

Rose Harms Legionnaire

July 2019

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Happy Independence Day

Monday, July 1st	Post executive committee meeting
Thursday, July 4th	Independence Day
Saturday, July 6th	Zablocki Veterans picnic at the Post
Monday, July 8th	Post general meeting
Wednesday, July 24th	Post Family Day at the Chinooks Baseball game



We are happy to have you as part of Grafton's Independence Day Parade happening on **Saturday, June 29th, 2019**

Unit Name: American Legion Rose Harms Post

Line Up starts at 10:30 a.m.—

Be at your Line-Up number by no later than 10:45 a.m.

The Parade kicks off at 11:00 a.m. from 9th and Wisconsin

It will travel north on Wisconsin and turn right on to Cedar St.— ending there.

Parking—If you need to park your car- we recommend doing so on either Maple Street or somewhere along 11th Ave, then walking over to the staging area.

Please call if you have any questions at 262-377-1650.

Or e-mail Sarah McCraw at Sarah@grafton-wi.org

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Les Williams happily reported that there were no funerals for the month.
SAL's dog tag display for Memorial Day was very moving..

The Girl Scouts of St. Paul's donated cookies for home bound vets .

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported: year ending membership is 298 matching last year's totals including 16 new members for this year . . .

Americanism: Bill Clayton reported that the two Post's Scholarships went to;
Technical Scholarship - Joshua Franzen.
Academic Scholarship - Stacy Ducheny.

Athletic: Doug Arendt said that the Post's annual Golf Outing at Edgewater Golf Course is scheduled for Saturday, September 7th

The West Bend High School is offering free tickets to their presentation of South Pacific the last 2 weeks of July with free tickets to Veterans.

Scouts: Steve Shock and Jim Arentz met with Jim Lillyquist and worked on plans to rebuild the bridge along the river's edge below Post.

Unfinished Business:

- Post members are encouraged to participate in the Calendar Raffle.
- The Post's responsibility for manning the Legion info center at the Ozaukee County Fair is Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- The GHS students who attended Badger Boys State will speak about their experiences at the July meeting.
- August 12th is the Post's annual corn roast and picnic. Only an abbreviated Legion meeting will follow.
- The County Legion Installation Dinner will be held at the Post on Friday, June 28th.

Recommendations Passed

- Have Jim Proefrock cut down the 2 dead ash trees and grind the stumps for a cost of \$100.

- Donate the budgeted \$100 to GALA events on Thursday night at Veterans Park.

New Business:

- Guests Kate Hoffmann and Kirsten Coenen, of the Feith Family YMCA in Saukville, spoke regarding their 20th anniversary plans to expand. They have 8,300 members and their focus for the future is in 3 areas: Care for Children and Youth Development including water safety, before and after school programs, and community-based 4K; Healthy Living; and Staff Retention.
- Amy Luft provided info on their annual VA picnic scheduled for Saturday, July 6th, from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Post.
- Amy also thanked the Post for the our assistance with SWEAT4VETS. The event had 509 walkers and raised over \$20,000.

Good of the Legion:

Ken Kasprzak informed the membership he will turn over the Commander's gavel next meeting and remarked how honored he was for the privilege of such service . . .

Correspondence: Commander Ken read:

- A thank-you letter and a check for \$30 for the Post doing honors for Stanley McDowel
- A thank you letter from Stacy Ducheny for the Post Academic Scholarship.

Calendar Raffle Winners

\$50 – Char Karrels

\$30 – Gerald Beck

\$25 – Ronald Block

\$20 – Gail Taylor

\$15 – Greg Holcomb

\$10 – Mike Karrels

(Yes, Char's husband won too!)



COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak

Beginning with the August Newsletter, my article will be called Chaplain's Corner. Yes, I'm excited about starting my new elected position as your Chaplain. It will be a challenge to take over for Les Williams who has done great work over the past 15 years. Needless to say, I will certainly miss my role as Commander. It gave me the opportunity to not only be in charge of conducting Executive Board and Post meetings but to be involved in many Legion and community projects. (i.e. Brick Memorial, Legion Sign, Parades, Email distribution of Newsletters, Honor Guard, Post Security Cameras, Memorial and Veterans Day Programs, Post Fundraisers, Badger Boys State interviews, Post representation at funerals, and more.

Correspondence----Thank you for your support of the Sweat4Vets Post-to-Post walk which annually leads to its success. The donation of your Post at no cost and dollars to purchase new yard signs. Money raised was over \$20,000 and donated to Patriot K-9's of Wisconsin. Mark your calendar for our 5th annual walk on May 16, 2020.

