



# Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

## 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 !

Legionnaire Family,

**Holiday Greetings from Post 336 wishing you a Merry Christmas and hope your Holidays are met with warm and lasting memories!**

The By-Laws Revision Committee has met twice and is working diligently reviewing the Posts By-Laws making recommended amendments to stay current with the post's needs, structure, and order. Following the Committees concluded assessment, the Membership will be informed of the recommended revisions for their review.

The Activity Center roof has been replaced on schedule and looks great! Thank you to our Building Committee Chairperson Kent Stephan, and all involved for getting this project accomplished!

**Attention all Vietnam Veterans!** Here at Post 336, on **Vietnam War Remembrance Day, March 29th, 2025**, beginning at 11AM, there will be a Welcome Home Celebration to commemorate the **50th Anniversary** of the end of the Vietnam War to Honor and Salute those who have served during the war. Tickets go on sale on December 7th. Vietnam Veterans can get more details and tickets at Event Brite website address: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vietnam-veteran-welcome-home-50th-anniversary-tickets-1069930353489?aff=oddtcreator>. For more information, please email lacrossecountylegion@

gmail.com or contact County Commander Brad Heller at brheller65@gmail.com or Committee Chair/2nd Vice Commander Todd Phillips at [commanderpost284@gmail.com](mailto:commanderpost284@gmail.com) Seating capacity is limited, so please register soon.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Post 336 is **still** in immediate need of a Service Officer, and Honor Guard members. For any members interested in volunteering for these positions, please contact the Commander or 1st Vice Howard Horman Jr.

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!!!!**

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

**Paul Roraff Sr. COMMANDER**



### Service Officers Report



~ SICK CALL ~

**Dale Schermerhorn**



~ TAPS ~

**Pat Braillis - Ronald Fass**

**Gary Kulmann - Thomas Donovan**

## From the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice . . .

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!** Membership is moving along as we topped 75% last meeting, but since then the renewals have slowed down. As a reminder, next year's dues should be paid by December 31st 2024. **So let's get-together at Post 336 December 14th for the 2PM ARMY/NAVY game**, which is a perfect opportunity to stop in to pay your dues and hang out with your fellow Veterans. GO ARMY!!!

**HOWARD L HORMAN JR.**  
**1ST VICE/ MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

*Merry Christmas*  
**& HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## 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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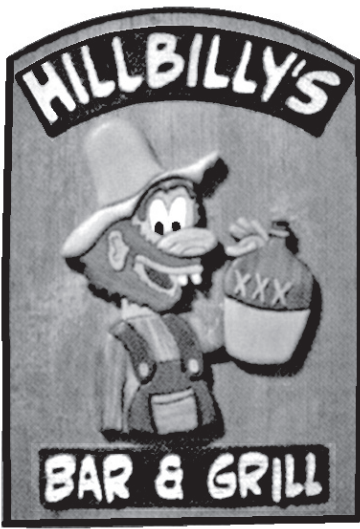
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# Greetings Members and Guests!

'Tis the season, the holidays are here! We have lots of great events coming up that will get you right in the feels. Please keep an eye on the events calendar to take advantage. Also, take note that some of our weekly happenings will be canceled or have time adjustments due to the season. One example is our weekly Bingo. There will be NO BINGO on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. We are excited to welcome you in January when the Charity of the Month will be The Onalaska Historic Society.

The Warrior Brotherhood is hosting a Sketti with Santa event on Dec. 7th. Bring a toy for donation, and receive a delicious plate of Spaghetti. There is also a donation bin at our location, collecting toys for children. Any gifts are appreciated. The exciting rivalry of the ARMY vs NAVY football game will be celebrated here this month. Join us for good fun with fellow veterans. The December SAL Breakfast will have a surprise visitor... (SANTA!) and live music. The list of holiday goodness just keeps going.

Don't forget to put a little Post 336 cheer in everyone's stockings this year! Gift cards and great merch available any time.

*Merry Christmas! Stop by and feel the Holiday Cheer. We are saving a seat for you.*

Rachel Rausa  
336barmanager@gmail.com



## 2024 - 2025 SAL Breakfasts



**Breakfast Buffet is December 15.**

**In 2025 – January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20 (Easter), and May 11 (Mothers Day).**



**Cost: \$12 per person age 11 & over, \$7 age 5-10, Free under 5, \$10 Veterans**

*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.*



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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

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

### Hello to All,

**Merry Christmas!** If you will be traveling to be with family and or friends, safe travels.

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



### PAST HAPPENINGS

**LUTHER HIGH SCHOOL - GIRLS TENNIS** (Coach Mark Ross) Congratulations to the following girls tennis players that went to the WI State tennis tournament: Karly Miller, Julia Larson, and Emma Kolb.

