

Rose Harms Legionnaire

November 2017



*"As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by them."*

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 2nd

Monday, November 6th

Friday, November 10th

Saturday, November 11th



Monday, November 13th

Tuesday, November 14th

Wednesday, November 15th

Monday, November 20th

Saturday, November 25th

Ozaukee County meeting at our Post, 7:00 pm

Post Executive Committee meeting, 7:00 pm

8:00 am at GHS for our annual program.

10:30 am - March to Veterans Park

11:00 am Veterans Day ceremony

Open house at Post - lunch until 1:30 pm.

Veterans Dinner - doors open at 5:30 pm

Post's general meeting

BINGO

Sons of the American Legion - lower hall

Decorating Christmas Tree on the Plaza

Military Historians Club at the Post

Card Party—lower level—everyone welcome

Grafton's Christmas Parade

Wednesday, November 29th is the Post Blood Drive



Commanders Corner—Ken Kasprzak



Fall is here and winter weather is coming. If you need a new Legion Jacket or want to replace your old one, note this order information. One of two options for Members to purchase a Jacket pictured

above is Silk Screen Specialists located at 1231 11th Avenue in Grafton. Embroidered Post 355 name on back. Front with your name and the American Legion Logo, also embroidered. Go to store and try "Holloway" brand name Jackets for sizing.

Excellent customer service from Sarah.

Embroidered Jacket at a Cost of \$65.

Silk Screen Jacket also available.

LIVING WELL----NOW HEAR THIS.....

Difficulty hearing is the third most reported health concern in the U.S. Nearly 40 million adults age 20 and over are currently experiencing hearing loss. It can affect quality of life and lead to anxiety, depression, impaired concentration, and dementia. Causes vary and include aging, genetic deformities, or even just wax buildup in the ear canal. Also, hearing loss occurs twice as often in males as it does in females. After aging, noise-induced hearing loss (NIHL) is the 2nd most common cause and is responsible for damaging sensitive structures in the ear. (e.g. close gunfire, chainsaws, rock concerts, etc). Prevention recommend earmuffs or plugs. Get your hearing checked. Doctors can determine level of loss, treatment, and how to help conserve your hearing. Recommended Cholesterol Levels. Total Cholesterol----Less than 200mg/dL LDL (Lousy Cholesterol----Less than 100mg/dL HDL (Happy Cholesterol---Greater than 60mg/dL Note---Levels vary according to age & risk factor.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

Membership dues are now due for 2018. The most efficient payment option is on-line at American Legion of Wisconsin website. Choose Renew and it's a simple transaction from there.

Also, you can earn a "Prospector Pin" by submitting 3 names to our Post Adjutant.

Thursday, November 9th, at 11:30 am at the Concordia University Terrace Room. Host a Hero for Lunch, CU students and 5th graders from HOPE Fidelis Sherman Park invite us as appreciation for our service

Friday, November 10th, Veterans Day celebration at Grafton High School is set to start at 8:00 am. This year my speech will pay tribute to First Lt. Roy Harms. Contact me or Gary Gilstrap with questions. My phone---812-345-4564. **Friday, Wednesday, November 15**, at 6:00 pm, Grafton Plaza Legion Christmas Tree decorating.

Saturday, November 25—Put Grafton Annual Christmas Parade on your calendar. Again this year we will march as one unit, our Post and other invited Legionnaires from Ozaukee County.

GHS Oratorical Scholarship contestants will present their chosen topic at our December meeting. Don't miss this annual event.

SAVE THE DATE-----January 19-21, 2018.

Midwinter Conference at Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Baraboo.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A Thank You donation was received from Kathy Ellingson and Bill & Mary Alyce Crane in memory of Veteran, William R. Hoernel.
- Proposal for upgrade and/or replacement of our Post sign adjacent to upper parking lot is under review. More info to follow in the upcoming months.
- Beer and soda for the evening compliments of Frank Balistreri in honor of 70th birthday.
- Two new members and a two transfers were welcomed aboard this evening including Tim McGuire US Army, Steve Rundquist US Army, Kenneth Willenson US Army, and Tom Czarnecki US Army.
- Taps were played after our last meeting in memory of long time Post member, Gus Blank.



We Need You!



No matter what era, our members are indelibly connected through our Love of Country, Hope for the Future, Remembrance of our Fallen and Duty Before Self.

Renewing your membership makes a difference!

It allows us to continue supporting our Veterans and those men and women still serving our Country.

We provide comfort items for hospitalized military personnel recovering from wounds and illnesses.

