



Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

Chartered May 14, 1921

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Commander: Jim Binash

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2nd Vice: Dirk de Zeeuw

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Service Officer: Rich Musolf

Chaplain: Rich Cota

Judge Advocate: Todd Bjerke

Adjutant: Jerry Yushta

Sgt. at Arms: Ethan Niles,
Ryan Zimmer

Historian: Bob Muth

House Committee:

Commander, Finance Officer,
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 !

In a couple months we will be having elections for officer's positions. We will also need members for our House and Building Committees. These two committees are very important for the maintenance of the grounds, and running every business operation of the Post.

Our meetings on the second Monday of the month have been well attended. There has been a good exchange of ideas regarding fund raising and functions of the Post. Membership was advised about replacing the kitchen fryers and the parking lot resurfacing. Also, there is an open section on the wall of the old building that faces south. We discussed doing a mural or painting the four pillars of the Legion on the wall.

The FScenter (Franciscan Spirituality Center) is sponsoring a "Journey of Remembrance: Honoring Service and Healing Through Pilgrimage" April 7 and 10th. This is for veterans and their families. All meals, overnight accommodations and transportation to visit The Highground Veterans Memorial

Park are included. If interested, call 608-791-5295 to register. This is a collaboration with Viterbo University and Tomah VA Medical Center.

Jim Binash, Post Commander

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Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

Rich Cora, Dick Polodna

~ TAPS ~

Jim Page - Member

Bruce Smith
Member



THIRD VICE

Oorah! I'm back from South Padre Island and while there had a large fan aimed NE to blow warm air up your way in February. I want to acknowledge Kent Stephen and the SAL, for their involvement in the selling of memorial bricks. If you like a brick placed at our memorial in the Onalaska Cemetery, please fill out a form and get it back to me. While at South Padre Island I visited the local Legion Post. They would be jealous of what we have here at our Post.

HISTORIAN

Our Post was chartered in 1921. It was named in honor of two young Onalaska men who died in WW1. Otto W Struck, who is buried in the Onalaska Cemetery, and August B Klandrud. (See his display in the trophy in hallway at the Post). Did you know that the Onalaska Cemetery is listed as a park? Our grounds at the cemetery, and our Civil War Plaque, are proud symbols of the dedication to all veterans. We have cleaned all headstones for the civil war veterans and about half way through WW1 veterans.

— **Bob Muth, Semper Fi**

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 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.

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S.A.L. News

Breakfasts: Dates are: **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. 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.

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 February brick winners are: **Lynn Borchert and Steve Sjolander.** 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 April 30, 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: Justin 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 April 30, 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.

Volunteers needed: We sincerely appreciate those who stepped up to cover for breakfast in the last few months \while a few of our regulars were out of the area soaking in a little extra sunshine. If you would like to volunteer for the SAL Breakfasts contact Kent Stephan 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 April 20, 2024.**

Stay Healthy & Wishing you and yours a Happy Spring!

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

S.A.L. Officers

Commander:

Ben Zimmer

1st Vice: Neil Merritt

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From the 2nd Vice ...

Hello to All,

Happy April! Will April showers bring May flowers or more snow.....

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

Welcome new members, we salute you!

CURRENTLY

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.



PAST HAPPENINGS

Troop 68 hosted the Order of the Arrow (OA) annual awards ceremony in the Legion hall on Sunday 10 March 2024. Good comradeship, fun, food, and laugh's.



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, 8 April 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!

- * Onalaska Community Days (OCD) 2-3 August 2024.
OCD Family Day Saturday, 3 Aug 2024, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm.

– Dirk de Zeeuw, 2nd Vice





~ Auxiliary ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

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

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

The Past Presidents will meet following the Auxiliary meeting.

**Past Commanders & Past Presidents Banquet
will be Wednesday, April 17
Cocktails 5:30 – Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Invitations have been sent.**

A donation of \$250.00 was given to the Girl Scouts for cookies to be distributed to

The Mosher Veterans Home and also to the Tomah V A.

A donation of \$5000.00 was presented to the Holmen American Legion for their fundraiser event that was held on March 9.

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring 4 girls to Badger Girls State
2 from Onalaska High School and 2 from Luther High School.

Presidents' and Past Presidents' scholarship applications are available for high school seniors at Onalaska Post 336.

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.



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 Veterans, and their families!

See you around at the Post!!!

