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Onalaska American Legion

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

In the month of May, we will be having elections on May 13. The meeting starts at 7PM. The elections will commence when we get to New Business. To vote, your membership will need to be current. Attendance has been increasing and we expect a high turnout for the elections. May 27 is Memorial Day. We will start with a parade at 10:30am from the Legion, followed by a ceremony at the Onalaska Cemetery Veteran's Memorial site.

Since we have made some changes, thanks to our new bar manager, kitchen manager and administrative assistant, our financial reports have an increased positive bottom line. However, we will have some expenses such as replacing our fryers in the kitchen, adding a broaster and roof repairs.

Please consider attending the membership meeting, not only to vote on the leadership, but to exchange ideas. The American Legion is a leader in promoting the needs of our fellow veterans.

Take care and be safe.

Jim Binash Post 336 Commander

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OR 608-785-9719.

Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

Al Topel, Rich Musolf,
Rich Cora, Dick Polodna

~ TAPS ~

Jim Page – Member

Bruce Smith

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. I'm very excited to host a Kentucky Derby Party here on Saturday, May 4th. This year we will also 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

THIRD VICE

Memorial brick sales are increasing. There is still room at the Onalaska Memorial site. A brick is one way to honor a family member, or friend, who has served our country. Memorial Day is approaching. On the day of our services at the cemetery, it is nice to point out to others the memorial brick you purchased. Forms are available by the trophy case in the hall.

– **Semper Fi, Bob Muth**

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. Remember our services on Memorial Day at the cemetery grounds. All Americans should be thankful to our veterans.

– **Historian Bob Muth**

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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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S.A.L. News

Breakfasts: Our last one until later this year is on Mother's Day May 12th 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.

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. We will be taking a break from June to September with our breakfasts starting again on September 15, 2024.

Car Show Sunday May 26th Volunteers needed: We are in need of several volunteers to help with this Memorial Weekend event. SAL will be serving breakfast from 8-10am and lunch 11am-2pm. Registration for all makes/models of cars, trucks, modifieds, and bikes is from 9-noon. Also includes 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and the oldies with DJ Gerry Thrune. Show awards start at 2:45 pm. To volunteer contact Kent Stephan at 608-780-3294 or email at 62fisherman@live.com.

Board/Membership meetings are normally held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the Onalaska Legion. Next meeting is May 11, 2024.

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. A special thanks to an anonymous donor who made it possible to cover 3 more bricks for our drawings! Our March brick winners are: **Steve Netwal and Dick Marco.** Please contact SAL Commander Ben Zimmer to claim your brick.

Below is a list of members who won the drawing for a brick for being awesome and paying your dues! You will have until May 10, 2024 to claim your bricks. Please get them in ASAP.

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. As mentioned in previous newsletters the drawing was held for 10 members to receive a memorial brick (\$50 value). *The paid-up members drawn were:* **Justn Boutin, Randy Dewhirst, Ralph Geary, Patrick Paradise, Scott Price, Christian Lunde, Norman Reekers, Mark Schroeder, Charles Thoftne, and Jesse Wojahn.** **Please contact Ben Zimmer before May 10, 2024 to claim your brick to designate your brick as a memorial to a veteran.** A huge Thank you to all of our members who continue to support the Sons of the American Legion and Legion projects.

Stay Healthy & Cheers to all the Moms, Grandmas, Aunts, and Bonus Moms!

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

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 Ben Zimmer
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From the 2nd Vice ...

Hello to All,

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

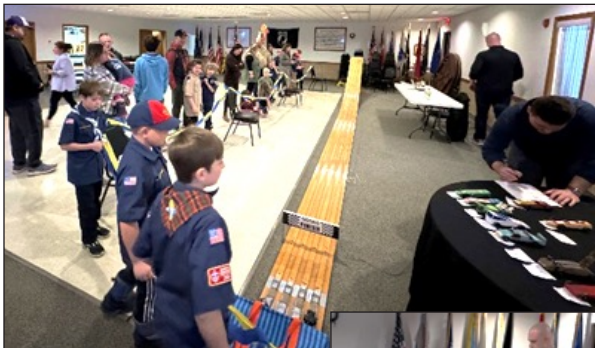
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Onalaska American Legion girls softball

Fund raiser: 25% of sales will be donated to our softball team

- Monday 6 May at the Onalaska location
- time: 4:00pm to 8:00pm in store
- online orders: all day!
- www.burrachos.com

The Onalaska Lions Club and with the support of the City of Onalaska, is proud to bring to your attention “Every Child’s Dream – Onalaska”. Their mission is to construct the first inclusive playground in Onalaska. An Inclusive Playground is specifically designed to remove physical and social barriers to all children, with and without disabilities, and or critical illnesses, can play side by side with their peers and family. 😊 The Lions Club estimate will be over \$750,000.00 and would like to have the project completed by fall 2024. Please consider making a tax-free donation for this great project. For more information contact: lionsonalaskawi@gmail.com, Jeff Woyak at jwoyak4@yahoo.com and or Jim Olson at jim.olson966@gmail.com. To donate: [Givebutter.com/playona](https://www.givebutter.com/playona).



