



## **Rose Harms Post 355**

Drop off or mail in or pay on-line  
your membership renewal  
and enjoy a FREE  
Veteran's Day Dinner and Drinks  
Saturday, November 9th

**Chaplain Ken Kasprzak** reported Tom Brown was admitted to a VA hospital but is now back home – Jim Arentz had a knee replacement and is doing well – On Wednesday, Ken visited Milan Estates Assisted Living and spoke to several veterans.

**Membership:** Gary Gilstrap reported membership officially at 189, although with pending membership it hovers around 200.

New members were welcomed aboard:

James Newton – US Army,  
Darryl Dressel - US Air Force,  
Erica Reitz – US Air Force.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen that we had one funeral for the month, which was for a non-post Veteran.

**Blood Drive:** Mike reported that the Post's Blood Drive is to be held on Wednesday, December 4th, from 2:30 to 6:30 pm.

**Americanism:** Bill Clayton reported he is no longer able to perform the required duties of the position. Ken Kasprzak who has worked closely with Bill in this area will accept the leadership of this program.

**Children & Youth:** Doug Arendt reported the JLMS Musical, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*, will be held on October 31st, at 4:00 pm and that admission is free for Post members.

**Las Vegas Night:** Butch Paegelow reported that plans for the Post's annual Las Vegas Night are underway. This year's event will be held on Saturday, February 15th.

**Scout Leader** Brad Diamond, representing Post sponsored Cub Scout Pack 3840 and Boy Scout Troop 840 spoke to the membership about the Scouts year's progress. He sought support for their annual fundraising campaigns of selling Christmas wreaths and popcorn.

**Bingo:** Jim Arentz reported September bingo fielded 71 players and posted a profit of \$462.75.

**Oratorical Contest:** Lee Wiskirchen reported that he was contacting GHS Oratorical Coordinator, Zach Gaeske. They will be setting in motion the canvassing for students to participate in the contest. The Post Oratorical Contest on the U.S. Constitution will be held on December 9th, at 7:00 pm. The regular Post meeting will follow.

**Camp American Legion:** Dick Lallensack reported

that there were 49 volunteers to close up Camp AL, 27 of which were from Ozaukee County.

The Camp had 1,099 Veterans for the season.

**POW/MIA:** Jim Stencel reported that the University of Wisconsin's "Missing in Action Recovery and Identification Project" honors the sacrifice of brave Americans who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. We educate students and communities, bring closure to families, and build the next generation of servant-leaders who will affect positive change in the world.

**Entertainment:** The Post Veterans Dinner put on by the Auxiliary and SAL is scheduled for Saturday, November 9th. Post members are free. Non-Veterans cost is \$15. Drinks for Veterans will be compliments of KAPCO.

**Executive Committee Recommendation Passed:** The Post will pay cost for sponsoring an American Legion Senior Level Baseball Team from Grafton. The \$675 will come from the bingo account.

#### **Good of the Legion:**

- ♦ Dan Pals spoke of the Nativity scenes he makes for nursing homes in the area. he will be hosting a fundraising event at the Post on Saturday, November 2, from 6 to 9:00 pm. Dan said that \$3,500 worth of scenes are given away yearly.
- ♦ Marty Wegner has Post logo shirts and jackets for sale.
- ♦ A reminder of the Grafton Christmas parade will be on November 30th, with all invited. Staging is at 10:30 am, adjacent to Leroy Paulin's prior residence across the street from St. Paul's.
- ♦ This evening's beer and soda compliments of Ken Gundrum and Marty Wegner along with the food offered by SAL member Bob Reick.
- ♦ Gator reminded the everyone of the Veterans Day ceremonies in the GHS auditorium on Monday, November 11th, at 8:00 am.



#### **This Months Calendar Raffle Winners:**

**\$50 - Lisa Mueller**

**\$30 - Gail Taylor**

**\$25 - John Blunk**

**\$20 - Al Richards**

**\$15 - Ron Block**

**\$10 - Tommy Lamb**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak

As Chaplain my goal is to serve as spiritual leader, provide comfort to Post members who are sick, and help bereaved families. On October 11, I visited veterans at Milan Estates Assisted Living and talked about the American Legion both at our Post, State, and National. Art Viesselmann attended and told me to say hello to fellow members. He is doing well and enjoyed my presentation.

