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Onalaska American Legion

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**Commander, Finance Officer,
and 6 Legion Members**

Building Committee:

**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 has met for a third time and finalized its revised recommendations to present to the Membership.

Final recommended revisions 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. The By-Laws recommended revisions will be brought to the floor for a **vote to adopt at the March 10th, 2025 Meeting.**

As American Legion Membership 50+ milestones continue to be reached thru Good Standing, not all are captured due to errors which we have been correcting. Please see Newsletter updated list.

As Hail and Fairwells go, on behalf of Post 336, I would like to extend our great appreciation and most sincere gratitude to our outgoing Bar Manager Rachel Rausa. Rachels' professional managerial skills, leadership, and all-around positive support were highly valued throughout our Post and Community. All which she has brought will surely be missed as she pursues personal business opportunities. We wish her all our best.

Also, on behalf of Post 336, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new in-coming Bar Manager Christine Liethen to Post 336 and the American Legion Family. Please join us as we welcome Christine aboard by congratulating her on her hire and that we are looking forward to her future support.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: Post 336 needs Honor Guard members. For any members interested in volunteering, please contact the Commander or 1st Vice Howard Horman Jr. Also, **now in immediate need of Building Committee Members** to help maintain Building and Grounds.

Attention all Vietnam Veterans! At Post 336, on Vietnam War Remembrance Day, March 29th, 2025, 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 served during the war. Tickets on sale at: Eventbrite address <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vietnam-veteran-welcome-home-50th-anniversary-tickets-1069930353489?aff=oddttdcreator>. 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

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

Service Officers Report

~ **SICK CALL** ~
Richard Musolf

~ **TAPS** ~
Leon Wolfe



Membership 50+ Milestones

Last/First Name(years)

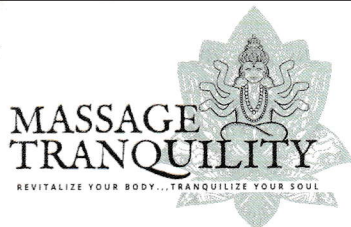
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Briggs, Keith (62)	Newberry, Jr, Clarence (59)
Brueggen, Stanley (53)	Platz, Larry (51)
Christianson, Michael (56)	Roraff Sr, Philip (69)
Cota, Richard (58)	Rose, Daniel (54)
Cox, Michael (50)	Running, Jr, Maurice (58)
Czeiska, Siegfried (52)	Schultz, James (53)
Devine, Donald (54)	Sherman, Ronald (55)
Erdman, David (50)	Sjolander, Carl (52)
Gehri, Dale (53)	Skogen, David (60)
Harebo, Elwood (61)	Skogen, Gary (60)
Helgerson, Rolf (59)	Thompson, Larry (54)
Hoff, Lloyd (56)	Thomson, Clare (58)
Horman Sr., Howard (59)	Walinski, George (63)
Johnson, Warren (54)	Weber, Stephen (53)

From the 1st Vice . . .

HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY!!!!
Membership is moving along as we have topped 92%. Reminder, if you have not paid your 2025 dues please do so soon as some members have been put on a grace period and risk being expire. Also, please check your continuous years as we have had some discrepancies with some of the membership.

Thank you.

– **HOWARD L HORMAN JR**
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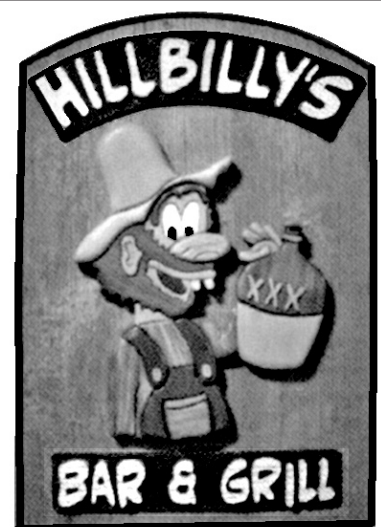
A tradition continues

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.

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Greetings Members and Guests!

