



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

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Officers:

Commander: **Paul Roraff Sr**

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Adjutant: **Jim Binash**

Sgt. at Arms: **Ethan Niles**

Historian: **Bob Muth**

House Committee:

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

Building Committee:

**Commander, and 3 Legion
Members**

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,

Happy Father's Day!! The second reading of the recommended revisions for the By-Laws was conducted at the previous meeting on May 12th, 2025. The third reading following an opportunity for discussion prior to the vote to accept, will all be conducted at the June 9th, 2025, Membership Meeting at 7p.m. Recommended revisions 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 Membership Meetings can email their input to onalaskalegion@gmail.com.

American Legion Post 336 congratulates both recipients **Kent Stephan as the 2024 "Legionnaire of the Year" and Assistant Bar Manager Elizabeth Niles as the 2024 "Friend of the American Legion"** Please join us in thanking them both for their relentless and unwavering services to the American Legion Family.

Nominations and Elections for the Post Executive Officers and Committee Members were held at the previous meeting. Those elected are posted in this newsletter. The installation of the Elected and the Appointments will be at the next meeting on June 9th, 2025. at 7pm. Please join us in congratulating and thanking them for volunteering their time, as they take on these vital leadership roles!

We have a new Kitchen Manager! Please join us as we welcome Angi Kinstler to our American Legion Post 336 Family! We look forward to all the culinary expertise, leadership, and innovations that Angi has to offer in improving our food services. Welcome aboard Angi!!

Vital improvements essential to operations continue to progress! The new kitchen walk-in cooler has been installed and there are a few finishing touches to be completed for both an entrance/exit ramp safety adjustment and a shelving install outside of the cooler.

IMPORTANT BULLETIN: Following the election, not all positions were filled. Post 336 still needs House and Building Committee members. The Honor Guard is also in need of members. For any members interested in volunteering, 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

Service Officers Report



~ **SICK CALL** ~

**Lee Strozinsky,
Gary Skogen, Jeff Nylander**



~ **TAPS** ~

**Rudolph W. Bogusz
Jerry Bettesworth (non-member)**

From the 1st Vice . . .

HAPPY FATHERS DAY !!!!!

2025 Membership dues are nearly complete as we have surpassed 98% in renewals. Reminder, if you have not paid your 2025 dues, please do so as some members have been put on a grace period and are at risk of being in an expired (removed from rolls/membership) status. The 2026 Membership Dues begin July.

Thank you.

— HOWARD L HORMAN JR, 1ST VICE / MEMBERSHIP

Greetings Members and Guests!

Well, it's been one busy month. We started with some amazing individuals from Carry the Load who travel across country to join towns to walk in remembrance of those who fought and died for the freedoms we enjoy today. We continued our honor and remembrance during our Memorial Day celebration. Thank you to all who participated in the parade, ceremony and gathering after. It was a wonderful event. Another special thank you to the volunteers that make not only our events happen, but who help with the day-to-day tasks that keep this place running. We absolutely could not do it without you! With grad season in full swing, it is a huge help. **Truly, thank you!**

Christine, Bar Manager

Honor Guard Carl Solander

Carl Sjolander

has served on the Honor Guard since 1972. He graduated from Onalaska HS in 1962 and received a degree in architecture from Chicago Institute of Technology. Carl served in the Army for three years, of which one and a half years were in Vietnam. He married Cindy in 1970 and they have two adult children. Carl is a former Post 336 Commander and former District 7 Commander. He also is a member of 40/8 (Forty and Eight) and has served them as Grand Chef de Gare. His community involvement includes Lions Club, Knights of Columbus, and Boy Scout Scoutmaster. Thank you Carl for your service to our country, Post 336, and to Onalaska. We are honored to serve with you on the P336 Honor Guard.



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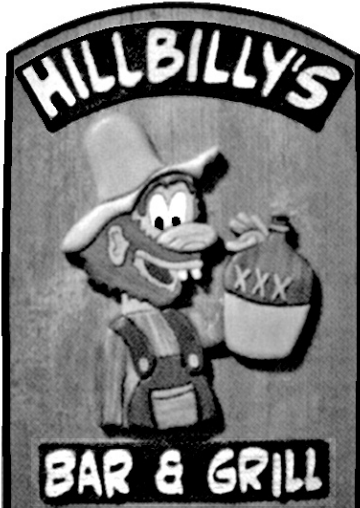
A tradition continues

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From the 2nd Vice ...

Hello to All,

May is here! And it's raining, which we really need.

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

Welcome new members, we salute you!



PAST HAPPENINGS

On May 12th Commander Paul Roraff and 2nd Vice Commander present a donation to ONAbility. The mission of ONAbility is to transition 18-21 year old students with varying disabilities from high school into adult employment and independent living. ONAbility is located in the East Wing of Irving Pertzsch Elementary School. The program space includes: a large space for PAES Lab, a classroom, and independent living skills, a break room/kitchen and a storage room for personal items.



This donation will help purchase a new heat press, silicone platen and garment cover, sublimation ink, lower heat press cover.