Legionnaires fulfill a sacred duty by handling honor guard services and memorial tributes for fallen military personnel and veterans. We provide and distribute U.S. flags for the graves of our Veterans who have been laid to rest.

We distribute flags to our Grafton schools and offer several scholarships to our high school students. The Rose Harms Post sponsors and gives a place for the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to meet. Other community groups like The Lions Club, the Grafton Chamber of Commerce, Retired Educators of Ozaukee County, Grafton Area Live Arts and the Military Historian's Club also regularly use our Post.

None of these things would be possible without the support of members like you. And now you can easily renew your membership online at **www.legion.org/renew**.

DoD to Open Online Exchange Shopping to Veterans



WASHINGTON — The Defense Department announced today that veterans will soon be able to shop online at military exchanges. The policy change will extend limited online military exchange shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans of the military, DoD officials said.

The shopping benefit will be effective this Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2017.

While shopping privileges exclude the purchase of uniforms, alcohol and tobacco products, it includes the Exchange Services' dynamic online retail environment known so well to service members and their families, the release said. The change follows careful analysis, coordination and strong public support, officials said in the release.

"We are excited to provide these benefits to honorably discharged veterans to recognize their service and welcome them home to their military family," said Peter Levine, performing the duties for the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness. "'As a nation, we are grateful for the contributions of our service members,'" Levine said. "Offering this lifetime online benefit is one small, tangible way the nation can say, 'Thank you' to those who served with honor."

Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Margaret Hubacek

\$30 – Roger Wendlandt

\$25 – Marlin Mueller

\$20 – Joe Barbieri

\$15 – Jeff Wegner

\$10 – June Shock

Rose-Harms November SAL News

SAL Membership: SAL now has 85 members. 2018 dues are being collected so please get your \$20 payment to Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 before the end of October. Any SAL member not getting SAL emails, please email Craig Butler cabutler2@yahoo.com.

Honor Flight: The Stars and Stripes Honor Flight needs Guardians to assist veterans on Honor Flight Tours. If interested, go to <http://www.starsandstripeshonorflight.org/volunteers/> to get more information. Please note there is a Guardian Fee of \$500 and you need to be physically able to push someone in a wheelchair. Training is provided and you will need to complete an application online.

Camp American Legion: Apparently, the final decision about whether to renovate or completely rebuild our cabin, which has mold and rotten floor timbers, still has not been made. Larry Repinski is working with camp leadership. Currently all furniture has been moved to storage. Someone from our group will need to go to camp in spring to tag those items so they are not used for other purposes.

Legion Riders donated a total of \$18,550 during their "Ride to the Camp" last September.

Boudicca House: SAL approved a motion to donate \$100 towards landscaping for the Milwaukee Boudicca House for homeless women Veterans.

Veterans Day Dinner: SAL approved a motion to donate up to \$300 towards the Veterans Day Dinner, entertainment if they so choose to obtain something.

Memorial Bricks: Project has a couple more bricks to install before it can be sealed and completed.

SAL Beer Tasting: This annual SAL fundraising event is scheduled for October 26th at 6pm-9pm at Fire Ridge Golf Club. If you have not done so, please pick up and sell some tickets. Tickets are available at Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body, Grafton Mobile, Flannery's Restaurant at Fire Ridge Golf Course and SAL members. Please call 262-377-4190 to get your tickets to sell and for any ticket information. Please plan to attend this event to help with one of the many activities needing volunteers. The more that show up to help, the more time each will have to enjoy themselves.

Veterans Day: Volunteers are needed to help with the transition between the Auxiliary's Open House Lunch and the Veterans Day Dinner which is open to everyone. Plan on starting at 1:30 pm to move tables, clean up and sweep floors.

Legion Sign: The Legion decided they would like to keep the sign off to the side of the building and possibly where it is now. They don't want a lot spent on it. Al is contacting the Village to see what signage ordinances must be complied with.

Wreaths Across America: The American Legion Riders District 8 coordinates installation of Christmas wreaths at Wisconsin Veteran cemeteries. SAL approved a motion to donate \$450 for wreaths in Wisconsin cemeteries to be made payable to ALRA District 8 which will help them obtain 45 wreaths.

Flag Lights: Complaints have been made about the heat and dead bugs that accumulate on the current flag lighting. Paul will talk with his son who is in the electrical business.

SAL Clothing: Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465. Currently available: 2 large jackets @ \$45 each; 5 hats @ \$50 each and 24 polo golf shirt sizes @ \$30 each.

