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Onalaska American Legion

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**Commander, and 3 Legion
Members**

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,

The By-Laws Committee is near finalizing its review to present to the Membership. Recommended revisions (subject to updates) 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. As in the previous Membership Meeting, another and final review will be conducted at the February Membership Meeting. The projected date to bring the By-Laws recommended revisions to the floor for a vote is the March 10th, 2025 Meeting.

As American Legion Membership milestones are reached thru Good Standing, not all are captured due to software/technical/website errors which we have been correcting. Please review your membership status of your continuous years located on your Membership card. If you feel it's in error, please notify 1st Vice Howard Horman Jr. or myself for rectification. Any corrections will be reflected in future Newsletters as needed.

I would like to announce Post 336's great appreciation and to congratulate both Members, Timothy Irish in his appointment as the new Finance Officer, along with Wayne Henthorn as Service Officer in addition to his service in the Honor Guard. Please congratulate and thank them.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Post 336 is **still** in immediate need of Honor Guard 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**

From the 1st Vice . . .

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!!!! Membership is moving along as we have topped 90%. Reminder, if you have not paid your 2025 dues please do so soon to keep yourself in good standing. Also, please check your continuous years as we have had some discrepancies with some of the membership. Thank you.

– **Howard L Horman Jr., 1st Vice/ Membership Chair**

Service Officers

Report

~ TAPS ~

John Bates

Jim Morgan



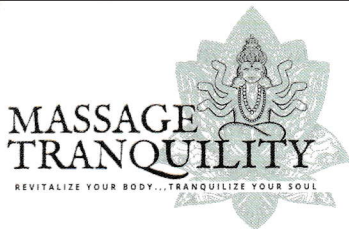
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Last/First Name(years)

Allen, Ron (56)	Lafleur, David (52)
Bean, Richard (54)	McWain, Gile (66)
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Braund, Rodney (56)	Nichols, Leonard (63)
Briggs, Keith (62)	Platz, Larry (51)
Brueggen, Stanley (53)	Roraff Sr, Philip (69)
Christianson, Michael (56)	Rose, Daniel (54)
Cota, Richard (58)	Running, Jr, Maurice (58)
Czeiska, Siegfried (52)	Schultz, James (53)
Devine, Donald (54)	Sherman, Ronald (55)
Gehri, Dale (53)	Sjolander, Carl (52)
Harebo, Elwood (61)	Skogen, David (60)
Helgerson, Rolf (59)	Skogen, Gary (60)
Hoff, Lloyd (56)	Thompson, Larry (54)
Horman Sr., Howard (59)	Thomson, Clare (58)
Johnson, Warren (54)	Walinski, George (63)
Kortebein, Michael (61)	Weber, Stephen (53)
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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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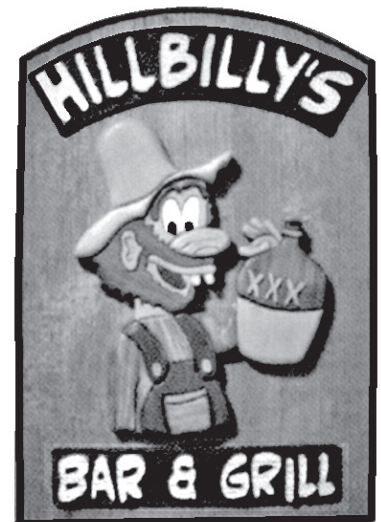
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Honor Guard in Review

My name is Chuck Nick and I'm a member of Post 336 Honor Guard (HG). Wayne Henthorn and I coordinate the event participation of the HG. When Rich Musolf retired from active duty in the HG, I became the contact person for funeral home directors and various community event organizers who seek the services of our HG.

Our main function is to assist with the military honors at funerals. Active military personnel fold the flag and present it to the surviving spouse or next of kin while the HG fires rifles in a salute to the deceased and plays taps using a bugle that sounds a recording. We collect the spent brass casings and present them to the family in honor and gratitude for the service the deceased provided to our country.