Past Happenings

Cub Scout Pack 69 held their annual Pinewood Deby races here at the Legion on Sunday 24 March. A fun time was had by kids and adults.



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 wreath

The wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States that liberty might endure.



Next month the star

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 13 May 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!

- Monday 8 May 2024, Onalaska American Legion girls softball fund raiser at Burrachos – Onalaska location
- 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!

Wishing all of the Auxiliary members who have a birthday this month a very Happy Birthday and a Happy Mother's Day to all moms!



Our next Auxiliary meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, at 7 pm.

Our Easter Egg Hunt was a HUGE success with 174 children ..plus parents and grandparents in attendance. The weather was great and once again we are very thankful for the help of The Brotherhood Warriors, as well as our auxiliary volunteers. It was Eggsceptional!

The Past Commanders and Past Presidents Banquet was well attended. Our Auxiliary has one 50 year member, Nancy Hurm. Congratulation Nancy!

Monday, May 27th is Memorial Day. The Memorial Day Parade leaves Post 336 parking lot at 9:30 a.m. The program at the Onalaska Cemetery begins at 10:00 a.m.

Poppies will be distributed at the Onalaska Festival Foods on Friday, May 24, 10:00-2:00, which is National Poppy Day. They will also be available at the Post when the date gets closer. Please stop by and support our Veterans!

Anyone wishing to volunteer an hour or two at the Friday distribution of poppies at Festival, please leave your name and number at the Post.

Scholarship applications are available for seniors at the Post.

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 supporting our organization, our Veterans, and their families!

Stay well and stay safe and we will see you at the Post!

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

Auxiliary:

- President: Shirley Berberich (783-3892)
- 1st Vice: Shirley Berberich
- 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

Jeff Pralle - US Navy Veteran
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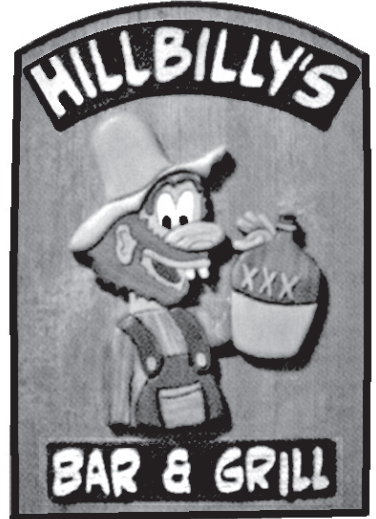


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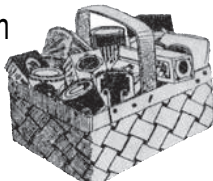
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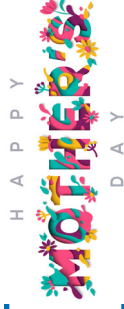
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 Meetings are every 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am at the Onalaska American Legion.

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 Donated items can be brought to:
 735 Sand Lake Rd. - Mon.-Sat., 9-11am
 Checks may be sent to:
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MAY 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		 S P R I N G				
5 Hall Booked- Celebration of Life Cinco de Mayo Specials in BAR	6 Carpet Clean HC/BC 6pm	7 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	8 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar \$5 Stick Drawing 6-8pm La Crosse Co Vets Mtg. 1-4:30pm Auxiliary Mtg. 7pm	9 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Xcel Energy 5-7pm River City 4 Wheelers 7:30pm	10 Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm KARAOKE 7-11pm FREE	11 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Private Event in the Hall
12 SAL Breakfast 7:30-11am	13 Executive Meeting 6pm Post Meeting 7pm	14 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	15 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar \$5 Stick Drawing 6-8pm Private Event in Hall 3-7pm	16 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Food Pantry Mtg. 6-9pm	17 Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm KARAOKE 7-11pm FREE	18 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Hall Booked- Celebration of Life
19 Hall Booked - Celebration of Life Troop 6-7pm	20 Sheet Metal Workers Mtg. 3-5:30pm	21 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	22 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar \$5 Stick Drawing 6-8pm Insurance Center Mtgs. 12:30-6pm	23 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm	24 Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm BUCK HOLLOW BAND 7-11pm FREE	25 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon
26 MEMORIAL WEEKEND CAR SHOW	27 Memorial Day Activities- Parade starts at 10:30am House/Building Mtg. 6pm???	28 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	29 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar \$5 Stick Drawing 6-8pm	30 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm	31 Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm B-Sides 7-11pm FREE	

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2024 SAL Breakfast

The 2024 date is:

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.



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.