



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

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Commander: **Paul Roraff Sr**
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 Historian: **Bob Muth**
 House Committee:
Commander, Finance Officer, and 6 Legion Members (4 of 6 filled)
 Building Committee:
Commander, and 5 Legion Members (3 of 5 filled)

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,

May is here and spring is in full swing, as are the finishes touches to the **Celebration of our Nation's 250th Birthday here at Post 336!** The date for the Celebration has been set for June 26th, 27th, and 28th. Please look for public release of the flyer for the scheduled events and activities. Any Member(s) who would like to **help support the Roof's Fundraising and 250th Birthday Planning Committees** by volunteering and/or to donate, please contact the Bar Staff or Commander.

On **Memorial Day, May 25th, 2026**, beginning at 09:30 AM, we will be honoring those that gave the ultimate sacrifice in Defense of our Nation with a parade from our post to the Onalaska Cemetery Veteran's site, followed by a ceremony.



NOTES OF SIGNIFICANCE:

*Our Posts yearly Officer Elections are this month at the 7:00 PM Membership Meeting on May 11th, 2026. Self-Nomination sheets have been posted on both the Main and the west bar entrance bulletin boards.

*Reminder: **For Members who haven't renewed their Membership for year 2026**, their individual status is now, unfortunately, in an **"EXPIRED"** status. To avoid being dropped from rolls, please support both the American Legion and your Post by **renewing** your Membership and returning to **"In Good Standing" ASAP**. This can be achieved either by USPS mail (addressed to: Onalaska Legion Membership Chair, 731 Sand Lake RD, Onalaska, WI 54650), in-person drop-off at the Posts Bar, or online at www.legion.org.

Thank you for supporting your Post 336 and the American Legion Family!

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

From the 1st Vice ...

May is here!!!

Membership renewals continue to be processed for 2026.

99.20% of the renewal goal has been met for 2026. Your continued support to our Post and the American Legion Family is indispensable and vital.

If you haven't renewed your 2026 Membership, your "In Good Standing" is now in an "EXPIRED" status. Please avoid being dropped from rolls by supporting you're the American Legion, Post, and your Membership by renewing now. Thank You for your invaluable support!

HOWARD L HORMAN JR, 1ST VICE/ MEMBERSHIP





HAPPY SPRING!! **from the Service Officer!**

Reminder: At the County Veterans Service Office (CVSO), Service Officer Jane Brannon is available to Veterans for assistance with Benefits, Claims, and Appeals Services, and how to file. If any Member has an inquiry or needs assistance with the process, please contact the CVSO directly at 608-785-9719 Located at 300 4th St N, Ia Crosse WI. For further info please visit the CVSO Website: www.lacrossecounty.org/veterans.

Eternally Grateful for your Service!!

– **Lindsay Conrad, Service Officer**

**Service Officers
Report**



~ **SICK CALL** ~
GEORGE WALINSKI

~ **TAPS** ~
TOM PEEK
ORVAL BECKER
(Non-Member)

Historian's Bulletin

To Honor America's 250th Birthday, the Onalaska Area Historical Society located at the Onalaska Library, is featuring Local Veteran Flags in a special display case nearest the entrance to the Museum. There are currently seven Local Veteran Flags on display, each with a short write up of the Veteran. All are encouraged to stop by and see the featured display. There is space available for more and are inviting any member of the Legion to bring in their Onalaska Veteran's Flag to add to the display. The display is estimated to be up at least through August, and the hours of the Museum are Mondays 6-8pm during the school year, Thursdays and Fridays from 2-4pm, and Saturday mornings from 9.30am.

– **Wayne Henthorn, Historian**



Breakfast Buffets

– *Please mark your calendars* –

May 10 (Mother's Day)

We serve two types of eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, waffles, fried potatoes, tater tots, sausage, bacon, ham, juice, milk, and coffee.

Proceeds from our breakfast continue to support our Veterans, Community, and Legion.

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**

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From the 2nd Vice

Hello to All,

Happy Spring!

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

Welcome new members, we salute you!

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 7276

- The girls are all working on their Silver Award. This requires 50 hours of work. Currently we have 2 individual projects and one group of 3.

