



DECEMBER

2019

Upcoming Events



Monday, December 2nd

Post Executive Committee

Wednesday, Dec 4th

Post Blood Drive

Monday, December 9th

Post Oratorical Contest starts at 7:00 pm
followed by our Post general meeting

Tuesday, December 10th

BINGO

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SAL meeting in the lower hall 6:30 pm

Monday, December 16th

Military Historians, door open at 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25th

We Wish You All A Very Merry Christmas

January 1st, 2020

Your Rose Harms Post membership expires!

Renew online at www.legion.org/renew

or mail to;

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



**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!**

Time to Renew Your Membership

Chaplain Ken Kasprzak reported that Tom Brown is going back to the VA hospital for health assistance – Al Richards has recently seen medical expertise for heart irregularities.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap introduced a new Post member, Jim Newton. Membership at 195 with 13 more ready to go, so actual total is 208.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Knoppa & Nick Schanen reported Veterans Day parade was cancelled due to inclement weather. Ceremonies were at the Post.

Grafton's annual Christmas parade will be on November 30th with staging at 10:30 am at the corner of St. Pauls.

Mike reminded everyone that the Post Blood Drive is scheduled for December 4th, from 2:30 to 6:30 pm.

Children & Youth: Doug Arendt reported the JLMS musical was a great success, and the GHS musical is scheduled for 15,16,17,22,23,24 of November.

Oratorical Contest: Lee Wiskirchen reported 3 students had thus far committed to the Post Oratorical Contest to be held on December 9th.

POW/MIA: Jim Stencel spoke about the remains of two soldiers whose remains have been repatriated.

Unfinished Business:

The Post donated \$500 to the Grafton Christmas Parade.

Good of the Legion:

Mike Urlacher spoke to his experience on the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.

This months Calendar Raffle Winners:

\$50 – KayLee Schmidt

\$30 – Colten Schmitt

\$25 – Joe Salamone

\$20 – Diane Richards

\$15 – Erin Jozwowski

\$10 – Jack Schermer

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak

As Chaplain my goal is to serve as spiritual leader and provide comfort to Post members who are sick.

On November 12, Mike Knoppa, Amy Luft, and I were invited to Laurel Oaks Senior Living Community and celebrate Veterans Day with the residents. An "Honor Wall" to honor veterans living at this Community was dedicated. Amy was their featured speaker. Mike and I presented the American Flag, sang patriotic songs, and talked about the meaning of the POW/MIA Table.

From Kim Brown, Director of Laurel Oaks----"Thank You for taking time to help us celebrate our veterans. We appreciate your participation in our veterans program. Our residents noted that it was an outstanding program!!".

Badger Boys State orientation at GHS is approaching. Thank you to Dan Harris for volunteering to assist me with student interviews and choosing four students to attend the 79th session in 2020.

Newsletter distribution. You can help defray cost of USPS mail by submitting your email address--- send to kkasprzak1@icloud.com

Living Well—Vets should get their flu shots.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. Symptoms are fever/chills, cough, sore throat, running or stuffy nose, muscle aches, headaches, and fatigue. Unlike a cold, it comes on suddenly. It runs October to May. Prevent it by getting a flu vaccine. Protect yourself and also reduce the risk of transmission to family members. Remember people over 65 are more at risk of complications.



Doesn't the Grinch look a lot like Gator?

A Veterans Day message from Redeemer Christian Academy, Wayzata, MN.

Neil Mertz presented the Post with cards and letters from the students who wrote heart warming messages to our Veterans. This was one of many;

“Thank you for sacrificing your time to serve our country. I want to thank you for all you have done. I pray for you every day. I don’t know if you were in battle or not, but whatever you did I appreciate it. When I see the American Flag, I think of you and what you did for us.”

Christian Kroll, Grade 5.

THANK YOU
Veterans



**Honored Guests at our
Veterans Day Dinner**



**2nd District President Amy Luft
Department Commander David Wischer
Department President Joanie Dickerson
Unit 355 President Sue Turowski
National Vice Commander Richard A. Heigert
NEC Bob Shappell
2nd District Commander Julie Muhle**



Saturday, February 15, 2020.

Time again for the Rose Harms Post 355 36th annual LAS VEGAS NIGHT. This is the 36th year for this event which has been a very successful fund raiser for Post 355. Enclosed you will find 4 packs of tickets for the drawing to be held that evening. Tickets are \$1.00 each or a pack of 6 for \$5.00.

If you are in need of more tickets please call the Post at 377-8887 and we will see that you receive additional tickets. Ticket sales are a huge part of the profits for the evening so please try to sell your tickets.

Many volunteers are needed to help make this a successful evening. Contact Steve Shock at 377-3728 if you can help out dealing cards. Doug Arendt is also looking for help with the roulette wheel and craps tables. He can be reached at 617-9737.

Butch Paegelow is available to answer any questions or if you have ideas to make this 36th LAS VEGAS NIGHT a success again this year. Butch can be reached at 377-9596.