Good of the Legion----

- A. Newsletter distribution. A reminder that you can help defray cost of USPS mail by submitting your email address to me. Please send to kkasprzak1@icloud.com
- B. Note that our annual Post picnic is August 12. We will not have a regular Post meeting at 7:00 pm but a social gathering in the lower level. It's a great way to have conversation with veteran friends. Auxiliary will conduct their meeting upstairs.
- C. Remember there is still time to submit Calendar Raffle entries.
- D. GHS students who attended Badger Boys State will be present at our July meeting to summarize their week and what was important about being a participant.



Living Well----Protection from the Sun's Rays. One out of every 5 Americans will develop skin cancer during his or her lifetime. They range from basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma to malignant melanoma. Do protect yourself with sunscreen, minimum SPF 30.

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The crew from the Rose Harms Post serves the National Guard a hardy lunch after completing their training at Fort McCoy



Jim Arentz, Brian Hadler, Kurt Sutinen and Al Richards cook up the Brats. After lunch, they got to watch 26 soldiers receive their silver spurs. Brian even got to hand them the Legion Rider's challenge coin.

Our Citizen Soldiers

The most important thing to remember when comparing the National Guard and Army Reserve is that the National Guard is a "dual service," with both state and federal control, whereas the Army Reserve is strictly under the control of the federal government.

The National Guard actually evolved from state militias. It traces its roots back to 1636, more than 100 years before the Declaration of Independence was signed. Because of its unique status, state governors often activate the Guard to respond to local emergencies. National Guardsmen serve as rescue workers during floods, curfew enforcers during hurricanes and police reinforcements during times of unrest. During times of war, the federal government can exercise its power to activate National Guard troops for military service. The Army Reserve, on the other hand, is exclusively used to supplement the federal military. It is prohibited from responding to disasters at home.

Rose-Harms Unit 355 - American Legion Auxiliary

I would like to thank everyone for their help in making our Auxiliary here at Rose-Harms such a success.

We are a very active unit and all of our efforts and events make me very proud to say that I was the President these past 4 years. I had help from past Presidents and also from my Executive Board. The President organizes the meetings and communication but needs many volunteers to accomplish the work that we do for our Veterans and their Families. One person cannot do all this alone and I am very grateful for the members we have.



The June Banquet was a hit as always! Thank you to Ann Fields and Jean Rieck for all your work organizing the banquet. The Poppy Princesses were given special gifts for doing such a great job representing our American Legion, Addison Paape & Rylee Turowski. The Membership Committee gave out awards recognizing milestone years to members. Many flower and plant prizes for the members also. Fun was had by all.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

VA Picnic- Saturday July 6th

If you would like to donate food or want to help at the picnic call
Amy Luft 414-651-7300

Trees from Home Saturday August 3rd 9 am to 1 pm

If you would like to join and decorate the trees for the Troops call
Linda Brown 262-339-0826

Ozaukee County Fair August 2nd - Rose-Harms day will be Friday in the Commercial building. We have a signup sheet for 2 hour shifts.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Post to be recognized by the Community. If you would like to help out call Cathy Brunnquell 262-377-0718

Next Meeting: After the August 12th Cookout at the Legion Post

Sons of the American Legion News – July 2019

SAL Membership: Post 355 SAL membership stands at 80 members and a few still have outstanding dues to be paid. Please contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 if you have not paid your renewal. Members will be contacted via email to see who, if any, are opposed to sharing their contact information with the other members. This is needed to help communications during events and activities.

Squad News:

SAL's 9th Annual Golf Outing was a great success. Everyone had a good time even with the unseasonably cold weather. Indoor eating was also a hit.

Groundbreaking for the replacement of Camp American Legion Cabin 22, that our SAL squad will continue to support, was conducted on June 9th. This picture is of those able to participate. A heart filled thank you to everyone who helped with the fundraisers and those who contributed towards making this wonderful effort to build a new American Legion Family Cabin happen.



Two recipients were awarded scholarships from our SAL squad. They are Zachary Kosidowski and Katelyn Shanks. Congrats!

Officer Elections were held, and the following will be the next Sons of the American Legion Officers beginning in September for a term of two years.

Squad Commander Corey Esselmann

1st Vice Commander Bill Riedle

2nd Vice Commander Paul Turowski

Treasurer Chris Wegner

Adjutant Craig Butler

Sargent at Arms Ken Konicek

Sargent at Arms Brian Hadler

Chaplin Mike Burkwald

Assistant Chaplin Marc Eernisee

SAL Volunteers to serve Legion Members at 7:45pm

July – Corey E.

August - Post's Family cookout - Everyone is invited - Starts at 6:00 pm

Sept – Mike B.

Next SAL Meeting: 9/10 @ 6:30pm



Rose Harms Post Family Night Chinooks Baseball Game

Wednesday, July 24th, 6:30 pm



**Gets you a great baseball game
plus a FREE Chinooks Hat
Hot Dog, Chips and a Drink**

Only \$15 a Ticket

Number of Tickets _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Rose Harms Post 355, 1540 13th Ave., Grafton, WI 53024