Well. It is with a heavy heart, I write my last newsletter memo to you. I want to thank all of the excellent post members, staff, volunteers, committee members, EVERYONE. In my short time here, I have definitely felt the love, and always felt appreciated. Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I promise to leave you in good hands, and not to be a stranger. Looks like I will be seeing you all on the other side of the bar!

I've scheduled lots of great entertainment and there's some fun events headed your way. Don't forget to refer to the events calendar and follow us on social media, so you do not miss a minute! I especially want to remind you to stop in this month for some Irish cheer and invite you all to attend our St Patty's Day Party on March 16th, a Sunday Funday with Green Beer, live music, swag, and fellowship.

At the end of the month we honor our Vietnam Vets with a Welcome Home Event. This is open to all Vietnam Veterans and their families. Space is limited. I encourage you to sign up for this overdue tribute.

That's a wrap, friends. It's been real. Save me a seat!

Rachel Rausa

336barmanager@gmail.com

News from 3rd Vice / Historian

Greetings Troops!

March 18th, 2011 the last World War One Veteran passed away and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery at the age of 110! Frank Buckles was from New York City. He served as an ambulance driver and transported prisoners. He enlisted when he was 16 years old after lying and saying he was 18. The United States didn't enter World War One until April 6th, 1917. The war ended November 11th, 1918 at 11:00AM. Our post was named and dedicated to two World War One veterans, Struck and Klandrud. Be sure to see the information about them in the trophy case. Our World War One plaque will be a great addition at the cemetery building. Plans for dedication are in the works.

Bricks have still been being ordered even through the winter months. I have only a couple more to put in when the ground allows me. I know I'm more than ready for Spring and warm weather! Again, if anyone is interested in helping at our grounds at the cemetery please get a hold of me.

Thanks for your attention!

Semper Fi!

Bob Muth-Historian

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**



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

2025 SAL Breakfasts



**Breakfast Buffes are:
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.



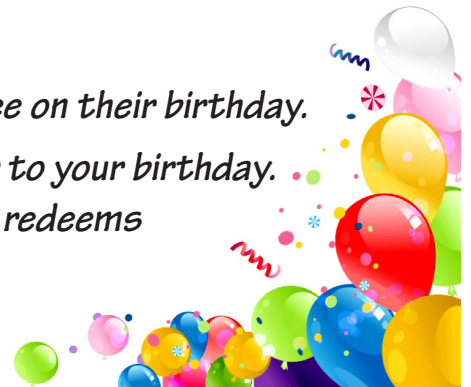
Be a Bar Fly for a day ... YOUR BIRTHDAY!!

Here's how it works:

All Birthday Guests enjoy a free drink and entree on their birthday.

Sign ups must be done at least one month prior to your birthday.

Bring your friends, but only the Birthday Guest redeems the FREEBIES! See you soon!



*Happy
St. Patrick's
Day*

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~ Auxiliary ~

Welcome Auxiliary Members!

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

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.

We had a very brief meeting in February due to the inclement weather. Our March meeting will be 'full speed ahead', we hope.

Just a reminder to all members of the election of officers coming up in May!!! Please give some thought in putting your name in for running for an office!!! If you have any questions about the duties of a particular office, please let us know! The newly elected officers begin their term in June and run for 2 years. Nominations will take place SOON!

Initial early discussion /planning for annual Easter Egg Hunt and also amount to be set for annual dues. More discussion at March meeting.

If you have had any information changed in your name or address, please let us know so we can mail the newsletter to the correct address. Thank you!

Our Sunshine person, Liz Reekers, would like to be notified if you know of someone in the hospital or ill at home. Please call her at 608-783-3913.

Do you have extra time on your hands??? Please consider helping out at any of our functions happening at Post 336. Please check with one of our members, also at the bar. There are varied opportunities!

Thank you for supporting our Organization, Veterans, and their families!

Safe travels everyone! Stay warm! We turn clocks AHEAD March 9th!!! YEAH!

See you around the Post!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL!!!

