



October 2019

Rose Harms Legionnaire

Upcoming Events

Thursday, October 3rd	County Flag disposal at Grafton Post
Monday, October 7th	Post Executive Committee meeting
Tuesday, October 8th	BINGO
Tuesday, October 8th	Sons of the American Legion meeting
Monday, October 14th	General Meeting
Monday, October 21st	Military Historians Club
Monday, October 21st	Card Club—lower hall
Thursday, October 24th	Beer Tasting at Fire Ridge
Saturday, November 9th	Veterans Day Dinner

Happy Halloween

A carved jack-o'-lantern with a smiling face, positioned to the right of the 'Happy Halloween' text.



Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported membership at 142. Two new members were welcomed aboard including, Pete Olsen (US Army) and Alan Guenther (US Air Force). A guest from the Bloomington, Indiana, Post, John Harrow (USA) was introduced.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported the Post Golf Outing was wonderful and posted a profit of \$807.67. Doug indicated the Post Gambling Group is looking for members who would like to join the Group which provides outreach gambling services to outside individuals and groups who put on gambling events.

Hall Report: Al Richards reported a slow summer has turned around to a busy fall which has but 1 or 2 weeks not booked until year's end. Al also reminded members of the Veterans Day Dinner which will be on Saturday, November 9th. This dinner is sponsored by the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion. The Dinner and Drinks are free to all Post members who have paid their dues.

Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow reported Vegas Night 2020 (it's 36 year) is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th, 2020 and he is willing to continue as it's coordinator as long as he has the support from Post members. This continues to be our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Scouts: Steve Shock reported that this year the Post is responsible for the county flag retirement event. The ceremonies will be held at Centennial Park in Grafton on Thursday, October 3rd, at 6:00 pm.

The Post's Oratorical Contest: Lee Wiskirchen reported he will soon contact Zach Gaeske from Grafton High School to begin recruiting students for the Oratorical Contest in December. Participants in the contest develop leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently, and are better prepared for the acceptance of the duties and responsibilities, for the rights and privileges of American citizenship. A single main speech topic related the United States Constitution will be required with a length of 8 to 10 minutes, as well as an "Assigned Topic" that must consume 3 to 5 minutes of presenter's delivery.

Camp American Legion: Dick Lallensack reported Camp closing scheduled for week of October 7th. Dick also indicated his wishes to relinquish his position as county liaison to Camp.

New Business: A recommendation from the Executive Committee to donate \$100 to the Grafton Gladiators Football Program was passed.

Good of the Legion:

- Post member Al Buccholz presented a very moving and highly informative slide show of his trip to the American Cemetery in Florence, Italy. On Memorial Day 2019, he had the opportunity to join in the ceremonies and lay a wreath on the memorial grave of our Post's name sake, Lt. Roy Harms .



- A reminder of the Veterans Day ceremonies at Grafton High School, which begins at 8:00 am on Monday, November 11th.
- There will be a Sunday, October 13th Bloody Mary Tour starting at our Post. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to "The Honor Flights" . See Dan Pals for tickets.

Correspondence:

- A thank-you letter for the Post's support of the Disabled Veterans Fish Outing.
- A thank-you letter from Josh Franzen for his selection for the Post Technical Scholarship.

September's Calendar Raffle Winners:

\$50 – Bob Wrecza
\$30 – Tommy Lamb
\$25 – Frank Haupt
\$20 – Robert Talaska
\$15 – Arlene Kaul
\$10 – Art Albers



Robert Wrecza won the Packer tickets for the September 22nd game

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak

As Chaplain my goal is to serve as spiritual leader, provide comfort to members who are sick, and help bereaved families of Post members. Therefore, if you have info about members or families that I can assist, please contact me via phone 812-345-4564 or email (see below). Thanks.

On September 27, I'm visiting and will be speaking to veteran residents at Milan Estates Assisted Living in Saukville. Thanks to Marty Wegner for the referral.

On September 7, our Post hosted an annual golf outing. Again it was a huge success because Doug Arendt and his volunteers devote their time and effort. Many raffle prizes were given to participants. Two major ones donated by Dave Hubacek were a set of Bridgestone golf clubs with bag and a 2020 annual Edgewater Golf membership. Joe Salamone won the bag/clubs and I won the golf membership.

Living Well----Alzheimer Detection. Brain Scans can improve diagnosis and management of Alzheimer disease. A recent study showed that the use of PET scans to identify amyloid plaques in the brain has changed the diagnosis of the cause of mental impairment. Also, how the disease/condition is managed and counseling provided. The study findings are important because while there is no cure early diagnosis means better management of symptoms and patients being directed to clinical trials for new drugs.

October SAL News

Membership: SAL Membership is now 81 members with the addition of Sanford Cohen. Please submit your dues for 2020 before December. Contact Paul Turowski at 262-389-4645 or go to mylegion.org to renew online. Please note, our Squad received the 100% Membership Award for 2019.



