Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

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Commander: ***Paul Roraff Sr***
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Adjutant: ***Jim Binash***
Sgt. at Arms: ***Ethan Niles, Casey Jones***
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,

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!! October is the month that brings chills to the air, tricks, treats, and things that scare. Unfortunately, so do low turnouts of Members at Membership Meetings. Last two months have made it difficult to complete business, vote, and the overall decision-making process as quorums have fallen short.

If you are available for a Membership Meeting, on the second Monday of every month (minus July) at 7PM, please come out and **support Your Post 336** by joining us and having one favorite beverage on us. All Members are an invaluable and a vital asset collectively engaging in roles not only for our Posts success, but for that of the American Legion overall.

It's that time again, as a friendly **reminder.** If you are putting a temporary hold on mail (temporary holds get returned to the post), **moving, or are a "snowbird"** getting ready to head south and are a recipient of the monthly Newsletter, **please inform us.** We have been receiving returned Newsletters followed with a returned postage fee. This is causing avoidable and undue expenditures. We suggest and **"highly encourage"** the digital copy of the Newsletter **(emailed)** as an alternative, as there is no fee for this and will offer reduced expenditures to the Post. The monthly publication of **the Newsletter is a courtesy** offered to our Membership that is supported by sponsorship ads.

Notes of significance: Please be on the lookout for the **2027 Membership renewal notifications** and renew early receiving the 'Early Bird" prior to Veterans Day November 11th. **Your Post needs your invaluable support.**

A **Veterans Expo** is scheduled for October 20th, please see details within this newsletter.

Veterans Day Program at Post 336, Wednesday evening November 11th, 2026, Details November Newsletter.

Membership Meeting on Monday, October 12th, 2026

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 . . .

The **2027 Membership Renewal notices** have been arriving along with the "Early Bird" initiative to act and renew early prior to Veterans Day November 11th.

Please support your American Legion, Post, and your Membership by renewing now. Thank You for your continued and invaluable support!

— Howard L Horman Jr, 1st Vice/ Membership

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, La Crosse WI. For further info please visit the **CVSO Website: www.lacrossecounty.org/veterans.**

Eternally Grateful for your Service!!
— Lindsy Conrad, Service Officer

Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

HAROLD BERBERICH
GARY LANG

~ THE LAST BUGLE ~

GORDON DAVIS **EDWIN BURRELL**
JAMES SCHULTZ (Member)
ERIK SORENSON (Member)

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

Hello Legion Family!

Bar Update

October has officially arrived, and the Post is bringing ALL the fall feels! Cooler weather, football, good food, cold drinks, live music, bingo, and plenty of reasons to get out of the house and come hang out with us!

Football season is in full swing, and so are our Packer Potluck Parties! Check out the Facebook Events Page to find out the weekly Potluck Theme. Remember: bring a potluck item to receive your prize ticket! We've got some fun prizes lined up this year, so come hungry, thirsty, and ready to cheer!

The SAL is back to cooking up breakfast, and we are here for it! Come start your Sunday with a hot breakfast, good company, and support a great group! Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming breakfast dates!

Our Wednesday night pizza special has officially retired, and Broasted Pork Chops have taken over! Enjoy a 10 oz. broasted pork chop dinner with mashed potatoes and a veggie for just $12 for one chop or $16 for two. Crispy, juicy, delicious — and absolutely worth leaving the house for!

New drinks, football, food specials, music, bingo, games, and plenty of shenanigans are happening at the Post all month long. So grab your friends, grab your family, grab your favorite football jersey, and come make some memories with us!

We'll see you at the Post!
— Elizabeth, Asst Bar Manager

From the Kitchen at Post 336!

Kitchen Update

The leaves are changing, the temperatures are dropping, and we are officially entering COZY FOOD SEASON!

October is bringing all the fall comfort food vibes to the Post! We've got plenty of your favorites coming out of the kitchen, with soups making their return around the middle of the month. Because let's be honest … nothing says fall quite like a hot bowl of soup when there's a little chill in the air!

We're also bringing in those warm, hearty, stick-to-your-ribs comfort foods that make you want to grab a fork, settle in, and stay awhile. Keep an eye out for new specials and fall favorites popping up throughout the month!

Whether you're stopping in for lunch, grabbing dinner, meeting up with friends, or just looking for a reason to get out of the house — we've got you covered.

So grab your people, bring your appetite, and come hang with us this October!

We'll keep the kitchen hot and the good times rolling!