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

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(783-3892)

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Shirley Berberich

2nd Vice:

Kim Roraff

Secretary:

Mary Powers

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Patty Maestas,

Mary Grenier

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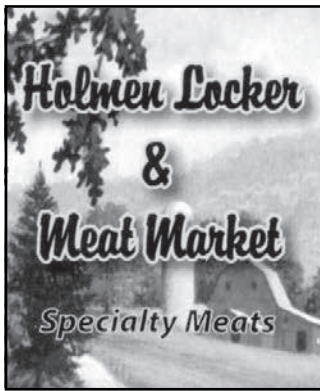
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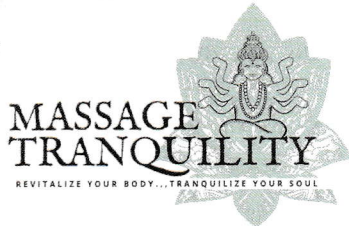
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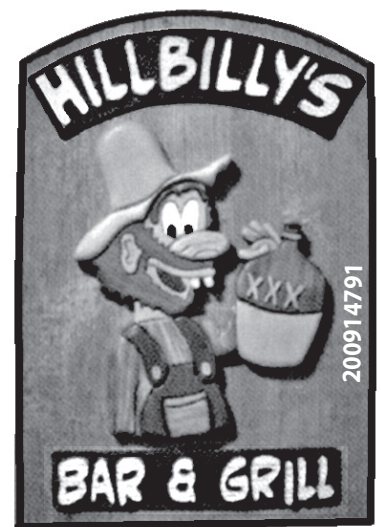
A tradition continues

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."**



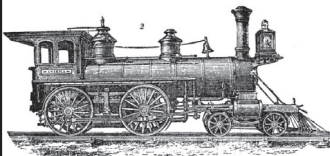
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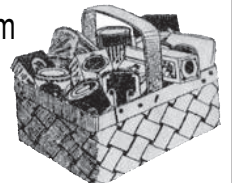
**Meetings are every
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at the Onalaska American Legion.**

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increasing number of people and
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Carpet Clean Pack 69, 5:30 -6:30 pm	2 \$3 Taco Special, 11 -2 pm & 4-8 pm BINGO, 6-9 pm	3 Bar Lunch Special Homemade, 11 am -2 pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special, 4-8 pm Bar Stick Drawing, 6-8 pm AM Radio Assoc., 5 -10 pm	4 Hall Euchre, 12-3 pm, Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm Apartment Assoc., 6-9 pm	5 Bar Fish Fry, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm CAT & FIDDLE, 7-11 pm, FREE	6 Bar Breakfast, 9 am - Noon Event in the HALL
7 Troop 68, 6-7 pm	8 Tap Clean Executive Meeting, 5:30 pm Legion Meeting, 7 pm	9 \$3 Taco Special, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm BINGO, 6-9 pm	10 Bar Lunch Special Homemade, 11 am -2 pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special, 4-8 pm Bar Stick Drawing 6-8 pm LaX Co. Vets Meeting, 1-4:30 pm Auxiliary Meeting, 7pm	11 Hall Euchre, 12-3 pm, Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm Xcel Energy, 5-7 pm River City 4 Wheelers, 7:30 pm	12 Bar Fish Fry, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm National Organization Lunch KARAOKE with ROSE, 7-11 pm, Free	13 Bar Breakfast, 9 am - Noon Accident Scene Mgmt. USA, HALL
14 Private Event in Hall, 12-6 pm	15 Pack 69, 5:30 -6:30 pm	16 \$3 Taco Special, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm BINGO, 6-9 pm	17 Bar Lunch Special Homemade, 11 am -2 pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special, 4-8 pm Bar Stick Drawing, 6-8 pm Commanders Banquet, 5-11 pm	18 Hall Euchre 12-3 pm, Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm Food Pantry 6-9 pm	19 Bar Fish Fry, 11-2 pm & 4-8 pm LARRY'S DRIFTERS, 7-11 pm, Free	20 Bar Breakfast, 9 am - Noon Hall Private Event Funeral
21 SAL Breakfast, 7:30 -11 am Troop 68, 6-7 pm	22 Tap Clean Sheet Metal Workers, 3-5:30 pm, Hall House/Building Meeting, 6pm	23 \$3 Taco Special, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm BINGO, 6-9 pm	24 Bar Lunch Special Homemade, 11 am -2 pm Bar \$5 Pizza Special, 4-8 pm Bar Stick Drawing, 6-8 pm Insurance Center Meetings 12:30-6 pm	25 Hall Euchre 12-3 pm, Open to Public Bar \$4 Burger Special, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm Irish Fest Meeting, 5:30 -7:30	26 Bar Fish Fry, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm DOUBLE TAKE, 7-11 pm, FREE	27 Bar Breakfast, 9 am - Noon Private Event, HALL
28	29	30 \$3 Taco Special, 11 am -2 pm & 4-8 pm BINGO, 6-9 pm				

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2024 SAL Breakfasts

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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.