**Per Dan Unke – Athletic/Activities Director:**

#### VOLLEYBALL

Finished the season second in the Coulee Conference and a final record of 18-14. We lost in the second round of the playoffs in a 5 set match down at Richland Center.

#### FOOTBALL

Football had the best season Luther has had in quite some time. There was quite a bit of uncertainty about the success our program would have this year as we switched from the Scenic Bluffs Conference to the Coulee Conference. We were picked to finish last. We ended up in 3rd place behind Aquinas and West Salem. We finished the regular season with a 7-2 record and then beat Ladysmith 43-14 in the first game of the playoffs. In round 2, we traveled to the #1 seed Regis and lost a close one 14-17. Final record was 8-3.

#### CROSS COUNTRY

The Cross-Country teams steadily improved all year long. The girls team was one girl short of having an official team so there were no team results throughout the season. The boys team had a couple great showings, finishing second, third, fourth, and fifth as a team in meets throughout the season. No runners advanced past the first round of the playoffs.

#### ONALASKA HIGH SCHOOL – GIRLS TENNIS

(Coach Kurt Gutknecht)

Onalaska girl's tennis finished the season with an overall 12-8 record, while going 5-1 in the MVC - finishing in 2nd place. Singles players Alex Drazkowski and Mara Klein were chosen for the MVC's first team, as well as the doubles team of Grace Fabian/Tsion Benusa.

Alex Drazkowski qualified for the WIAA state meet. Congratulations!

#### ONALASKA HIGH SCHOOL – CROSS COUNTRY

**3X STATE CHAMP MANNY PUTZ** – ICYMI: Manny won state on Saturday! With a first-place time of 15.07.5, he became just the 7th runner in Wisconsin Boys' Cross Country's 112-year history to win three titles. A phenomenal athlete, Hilltopper, and person. Well deserved, Manny!

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Coulee Region Friends of NRA is a chapter of the Friends of NRA, a fundraising program for the National Rifle Association (NRA) Foundation:

#### • What is the Friends of NRA?

The Friends of NRA is the NRA Foundation's primary fundraising program. It hosts over 600 fundraising events each year, including banquets, auctions, and dinners

#### • What do Friends of NRA events include?

Friends of NRA events feature: games, auctions, exclusive merchandise, dinner banquets, limited edition firearms, knives, art, jewelry

#### • Where can I learn more about Friends of NRA events?

You can learn more about Friends of NRA events and sponsorship programs at FriendsOfNRA.org and or the Coulee Region Friends of the NRA: Hurbert Hoffman 608-792-0669, hurberthoffman@outlook.com.

#### • What do the funds raised at Friends of NRA events support?

The money raised at Friends of NRA events benefits The NRA Foundation, which supports programs such as: youth education, law enforcement training, hunter education, conservation, firearms and marksmanship training and safety, and high school trap teams.

### SCOUTING

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.

Our **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.

Our **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.

### REMINDERS

- Membership meeting on Monday 9 December 2024 at 1900 hrs. See you there!
- LHS and OHS Winter sports and other programs begin in November. Be sure to support our local teams!
  - basketball (b/g)
  - gymnastics (g)
  - swimming (g)
  - wrestling (b/g)
  - hockey (b/g)
  - dance team (OHS g)
  - Show Choir (OHS)

### Save the Dates!

- Onalaska American Legion softball fund raiser, chicken dinner, date and time TBD
- The Friends of the NRA annual Spring banquet 27 March 2025 at Stoney Creek Hotel in La Crosse. Time TBD

### FUN INFO

Below is some info for you youngsters on the Tri-City Crushers semi-pro football team from Eau Claire, WI.

If you would like more information, scan the QR Code below or call Christie Lewis at 608-498-8893.

**Dirk de Zeeuw**  
**2nd Vice**

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## ~ Auxiliary ~

### Welcome Auxiliary Members!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to all Auxiliary members celebrating a birthday this month!

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, at 7 p.m.

**The Auxiliary Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 11 @ 7 p.m. at BLUE MOON.**

**A short business meeting will take place before party begins.**

*Please sign up at the Legion. There will be a red folder, at the bar, for you to sign your name. Members are asked to bring a white elephant gift to exchange and also bring a non-perishable item for the Onalaska Food Basket. The deadline for sign up is December 6.*



When you address your Christmas cards this year, please consider sending one or two to residents at the Onalaska Care Center. Cards may be sent to Onalaska Care Center 1600 Main Street. Onalaska, WI c/o Rec Therapy, Or they can be dropped off at the Legion marked CARE CENTER, and we will see they are delivered.

Thank you to all ladies who have paid their 2025 membership!!!