SCOUTING

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.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

— Onalaska Community Day on Saturday 2 August 2025. Family events 10:00am — 2:00pm. Bands Saturday night. More information to follow the next few months.

******REMINDER:** NO PARKING AFTER 2:00AM ON SATURDAY AUGUST 2nd, 2025. ANY VEHICLES LEFT AFTER 2:00AM WILL BE TOWED AT OWNERS EXPENSE.***

— **Dirk de Zeeuw**
2nd Vice

News from 3rd Vice / Historian

Did You Know?

How did we get the Post number of 336? Until my trip to Niagra Falls in New York I had no idea! While stopping in at American Legion Post 381 and talking to the locals, a member there asked me. She had a grin on her face waiting for an answer. I told her as the Historian I should know this but didn't. She explained that our post number is assigned at the time we applied and became a post in Wisconsin. So we are the 336th American Legion to open in the State of Wisconsin. That's why on our license plate display, we have multiple posts with the same number. Our display shows two other Posts with 336 from other states. Now you know!

Other news, our World War 1 plaque with all the WW1 veterans buried at Onalaska Cemetery is on display next to the Civil War veterans plaque. It's located at the building located in the center of the cemetery. Dedication of the plaque was on Memorial Day.

Finally, Bricks sales are slow but steady and a special thanks to the SAL who have been giving a brick away at their breakfasts as a drawing. Please support our SAL events as they do so much for our community.

And Remember, no matter where you go, that's where you will be!

Semper Fi!
Bob Muth-Historian





S.A.L. News

BREAKFAST BUFFETS: Thank all of our guest who attended the Mother's Day Buffet, we hit a top record of over 250 guests. Proceeds from the breakfasts continue to enhance our community including military and Legion families. The Mother's Day flower basket was won by Bev Rojas. We couldn't accomplish our tasks without our SAL and Auxiliary volunteers who are the backbone of our organizations. We sincerely appreciate each and every one of our gracious volunteers who provide their time and talents.

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. May Memorial Brick winner: Denny Holzer. Please follow up with Bob Muth and let him know it was from the SAL drawing for your brick.

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 of membership. Thank you to all of our members who have renewed in the last few months. It sincerely helps our Legion and the State achieve their goals.

VOLUNTEERS – We are in need of additional volunteers to help out for our breakfasts. Clean-up crew members are always appreciated. Please let Ben Zimmer know if you are able to help out during that time or other dates from September to May. Many hands make light work.

MONTH OF JUNE – 6th – D-Day the Anniversary of WWII Allied invasion in Normandy;
14th – Flag Day celebrating the adoption of the U.S. Flag and marks the Army Birthday;
12th – Women Veterans Day; 27th – National PTSD Awareness Day.

Wishing everyone a fun and eventful summer with family & friends.

**We'll be seeing you around the Legion!
Ben, Neil, Ralph, Rich, Dan, Kent, & Sam**



Looking for Volunteers ... Can you help?

The Legion is looking for weekly and monthly volunteers ...
"many hands make light work"



To give back/help please contact us at **608-783-3300**

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**

If you know of anyone who would like to advertise in the Newsletter, please send an email to onalaskalegion@gmail.com.

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

Be a Bar Fly for a day ...
YOUR BIRTHDAY!!

Here's how it works:
All Birthday Guests enjoy a free drink and entree on their birthday.

Sign ups must be done at least one month prior to your birthday. Bring your friends, but only the Birthday Guest redeems the FREEBIES!

See you soon!



~ Auxiliary ~

Welcome to all Auxiliary Members!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all who are celebrating a birthday this month!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

Election of Officers was held. There are 2 offices that remain open. IF you are interested in either 2nd Vice or Historian, please contact Shirley Berberich at 608-792-9862, and she will give you any information needed. Any interested member needs to be present at our next meeting.

Installation of officers will be held at our June 11th meeting, and those newly elected will be listed in our next newsletter.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success. The Activity Center location proved to be a great location. Plans and ideas for next years event will begin in the next few months. THANK YOU to all of the volunteers and to those who participated in the hunt.

Beginning in 2026, all ladies who have been a member of Auxiliary for 50 years, will have their annual membership dues paid!!!

The Auxiliary will be giving a donation of \$500 to the Onalaska Food Basket, also \$100.00 to Boy Scout Camp.

Remember, there will be no Auxiliary meeting in July!!!!

Liz Reekers, our Sunshine person, would like to be notified if you know of someone ill at home or in the hospital. Please give her a call at (608)783-3913 to let her know.



Want to meet new people? Do you have extra time on your hands? Show your support for our Veterans and their families and our organization by VOLUNTEERING!!! If you are interested, please check at the Post or with any member of Auxiliary for further information. You'll be glad you did!!

Take care everyone. Stay safe this summer, have fun, and we'll see you at the Post!

