



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## Onalaska American Legion

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### Officers:

Commander: **Paul Roraff**

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Historian: **Bob Muth**

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

Building Committee:

**Open**

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

There were several new officers voted in on May 13. The new Commander will be Paul Roraff. The installation of new officers will take place June 10. At our last meeting, membership approved a new fryer and electric fryer. Also approved was adding fencing to the right ballfield fence. This will hopefully avoid the condos, North of the field, from being damaged. We expect to be reimbursed for some of the costs from several sources.

The Onalaska Legion continues to donate to local organizations and last fiscal year donations were around \$48,000.00. Recently a collaboration between the Legion, Home Depot, and Habitat for Humanity, resulted in building a ramp for a Vietnam veteran. Community involvement is very important part of the Onalaska Legion.

The renovation of the old building is just about complete. The Food Basket will be moving into the renovated part and vacating the area they had been using. The Legion, Ladies Auxiliary and SAL will use the vacated area for storage. There has been a discussion about a mural being painted on the cinder block part of the old building. Further discussions will be at future membership meetings.

These past several years has brought some changes to interior of the bar, kitchen, and banquet rooms. The Post is positioning itself to remain solvent and relevant for future generations. We are fortunate to have a very good staff and dedicated members to help maintain our Post. However, as membership ages, we must rely on more paid staff to pick up where volunteers used to do the work.

Stay safe, and if you have not stopped at the Legion in a while, consider doing so.

– **Jim Binash outgoing Post Commander**

### Your Post 336 Honor Guard

Looking for Legion & Sons of The American Legion members interested in joining our Post Honor Guard. We volunteer / participate in Funeral Honors for Veterans, present / post colors for various events in the area, present programs, our Memorial Day parade & program. If interested or need more information, Contact Rich Musolf at 608-397-9548.

### Service Officers Report



~ **SICK CALL** ~  
**Tom Peek**



~ **TAPS** ~

**Jim Page** - Member    **Linus Kujak** - Member  
**Al Topel** - Member    **Michael Manglitz** - Member  
**Dick Polodna** - Member    **Richard Cagle** - Member  
**Dennis Boetcher** - Non-member  
**Gary Kiehne** - Non-member

## Greetings Members and Guests!

If you have not already met me, my name is Rachel, and with the new year, I acquired the Bar Manager position here at Post 336. I live with my family in La Crosse, and have been in the area pretty much my whole life. Many of you I have had the pleasure to meet already. I have to say everyone has been so welcoming and helpful. I am really enjoying the American Legion family.

Currently, I have been working to keep the Post 336 Facebook page full of updates on events and specials. Please follow us to stay informed on daily activities. This year we will be taking part in La Crosse Area Day at The Brewers. Please purchase your tickets at the bar. The date of this event is Wednesday, June 26th, and the buses are filling up fast!

I have a history of bar/restaurant management, but the veteran community is an education for me. I am learning something new here everyday. Serving honorable individuals is something I take pride in. I look forward to meeting all of you, and appreciate the warm welcome. If we have not already met, please stop by and introduce yourself.

– **Your Friend,**  
**Rachel Rausa**  
**336barmanager@gmail.com**

## HISTORIAN

There are some changes happening at the Post. The trophy case will get an upgrade. Our intent is to have objects relating to veterans and what the Legion stands for. The Activity Center now has our license plate display, with room for more. If you travel, and happen to be at another Post, ask them for a license plate. The area around the license plate display is painted red, white, and blue. This kind of display demonstrates our love of this country. Anyone, or any organization, that uses our Activity Center will see what we stand for.

– **Historian Bob Muth**



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## 2024 19 UNDER LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 7th – VIROQUA @ ONALASKA – 2-7 INN – 4:00  
THURSDAY, JUNE 13th – ONALASKA @ ARCADIA – 1-7 INN – 5:00

### WISCONSIN RAPIDS TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 14th – ONALASKA VS EAU CLAIRE – 7:30 PM  
SATURDAY, JUNE 15th – ONALASKA VS STEVENS POINT – 10:30 AM  
ONALASKA VS MARSHFIELD – 3:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th – TBA