Shirley Berberich, President/ Membership Chairman
Mary Powers, Secretary



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Shirley Berberich
(783-3892)

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Shirley Berberich

2nd Vice:

Kim Roraff

Secretary:

Mary Powers

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Sergeant at Arms:

Patty Maestas,

Mary Grenier

Historian:

Diane Culbert

Parliamentarian:

Delores Kenyon

Chaplain:

Arleen Nelson

Sunshine Chairwoman:

Liz Reekers

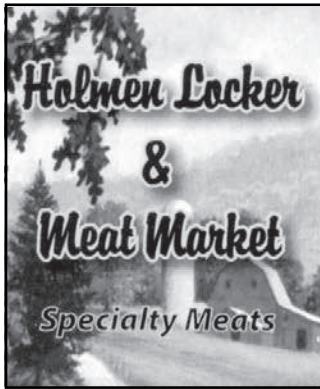
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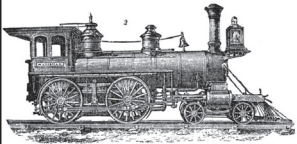
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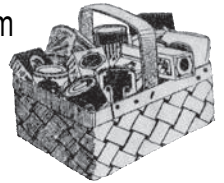
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**Meetings are every
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at the Onalaska American Legion.**

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requests donations of food and money.**

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SUNDAY

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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Troop 68 6-7pm

Carpet Clean
Pack 69 5-7pm

\$3 Taco Special
11-2pm & 4-8pm
BINGO 6pm

Homemade Special 11-2pm
Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm
Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm
AM Radio Assoc. 5-10pm

Hall Euchre Open to Public-
starts @ 1pm
Bar \$4 Burger Special
11-2pm & 4-8pm
Apartment Assoc. Mtg 6-9pm

VIP Group 10:30-Noon
Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm
DOWNEAST 7-11pm FREE

Bar Breakfast 9-Noon
Private event in Hall

1

Troop 68 6-7pm

Executive Meeting 5:30pm
Post Meeting 7pm

\$3 Taco Special
11-2pm & 4-8pm
NARYRE 10-Noon
BINGO 6pm

Homemade Special 11-2pm
Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8p
Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm
La Grosse County Vets
Meetings 1-4:30
Auxiliary 7pm

Hall Euchre \$5 BIG Tourney
Open to Public-starts @ 1pm
Bar \$4 Burger Special
11-2pm & 4-8pm
Xcel Energy 5-7pm

Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm
HILLBILLY FEVER 7-11pm FREE

Bar Breakfast 9-Noon
Private Event in the Hall

15

SAL Breakfast Buffet
7:30-11am
St Patty's Day Party in the Bar
3-6pm LIVE MUSIC by
PETER KISH
Troop 68 6-7pm

Pack 69 5-7pm

\$3 Taco Special
11-2pm & 4-8pm
BINGO 6pm

Homemade Special 11-2pm
Bar \$5 Pizza Special 4-8pm
R&R Program 12:30-1:30
Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm

Hall Euchre Open to
Public-starts @ 1pm
Bar \$4 Burger Special
11-2pm & 4-8pm

Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm
LARRY'S DRIFTERS 7-11pm FREE

Bar Breakfast 9-Noon
RIOT MOTORSPORTS Racing
Smoker in the Hall

22

Private Event in the Hall

Sheet Metal Local 18
Meeting 4-6pm
House/Building Meeting 6pm

\$3 Taco Special
11-2pm & 4-8pm
BINGO 6pm

Homemade Special 11-2pm
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Insurance Center
Meetings 12-6pm
Bar Stick Drawing 6-8pm

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Fish Fry 11-2 pm & 4-8pm
DADDY'S GIRLS ROUND TWO
7-11pm FREE

VIETNAM VETS WELCOME
HOME EVENT

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MARCH 2025 Newsletter



S.A.L. News

Breakfast Buffets: 2025 Breakfasts will be – 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. Clean-up crew members are always appreciated. Please let Ben Zimmer know if you are able to help out during that time or other dates from September to May. Many hands make light work.

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 of membership. Thank you to all of our members who have renewed in the last few months. It sincerely helps our Legion and the State achieve their goals.

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). February Memorial Brick: Mike Fries.

Wishing all a Happy St Patty's Day. We'll see you around the Legion!

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

S.A.L. Officers

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3rd Vice: Rich Musolf

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Jean Lunde

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