— Angi, Kitchen Manager

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Veterans Expo 2026

Tuesday, October 20th, 1pm-6pm
Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center
(3060 S. Kinney Coulee Rd., Onalaska, WI)

- ☑ **Federal, State and Local Resource Expo**
- ☑ **Flu Shots offered by Tomah VA Medical Center**
- ☑ **Meet with a County Veteran Service Office**
- ☑ **Veteran Focused Educational Seminars**
  - Wisconsin Veterans Museum
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - And More!
  - YMCA Wellness Warriors Group
  - Tomah VA Medical Center

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S.A.L. News

BREAKFAST BUFFETS: Our breakfasts start September 20th from 7:30 – 11:00. ***Please mark your calendars . . . September 20, October 18, November 15, December 13 in 2026, and January 17, February 21, March 28 (Easter), April 18, and May 9 (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.

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.

MEMBERSHIPS: We're almost at 100% in 2026 with only 14 unpaid. The 2027 Membership Cards have arrived. Please stop by the Legion and get your new ones paid up and we'll mail out your new card to you. Thanks for your support of the SAL and the Legion.

ELECTIONS: If you are interested or know someone interested in serving on the Sons of the American Legion Board, please contact Ben Zimmer or Sam Van Riper.

S.A.L. Officers

Commander: Ben Zimmer

1st Vice: Open Position

2nd Vice: Ralph Geary

3rd Vice: Kent Stephan

Adjutant: Dan Ferries, Jean Lunde

Finance: Open Position

Sgt. at Arms: Sam Van Riper

GRATITUDE: Thank you for the dedication and volunteering to serve on our Executive Committee: Neil Merritt and Kent Stephan. Most will still be involved with the SAL Breakfasts and the Legion but are excited to bring in new ideas and volunteers to the Legion & organization. We sincerely could not do our job serving our Legion without those willing to serve in all capacities.

Month of October - 7th - Anniversary of Operation Enduring Freedom; **12th** - Columbus Day; **13th** - U.S. Navy's 251st birthday; **26th** - National Day of the Deployed; **20th** - Veterans Expo 2026 Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska

Happy Fall & we'll see you around the Legion!
– Ben, Ralph, Kent, Sam, & Dan (and Jean)

SAL Breakfasts

Breakfast Buffets are:

October 18, November 15, December 13, in 2026. January 17, February 21, March 28 (Easter), April 18, and May 9 (Mother's Day) in 2027.

We serve two types of eggs, biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, waffles, fried potatoes, tater tots, sausage.

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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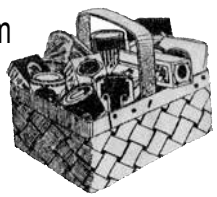

~ Auxiliary ~

Happy October Members!

Happy Birthday to all our October Auxiliary members. Our next Auxiliary meeting will be October 4th at 6:00 p.m.

Autumn Greetings & Halloween Cheer

As the leaves turn red and gold, our Auxiliary continues to shine with the red, white, and blue spirit that defines our mission. Autumn may bring cozy sweaters, pumpkins, and crisp air, but it also brings renewed purpose as we support our veterans, strengthen our community, and lift one another up.

October is the month where:

- The weather says hoodie season
- The pumpkins say decorate me
- And the Auxiliary says Who's available Saturday?

We're ready for a meaningful, busy, and festive month — and grateful for each of you.

Just the Facts — October Patriotism Edition

- October 23, 1983: Truck bombing at the Marine barracks in Beirut killed 241 U.S. personnel — the deadliest single day for the Marine Corps since WWII.
- October 13: U.S. Navy Birthday — celebrating the founding of the Continental Navy in 1775.
- October 26: National Day of the Deployed — honoring deployed service members and the families who support them.

Past Business

- Congratulations to Bernie Gerke, our newest Sgt. at Arms.
- Congratulations to Liz Reekers, now serving as our Parliamentarian.

Membership

- 42 Auxiliary members are already paid up for 2027. Please drop off your payment at the Legion (ATTN: Shirley) to pay your dues.
- Your presence matters — attending monthly meetings ensures your voice is heard. We truly love seeing you.

Sunshine Committee

If you know of a member who is hospitalized or ill at home, please contact: 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:
Sue Kelley
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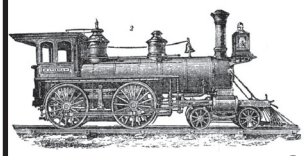

Call: Doug Fischer
at 608-269-0989.

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

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.

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Post 336 Honor Guard

Jeff Mills joined the Post 336 Honor Guard in 2016 after serving our country in the Army and the Army National Guard for a total of 42 years. He served as a combat engineer during most of those years. His overseas duty included tours in Kuwait and Iraq. Jeff graduated from Aquinas High School in 1974. He and his wife, Teresa, have been married 22 years and have three adult children. Jeff and Teresa enjoy supporting SAL by helping serve the SAL breakfasts. Thank you Jeff for your service to our country and to the American Legion Honor Guard.