MONDAY, JUNE 17th – WESTBY @ ONALASKA – 1-7 INN – 5:00 PM  
THURSDAY, JUNE 20th – ONALASKA @ TOMAH – 1-7 INN – 6:00 PM  
FRIDAY, JUNE 21st – WHITEHALL @ ONALASKA – 2-7 INN – 4:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26th – ONALASKA @ LAX A'S – 1-7, 1-5 INN – 5:00 PM  
THURSDAY, JUNE 27th – LAX POST 52 @ ONALASKA – 2-7 INN – 3:30 PM  
FRIDAY, JUNE 28th – WEST SALEM @ ONALASKA – 1-7 INN – 5:00 PM

### VIROQUA TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JULY 5th – ONALASKA VS WESTBY 5:00 PM  
SATURDAY, JULY 6th – ONALASKA VS WEST SALEM 2:15 PM  
ONALASKA VS PDC 4:30 PM  
SUNDAY, JULY 7th – ONALASKA VS VIROQUA 4:30 PM  
MONDAY, JULY 8th – SPARTA @ ONALASKA 1-7 INN 6:00

### ONALASKA TOURNAMENT

#### Friday, July 12th

2:30p Fennimore v GET  
5:00p Onalaska v Black River Falls

#### Saturday, July 13th

9:30a Prairie du Chien v Black River Falls  
12:00p Black River Falls v Fennimore  
2:30p GET v Prairie du Chien  
5:00p Onalaska v Fennimore

#### Sunday, July 14th

9:30a Onalaska v GET  
12:00p Fennimore v Prairie du Chien  
2:30p GET v Black River Falls  
5:00p Prairie du Chien v Onalaska

MONDAY, JULY 15th – GET @ ONALASKA – 1-7 INN – 5:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th – ONALASKA @ HOLMEN – 1-7 INN – 5:00 PM  
MONDAY, JULY 22nd – BRF @ ONALASKA – 1-7, 1-5 INN – 5:00 PM

REGIONALS – JULY 26, 27, 28 @ ONALASKA

STATE TOURNAMENT – AUGUST 2-6th @ WEST SALEM



## 2024 16 UNDER LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULE

### JUNE

THURSDAY, JUNE 6th – ONALASKA @ WESTBY – 1-7 INN – 6:00 PM

### VIROQUA TOURNEY

FRIDAY JUNE 7th – WESTBY VS ONALASKA – 5:30  
VIROQUA VS ONALASKA – 7:45  
SATURDAY, JUNE 8th – WEST SALEM VS ONALASKA – 3:00  
PDC VS ONALASKA – 5:15

MONDAY, JUNE 10th – RUSHFORD @ ONALASKA – 1-7 INN – 5:00  
TUESDAY, JUNE 11th – ONALASKA @ TOMAH – 1-7, 1-5 – 4:30

### ONALASKA WOOD BAT TOURNAMENT

#### Friday June 14th

2:30p GET v Holmen  
5:00p West Salem v Onalaska

#### Saturday June 15th

9:30a West Salem v GET  
12:00p GET v Viroqua  
2:30p Holmen v West Salem  
5:00p Onalaska v Viroqua

#### Sunday June 16th

9:30a Holmen v Onalaska  
12:00p West Salem v Viroqua  
2:30p Viroqua v Holmen  
5:00p Onalaska v GET

TUESDAY, JUNE 18th – LAX JUNIORS @ ONALASKA – 1-7, 1-5 INN – 4:30  
THURSDAY, JUNE 20th – TOMAH @ ONALASKA – 1-7 INN – 6:00  
MONDAY, JUNE 24th – BRF @ ONALASKA – 1-7, 1-5 INN – 5:00  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26th – ONALASKA @ LAX A'S – 2-5 INN – 1:00  
THURSDAY, JUNE 27th – ONALASKA @ ARCADIA – 1-7 – 5:00 PM

### JULY

MONDAY, JULY 1st – HOLMEN @ ONALASKA – 2-7 INN – 4:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3rd – ONALASKA @ GET – 2-5 INN – 5:00 PM  
MONDAY, JULY 8th – SPARTA @ ONALASKA – 1-7 INN – 4:00  
THURSDAY, JULY 11th – WEST SALEM @ ONALASKA – 1-7, 1-5 INN – 4:00

REGIONALS – JULY 19-22 @ TBA

STATE @ BARABOO – JULY 26-29



## Post 336 Honor Guard Coordinator

Our Post is looking for a Legion or Sons of the American Legion member to fill this position. As of June 24 the coordinator position will be available. The position is to administer / manage the overall scope of Honor Guard activities as listed in the joining information found elsewhere in this newsletter, plus work with those requesting our services / the community / the county or district Legion / our Post needs. If interested or need more information, Contact Rich Musolf at 608-397-9548.