My recent trip to visit my Florida daughter is always good, especially when I get to see my granddaughter's band perform. On a warm Saturday afternoon, she played clarinet as J.P. Taravella High School Marching Band received a Superior Rating at its District Performance Assessment. I'm so proud of her and her music abilities.

Newsletter distribution. You can help defray cost of USPS mail by submitting your email address to me at [kkasprzak1@icloud.com](mailto:kkasprzak1@icloud.com)

List of deceased Post members was given to Blaine Hilgendorf Memorials for inscription on our memorial at Veterans Park.

Thank You Legion members from Ross Rintelman, Mel's Charities Board Member, for volunteering at their 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Pig Roast. Several of us enjoyed the day by providing materials and time for their Bingo event.

On March 7, 2020 the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fight For Air Climb will be held at US Bank Milwaukee. I again will participate. Fact---over 666,300 Wisconsin residents are affected by lung disease and lung cancer is the #1 form of cancer in women.

**Living Well**----Chronic Pain can have no clearly identifiable cause and be accompanied by fatigue, sleep disturbance, decreased appetite, and mood changes. It is pathologic in that it persists beyond the expected time of healing. Short courses of opioids are effective but after the 5 to 7 day mark you enter the realm of heightened risk of addiction. Thus pain research is focused on non-opioid treatment. Look to other forms of treatment such as physical medicine and rehabilitation if you suffer from chronic pain. Print date 10/24/19.

## Upcoming Events

Monday, November 4th	Post Executive Committee meeting
Saturday, November 9th	Post's Veterans Day Dinner
Monday, November 11th	GHS Veterans Day ceremonies at 8:00 am Assemble at the Post by 10:30 am March to Veterans Park at 10:45 am Salute to Veterans Day at 11:00 am Open House at the Post to follow.
Monday, November 11th	Post general meeting at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, November 12th	<b>BINGO</b> SAL meeting at 6:30 pm—lower hall
Monday, November 18th	Military Historians meeting Card Party—lower hall
Wednesday, December 4th,	Blood Drive from 2:30 to 6:30 pm.





## November SAL News

**SAL Membership** is now 87 members. Our newest member is Barry Snoots. Membership renewals are due and only ten have paid. Please submit your dues to Paul before December. Contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 to renew or go to [mylegion.org](http://mylegion.org) to renew online.

**Squad Contact Info:** Craig will email contact phone numbers and email addresses of our squad officers to our members for their reference when needed.

**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.

**Donation:** Our squad voted to initially donate \$300 to help cover lighting and supplies cost for Craig and Mary Butler's initiative to light the Veterans Park gazebo. Craig will inform our members when help is needed to install.

**Veteran's Day:** In addition to Milwaukee Veteran's day parade scheduled for November 16th, there will be a ceremony to honor our military at the Milwaukee County War Memorial starting at 9am. For further info see: <https://honorourmilitary.us/>

### **Sons of The American Legion Volunteer Activities -**

- ♦ 100yr Legion Family Dinner: Volunteers are needed for a committee to replace the corn roast event and plan activities required for the 100 year Legion Family Dinner planned for August 8th next summer.
- ♦ Veteran's Day Dinner: Volunteers are still needed on November 9th to help shuttle people and their cars between the library parking lot and the Post. Please contact Corey @ 414-380-8834 or [cjtow@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cjtow@sbcglobal.net) if you can help.
- ♦ Christmas Tree Lighting: Anyone interested in helping with Grafton's tree decorating event should show up at the Paramount Plaza at 5pm on November 20th. Rain date is the 21st.

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

Oct 14 – Bob R

Nov 11 – None required

Dec – None Required

Next SAL Meeting: 11/12 @ 6:30pm



**Thank you to the members of the Rose Harms Post 355 for doing a great job of hosting the Ozaukee County Council's Flag disposal ceremony at Grafton's Centennial Park**



## Veteran/Military Banner Order Form

Celebrate the American Legion Auxiliary 100<sup>th</sup> Centennial Anniversary by showcasing your veteran or military personnel on a beautiful banner in downtown Grafton.