Salute to Volunteerism

Every summer brings new and continued growth across the grounds of **American Legion Post 336**. While the season's greenery is welcomed and pleasing to the senses, it also requires steady, hands on attention. Maintaining our Buildings and Grounds demands many hours each week, with daily tasks that include mowing, lawn and tree trimming, edging, storm cleanup and repair, leaf blowing, equipment maintenance, and so much more. This ongoing care ensures that our Post remains a place of pride, respect, and beauty for all who visit.

A hearty **Salute to the Volunteerism** behind the impeccable appearance and care of our Buildings and Grounds goes out to **Jim Herrmann, Kirk Hauser, and Joe Ammerman**. Your **Selfless Service** is above reproach in every aspect. On behalf of **Post 336**, with the deepest gratitude — **THANK YOU** for your dedication, your time, and your unwavering commitment to keeping our Post looking its very best.

Paul Roraff Sr., Commander

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."

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4 Opens at 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Troop 68 6pm Packer Pot Luck 11am	**5** Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Tap Cleaning	**6** Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Bingo 6pm	**7** Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am AM Radio Mtg 5:30pm Broasted Pork Chop 4pm-7:30pm Stick Drawing 6pm	**8** Euchre Open To Public at 1pm Xcel Energy Mtg 5pm DJ Trivia 6pm $4 Burger Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm	**9** Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Daddy's Girls 7pm-11pm	**10** Opens at 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Private Event In Hall at 9am Karaoke 7pm
11 Opens at 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Packer Pot Luck 2:25pm	**12** Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Carpet Cleaning Local 8 Mtg 4pm Exce Mtg 5:30 pm Post Mtg 7pm	**13** Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Narvre 9:30am Bingo 6pm	**14** Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am La Crosse County Vets 1pm Rotary Mtg 10:30am Auxiliary Mtg 7pm Broasted Pork Chop 4pm-7:30pm Stick Drawing 6pm	**15** Euchre Open To Public at 1pm DJ Trivia 6pm $4 Burger Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm	**16** Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Larry's Drifters 7pm-11pm	**17** Opens at 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Private Event In Hall 8am
18 Opens at 10am SAL Breakfast 7:30am-11am Pizza & Apps All Day	**19** Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Tap Cleaning	**20** Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Bingo 6pm	**21** Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am Insurance Center Mtg 12pm Broasted Pork Chop 4pm-7:30pm Stick Drawing 6pm	**22** Euchre Open To Public at 1pm DJ Tivia 6pm $4 Burger Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm	**23** Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Studebaker 7 - 7pm-11pm	**24** Opens at 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Private Event In Hall at 12pm
25 Opens at 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Packer Pot Luck 2:25pm	**26** Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Sheet Metal/Local 8 Mtg 4pm House Building Mtg 6pm	**27** Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Bingo at 6pm	**28** Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am Rotary Mtg 10:30am Insurance Center Mtg 12pm Broasted Pork Chop 4pm-7:30pm Stick Drawing 6pm	**29** Euchre Open To Public at 1pm PHW Mtg 5:30pm DJ Trivia 6pm $4 Burger Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm	**30** Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-7:30pm Bear Creek Band 7pm-11pm	**31** Opens at 10pm Pizza & Apps All Day LB & The Hi-Volts 7pm-11pm

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Braund, Rodney (58)
Brueggen, Stanley (55)
Christianson, Michael (58)
Cota, Richard (60)
Cox, Daniel (52)
Czeiska, Siegfried (54)
Devine, Donald (57)
Erdman, David (52)
Fleis, Steven (51)
Gehri, Dale (55)
Guy, John R (51)
Helgerson, Rolf (61)
Hoff, Lloyd (58)
Horman Sr., Howard (61)
Johnson, Warren (56)
Kortebein, Michael (64)
Kowal, James (56)
Kowal, Robert (57)
Lafleur, David (54)
McArthur, Wilmer (50)
McWain, Gile (68)
Newberry, Jr, Clarence (61)
Olson, Wayne (51)
Page, Gerald (51)
Platz, Larry (53)
Roraff Sr, Philip (71)
Rose, Daniel (56)
Running, Jr, Maurice (60)
Schultz, James (55)
Sjolander, Carl (54)
Skogen, David (62)
Thompson, Larry (56)
Thomson, Clare (60)
Weber, Stephen G. (55)

Your Post 336 Honor Guard

Looking for new volunteers to join the Honor Guard, if interested or need information, please contact the Honor Guard Chair: Charles Nick at 608-519-2513