Struck-Klandrud Post No. 336

Onalaska American Legion

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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,

WOW! The summer has really gone by fast, and Fall activities are rapidly approaching as schools begin their new year. Please slow down and be ever mindful observing all school zones and variations of student traffic as they begin their educational journey.

As most may be aware, our Posts Roof Project has been completed and looks great! To all who helped to accomplish this monumental task, and there are many, from the Fundraising Committee to our Auxiliary, SAL, Baseball, our Post's staff and Donors, a most sincere gratitude of appreciation. THANK YOU!! You have helped secure a stronger future for our Post and all it provides.

Notes of significance: Please be on the lookout for the **2027 Membership renewal notifications** and renew early receiving the 'Early Bird".

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

Membership Meeting on Monday, September 14th, 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, please be on the lookout. **If you haven't renewed your 2026 Membership, your "In Good Standing" is now in an "EXPIRED" status. Please avoid being dropped from rolls by supporting your American Legion, Post, and your Membership by renewing now. Thank You for your 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

Hello Legion Family!

Bar Update

Fall is here and things are staying busy at the Post! First, the roof project is officially COMPLETE! A big thank-you to everyone who stuck with us through the construction chaos and continued to support the Legion. We appreciate you!

Packer Potluck Parties are coming soon! Get ready for football, better prizes, drink specials, good food, and plenty of yelling at the TV. Details coming soon!

We're also tossing around the idea of a Sunday night cribbage or poker night, with a possible 6pm start. Come down, have a drink, grab some cards, and join the fun! Pending the Packer schedule, we'll find the right Sundays to make it happen—because we know football comes first!

Oktoberfest is right around the corner! Start practicing those polka moves and get ready for food, drinks, music, and fall fun.

Looking ahead to 2027, our music schedule is filling up fast! We've got some returning favorites and some new bands making their way to the Post, so get ready for another great year of live music.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for keeping us busy! We truly appreciate everyone who stops in, brings their friends, supports our events, and makes the Legion such a fun place to be. We couldn't do it without you!

— Elizabeth, Asst Bar Manager

From the Kitchen at Post 336!

Kitchen Update

The leaves are changing, the temperatures are dropping, and the Legion kitchen is getting ready for fall! It's officially time for comfort food, hearty meals, and letting us worry about what's for dinner.

Soups are coming back soon! We're getting ready to bring out some warm, cozy favorites perfect for those chilly fall days.

We're also adding some new appetizers to the lineup! Have a fun fall food idea or something you'd love to see on the menu? Let us know! We're always up for a good suggestion—and maybe a little kitchen experimenting.

With Oktoberfest right around the corner, there will be plenty of food, drinks, and fall fun happening at the Post. Grab your Legion crew, stop in, and make yourself at home.

Thank you for keeping our kitchen busy and supporting the Legion! Your appetite keeps us cooking, and we wouldn't have it any other way.

Come hungry, stay awhile, and let the Legion do the cooking this fall!

— Angi, Kitchen Manager

Service Officers Report

~ SICK CALL ~

HAROLD BERBERICH

HOWARD HORMAN SR.

~ THE LAST BUGLE ~

HAROLD HANSON JR.

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

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VETERANS SERVICES

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!
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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. $12 Age 10 & over; $10 Veterans; Free age 9 & under.

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 a few unpaid. The 2027 Membership Cards have arrived. Please stop by the Legion and get your new ones paid up ($20) and we'll get your new one mailed out to you. Thanks for your support of the SAL and the Legion.

ELECTIONS: Elections were held on September 23rd. We sincerely thank those who continue to serve our Legion, community, and our nation in a ll roles. Election results: Commander: Ben Zimmer, 2nd Vice: Ralph Geary, Adjutant: Dan Ferries/Jean Lunde, 3rd Vice: Kent Stephan, Sergeant at Arms: Sam Van Riper. If you are interested in serving on the Sons of the American Legion as First Vice Chair or Treasurer, please contact Ben Zimmer or any of the officers. This commitment is only one day per month and benefits our community as well as our Legion.