Shirley Berberich, President/ Membership Chair
Mary Powers, Secretary



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1st Vice:
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2nd Vice:

Kim Roraff

Secretary:

Mary Powers

Treasurer:

Sue Kelley

Sergeant at Arms:

Patty Maestas,

Mary Grenier

Historian:

Diane Culbert

Parliamentarian:

Delores Kenyon

Chaplain:

Arleen Nelson

Sunshine Chairwoman:

Liz Reekers

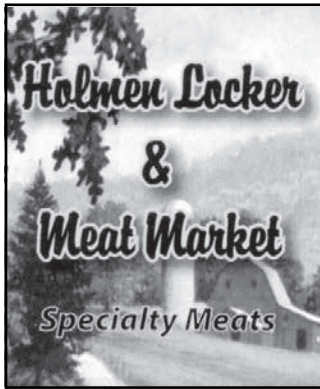


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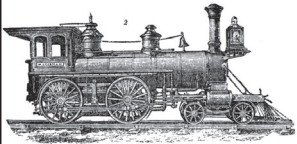
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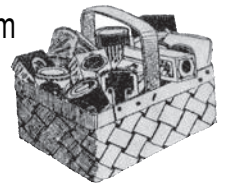
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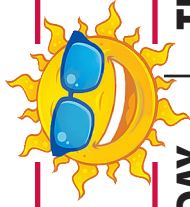
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Troop 68 6pm-7pm	2 Carpet Clean Broasted Chicken Special 4pm-8pm Pack 69 in Activity Center 5pm-7pm	3 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	4 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Vietnam Vets Breakfast/Coffee Social 10am - 11am AM Radion Mtg 5:30pm-9pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	5 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 12:30pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm GR Apartment Association Mtg 6-9pm	6 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm VIP Group 10:30-Noon DADDY'S GIRLS 7-11pm FREE	7 Bar Breakfast 9am-Noon Private Event in Hall Riverfest Idol 7-11pm
8 Pizza & Appetizers Open - Close Miss Onalaska Gathering in Hall 3pm-5pm	9 Broasted Chicken Special 4pm-8pm Executive Mtg 5:30pm Post Membership Mtg 7pm	10 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm NARVRE 10am-12pm BINGO 6pm	11 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Vietnam Vets Coffee Social 10am - 11am Lax County Vets 1pm-4:30pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm Auxiliary Mtg 7pm	12 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 12:30pm Excel Energy Mtg 5pm-7pm	13 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm THE EXECUTIVES 7-11pm FREE	14 Bar Breakfast 9am-Noon Karaoke 7pm
15 Pizza & Appetizers Open - Close Troop 68 6pm-7pm	16 Broasted Chicken Special 4pm-8pm Pack 69 in Activity Center 5pm-7pm	17 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	18 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Vietnam Vets Coffee Social 10am - 11am R&R 12:30pm-2pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	19 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 12:30pm	20 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm LARRYS DRIFTERS 7-11pm FREE	21 Bar Breakfast 9am-Noon Riverland Amateur Radio Club Flea Market 8am
22 Pizza & Appetizers Open - Close	23 Broasted Chicken Special 4pm-8pm Sheet Metal Local 18 4pm-6pm House/Building Mtg 6pm	24 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	25 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Vietnam Vets Coffee Social 10am-11am Insurance Center Mtgs 1pm, 3pm, 5pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	26 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 12:30pm	27 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm BIG LIQUOR 7-10pm FREE	28 Bar Breakfast 9am-Noon Private Event in Hall
29 Pizza & Appetizers Open - Close	30 Broasted Chicken Special 4pm-8pm Pack 69 in Activity Center 5pm-7pm					

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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)	Platz, Larry (51)
Christianson, Michael (56)	Roraff Sr, Philip (69)
Cota, Richard (58)	Rose, Daniel (54)
Cox, Daniel (50)	Running, Jr, Maurice (58)
Czeiska, Siegfried (52)	Schultz, James (53)
Devine, Donald (54)	Sherman, Ronald (56)
Erdman, David (50)	Sjolander, Carl (52)
Gehri, Dale (53)	Skogen, David (60)
Harebo, Elwood (61)	Skogen, Gary (60)
Helgerson, Rolf (59)	Thompson, Larry (54)
Hoff, Lloyd (56)	Thomson, Clare (58)
Horman Sr., Howard (59)	Walinski, George (63)
Johnson, Warren (54)	Weber, Stephen (53)

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Results of 2025 Post Executive Officers and Committee Elections

1. **Commander:** Paul Roraff Sr.
2. **First Vice:** Howie Horman, Jr.
3. **Second Vice:** Dirk de Zeeuw
4. **Thid Vice:** Kent Stephan
5. **Finance Officer:** Tim Irish
6. **Service Officer:** Lindsey Conrad
7. **Historian:** Bob Muth
8. **Sergeant at Arms:** Casey Jones and Ethan Niles
9. **House Committee** (*Two openings*): One nominee ran, one elected, Gary Blanchard
10. **Building Committee** (*Five openings*): Two Nominees ran, Two elected, Howie Horman, Jr. and Ethan Niles

Appointments Forthcoming

Staff Judge Advocate: Todd Bjerke

Adjutant: Jim Binash

Honor Guard Chairperson: Chuck Nick

Note: All to be installed at the 7pm June 9th, 2025
Membership Meeting