Be sure to have friends and family mark their calendars for February 15th for a fun filled evening at Rose Harms Post for the annual LAS VEGAS NIGHT.

December SAL News



Membership: SAL Membership is now 89 members. Our newest member is Dave Schmidt. Membership dues of \$20 are due before year end. Please contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 by December to arrange payment.

Camp American Legion: Ground breaking for our new Cabin 22 is planned for November 15th.

Beer & Wine Tasting Fundraiser: Our 10th Annual Beer and Wine Tasting fundraiser had less attendance than previous years. Will look into some additional marketing options for next year.

Grafton Christmas Parade: Kaysen Realty will be offering bleacher seating and food during the Grafton parade at a cost of \$16. All money raised will be donated to help homeless veterans. Contact the company if interested to secure your spot. Phone is 262-377-6200.

SAL Volunteer Activities -

Christmas Parade: Want to march in this year's parade? Put on your uniform and join us behind K Komfort on 6th Ave and Washington Street around 10:30 am.

Gazebo Lighting: Anyone interested in helping string lights on the tree and railings at the Veteran's park gazebo should show up at 3pm on November 20th.

Las Vegas Night: The 36th Annual Las Vegas Night is scheduled for the evening of February 15th. Please plan to be available to help. SAL members can help with either table games or our paddle drawings. Try to sell sweepstake tickets to help increase fundraising proceeds.

100 yr. Legion Family Dinner: Volunteers will be needed to help on committees for this event beginning in January. Committees may include food, entertainment, finance and media. The 100 year Legion Family Dinner is planned to occur on August 8, 2020.

Volunteers planning to serve Post Meeting Dinner that starts at 7:45pm

Dec – None Required

Jan - Neal

Next SAL Meeting: 12/10 @ 6:30pm

December 2019 NEWSLETTER
Rose-Harms Unit 355

We take great pleasure in announcing that Our Unit was awarded a citation at NATIONAL CONVENTION, for the "Most Outstanding Program in VA & R by a Unit In the Central Division". While making this announcement at our November meeting, Unit VA & R Chairman Mel Nowak remarked: "Mention must be made of the volunteers from the Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary who willingly pick-up donations at my home and drive them to various Veteran destinations, be it Zablocki VA, Boudicca House, Women's Resource Center, etc, free of charge. They never refuse to help. We couldn't service our Veterans without them". While this award went to the entire Unit, special thanks go to both Mel and to Mary Molaski for their great reporting skills.

Attendance at the recent Veterans Day Dinner Dance was approximately 92 people, including several dignitaries from our American Legion Family. Auxiliary Department President Joannie Dickerson was our guest speaker. Quilts of Valor were presented to Rose-Harms Legion members Linda Kozak and Jennifer Falcetto, and to Joannie Dickerson. A Proclamation in Recognition of our Centennial Anniversary was presented that evening to The Auxiliary by Village of Grafton President Jim Brunnquell.

Thanks to all who helped to make the Veterans Day Luncheon on November 11th a success. Although attendance was down due to the unusually snowy and cold weather, all who attended enjoyed a great meal, especially the desserts.

2019 membership now stands at 84%; 135 members have paid, leaving 13 not paid. Unfortunately, members who have not paid their 2019 dues by January 31, 2020 will be dropped from our roster. We don't want to lose you, so if you're unsure if your dues have been paid, please contact Lora Linder at 262-389-5339, or email her: youngph99@gmail.com.

Unit VA & R Chairman Mel Nowak wishes to thank everyone for their donations to Zablocki's Christmas With The Vets. All donations have been delivered. Unfortunately, Mel has been informed the VA cannot accept homemade baked goods for the Vets, so the collection scheduled for December 10th at Laurie Schwalbe's house **HAS BEEN CANCELLED**.

12 fleece blankets made by members of St John's Lakefield have been donated to our Unit, to be given to Boudicca House and the Zablocki VA. Donation to us was made possible by Post member Neil Traxel, Fellowship Director at St John's. Thank-you, Neil, for thinking of us!

Reminders/We Can Use Your Help

Chaplain Linda Brown is looking for prayers from members to be part of her Chaplain's Prayer Book. Details were listed in the letter Linda sent to each member in October. Contact Linda at 262-268-8296 with any questions you may have. Cutoff date for getting prayers printed and sent to Linda is March 1st. She's looking for at least 100 prayers, so please be a part of this project.

The 100TH Legion Family Anniversary Event is scheduled to take place on Saturday August 8th. A list of committees is being compiled. The event will require a lot of help, so please consider donating some time. Details will follow in upcoming newsletters.

As of this writing, there are just 2 dates left to order MARCUS GIFT CARDS, CERTIFICATES, and MOVIE TICKETS for delivery before Christmas: November 25th and December 9th. See order blank, along with a list of where the gift cards can be used, at the end of this newsletter.