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring two families for Thanksgiving and also for Christmas!

Donations from the Auxiliary will be made to The Freedom Trail Project and also to The Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by Holmen/Onalaska Rotary.

THANK YOU...to everyone who has donated to the Onalaska Food Basket these past few weeks. We will continue through the month of December to help the many who are in need.

If you know of someone ill at home or in the hospital, please contact our Sunshine person Liz Reekers at 608-783-3913 to let her know.

We are sorry to hear of the loss of Gold Star Mother, Fern Jacobs. She was 95 yrs old, a member of Auxiliary Post 336 since 1981. May she rest in peace!

If you have extra time on your hands, please consider being a volunteer at the Legion. There are various opportunities for you to donate your time. Please check at the bar and THANK YOU for supporting our organization, The Veterans and their families! Your generous donation of time helps keep our Legion family strong!

**Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Enjoy time spent with family and friends.  
Stay healthy... safe travels to all... and we will see you at The Post!**

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

### Auxiliary:

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**Shirley Berberich**  
(783-3892)

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**Shirley Berberich**

2nd Vice:  
**Kim Roraff**

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**Patty Maestas,**  
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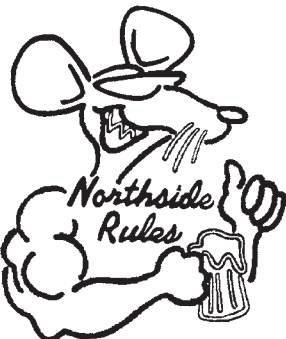
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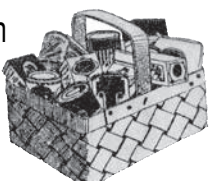


**Call: Doug Fischer  
 at 608-269-0989.**  
**Meetings are every  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 am  
 at the Onalaska American Legion.**

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
1 Troop 68 6-7pm	2 Private Event in the Hall Pack 69 5-7pm	3 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	4 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm R&R Program 12:30-1:30 AM Radio Assoc. 5-10pm	5 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Apartment Assoc. Mtg 6-9pm Packer Specials 7pm	6 VIP Group 10:30-Noon Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm B-Sides 7-11pm FREE	7 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Sketti with Santa	
8 Private Event in the Hall	9 Executive Meeting 6pm Post Meeting 7pm	10 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	11 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm La Crosse County Vets Meetings 1-4:30 Auxiliary 7pm	12 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Xcel Energy 5-7pm	13 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm KARAOKE 7-11pm FREE	14 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon Private Hall Event- Santa's List ARMY/NAVY Game Day Specials 2pm	
15 SAL Breakfast Buffet 7:30-11am Troop 68 6-7pm	16 R & R Program 12:30-1:30pm Pack 69 5-7pm	17 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	18 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm VA In-Person Town Hall 5pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	19 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm	20 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm LARRY'S DRIFTERS 7-11pm FREE	21 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon	
22 Packer Potluck Party in Bar @ Noon	23 Carpet Clean House/Building Meeting 6pm	24 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Christmas Eve - NO BINGO! Bar open until 4pm	25 Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS! 	26 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm	27 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm ANDERSON ROAD 7-11pm FREE	28 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon	
29 Packer Potluck Party in Bar @ Noon	30 New Year's Eve - NO BINGO! LARRY'S DRIFTERS 2-6pm FREE	31 New Year's Eve - NO BINGO! LARRY'S DRIFTERS 2-6pm FREE					

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## DECEMBER 2024 Newsletter



## S.A.L. News

**Breakfast buffet December 15, 2024. Santa will be making a visit before Christmas at this breakfast, so bring the kiddos or those young at heart! There will also be live Christmas music! In 2025 Breakfasts will be – January 19, February 16, March 16, April 20 (Easter), and May 11 (Mothers**

**Day) from 7:30am – 11:00am. Cost: \$12 per person age 11 & over, \$7 age 5-10, Free under 5, \$10 Veterans. These breakfasts are normally held on the third Sunday of the month unless they are moved to coincide with a holiday.** 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. A huge Thank You to our gracious volunteers with SAL and Auxiliary who are the backbone of our organizations. We sincerely appreciate each and everyone of you for stepping forward to make our organizations and the Legion great!

**Volunteers** - We are in need of additional volunteers to help out for January and February when some of the crew is vacationing in warmer climates, illness, etc. Please let Ben Zimmer know if you are able to help out during that time or other dates from September to May.

**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 (across from where you pay). October winner was Jeff Schroeder and November winner was Fred Craig. Congratulations!

**Memberships:** 2025 Cards are here - get your dues paid up and help our Legion reach 100% in memberships!

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

**Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We'll see you around 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,  
Jean Lunde

**Finance:** Kent Stephan

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