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER: 7th Labor Day; 11th Patriot Day; 18th Air Force Birthday; 17th Constitution Day and Citizenship Day (commemorating the signing of the U.S. Constitution); 18th POW/MIA Recognition Day.

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

S.A.L. Officers

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3rd Vice: Rich Musolf
Adjutant: Dan Ferries, Jean Lunde
Finance: Kent Stephan
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SAL Breakfasts

Breakfast Buffets are:

September 20, 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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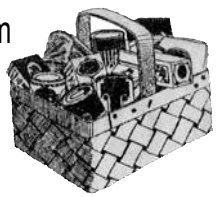
P.O. Box 311, Onalaska, WI 54650



~ Auxiliary ~

Greetings, Members

Happy Birthday to all our September Auxiliary members!

As our children embark on a new school year, please be mindful of school crossings and give a smile to our students and teachers as they set forth on the new year journey of learning, compassion, and understanding.

Our next Auxiliary meeting will be **September 9th at 6:00 p.m. (Meeting in the Activity center)**

JUST THE FACTS

The Yellow ribbon is widely recognized as a symbol of hope, solidarity, and remembrance. In the United States, it is most commonly displayed to show support for the safe return of military personnel.

PAST BUSINESS

- District 7 President, Jessie Elmhurst attended or meeting in August and shared a lot of valuable information with membership.
- Our very own Little Miss Poppy, Lou Fischer participated in the 2026 Corn Fest Parade.
- Our Unit was awarded with a 100% membership certificate for 2026

MEMBERSHIP

- We are a strong unit with just over 140 paid Auxiliary members, unfortunately just under 15 come to our monthly membership meetings. I encourage you to come to our membership meetings, change is only possible if you are there to suggest changes and vote!
- If you have any questions or concerns about membership, please see Shirley Berberich
- ***Please note that our membership meeting time has been approved to start meeting at 6:00PM going forward, starting with September's meeting.**

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a member who is hospitalized or ill at home, please notify our Sunshine representative: **Liz Reekers – 608 783 3913**

– Respectfully, Kim Roraff, President

Auxiliary:

President:
Kim Roraff
1st Vice:
Shirley Berberich
2nd Vice:
Bobbi Garves
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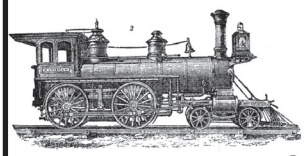
Call: Doug Fischer
at 608-269-0989.
Meetings are every
2nd Tuesday at 10:00 am
at the Onalaska American Legion.

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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From the 2nd Vice

Hello to All,

Summer is over already! Where did it go?

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

Welcome new members, we salute you!

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

Fall sports start for Luther High School and Onalaska High School: Volleyball, Football, Girls Tennis, Boys Soccer, Cross Country, Adapted Sports League, Girls Golf, Dance Team, Girls Swimming.

PAST HAPPENINGS OVER THE SPRING AND SUMMER

Onalaska High School Scholarship Night May 2026

Onalaska American Legion Memorial Day Parade

Cub Scout Pack 69 Spring 2026 Camp Out

Boy Scout Troop 68 Summer Camping at Camp Phillips

FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

- High Roller-Skating Center
- Children's Museum
- Coulee Golf Bowl - bowling
- Jump Start
- Dahl Auto Museum
- Pla-Mor Lanes - bowling
- Mini Golf: Goose Island Campground and Welch's Golf Course
- Riverside Amusement Park
- Pine View Campground - Fort McCoy

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Coulee Region Logrolling supports amateur and professional rollers, offers year-round opportunities for beginners, and hosts the annual La Crosse Open Pro Tournament. Each Coulee Region Logrolling program's experienced coaches provide a fun and safe environment with great instruction and opportunities! Classes and events take place in La Crosse, Holmen, Onalaska, and La Crescent. For more information, please visit their website https://www.couleeregionlogrolling.org/.