Legion Post Meeting Dinner Volunteers: Volunteers serve at 7:45pm

Nov 13 - Bob

Dec 12 - Post Christmas Party by Al

Upcoming Events

Oct 26 – SAL Beer Tasting @ 6pm-9pm Flannery's Restaurant at Fire Ridge Golf Course

Nov 11 – Veterans Day – Aux Lunch @ 11am and Veterans Day Dinner @ 5:30pm

Nativity Fund Charitable Trust Fundraiser



Saturday, November 4th, 2017

*Giving the gift of a small Nativity scene to nursing home residents
to remind them of the true meaning of Christmas.*

Stop by the Rose Harms American Legion Post 355

Anytime between 3:00 and 9:00 pm

For Light Appetizers,

Silent Auction and a Chinese Raffle



John Long Middle School

proudly presents

"The Wizard of Oz"

In appreciation, senior citizens
will be given tickets free of
charge for a special showing on
Thursday, November 2nd
at 4:00 pm

Cathy's Thoughts

I hope everyone is enjoying the Fall weather. Our last newsletter I asked for everyone to send me their "Why"

Why do you belong to the Auxiliary? I gave an example that I belong in honor of my father and now my son Peter is an Army Soldier. I only received one response. I was hoping to make something out of all the responses to show people why we belong to the Auxiliary.

So one more try my email address is cbrunnquell@wi.rr.com or you can call 377-0718 if I'm not home leave me a message. I would really appreciate your responses.



Our Sweetest Day Lasagna Dinner had a great turn out. Thank you to Amy Gollwitzer from Ferrante's for donating the food we served. Also, a BIG thank you to Al & Diane Richards, Kim & Ann Fields, and my husband Jim for helping with this event. Judy Kuta and Sharon Kerstcher helped set up on Friday afternoon, thank you to them also. It was a good turn out and everyone had a good time.

Please help by donating these items for our HOSPITALIZED VETERANS

That will be given as gifts at this celebration

Men's knit hats, scarf, gloves

Men's flannel shirts size L- XL

Stick Deodorant

Tooth brushes & tooth paste

Donation should be brought to our November Meeting

If it is more convenient to donate cash, please do so, and I will shop for these items for you

Thank You – for being a Santa for our Vets!!

Mel Nowack 262-377-1776



Rose Harms Unit 355 meeting was held on Tuesday, October 15th



President Cathy Brunnquell read her comments from her September Newsletter – She wrote on **WHY** you joined the Auxiliary. Requested to write a statement as to why you joined. Please send her your stories. She read one from a member and it was very interesting hearing the story.

Department Chaplin Judy Kuta reported she received 2 Prayers for the Prayer book she is putting together for Department President. Please have your prayers to her by Thanksgiving. Judy also requested to remember our Veterans and try to say a daily prayer for their service – be they living or deceased. She passed around little toy soldiers to have at our homes as reminders.

Membership Tammy Hadler reported we have 91 members paid to date. Please turn in your membership renewals. If we have 35 more renewals we will be able to be in the next drawing for a monetary prize for our Unit.

VA&R Mel Nowack reported on the Christmas donations for this year. Our Unit donated \$300.00 for the Christmas gift shop. In addition she requested for members to donate one of the following for the Hospitalized Veterans: Men's knit hats, scarf, gloves; tooth brush/tooth paste; Men's flannel shirts size L – XL. If unable to shop she will also accept cash and will purchase items. These items should be brought to our November unit meeting. Any questions, please call Mel 262-377-1776.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Marcus Movie Tickets: Next order will be going in on Nov 22 & Dec 11, 2017.

Honor Flight Dates: 11/4 – please remember there is a **Welcome Home** after the plane has landed at General Mitchell Airport

Fall County Meeting will be held at Saukville Post on October 18 beginning @ 5:30. Dinner to be served at 6 with a program to follow at 7.

Christmas tree Decorating: Wed Nov 15th at Paramount Plaza. Contact Sue Turowski for details if you are interested.

Veterans Day: Sat Nov 11th Parade – be at Post at 10:15 if marching - Please have food at Post by 9 am for set up – Dinner Dance – doors opened at 5:30.



Veterans Day Dinner Dance

Saturday, November 11, 2017

Doors open at 5:30 pm. Dinner served at 6:30 pm.

Evening includes; guest speaker, music & dancing



Veterans receive a Free Dinner compliments of the Sons of the American Legion and the Auxiliary. Everyone is welcome!

Please Print

| Non-Veteran Name | Cost | Veteran Name | Cost |
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| | \$15 | | FREE |
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Reservations due by November 8. Payment must be received prior to the event.

Make checks payable to Veteran Dinner Dance.

Mail to: Veteran Dinner Dance

Rose-Harms Post 355

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Grafton, WI 53024