



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

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and 6 Legion Members

Building Committee:

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 have new bar manager, Rachel, who started December 18. Rachel brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the position. Please welcome her to the Post. The Post will have bands playing on December 31st (Larry's Drifters) and January 1st (Cat and Fiddle). On News Years Eve, from 4-7pm, there will be a steak fry. On News Year Day, we will have a sandwiches. There will not be a full menu schedule for either day.

On January 14th, we will be closed for the day. This will be for cleaning in the kitchen and bar area.

On January 18 thru the 20th, WI American Legion Mid-Winter conference will be at the La Crosse Center. Please plan on attending. Registration is \$25.00 before January 1, \$30.00 after that. We will need volunteers to help set up and be at registration tables. If you volunteer, the registration fee is waived. The Post will reimburse anyone who pays the registration fee. Contact Brad Heller at bheller65@hotmail.com.

com. Brad is helping with getting volunteers for this event.

Membership is going very well. At times you may get a request to pay dues after you have already paid. It takes a while for National to catch up with submitted payments.

Happy New Year. May you have a safe and enjoyable new year.

Jim Binash Post 336 Commander

BE VETERAN INFORMED and RECEIVE UPDATES

The County Veteran's Service Office
by referring to the website:

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OR use email: kthorn@lacrossecounty.org

OR 608-785-9719.

Service Officers Report

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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.

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 1 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.



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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La Crosse County Veteran Service Office is scheduled for community office hours on the second Wednesday of each month from 1-4:30pm at the Onalaska American Legion Post #336. Stop in to apply for disability compensation, education benefits, healthcare benefits, and more. No appointment required.



S.A.L. News

Breakfasts: *Dates are:* January 21, February 18, March 17 & 31 (Easter), April 21, and May 12 (Mother's Day) from 7:30 -11:00 a.m. Cost is \$12 per person age 11 & over, \$7 age 5-10, under 5 Free, and Veterans \$10.

Membership: If you have not paid your \$20 dues.... contact SAL Commander Ben Zimmer or First Vice - Neil Merritt at 608-797-4824 neilmerritt1@yahoo.com to bring yours up to date before you lose your years of being an active member. Recently a postcard was sent out from National with the incorrect amount of the SAL dues at Post 336, please be aware the dues are \$20 and are payable to the SAL at Post #336 in Onalaska. Also, if your dues are paid up as of December 31, 2023, we will be drawing 10 names to receive a memorial brick (\$50 value). So, get your \$20 dues paid up for a chance to win! A huge Thank you to all of our members who continue to support the Sons of the American Legion and Legion projects.

Memorial bricks: The SAL will be providing an opportunity to sign up at each breakfast for veterans to place their name in a drawing to be held after the breakfast for a free brick (\$50 value). If you attend all 10 breakfasts, you'll have a chance at each one. If you already have a brick, sign up for a chance and gift it to another veteran. Our December brick winner: Wayne Henthorn. Please contact SAL Commander Ben Zimmer to claim your brick.

Volunteers needed: We are in need of volunteers for the SAL Breakfasts. 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.

Board/Membership meetings are normally held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Onalaska Legion. Next meeting is January 20, 2024.

Wishing you all a Happy Healthy New Year. See you at the Legion!

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

S.A.L. Officers

Commander:

Ben Zimmer

1st Vice: Neil Merritt

2nd Vice: Ralph Geary

3rd Vice: Rich Musolf

Adjutant: Dan Ferries

Finance: Kent Stephan

Sgt. at Arms:

Sam Van Riper



From the 2nd Vice ...

Hello to All,

Happy New Year and happy Winter to all! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's celebration.

*Happy birthday to all our Legion members who have a birthday the month of January.
Welcome new members, we salute you!*



PAST

Troop 68 held their Christmas potluck dinner on Sun 17 Dec 23. Good food and plenty of game playing had by all.

PRESENT

On Sunday 7 January 2024 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, the Onalaska American Legion Girls Fastpitch Softball will be hosting an informational and recruiting meeting. Girls from Onalaska Luther High School and Onalaska High School that play fast pitch for LHS and OHS are encouraged to stop in.

Our Cub Scout Pack 69 is open to girls and boys in kindergarten to 5th grade. They

meet on the 1st Sunday of every month right here in the Legion hall from 5:00pm to 6:00pm. If you have a child or grandchild that is in K-5th grade and would like more information, please call me (Dirk de Zeeuw) 608-397-5485 or Amber Hatcher-de Zeeuw 608-406-6286. Reminders

- Membership meeting on Monday 8 January 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!

SAVE THE DATES!

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- Our Legion girls softball is having their 1st fundraiser which has Thurs 18 January 2024 at Burrachos in Onalaska:
 - all online orders placed on the Burrachos website will count towards the fundraiser and all day long in store orders from 10:30am-8:00pm. Customers must say they are there for the "Onalaska American Legion Girl's Softball". We need to have a minimum of 50 entrees to earn 25% of the sales.
- UWL ROTC Eagle Battalion will be hosting a junior/senior recruiting event here on Thurs 28 March from 1420hrs-1930hrs. This will be catered toward hunters and the spring turkey hunt. They have a smokeless range (large video game) that participants can test their shooting skills. They are also looking to bring in representatives from Fish and Game, Fort McCoy Outdoor Recreation, etc. And have several recruiting tables where high school students can learn more about their options with the military.
- 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**



~ Auxiliary ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS!

Wishing all Auxiliary members celebrating a birthday this month a very Happy Birthday!