OUR CUB SCOUT PACK 69

- They are getting ready for summer activities

OUR BOY SCOUT TROOP 68

- They are planning a trip to the Boundary Waters.

PAST HAPPENINGS

COULEE REGION LOG ROLLERS

The CRLR's held a fund raiser and recruitment on Saturday 18 April in the Legion's activity center. A big thank you to the Onalaska Fire Department for filling the log rolling pool up with water.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 68

Our **Eagle Scout Sam Stetsin** has enlisted in the US Army active duty. Good luck Sam!!



FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

- High Roller-Skating Center
- Children's Museum
- Coulee Golf Bowl-bowling
- Mini Golf: Goose Island Campground and Welch's Golf Course
- Jump Start
- Dahl Auto Museum
- Pla-Mor Lanes-bowling

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

COULEE REGION LOGROLLING supports amateur and professional rollers, offers year-round opportunities for beginners, and hosts the annual La Crosse Open Pro Tournament. Each Coulee Region Logrolling program's experienced coaches provide a fun and safe environment with great instruction and opportunities! Classes and events take place in La Crosse, Holmen, Onalaska, and La Crescent. For more information, please visit their website <https://www.couleeregionlogrolling.org/>.

CIVIL AIR PATROL LA CROSSE COMPOSITE SQUADRON:

Our Squadron is active in all three of the Civil Air Patrol programs: Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, and Emergency Services/Disaster Relief. La Crosse Composite Squadron focuses heavily on creating unique leadership

development opportunities for youth (and adult members). Civil Air Patrol serves as the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Membership is open to youth ages 12-21 and adults of any age. The La Crosse Composite Squadron is located 2906 Fanta Reed Road La Crosse, WI 54601, east side of La Crosse Airport. Phone 608-433-2814. Who we are <https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/about/who-we-are>.

NAVAL SEA CADETS BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN DIVISION USNSCC TRAINING SHIP ENDEAVOR USNLCC:

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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 Master Chris Matuska 608-769-7124

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 DATE

Saturday 18 April 2026: Coulee Region Log Rolling fund raiser and recruitment from 11:00am to 2:00pm

Saturday 1 August 2026: Onalaska Community Day – family events 10:00am-2:00pm

Saturday 3 October 2026: Friends of NRA 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off, 10:00am to 2:00pm activity center

– **Dirk de Zeeuw, Jr., 2nd Vice**

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.

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



The American Legion Family
www.legion.org



S.A.L. News

BREAKFAST BUFFETS: Our next breakfast is Mother's Day, May 10th from 7:30 – 11:00. Please mark your calendars for upcoming breakfasts for 2026.....May 10 (Mother's Day),

and starting again on September 20th (We take a break during the summer months). Breakfast includes two types of eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, waffles, fried potatoes, tater tots, sausage, bacon, ham, juice, milk, and coffee. Cost: \$12 per person age 11 & over, \$10 Veterans, Free 10 and under. Proceeds from our breakfast continue to support our Veterans, Community, Youth, and Legion.

ELECTIONS: Election sign-up sheets will be posted on the bulletin boards at the Onalaska Legion. If you are interested in serving in a position with the SAL, Please put your name on the sheet for nominations.

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. Please follow up with Kent Stephan and let him know it was from the SAL drawing for your brick.

VOLUNTEERS: We are in need of additional volunteers to assist with these breakfasts in the kitchen and serving. It's a pretty relaxed group and we always have a fun time. Many hands make light work!

MEMBERSHIPS: Thank you to each of our SAL Members who continue to support the SAL and Legion by keeping their dues current. If you have not paid your \$20 membership for 2026, please get in touch with Ben Zimmer or Neil Merritt....Or just send it in to SAL Commander Ben Zimmer at the Onalaska Legion, 731 Sand Lake Road, Onalaska, WI 54650. Let's make this year 100% paid up memberships!

SAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS: Held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Onalaska American Legion. Please note, meeting dates or times may be cancelled or changed based on scheduling conflicts or inclement weather. (Summer meetings are on call).

Wishing everyone a Happy May Day and Mothers Day!