Civil Air Patrol La Crosse Composite Squadron: Our Squadron is active in all three of the Civil Air Patrol programs: Cadet Programs, Aerospace Education, and Emergency Services/ Disaster Relief. La Crosse Composite Squadron focuses heavily on creating unique leadership development opportunities for youth (and adult members). Civil Air Patrol serves as the official auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Membership is open to youth ages 12-21 and adults of any age. The La Crosse Composit Squadron is located 2906 Fanta Reed Road La Crosse, WI 54601, east side of La Crosse Airport. Phone 608-433-2814. Who we are https://www.gocivilairpatrol.com/about/who-we-are.

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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.

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 Master Chris Matuska 608-769-7124

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.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 3 October 2026: Friends of NRA 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off, 10:00am to 2:00pm activity center

— Dirk de Zeeuw Jr.
2nd Vice

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 $3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Bingo 6pm	2 Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am AM Radio Mtg 5:30pm $6 Pizza Special 4pm-8pm Stick Drawing 6pm	3 Euchre Open To Public At 1pm GRAA Mtg 6pm DJ Trivia 6pm $4 Burger Special All Day	4 Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm VIP Group 10:30pm LB & The Hivolts 7pm-11pm	5 Opens at 10am Pizza and Apps All Day
6 Opens at 10am Pizza and Apps All Day	7 Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Tap Cleaning Pack 69 5pm	8 $3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Bingo 6pm	9 Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am La Crosse County Vets 1pm Rotary Mtg 10:30am $6 Pizza Special 4pm-8pm Stick Drawing 6pm Auxiliary Mtg 6pm	10 $4 Burger Special All Day Excel Energy Mtg 5pm DJ Trivia 6pm	11 Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Hillbilly Fever 7pm-11pm	12 Opens at 10am Pizza and Apps All Day Private Events In Hall at 3pm
13 Opens at 10am Pizza and Apps All Day Private Events In Hall at 10am Packer Pot Luck 2:25pm	14 Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Carpet Cleaning Exec Mtg 5:30pm Post Mtg 7pm	15 $3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Bingo 6pm	16 Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am $6 Pizza Special 4pm-8pm Stick Drawing 6pm	17 Euchre Open To Public at 1pm DJ Trivia 6pm $4 Burger Special All Day	18 Friday Fish Fry 11am -2pm & 4pm-8pm Larrys Drifters 7pm-11pm	19 Opens at 10am Pizza & Apps All Day Private Event In Hall at 9am Karaoke at 7pm
20 Opens At 10am Pizza & Apps All Day SAL Breakfest 7:30am-11am CVMA 1pm Packet Pot Luck 11am	21 Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Tap Cleaning Sheet Metal/Local 8 Mtg 4pm Pack 69 5pm	22 $3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Bingo 6pm	23 Homemade Special 11am-2pm Rotary Mtg 10:30am Vietnam Veterans Group 10am $6 Pizza Special 4pm-8pm Stick Drawing 6pm	24 Euchre Open To Public at 1pm PHW Mtg at 5:30pm DJ Trivia 6pm $4 Burger Special All Day	25 Friday Fish Fry 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Cruze Control 7pm-11pm	26 Opens at 10am Pizza & Apps All Day
27 Opens at 10am Pizza & Apps All Day	28 Broasted Chicken Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm House Building Mtg 6pm	29 $3 Taco Special 11am-2pm & 4pm-8pm Bingo 6pm	30 Homemade Special 11am-2pm Vietnam Veterans Group 10am Insurance Center Mtg 12:30pm $6 Pizza Special 4pm-8pm Stick Drawing 6pm			

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Betz, Thomas (51)
Borchert, Lynnette (52)
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