



## Post's Upcoming Events

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| Monday, March 4th   | Executive Committee meeting   |
| Thursday, March 7th | Ozaukee County Council meeting at Grafton's Post 355  |
| Saturday, March 9th | American Legion Birthday and Recognition Dinner   |
| Monday, March 11th  | Post meeting will be preceded by a Auxiliary Pot Luck dinner<br>Doors open at 6:00 pm with meeting at 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday, March 12th | BINGO   |
| Tuesday, March 12th | SAL meeting in lower hall at 6:30 pm  |
| Monday, March 18th  | Military Historians Club  |
| Monday, March 18th  | Card party lower hall   |

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## COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak

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### AMERICAN LEGION 100TH BIRTHDAY.

#### HIGHLIGHTS---THE PAST 100 YEARS.

For veterans---Legion demanded a single federal agency to take responsibility for health care, benefits, and opportunities. Thus, the U.S. Veterans Bureau in 1921, the Veterans Administration in 1930, and the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1989.

American Legion research and advocacy made PTSD a recognized diagnosis in 1980 after over a half-century of fighting on behalf of those who came home suffering mentally from their military experiences.

Conceived, drafted, and pushed to passage the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, the GI Bill of Rights.

Millions of veterans have found gainful employment through efforts of the Legion.

It led conferences in 1923 and 1924 that ultimately established the first-ever standard rules of respect for the U.S. flag.

The Legion Endowment Fund and its fundraisers and contributions have helped families facing economic, medical, or environmental crises.

In 1990, Legion was forced to sue the federal government to act on its findings and provide care for veterans and families dealing with conditions related to Agent Orange exposure.

Legionnaires have responded to handle life-threatening catastrophes---fires, floods, hurricanes tornados, and mine disasters.

It fought for "Universal Military Training" and out of that came the Reserve Forces Act of 1955--- establishing the modern Reserve component of the U.S. military and a more effective National Guard, which have proven so vital, especially in the War on Terrorism.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Ozaukee County Bowling, Harbor Hills, March 9, 1pm, \$75 per 5 man team.

A thank you to Butch Paegelow and many Legion Family volunteers who worked together to make the 35th Annual Las Vegas Fundraiser a great success.

Thank you to the Legion men who were at Lakefield Cemetery for the military service for my husband Don Huebner. It was very cold and windy on the 6th of December and our family appreciated them being there. Lorna May Wulff Huebner

### American Legion Buddy Check.

March 11-18. A "National Week of Calling" any member or former member who may have lost touch with the Post. We need them, and they need us. Form a team and connect with:

- Member who has not yet renewed.
- Member in good standing but has lost contact with Post due to age or health related issue.
- A recently expired member. Contact the family to see how they are doing.
- Long-expired member. Update the family about Post activities. For more info contact me at 812-345-4564.

### Mighty 2nd District Spring Conference.

Saturday, April 27, Horicon Post 157. Cost is \$17 per person includes a buffet lunch.

Four Grafton High School will attend Badger Boys State, June 8-15. Jacob Guerra, Josh Brown, Victor Geiser, and Connor Guysky. Thank you to Bill Clayton for his dedication and work to keep our Legion active in this State Leadership Program.

Letters were mailed on February 8 to members who have not renewed their membership. In total 26 members received info about how to renew and action to be taken if not renewed by April 1.

## Highlights of Our last Post Meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported: Post member Robert DeMars has died and that Dennis McGrew's wife had passed away.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported that membership at 274. New member, Mark Schuller, USN, was welcomed aboard.

Americanism: Bill Clayton reported that 4 Grafton High School boys were selected for the Badger Boys State program in June. They are Jacob Guerra, Josh brown, Connor Guysky and Victor Geiser.

Hall Report: Refreshments for the evening were compliments of Ron Wicke and Frank Bly birthdays.

Scouts: Steve Shock reported that the Post sponsored Scout Troop #840 is receiving new members in the pipeline from the cub packs in the area.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen reported the Post Oratorical Contest winner, Morgan McKinnis won 2nd place at Second District Contest at the Mid Winter Conference. The young man who won, went on to win the State contest.

Public Safety: Sandra Krzewinski said that all awardees have been selected and notified to come to our 100th Birthday dinner on March 9th.

Unfinished Business: The new Post sign for the front of the building is now being constructed and hopefully in place by this spring.

Recommendations passed;

To donate \$250 to St. Paul's Lutheran School for their annual Washington D.C. class trip.

and \$500 to Camp Hometown Heroes to be presented at the "Grand Slam Charity Jam".

New Business: Larry Repinski from the Sons of the American Legion, thanked the Post for their charter and our donation to SAL's cabin #22. He spoke of the Mid-winter's conference all-out effort to help in the rebuilding of cabin #22.

The new cabin will be named, the Legion Family Cabin, honoring all the Legion Families who donated. It will be the first four season cabin with full handicap access. Its main mission will be to host families of the fallen. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring.



**Specials thanks** goes out to all those who helped make this years Las Vegas Night another huge success.

To those behind the scenes who help with the sorting of money into envelopes, to stapling tickets together for raffles, collecting raffle prizes Thank You.

