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

## S.A.L. Officers

Commander: **Dan Ferries**

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2nd Vice: **Ralph Geary**

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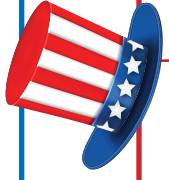


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|  |  | Wings & Shrimp \$5.00<br>Ladies Night - 6pm<br>Bingo - 6:30pm   | Pizza & Stick Drawing -<br>5-8pm  | \$2 Tacos - 11am<br>\$2 Burgers - 4:30pm                                     | Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm  | Motorcycle Show<br>10am - 3pm   |
| 4<br>Sam Vanriper A/c   | 5  | 6<br>Wings & Shrimp - 5pm<br>Ladies Night - 6pm<br>Bingo - 6:30pm   | 7<br>Pizza & Stick Drawing<br>5- 8pm<br>Rich Reichgelt Funeral -<br>Hall                          | 8<br>\$2 Tacos - 11am<br>\$2 Burgers - 4:30pm<br>Local 953 - Hall - 5 - ?    | 9<br>Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm<br>Karaoke w/ Rose<br>7pm - 11pm          | 10<br>Wedding - Hall<br><br>Jake Hoff - A/C   |
| 11<br>Tracey Melvin Baby<br>Shower - Hall - 2pm - ?                                 | 12<br>Executive Meeting<br>6pm - Hall                  | 13<br>Wings & Shrimp \$5.00<br>Ladies Night - 6pm<br>Bingo - 6:30pm<br>Insurance Center -<br>Hall - 9:30-3:30 | 14<br>Pizza & Stick Drawing<br>5-8pm<br>UTU Meeting 1pm - Hall<br>Auxiliary Meeting<br>7pm - Hall | 15<br>\$2 Tacos - 11am<br>\$2 Burgers - 4:30pm<br>Life Line Screening - Hall | 16<br>Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm<br>Larry's Drifters<br>7pm - 11pm - Hall | 17<br>Sullivan Reception A/C  |
| 18  | 19   | 20<br>Wings & Shrimp - \$5.00<br>Ladies Night - 6pm<br>Bingo - 6:30pm   | 21<br>Pizza & Stick Drawing<br>5- 8pm<br>BLET Meeting 10am - Hall                                 | 22<br>\$2 Tacos - 11am<br>\$2 Burgers - 4:30pm                               | 23<br>Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm<br>Baloney Skins -<br>7pm - 11pm         | 24  |
| 25<br>Ira Brown<br>Celebration of Life<br>1 - 4pm - Hall                            | 26<br>Building Comm Mtg - 5:30<br>House Comm Mtg - 6pm | 27<br>Wings & Shrimp - \$ 5.00<br>Ladies Night - 6pm<br>Bing - 6:30pm   | 28<br>Pizza & Stick Drawing -<br>5-8pm  | 29<br>\$2 Tacos - 11am<br>\$2 Burgers - 4:30pm                               | 30<br>Fish Fry - 11am - 8pm<br>Country Legends -<br>7pm - 11pm       | 31<br> |

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## JULY 2021 Newsletter

### Members, Patrons & Friends

Half of the year is over already! July is here and we have a new Commander. I would like to welcome Jerry Yushta to his new role. I am looking forward to continued growth and I am excited to see what the future holds. The remodel of the bar has brought us many compliments and I am happy with how it has all turned out. The Legion baseball teams are back and have started their seasons. I wish them all the best. The Bingo players were able to raise \$1394.00 for the Holmen Boys & Girls club in the month of May. I would like to thank everyone who participates in playing the charity game. The extra activities at the Legion are all back and have generated a much needed growth in business and for that I thank everyone.

Please have a safe and happy Fourth of July.



Pat Paradise, Bar Manager