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

## Hello to All,

Happy June! Happy belated Mother's Day to ALL our mothers.

Happy birthday to all our Legion members who have a birthday the month of June.

Welcome new members, we salute you!

## Currently

Our Onalaska American Legion girls fast pitch season opener is Wednesday 13 June 2024 at the Luther High School softball varsity field versus Kickapoo, start time 5:00pm.

## Past Happenings

Congratulations to the following Americanism

### Scholarship awardees for May 2024:

<b>Luther High School:</b>	<b>Onalaska High School:</b>
- Ben Crabtree	- Jada Odegard
- Emma Bohme	- Caden Pierzina

### Recognized students entering military service:

#### Onalaska High School:

- Gavin Wackerhauser - Navy

#### Luther High School

- Clara Baudek - Air Force  
- Jonah Bain - Marines

#### Holmen High School

- Parker Moreno - Air Force  
*worked in our Legion kitchen as cook*

**\*Congratulations and good luck new recruits!\***

## The American Legion Good Citizenship Citation

- Attained the rank of Eagle Scout  
Troop 68: Ian Hronis

## University of La Crosse ROTC

On Thursday 25 April 2024 a few Legion members presented the following American Legion awards to 3 UWL ROTC Cadets at their annual awards ceremony. The UWL ROTC programs comprise Cades from UWL, Viterbo University and Winona State University:

**The American Legion for Scholastic Excellence Award - CDT Christopher Richardson**

**The American Legion for Scholastic Excellence Award - CDT's Mason Mihalovic and Ethan Fitzgerald**  
**Congratulations Cadets, well done!**

## Did you know?

### The American Legion Emblem:

"There shines the Emblem of The American Legion, it is your badge of distinction, honor and service. It

stands for God and Country, and the highest rights of man. Of its several parts, each has a meaning." Elements of the emblem

### The star

The star, a victory symbol of World War I, also symbolizes honor, glory, and constancy. The letters "U.S." leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.



### \*Next month the outer rings\*

## Cub Scout Pack 69

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.

## Reminders

- Membership meeting on Monday 10 June 2024 at 1900 hrs. See you there!
- The American Legion girls softball is selling team apparel in the bar area. Baseball style caps, koozies, t-shirts, hoodies. Please help support our girls fastpitch softball team!
- \*\*THERE IS NO OVER NIGHT PARKING ON THE GROUNDS OF THE ONALASKA AMERICAN LEGION FRIDAY 2 AUGUST. VEHICLES LEFT OVER NIGHT WILL BE TOWED AT OWNERS EXPENSE!\*\* The parking lot is needed for the Onalaska Community Day Family events.

## Save the Dates!

- Onalaska Community Days (OCD) 2-3 August 2024.  
OCD Family Day Saturday 3 Aug 2024 10:00am to 2:30pm.

— **Dirk de Zeeuw, 2nd Vice**

### What's Your Current ID Number?

Somewhere in this newsletter is a member's membership number. If it's your number, you win \$10.00 - easy way to get \$10.00. If it's your number, call the Legion Post and leave a message for the Commander: 783-3300



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# ~ Auxiliary ~

## Welcome Auxiliary Members!

*Wishing all Auxiliary ladies who have birthdays this month a very Happy Birthday!*

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m.

**NO MEETING IN JULY!!!!!!**

Deadline for accepting scholarship applications is JUNE 15!!!!

Ladies, there is still time to pay your dues for 2024.

A big THANK YOU to all volunteers who helped with the Poppy distribution at Festival Foods!!!

Also, a THANK YOU, to all of those who attended our Memorial Day Celebration! We appreciate you and all of our VETERANS!!!

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! Thank you for all of your support to our organization, our Veterans, and their families!

Enjoy the sunshine and the warmer temperatures!!!  
Stay well and take care!