Community events in which the HG has participated include the Memorial Day ceremony at Onalaska Cemetery where we fire a salute in memory of those military who gave their lives in service to our country. After that ceremony we fire and play taps at Hauser Cemetery and Asbury Cemetery for the same reason. On Veterans Day the HG presents the colors at programs at Luther HS and Gundersen Onalaska Clinic. The HG also presents the colors at two golf outings in the area that raise money for veterans with disabilities. And the HG has been privileged to present the colors at the send off ceremony of the Freedom Honor Flight.

In 2024 the HG assisted at 28 funerals, fired salutes on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, presented the colors at two golf outings and the Freedom Honor Flight departure ceremony. HG members are proud to serve and do so year round.

The HG has 11 active members with an average age of 75. A twelfth member is out of the area on work assignment. Our members are Neale Horman, Carl Sjolander, Tom Puent, Bill Crail, Rich Cota, Chuck Nick, Warren Johnson, Wayne Henthorn, Jeff Mills, Steve Sjolander, Jim Binash, and Jeremy Neumann (currently on work assignment). Rich Musolf continues to serve as an inactive member.

If you'd like to join our ranks, then express your interest to any one of us. You don't need to be 75 years old. Legion or SAL, we welcome all.



News from 3rd Vice / Historian

Greetings Troops!

Has anyone noticed we have a tank parked at our entrance to the post! As your Historian, I got to wondering about our tank and when did we get it, what kind is it? I was able to find records that we parked that fine piece of armor there 1998. I asked around and no one could tell me how we obtained it or who got it until I called Karl Sjolander who said to speak with our Commander at the time Jim Nelson. Jim was the one that had connections and was able to get the tank for our post. I stopped by Jim's house and he said he also tried to get us a P-51 fighter too but the government said no, as we had no air bases near us. Jim explained how the tank was striped of it's motor and most of the equipment inside. They also welded the two hatches shut, for our own safety!



Our tank is a M60A3 given to us by 1st BN 632D Armor Wisconsin National Guard (I noticed a plaque mounted on the front of the tank)

I wonder if we could get a Huey or Cobra helicopter to fly over our tank? We have water, so I thought a decommissioned submarine? Just a thought Al Cagel, just a thought.

On another subject I ordered our World War 1 plaque to go next door to the Civil War Plaque at the cemetery. It takes the company a few months to make. Plans are being made (again when it's warm) for the dedication. We should never forget those who served before us and hope some day, future generations will remember us.

TANKS for your Attention!

Semper Fi

Bob Muth

3rd Vice/Historian/House Committee

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 2nd Vice . . .

Hello to All,

Happy Valentine's Day!

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

Welcome new members, we salute you!

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

Remember to support our local schools in all their winter sports and winter activities.

Save the Dates!

- ❖ The Friends of the NRA annual Spring banquet 27 March 2025 at Stoney Creek Hotel in La Crosse. Time TBD
- ❖ Onalaska American Legion softball fund raiser, chicken dinner on Sunday 27 April 2025 from 4:00pm-8:00pm. Dine in or take out.
- ❖ 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..

— **Dirk de Zeeuw, 2nd Vice**

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2025 SAL Breakfasts



Breakfast Buffes are:
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.



~ Auxiliary ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

Happy Birthday wishes to all Auxiliary members celebrating a birthday this month!

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, at 7p.m.

A reminder once again to those who still have not paid their membership to please contact Auxiliary President, Shirley Berberich at Post 336.

A guest speaker, Mary Anderson, attended our January meeting giving us information regarding the Americanism Essay contest. This contest information will be available to middle school and high school students at the school they attend.

There will be election of officers coming up in May! If you are interested in running for an office or have any questions regarding any specific office, please let us know.

We will be sponsoring two junior girls from Onalaska High School and from Onalaska Luther for Badger State Girls in June.

The first reading of suggested revisions to our current Standing Rules were presented to the membership, with the second reading to be presented at our February meeting.

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.

If you have extra time on your hands, please consider volunteering with us at Post 336. There are various opportunities for you to lend a hand. With your willingness to help and show of support, we continue to be successful. Thank you for your support!

BRRRRing out the extra blankets ... sweaters ... Stay safe ... Stay warm!!!