SAL Clothing: Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465 with sizes for ordering shirts, caps, jackets, etc. We will investigate options for getting T-Shirts that our members can purchase.

Camp American Legion: Contractor Bids are expected by September 20th. Work will begin in October to rough in cabin 22 with hope that it can be completed before the winter sets in.

Post Sign Upgrade: The new sign for the Post has been installed. All that remains is some brick work. Thanks to everyone who helped on this effort.

Beer & Wine Tasting Fundraiser: Our 10th Annual Beer and Wine Tasting fundraiser is scheduled for October 24th at Fire Ridge Golf Club from 6-9pm. The addition of having wine tasting will be investigated. Help will be needed to setup and man tasting booths.

Our squad voted to again donate \$200 to the Daniel Boone Conservation VetFest Fundraiser.

Flag Retirement: Anyone interested in attending the October 3rd Flag Retirement ceremony at our Post should arrive by 5:30pm. The ceremony will be performed for all of Ozaukee County.

SAL Volunteer Activities -

Camp American Legion: Volunteers needed for fall cleanup. SAL Volunteers will carpool to camp on Oct 9 and work on Oct 10th to help pull out the pier and other miscellaneous tasks. Call Bob or Dick at 262-377-4190 if you want to join them and carpool.

Veteran's Day Dinner: Volunteers needed to help shuttle people and cars between the library parking lot and the Post. Please sign up at the October meeting or contact Corey.

Volunteers planning to serve Post Legion Meeting Dinner that starts at 7:45pm. are;
Bob Rieck on Oct 14 – Jimmy on Nov 11 – Al on Dec 9th

Next SAL Meeting: 10/8 @ 6:30pm

OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



At this year's Department Convention our Unit was honored when we were presented with the President's Award for Excellence. President Cathy Brunnquell accepted the award on our behalf. Unit members Amy Luft and Judy Kuta were also presented with the President's Award for Excellence for their work on the Department Leadership Program, of which Amy was the Chairman. **Only 5 Awards for Excellence are given out, so we can be especially proud of our accomplishments.**

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Auxiliary, an aerial photo of Ozaukee County Auxiliary members, arranged to spell out the number 100, will be taken at Centennial Park in Grafton on Saturday October 12th at 10:00 am. Enter the park off of 17th Avenue, meet near the shelter. Please wear red, white or blue shirt/jacket. We need as many members as possible for this once in a life-time photo opportunity. Spread the word!

Our Unit has voted to work in conjunction with the Legion Family in holding a 100-year Anniversary Event. Details will be coming in future newsletters.

The Fall County Meeting will be hosted by the Mequon-Thiensville Unit on Wednesday October 16th. Registration and Social time begin at 5:30, dinner at 6:00, followed by the meeting at 7:00 PM. If you're interested in attending, please notify President Sue by October 8th. Come join us to socialize with other Ozaukee County members and learn what's going on in their Units.

The SONS will hold their annual Beer and Wine Tasting Event on Thursday October 24th at Fire Ridge Golf Club. Our Unit will again be donating a Tool Chest. Co-chairs Ann Fields and Diane Riedl ask that if you wish to donate an item to add to the chest, please bring it to our October 15th Unit meeting.

Membership Chair Lora Linder reports we currently have 86 paid members for 2020. We need 160 to hit 100%. We still have 25 members that have not paid their dues for **2019**. If you think you might have forgotten, please send your \$30 to Lora, ASAP. Junior fees are \$6. Lora's address is 209 Cedar St, Grafton.

As reported last month, names of all members who had paid their **2020** dues were put into a drawing. Congratulations to gift card winners Erin Johnston and Carolyn Buesch.

Our Unit will be hosting this year's State Bowling Tournament on March 28/29 and April 4/5 at Circle B.

Included in this newsletter is an order form for a Veteran/Military Banner. Amy has been working with the Village of Grafton, and they've offered to hang these banners throughout downtown Grafton beginning on Veteran's Day. They'll also store them for us and put them up again next year. Original cost for a banner was \$125.00 but CKC Sign has agreed to underwrite this project, resulting in the price of \$50.00 each. This is a special way to honor your favorite Veteran or someone serving in the Military.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

VA & R chairman Mel Nowak reports there are two ways we can help out those Veterans at Zablocki who are too ill to go home for the Holidays, either through gift donations and/or baked goods. Please see the flyer at the bottom of this newsletter, which details the needed gift items. These should be brought to the October meeting or dropped off at the home of Mel Nowak, 1115 2nd Avenue in Grafton. Mel would also be happy to do the shopping with your donation of cash.