Our next meeting will be January 10, at 7 p.m.

Please make sure that your membership is current. Any late membership dues may be paid to Shirley Berberich at any time at the Legion. (2023 dues \$30.00....2024 dues \$34.00)

Our Sunshine person would like to be informed if you know of someone who is ill at home or in the hospital. 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 to 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 the snowbirds. Stay WELL and stay WARM and we'll see you at the Post!

Shirley Berberich, President/Membership chairman
Mary Powers, Secretary



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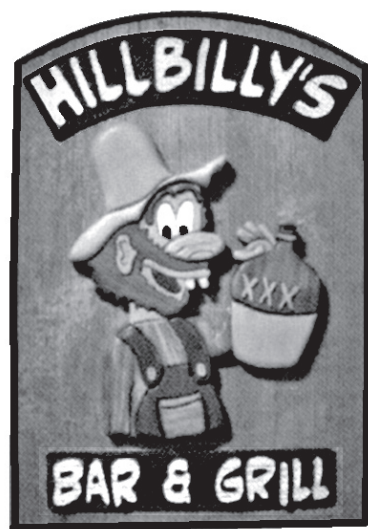


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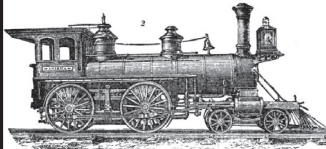
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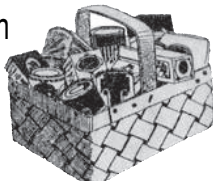
AMERICA IS AT WAR
A tradition continues
 A Blue Star Service Banner in the window of a home shows a family's pride in their loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces - and reminds others that preserving America's freedom demands great sacrifice.
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 735 Sand Lake Rd. - Mon.-Sat., 9-11am
 Checks may be sent to:
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 P.O. Box 311, Onalaska, WI 54650




SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 Cat and the Fiddle, Hall, noon - 4 pm	2 \$3 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4-8pm, Bar Modified Menu, BINGO, 6:30pm - 9pm	3 Homemade Lunch Special Bar, 11 am - 2pm Bar, \$5 Pizza Special, 4-8 pm Bar, Stick Drawing, 6-8 pm AM Radio Assoc Mtg, 5-10 pm	4 Hall, Euchre, 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar, \$4 Burger Special, 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm GRAA Mtg., 6-9 pm Coulee Sno-drifters, 7-9 pm	5 Bar, Fish Fry, 11am - 2 pm & 4pm - 8pm Don Harvey Duo, 7pm - 11pm	6	
7 Pack 69, 3-5 pm, Hall Troop 68, 6-7 pm, Hall American Legion Girls Softball, 7 pm	8 Carpet Cleaning Executive Meeting, 5:30pm Legion Meeting, 7 pm	9 \$3 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4-8pm Bar Modified Menu BINGO, 6:30pm - 9pm NARVE, 9-12 pm, Hall	10 Bar Homemade Lunch Special, 11-2 pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special, 4-8 pm Bar Stick Drawing, 6-8 pm La Grosse County Veterans Service Meeting, 1-4:30 PM Auxiliary Meeting, 7 pm Hall	11 Hall Euchre, 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Xcel Energy Meeting, 5-7 pm River City 4-Wheelers, 7:30 pm	12 Bar Fish Fry, 11am - 2 pm & 4pm - 8pm Karaoke with Rose, Bar, 7pm - 11pm	13 Private Event in Hall 11 am - 12 pm	
14 CLOSED for cleaning	15 House & Building Committee Meeting, 6pm	16 \$3 Taco Special, 11am - 2pm & 4-8pm Bar Modified Menu BINGO, 6:30pm - 9pm	17 Homemade Lunch Special Bar, 11 am-2pm Bar, \$5 Pizza Special, 4-8 pm Bar, Stick Drawing, 6-8 pm	18 Hall Euchre, 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm Food Pantry Meeting, 6-9 pm	19 Bar Fish Fry, 11am - 2 pm & 4pm - 8pm Larry's Drifters Hall, 7pm - 11pm	20	
21 SAL Breakfast, 7:30-11 am Troop 68, 6-7 PM	22	23 \$3 Taco Special, 11am - 2pm & 4-8pm Bar Modified Menu BINGO, 6:30pm - 9pm	24 Homemade Lunch Special, Bar 11 am-2pm Bar, \$5 Pizza Special, 4-8 pm Bar, Stick Drawing, 6-8 pm	25 Hall, Euchre, 12pm - 3pm Open to Public Bar, \$4 Burger Special 11am - 2pm & 4pm - 8pm	26 Bar Fish Fry, 11am - 2 pm & 4pm - 8pm B Sides Hall 7pm - 11pm	27	
28 Legion Baseball Meeting, 12-7 pm	29 Sheet Metal Meeting 3-5:30 pm, Hall House & Building Committee Meeting, 6pm	30 \$3 Taco Special 11am - 2pm & 4-8pm Bar Modified Menu BINGO, 6:30pm - 9pm	31 Homemade Lunch Special, Bar, 11am - 2 pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special, 4-8 pm Bar Stick Drawing, 6-8 pm				

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2024 SAL Breakfasts

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**January 21, February 18, March 17 & 31 (*Easter*),
April 21, and May 12 (*Mother's Day*)**

Time is 7:30 -11:00 a.m.

**Cost is: \$12 per person age 11 & over,
\$7 age 5-10, and Free age 0-5.**