See you at the Legion,

– Ben, Neil, Ralph, Rich, Kent, & Sam,
Dan (& Jean)

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 ~

Greetings, Members

Happy Birthday to all our May Auxiliary members, and a warm **Happy Mother's Day** to all.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

JUST THE FACTS

- The U.S. flag has **50 stars** representing the states and **13 stripes** for the original colonies.
- **"In God We Trust"** became the national motto in 1956.
- **"The Star-Spangled Banner"** was designated the national anthem in 1931.
- The **U.S. Constitution** took effect in 1789.
- The geographic center of the 50 states lies near **Belle Fourche, South Dakota.**

PAST BUSINESS

Our Easter Egg Hunt was unfortunately cancelled due to weather. We won't let that slow us down — planning for 2027 is already underway.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Poppy Distribution

We will be handing out poppies at **Festival Foods in Onalaska** on **Saturday, May 23**, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Auxiliary Scholarships

Scholarship applications are due **June 15**. Forms are available **behind the bar**. If you would like to donate a **themed gift basket** for raffle, please contact: **Kim Roraff – 608-790-1638**

MEMBERSHIP

Membership dues must be paid by the **end of August** to avoid losing active status. To make a payment or confirm your status, please contact: **Shirley – 608 792 9862**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a member who is hospitalized or ill at home, please notify our Sunshine representative: **Liz Reekers – 608-783-3913**

*– Respectfully,
Kim Roraff, President*



Auxiliary:

President:
Kim Roraff
1st Vice:
Shirley Berberich
2nd Vice:
Bobbi Garves
Secretary:
Mary Powers
Treasurer:
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Patty Maestas**
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From the Kitchen at Post 336!

Kitchen Update

The kitchen has been busy, and we love seeing so many familiar faces coming through! From weekly favorites to special events, it's been a great season of good food and great company here at the Legion.

As we head into summer, things are only picking up. With a full calendar of events ahead, the kitchen is gearing up to keep everyone fed and happy — whether you're stopping in for a fish fry, grabbing a quick bite, or settling in for a night of music and fun.

We'd still like to give a big thank you to those who lend a hand in the kitchen. Your help keeps things running smoothly and is always appreciated.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who continues to come out and support the Legion. It's what keeps the doors open, the grills hot, and the good times rolling.

We're looking forward to a busy summer ahead — come hungry, bring some friends, and we'll see you at the Legion!

— **Angi, Kitchen Manager**

Hello Legion Family!

Bar Update

Welcome to May at the Legion! As we head into the start of a busy and exciting summer season, there's no better place to gather than right here with friends, neighbors, and fellow members.

A quick reminder — this is the **final month to use your current drink chips**, so be sure to bring them in and cash them out before the new chips roll out on June 1st. Don't let those old chips go to waste!

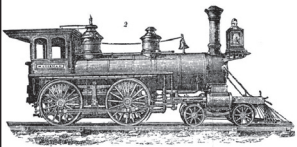
With warmer days ahead, our calendar is filling up fast with events, live music, and plenty of reasons to stop in and stay awhile. Whether you're here for a cold drink, good conversation, or a night of dancing, the Legion is the place to be all summer long.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the **All American 250th Celebration** happening at the end of June — a can't-miss event as we come together to celebrate, connect, and kick off the heart of summer in true Legion style.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We're proud to be a place where community, camaraderie, and good times come together. We'll see you at the bar!

— **Elizabeth, Asst Bar Manager**

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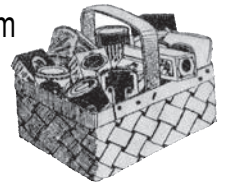
**Call: Doug Fischer
at 608-269-0989.**

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

**The Food Basket is serving an
increasing number of people and
requests donations of food and money.**

Donated items can be brought to:
735 Sand Lake Rd. – Mon.-Sat., 9-11am

Checks may be sent to:
Onalaska-Holmen Food Basket
P.O. Box 311, Onalaska, WI 54650



La Crosse County ADRC

Do you have some spare time? Would you like to feel good about helping the great communities of Onalaska and Holmen?

We are looking for people to deliver meals to homebound seniors and to help out at the Onalaska and Holmen Senior Dining Centers.

Who knows, you may see your neighbor there.