To those who help with selling tickets for hourly raffles, doing the calling of raffle ticket numbers, working silent auction, to those dealing cards and working the various tables, that evening would not have been this successful without your help. Special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and the SALS for all their help that evening.

### **Winners in the cash sweepstakes were:**

\$500 Thomas Schoonover

\$200 Amy Luft.

\$100 Pat Wollner, Scott Fletcher and Robert Hubacek.

\$50 Gary Lallensack, Crystal Briggs, Deb Paschke and Roger Myers.

**The 50/50 cash winner** was Laura Bertrand who walked away with \$963.00.

**The High Roller winner** was Bill Schwalbe.

Congratulations to all of our winners  
Thank you again, Butch.

### ***Calendar Raffle Winners:***

**\$50 – Arline Kaul**

**\$30 – Margaret Glouleman**

**\$25 – Ruth Hurt**

**\$20 – Joseph Walsh**

**\$15 – Greg Holcomb**

**\$10 – Dan Pals**



**Rose-Harms Post 355,  
Sons of the American Legion  
News - March 2019**



**SAL Membership:** 2019 SAL membership renewals total 87 members with only 63 who have paid dues so far. Contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 to renew or sign up.

**SAL Clothing:** Dress shirts and ties are now available for members attending formal events. SAL shirts, hats and jackets are also in stock. Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465 for ordering or information.

**Kayak Package Fundraiser:** The Kayak raffle to help raise money for Cabin 22 is in full swing. The winner will claim two Hurricane Santee 120 Sport Kayaks with a Malone Micro Sport Trailer, vests and carbon paddles for a total value of \$5,400. Tickets can still be purchased at Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body, Grafton Mobile and Grapes and Taste in Cedarburg. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. A **GoFundMe** page is available for those wanting to donate funds towards the Cabin 22 replacement. You can access the GoFundMe page from the Rose Harms Post Facebook page or directly at <https://www.gofundme.com/camp-american-legion-cabin-22-replacement>. Any questions, contact Craig Butler @ 262-377-1046

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

**Mar** – Auxiliary

**Apr** – Chris and Corey

**Upcoming Events:**

- March 9th – 100<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner, including the Post's "Legionnaire of the Year" award and recognition of Grafton's first responders.
- Auxiliary Wine and Whiskey Tasting – May 11th
- Sons of the American Legion Golf Outing – June 1

**Next SAL Meeting: Tuesday, March 12 starting at 6:30pm**

**Only 40 out of our 284 Post members are signed up for this FREE benefit.**

The Legionnaire Insurance Trust is pleased to announce that online enrollment is now available for the LegionCare No Cost Accidental Death benefit. This is a one-of-a-kind benefit offered exclusively to Legionnaires.

LegionCare provides all Legionnaires with:

\$5,000 in Accidental Death Coverage for covered accidents that occur if you are traveling on official Legion business.

\$1,000 for all other covered accidents.

24/7 protection that covers Legionnaires at home, at work and while they are travelling away from home available for all Legionnaires in your Department.

To learn more or to sign up, please visit: <http://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare>.



Our last meeting took place February 19, 2019.

Chaplain Sue Turowski did a presentation for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the sinking of the USS Dorchester which took the lives of 4 Chaplains. She told us detailed information on the background of each Chaplain giving us a better understanding of why the Four Chaplains are honored every year in February.

Our Membership report for this month stands many unpaid members. If you have not paid your membership for 2019 please do so online or contact our Membership chairperson Lora Linder.

As tradition every year, our Auxiliary will be serving a pot luck dinner to the Legionnaires for the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the American Legion.

If you would like to bring a dish, please call Cathy Brunnquell 262-377-0718

Those of you that have already signed up, please note the following:

Bring Dishes and set up 5-5:30 pm

Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm

7:00 pm Meetings

The annual election of officers for the Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary Unit 355 will be held on Tuesday May 21, 2019. The following are elected offices: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Treasurer, Chaplain, and Historian.

Information on each of these positions is available.

If you are interested in learning more, or would like to run for one of these positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee by April 9th.

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Nominations can also be made from the floor.

Our Unit will be hosting the American Legion Auxiliary Ozaukee County Council this Spring.

It is Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Rose-Harms American Legion Post. All the Ozaukee County Units attend with raffle baskets. It is always a fun event to reunite with other units.

5:30 pm - Registration & Social Time

6:00 pm – Dinner

6:30 pm – Meeting

Contact Cathy Brunnquell if you would like to register and attend 262-377-0718

Member Kelly Bichjanich showed us Shirts and Jackets available for embroidery with the Rose-Harms emblem. Many members were interested in a new jacket. Contact Kelly by emailing for information at [knorthshore@att.net](mailto:knorthshore@att.net)

### **Our Units upcoming events:**

March 9th, American Legion 100th Birthday Dinner

March 11, Pot Luck & Auxiliary Meeting

April 17, Ozaukee County Council Spring Meeting

May 10 & 11 - Poppy Distribution

May 11, Wine Tasting

May 18, Sweats for Vets







***The American Legion's  
100th Birthday  
Saturday, March 9th***

**Everyone is Welcome !**

***Help Honor the Post's Legionnaire of the Year***

***We will be serving  
Cornbeef and Chicken***



**Dinner is only \$15.00 Each**

**Fun Starts at 6:00 pm**

**Names**

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