The vinyl banners vary in size starting at approx. 2' x 4' and will include:

- Your veteran/military personnel's picture
- Branch of military and dates served/serving

**Banners will be displayed May 1, 2020 – July 31, 2020  
throughout downtown Grafton.**

Purchaser's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Military: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Served/Serving: \_\_\_\_\_

**Orders accepted now through February 1, 2020 or until sold out.**

**Cost per Banner: \$50** Check payable to: ALA Unit 355

- ☐ Option 1: Photo enclosed (black & white or color photo no smaller than 3" x 5").

*(Photos must have names clearly written on the back)*

Mail order form, photo and payment to: Amy Luft, 1955 Comanche Ct., Grafton 53024

\*Original photos will be returned to the Grafton American Legion Post for pick-up after banner completion\*

- ☐ Option 2: Scan photo and order form to: [amviluft@gmail.com](mailto:amviluft@gmail.com)

*(Subject Line: Banner Order Form)*

Mail payment to: Amy Luft, 1955 Comanche Ct., Grafton 53024. Questions call  
414-651-7300 or email [amyjluf@gmail.com](mailto:amyjluf@gmail.com)



## NOVEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### Rose-Harms Unit 355



Badger Girls Lydia Olsen and Leah McElvey spoke at our October meeting. Elizabeth Manz and Hunter Bault joined us last month. All shared their experiences and expressed their thanks for having been given the opportunity to attend Badger Girls State.

The aerial photo which was to be taken on October 12th was cancelled and taken instead at the County meeting at the Mequon-Thiensville Post on October 16th. Watch the News Graphic for the picture.

2020 Membership renewals continue to roll-in. At this point 120 have been received, but that still leaves 51 unpaid. If you're in the latter category, please consider mailing your \$30.00 this week! Dues can be sent to the Post or to Membership Chair Lora Linder. Lora's address is 209 Cedar Street in Grafton. It would be great to reach 100% membership by Veterans Day. At this point 21 members haven't yet paid their 2019 dues. Unfortunately, members who have not paid their 2019 dues by January 31, 2020 will be dropped from our roster. Don't let that happen to you! If you aren't sure if your dues are paid, contact Lora.

Several orders for Veteran Banners have been received since we made this announcement last month. The Village of Grafton has generously offered to display these banners from May 1 to July 31 in the Downtown area. CKC Sign will store them so they can be hung again next year. Cost of a banner is \$50.00 and would make a great Christmas present for your favorite vet. The order blank is again included in this newsletter.

Don't forget to make your reservation for the Veterans Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday November 9th. To make things easier, valet parking is being offered this year. See the flyer.

The theme of this year's Auxiliary Christmas Party is The Roaring 20's, in honor of our 100th Anniversary Celebration.

#### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We know some people dislike sitting through meetings, or maybe just don't have the time, but would still like to help. And we can certainly USE YOUR HELP. Please consider the following:

There's still time to help the Veterans at Zablocki. As announced last month, gifts are needed for a Christmas party held in December. Mel has extended the deadline to October 25th for gifts to be delivered to her home at 1115 1st Avenue in Grafton. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for details on what is needed. If a donation of cash is easier for you, Mel will gladly do the shopping. Contact her at 377-1776 with any questions. This is a way for you to help make the holidays a little brighter for hospitalized Vets who can't be home with their families.

Also, homemade or store-bought Christmas cookies, cakes and pies (non-refrigerated only) are still 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.