Homemade or store-bought Christmas cookies, cakes and pies (non-refrigerated only) are needed for the "Christmas with the Vets Holiday Show". If you can help, bring your baked goods to the home of Laurie Schwalbe, 1127 11th Avenue in Grafton on Tuesday December 10th. If you're unable to deliver them, contact Laurie at 414-659-6951 for pick-up. Please help to make the Holidays a little brighter this year for our hospitalized Vets.

The Bowling Committee is in need of 10-15 baskets for each weekend of the tournament. Consider donating a basket. More details will follow in the months to come.

Member Ellie Laydon is selling pecans for her church Community United Methodist. The bags are 12 oz. and cost is \$11 for the plain and \$10.00 for the milk chocolate, dark chocolate and turtle. To place an order please call Ellie or leave a message at 262-377-1155. Pecans will be delivered mid-November.

Lastly, it's our sad duty to report on the death of 60-yr member Donna Liebenstein, who passed away on September 15th in Woodruff, WI. For many years Donna would send her dues, along with a monetary gift for the Auxiliary and a note to her friends in the Grafton Unit. She continued this practice even after she became an honorary member. Donna was preceded in death by her husband J.O. Liebenstein, and is survived by son Lee Liebenstein, and daughter Jodi Capacio. If you wish, cards may be sent to Jodi at 2307 Willies Drive, Woodruff, WI 54568-9001. A sympathy card from the Unit, along with the bronze grave marker have been sent to Donna's family. We'll be draping our Charter at the October Unit meeting in her honor.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday Oct 3: Flag Retirement Ceremony - 6 pm - Centennial Park in Grafton.

Saturday Oct 12: County Auxiliary Members photo – 10 am – Centennial Park in Grafton.

Tuesday Oct 15: Monthly Unit Meeting (bring Vet Christmas gift items)

Wednesday Oct 16: Fall County Auxiliary Meeting - Hosted by Mequon-Thiensville

Thursday Oct 24: SONS Beer & Wine Tasting Event at Fire Ridge

Tuesday Dec 10: Deliver baked goods for Vets Christmas Show to Laurie Schwalbe

Wednesday Dec 11: Unit Christmas party at the Post.

Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #355 Fund Raiser

Marcus Movie Tickets, Gift Cards, and Gift Certificates Order Form

Name _____ Today's Date _____

Address _____ Phone Number _____

Silver Fun Tickets* _____ x \$6.50 = Total \$ _____ *Not valid after 6 pm on Saturdays or for Movies that are "Pass List Suspended". No expiration date.*

Platinum Fun Tickets* _____ x \$8.50 = Total \$ _____ *No restrictions, no expiration date.*

***1 FREE \$3 Marcus Snack Cash Voucher with every 2 Silver or Platinum Fun Tickets Purchased**

Gift Card Denominations \$10 _____ \$25 _____ = Total \$ _____

Gift Certificate Denominations \$5 _____ \$10 _____ \$25 _____ = Total \$ _____

Gift Cards and Gift Certificates are same as cash. No restrictions, No expiration date AND are good at all Marcus properties Nationwide.

☐ My e-mail address for future ticket sale notices _____

Check should be made payable to the **American Legion Auxiliary #355**. Mail order blank with check to:
Laurie Schwalbe, 1127 11th Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024. Call 414-659-6951 with questions.

2019 orders will be placed March 25, June 24, Sept 23, Nov 25, and Dec 9

Orders will be delivered within 10 business days. Prices are subject to change.



ChristmasWithTheVets.com

**Christmas with the Vets
32nd Annual Holiday Show
December 14, 2019**

**Zablocki VA Medical Center
Milwaukee, WI**

Bringing the Holiday Spirit



SUGGESTED ITEMS FROM DOC

(HOMEMADE) OR STORE BOUGHT
CHRISTMAS COOKIES - CAKES - PIES
GHIRADELLI CHOCOLATES - CASHEW NUTS
NEW BOARD GAMES
GIFT CARDS FOR: WALMART - MCDONALDS - WENDYS
BEENIE HATS - NEW SWEAT SOCKS
SKI GLOVES XXL \$10 OR LESS
LADIES
HAIR BRUSHES - SHAMPOO - CONDITIONER- DEODORANT



THANK YOU FROM
JEFF DENTICE (DOC)
&
THE XMAS
VETS CREW



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBERS
Donations should be brought to our October Meeting

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

Mel Nowak, VA & R chair

262-377-1776



**New
Valet Parking**

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Rose Harms Post Veterans Day Dinner

Saturday, November 9, 2019

All are welcome.

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m./Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

~Guest Speaker~Music~Dancing~

Veterans are FREE

Compliments of the American Legion Auxiliary and SAL.

Make checks payable to:

Veterans Dinner Dance

1540 13th Ave.

Grafton, WI 53024

Name Please Print	Veteran \$0	Non-Veteran \$15

*All reservations due by **November 5***

Total Enclosed \$ _____