Please contact La Crosse County ADRC at 785-5700.



**LaCrosse Area
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p></p> <p>Open @ 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Troop 68 6-7 pm</p>	<p>Carpet Cleaning Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Pack 69 5PM-7PM</p>	<p>\$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Red Cross Blood Drive 9am - 1pm BINGO 6pm</p>	<p>Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Vets Group 10am-11am \$6 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm Am Radio Meeting 5:30-7 pm</p>	<p></p> <p>Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1PM \$4 Burger Special 11am-2pm & 4-8pm DJ Trivia @ 6pm GRAA Meeting 6-9 pm</p>	<p>Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm VIP Group 10:30am - Noon Cruze Control @ 7pm</p>	<p>Open @ 10am Pizza & Apps 10am-10pm Don Harvey Duo in Bar 6-9 pm Wedding Reception In Hall 3pm - 8pm</p>
<p>Open @ 10am Pizza & Apps All Day SAL Breakfast 7:30-11 am COL 12-4 pm</p>	<p>Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Executive Meeting 5:30pm Membership Meeting 7 PM</p>	<p>\$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm NARVE 10am- Noon BINGO 6pm</p>	<p>Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Vets Group 10am-11am La Crosse County Vets 1-4:30 PM \$6 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm Auxiliary Meeting 5:30-7 pm</p>	<p>Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1PM \$4 Burger Special 11am-2pm & 4-8pm DJ Trivia @ 6pm Xcel Energy Meeting 5-7 PM</p>	<p>Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm Red Cross Employee Event in Hall 8-4 Larry's Drifters @ 7PM</p>	<p>Open @ 10am Pizza & Apps 10am-10pm Retirement Party in the Bar 2pm 6PM Bar Anniversary Party 7-10pm Karaoke with Party Time Entertainment</p>
<p>Open @ 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Troop 68 6-7 pm</p>	<p>Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Local 18 Meeting 4-6 pm Pack 69 Meeting 5-7 pm House Building Meeting 7pm</p>	<p>\$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm</p>	<p>Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Vets Group 10am-11am Versati Blood Drive 9am - 4PM \$6 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm</p>	<p>Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1PM \$4 Burger Special 11am-2pm & 4-8pm DJ Trivia @ 6pm 6:30 Jazz Band Practice</p>	<p>Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm B-Sides @ 7PM</p>	<p>Open @ 10am Pizza & Apps 10am-10pm Party in Hall at 4:30 Meat Raffle 3-4 pm Tom Carpenter Acoustic in the Bar 4-7pm</p>
<p>Open @ 10am Pizza & Apps All Day</p>	<p>Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Parade at 9:30am Social Gathering Afterwards at Post</p>	<p>\$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm</p>	<p>Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Vets Group 10am-11am \$6 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6pm</p>	<p>Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1PM \$4 Burger Special 11am-2pm & 4-8pm DJ Trivia @ 6pm 5:30 - 7 PM PWH</p>	<p>Fish Fry 11-2pm & 4-8pm The Endorphins @ 7PM</p>	<p>Open @ 10am Pizza & Apps 10am-10pm Private Celebration in Hall All Day</p>
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Bean, Richard (55)	Guy, John R (50)	Roraff Sr, Philip (70)
Betz, Thomas (50)	Helgerson, Rolf (60)	Rose, Daniel (55)
Borchert, Lynnette (51)	Hoff, Lloyd (57)	Running, Jr, Maurice (59)
Braund, Rodney (57)	Horman Sr., Howard (60)	Schultz, James (54)
Briggs, Keith (63)	Johnson, Warren (55)	Sjolander, Carl (53)
Brueggen, Stanley (54)	Kortebein, Michael (63)	Skogen, David (61)
Christianson, Michael (57)	Kowal, James (55)	Thompson, Larry (55)
Cota, Richard (59)	Kowal, Robert (56)	Thomson, Clare (59)
Cox, Daniel (51)	Lafleur, David (53)	Walinski, George (64)
Czeiska, Siegfried (53)	McWain, Gile (67)	Weber, Stephen G. (54)
Devine, Donald (56)	Newberry, Jr, Clarence (60)	
Erdman, David (51)	Olson, Wayne (50)	