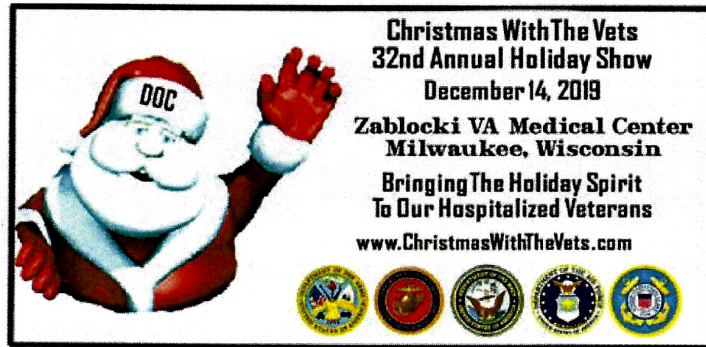
On November 2nd there will be a Membership Rally, along with a "Sailor Shout-out". Hours are 10:00-2:00 PM at the Saukville Post and 1:00-4:00 PM at the Cedarburg Post. Members are needed that day, at either location, to make contact by phone with other members. If talking on the phone is something that interests you, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

On Monday November 11th the Auxiliary will again be serving a luncheon in honor of our Veterans. Desserts are needed. Please bring your cookies, pie, or cake to the Post by 9:00 AM that day. We can always use help in the kitchen also: setting up, helping with the food, or cleaning up. You can help for an hour or for the entire time; it's up to you. It's a great way to get out and meet new people, and a way to thank our Vets who have done so much for us.

HERE'S WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY HALLOWEN!







(HOMEMADE) OR STORE BOUGHT CHRISTMAS COOKIES - CAKES - PIES - BROWNIES - BEEF JERKY - CHOCOLATES - NUTS - CHEESE/SAUSAGE TRAYS - FRUIT TRAYS - VEGGIE TRAYS - APPLES - ORANGES - NEW BOARD GAMES - GIFT CARDS FOR: TARGET - WALMART - MCDONALDS - BURGER KING - RED LODGER - OLIVE GARDEN - WENDYS - HOODED SWEATSHIRTS XL / XXL - WARM FLANNEL SHIRTS X L / XX - BEENIE HATS - NEW SWEAT SOCKS - TOOTHPASTE - SINGLE TOOTH BRUSHES - SKI GLOVES XXL - MENS SHAMPOO - LADIES' GLOVES - HAIR BRUSHES / SCARVES / SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER

---YES WE DO NEED SOME "SUGAR FREE TREATS" FOR OUR VETERANS---

Cash Contribution's Appreciated  
Will Be Used For Bingo - 2020 VA Vets Outings  
Christmas Cash For The Vets

Checks Payable To:  
Jeff Dentice / Vets Xmas Show

Please Write:  
"Xmas Vets 2019"  
On The Check Memo Line

Send To:  
JEFF DENTICE  
5108 W19843 Red Oak Court  
Muskego, WI. 53150

MAKING PICKUPS NOW  
August 1st - December 12th  
Non Food Items Pickup  
December 12th Last Day  
10am - 7pm  
Call Jeff: 414-218-3030  
docdentice@wi.rr.com

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Non Perishable Items  
Pickups Start September 1st  
Holiday Food Dec. 8TH - 13th  
Fresh Food Dec. 11th - 13th

**Last Minute Dropoffs**  
December 14th from 11am to Noon  
Enter from 46th National Ave.  
Drive up to the South hospital doors  
Volunteers will take your contribution.  
Cash - Check - Put Note In Envelope  
With Your Name & Address  
Attention: Jeff Dentice - Give It To Volunteer

### Vets Christmas Drop-Off Locations

PARATECH AMBULANCE  
9401 W. Brown Deer Road  
Milwaukee, WI. 53224

EDWARD JONES  
572W16484 Janesville Rd.  
Muskego, WI. 53150

Non-perishables items  
Nov. 15 - Dec. 12 9am - 3pm  
Food items  
Dec. 8 - 12 9am - 3pm  
Fresh Food items  
Dec. 11th/12th - 9am - 3pm

**New  
Valet Parking**



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# **Rose Harms Post 355 Veterans Day Dinner**

**Saturday, November 9, 2019**

**All are Welcome  
Veterans are FREE**

Doors Open at 5:30 p.m./Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.  
~Guest Speaker~Music~Dancing~

***Make checks payable to:***

***Veterans Dinner Dance  
1540 13th Ave.  
Grafton, WI 53024***

<b>Name Please Print</b>	<b>Veteran \$0</b>	<b>Non-Veteran \$15</b>

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

**Total Enclosed    \$\_\_\_\_\_**