- **Shirley Berberich, President/Membership Chairman**
- **Mary Powers, Secretary**

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**Mary Powers**

Treasurer:

**Sue Kelley**

Sergeant at Arms:

**Patty Maestas,**

**Mary Grenier**

Historian:

**Diane Culbert**

Parliamentarian:

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Chaplain:

**Arleen Nelson**

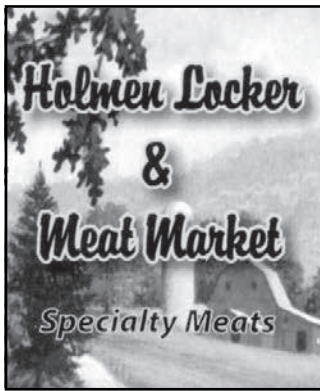
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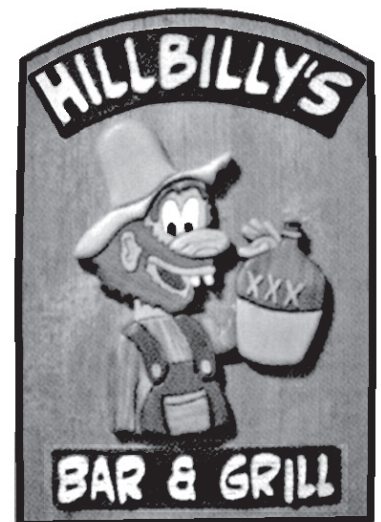
#### A tradition continues

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**To each and every one who serves,  
we say "thank you."**

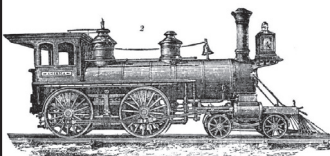


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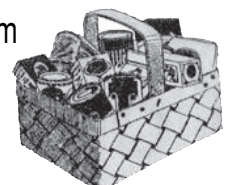
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p><b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b></p> <p>Pack 69 3-5pm Troop 68 6-7pm</p>			<p><b>FLAG DAY</b></p> <p><b>JUNE 14</b></p> <p>THE FLAG RESOLUTION OF 1777</p> 				<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Private Event(s) in the Hall</p>
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Pack 69 3-5pm Troop 68 6-7pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Carpet Clean Sheet Metal Local 18 4-5pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>\$3 Taco Special 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm BINGO 6pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm AM Radio Assoc. 5-10pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm Apartment Assoc. Mtg. 6-9pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Fish Fry 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm VIP Group 10:30- Noon CAT &amp; THE FIDDLE 7-11pm FREE</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Bar Breakfast 9-Noon</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Miss Onalaska Send Off HALL 2-6pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Executive Meeting 5:30pm Post Meeting 7pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>\$3 Taco Special 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm NARVE 10am-Noon BINGO 6pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm La Crosse Co. Vets Mtgs. 1-4:30pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm Xcel Energy 5-7pm River City 4 Wheelers 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Fish Fry 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm KARAOKE 7-11pm FREE</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Celebration of Life in the Hall</p>	
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Troop 68 6-7pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Sheet Metal Workers Mtg. 3-5:30pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>\$3 Taco Special 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm BINGO 6pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm Food Pantry Mtg. 6-9pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Fish Fry 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm LARRY'S DRIFTERS 7-11pm FREE</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Bar Breakfast 9-Noon</p>	
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Private Event in Hall</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Sheet Metal Workers Local 18 Elections 9:30-6pm House/ Building Mtg. 6pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>\$3 Taco Special 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm BINGO 6pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm La Crosse Area Day Bus Trip Insurance Center Mtgs 12:30-6pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Fish Fry 11-2pm &amp; 4-8pm PINKSI BROTHERS BAND 7-11pm FREE</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Celebration of Life in Hall</p>	
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Private Event in Hall</p>							

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## S.A.L. News

**Breakfasts:** Our future breakfast dates in 2024 will be **September 15, October 20, November 17, and December 15**. In 2025 – **January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20 (Easter), and May 11 (Mother's Day)**. We topped this last year with 223 served on Mother's Day! What a busy exciting day for all of us. Whew! Dale Christianson won the brick drawing and Tina K. won the patriotic hanging flower basket drawing. 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.

**Board/Membership meetings** are normally held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Onalaska Legion.

**Car Show Sunday May 26th Volunteers:** A sincere Thank You to all the volunteers who cooked breakfast, served, and assisted in anyway. It's always a great show for the community and for our Legion.

**Our newly elected officers are:** Commander – Ben Zimmer; 1st Vice – Neil Merritt; Finance – Kent Stephan; 2nd Vice – Ralph Geary; Adjutant – Dan Ferries (& Jean Lunde); 3rd Vice: Rich Musolf; Sergeant at Arms – Sam Van Riper.

Please welcome them back to their respective positions!

**Stay Healthy & wishing you all a great summer!**

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

## S.A.L. Officers

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