See you at the Post!!!! ♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥

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

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**Shirley Berberich
(783-3892)**

1st Vice:

Shirley Berberich

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Kim Roraff

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Mary Grenier

Historian:

Diane Culbert

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Delores Kenyon

Chaplain:

Arleen Nelson

Sunshine Chairwoman:

Liz Reekers

Greetings Members and Guests!

As we close out January, we reflect on a month filled with camaraderie, service, and successful events. We happily welcomed some new entertainment to the Post. I've already heard how much they enjoyed our patrons' enthusiasm for dancing and fun. They are excited to return. We also held a much deserved Employee Appreciation Party. Thank you all for helping this happen. We love our loyal staff here, and we are glad that you do too!

In February be sure to gear up for the much anticipated football showdown of the year. We are excited to host a great SUPER BOWL Party. I hope you can be here! I've also heard Cupid is on the loose and ready to tear it up at Post 336! Make sure to mark your calendar for a Valentine's evening of excellent music, spirits, and.....LOVE. On the 20th, we have a March Madness Basketball Shootout scheduled in the BAR. Brush up on your skills, and head over!

For more information on these events, and others, remember to check out our events calendar, and follow us on Facebook. I'd hate for you to miss all the fun. We can't wait to see you.

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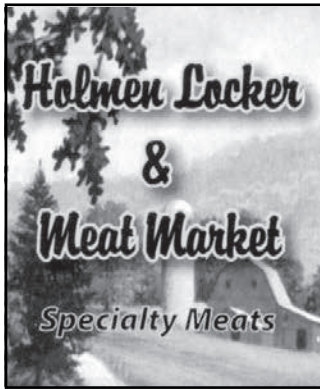
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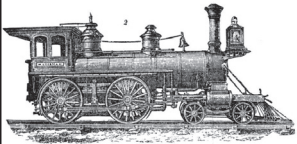
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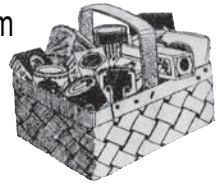
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon
2 Troop 68 6-7pm	3 Carpet Clean Pack 69 5-7pm	4 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	5 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm AM Radio Assoc. 5-10pm	6 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Apartment Assoc. Mtg 6-9pm	7 VIP Group 10:30-Noon Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm DOUBLE TAKE 7-11pm FREE	8 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon KARAOKE 7-11pm in BAR
9 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY! Football Party in the BAR	10 Executive Meeting 5:30pm Post Meeting 7pm	11 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm NARVRE 10-Noon BINGO 6pm	12 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	13 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Xcel Energy 5-7pm	14 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm CUPID'S VALENTINES BASH! featuring LB & THE HI VOLTS 7-10pm FREE	15 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon
16 SAL Breakfast Buffet 7:30-11am Private Event in HALL 4-6pm Troop 68 6-7pm	17 Life Line Screening 8am-6pm Pack 69 5-7pm	18 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm BINGO 6pm	19 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm R&R Program 12:30-1:30 Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	20 Hall Euchre Open to Public-starts @ 1pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm March Madness Basketball Shootout 6-8pm in BAR	21 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm LARRY'S DRIFTERS 7-11pm FREE	22 Bar Breakfast 9-Noon 7-11pm DJ Michele Moore Private Event in the HALL
23	24 Sheet Metal Local 18 Meeting 4-6pm House/Building Meeting 6pm	25 \$3 Taco Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm Red Cross Blood Drive 9-1pm BINGO 6pm	26 Homemade Special 11-2pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm Insurance Center Meetings 12-6pm Irisfest Meeting 6pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm	27 MSHA Training in HALL 7-3pm Bar \$4 Burger Special 11-2pm & 4-8pm NO EUCHRE!	28 Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm B-SIDES 7-11pm FREE	

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S.A.L. News

Breakfast buffets: 2025 Breakfasts will be – 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 these breakfasts. 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).

December winners: Legion Gift Card: Tom Weiss; Brick Kent Stephan. January Memorial Brick: Jim Binash.

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 on membership.

Wishing all a sweet Valentine's Day! 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

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Jean Lunde

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