Please join us for our Roaring 20's Christmas Party on Wednesday December 11th, with cocktails starting at 5:30 PM. There will be a fundraising opportunity for female veterans from Touchstone Jewelry at the event. Members may purchase items for themselves or to use as gifts (which will be back in time for Christmas), and the company will make a donation back, covering enough for the 35 female veterans currently at the VA and Boudicca House.

Be sure to stop down in the Plaza in downtown Grafton to view our Legion Family Christmas Tree. This year's theme is "Christmas in Oz".

Please consider donating blood on Wednesday December 4th from 3:30 to 6:30 PM, at the annual Rose-Harms Post Blood Drive. As always, your donations of cookies and bars are appreciated.

The Grafton Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday November 30. The Auxiliary Unit is #6 in the lineup. If you're interested in riding on the wagon, be there at 10:00 AM. Lineup is on the corner of St Paul's parking lot and 6th Avenue. Everyone is welcome to ride on the wagon. Bring a picture of your Veteran to hold if you wish. Please bring your own candy to throw.

The State Bowling Tournament, hosted this year by our Unit, will take place March 28/29 and April 4/5. Event Chair Toni Moegenburg reminds us that any Auxiliary member is eligible to sign up to bowl; you do not have to be a Sanctioned bowler. See below for information on how you can help with the raffle fundraisers.

RAFFLE BASKETS FOR ALA STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT

So far we have the following:

- Adult Beverages/Laurie S.
- BBQ/Linda B
- Greeting Cards/Margie
- Movies/Toni
- Americana/Pam
- Gardening/Mary A.
- Italian Dinner/Sue T.

Please bring any items that you have at home that are new, never been used, and that could be put into one of our baskets. If you would like to make a basket, please let Mary A., Toni, or Pam know what type of basket you are planning to make. Basket theme ideas, and items you could bring to contribute to them:

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| "Baby it's cold outside" | Gardening |
| Fall | Thanksgiving |
| Christmas | Valentine's Day |
| Relaxation | Kitchen |
| Game Night | Beach Party |

Committee Contact Info:

Mary Arvai	arvaimary@yahoo.com	262-685-7757
Pam Klenner	pklenner@sbcglobal.net	262-375-0085
Toni Moegenburg	toni_moegenburg@yahoo.com	414-750-3426

The next Unit meeting will be held on Tuesday January 21st at 6:30 PM...hope to see you there!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Marcus Movie Ticket Fundraiser

Hello Family and Friends of the American Legion Auxiliary,
There are 2 dates left to order Marcus Gift Cards/Gift Certificates/Movie Tickets. The first one is November 25th and that order will be back in time for St Nick. The second order goes in on December 9th and will be back in time for Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Boxing Day!

They are great gift ideas for family, employees and all those hard to buy for friends. All money raised directly benefits our veterans and their families so please support this program. Please mail your order to me by the deadlines listed above.

Laurie Schwalbe, Marcus Chairperson

Just a reminder, the **gift cards** can be used at **any Marcus property**. I have included a list.

Marcus Hotels & Resorts

Grand Geneva Resort & Spa • Lake Geneva, WI
Timber Ridge Lodge • Lake Geneva, WI
Hilton Milwaukee City Center • Milwaukee, WI
The Pfister Hotel • Milwaukee, WI
Saint Kate - The Arts Hotel • Milwaukee, WI
AC Hotel Chicago Downtown • Chicago, IL
Hilton Madison Monona Terrace • Madison, WI
The Skirvin Hilton • Oklahoma City, OK
Platinum Hotel • Las Vegas, NV
Hilton Minneapolis/Bloomington • Bloomington, MN

Marcus Restaurants

Milwaukee ChopHouse • Hilton Milwaukee
Miller Time Pub & Grill • Hilton Milwaukee
Miller Time Pub & Grill • Lincoln Marriot Cornhusker
Audrey Kitchen and Bar • Hilton Madison
Mason Street Grill • The Pfister Hotel
Geneva ChopHouse • Grand Geneva Resort
Ristoranté Brissago • Grand Geneva Resort
Smokey's Bar-B-Que House • Timber Ridge Lodge & Waterpark
Hungry Moose Food Court • Timber Ridge Lodge & Waterpark
Park Avenue Grill • Skirvin Hilton
Kil@wat • The Platinum Hotel
Bloomington ChopHouse • Bloomington, MN
Safehouse Milwaukee • Milwaukee, WI
Safehouse Chicago • AC Hotel Chicago Downtown
the Bar • Saint Kate-The Arts Hotel
Giggly Champagne & Wine Bar • Saint Kate-The Arts Hotel
Aria Café & Bar • Saint Kate-The Arts Hotel
Proof Pizza • Saint Kate-The Arts Hotel
The Dark Room • Saint Kate-The Arts Hotel
WELL Spa + Salon Locations
WELL Spa + Salon at the Pfister Hotel
WELL Spa + Salon at Grand Geneva Resort and Spa
WELL Spa + Salon at The Platinum Hotel

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.

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



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