

Rose Harms Legionnaire

April 2020



**Don't forget to
wash your hands**

Congratulations to Gary Gilstrap (aka, Gator) on receiving the Post's "Legionnaire of the Year" award. This is the highest honor that the American Legion's Rose Harms Post 355 can bestow on one of its members. Gator is holding his award and a paid up for life membership.



**These dates have been cancelled.
The Club House is closed until further notice.**

Saturday, April 4th

Monday, April 6th

Monday, April 13th

Tuesday, April 14th

Monday, April 21st

Jam session with Gator

Executive Committee Meeting

Post General Meeting

BINGO

SAL meeting - lower hall

Military Historians

Card Club - lower hall

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Chaplain Ken Kasprzak reported Ed Pulgart is still recovering but improving along with Frank H who had spine surgery.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported that the Post's membership is at 291. Joseph Dufner and Dick Schreiner (both US Army) were welcomed aboard.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen reported on 2 funerals for the month. One was for a non member Veteran and the other for Joe Tinebra.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported State Bowling Tournament to be held at Watertown on selected Saturdays March 28 through April 19.

The SAL Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 13th with a shotgun start at 9:00 am.

Dan Harris also reported the Post's American Legion Senior Baseball Team will open its season at John the Long Middle School field on June 12th. The game begins at 5:30 p.m. and will be playing Mequon.

Hall Report: Beer and soda for the evening compliments of Pete Olsen.

Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow reported it was a great event posting a profit of \$12,966.04. Thank you letters were sent to all donors. Butch volunteered to Chair the event, again next year, but younger members must take responsibility for becoming more involved.

Tent Program: Tom Grabow reported that we have 5 jobs for May already. Tom asked for input from the 12 tent riggers and erectors as to whether they will be on deck for this season.

Recommendation Passed

That the Post will purchase a flagpole for the Grafton Little League Park on Cheyenne. The \$4,700 for this project will come from the Bingo Account. The Auxiliary and SAL will be asked if they would wish to contribute to this donation.

Good of the Legion:

Paul Sorenson, a 50-year member, will attend the April meeting to receive his award.

County Commander, Jim Schmidt, informed the Post of the progress of the revitalization of Concordia Post. He further thanked the membership for their participation in Joe Demmler's walk-through. As far as the Spring Conference, Jim asked Post participation in donating a raffle basket at the conference.

Next meeting at the Post of the Military Historians will continue with Part II of Paul Olson's accounts of his service in Vietnam.

Marty Wegner informed members that they could order Post apparel after the general meetings.

The Bingo Financial Report from March 1, 2019 to February 29, 2020 is required to be entered into our Post minutes:

Number of Bingo Occasions conducted:

Gross Receipts: \$10,804.65

Prizes Paid: \$7,058.00

Gross profit: \$3,746.65

Disposition of Profits – Donations to:

Grafton Little League: \$275

St. Paul's Lutheran Church: \$250 (Washington D.C. Trip)

Oratorical Contest: \$150 (Portion from Bingo)

Grafton Gladiators: \$100

Expenses Paid:

Sales Tax Paid: \$745.15

Occupational Tax: \$109.68

License Fee: \$105.00

Bingo Supplies: \$159.80

Bank Charge for Checks: \$148.40

Allowable Expenses

Electric Stapler: \$82.35

Bingo Cage, extra set of bingo balls: \$235.20

Post Calendar Raffle Winners this Month:

\$50 – Art Albers

\$30 – John Meyer

\$25 – Erin Jozowski

\$20 – Jim Arentz

\$15 – June Shock

\$10 – Joe Barbieri



As Chaplain my goal is to serve as spiritual leader and provide comfort to Post members who are sick. If you hear or know of a member who is sick or homebound, let me know so that I can contact them via phone, mail, or in person. Thanks. Recently, I submitted the names of members who passed away time frame April 1, 2019 through March, 2020. At the annual 2nd District conference all Posts pay tribute to deceased members during a ceremony. Listed is our Post deceased members---- Dennis Blanke, Charles Carter, Alfred Kohlwey, Robert Matthaueus, Stanley McDowell, Joseph Smith, Stanley Tackes, Joe Tinebra, Francis Wollner, Ronald Yokes. May they rest in peace and we pray for their families who have lost their loved one.

Six GHS students will attend the Badger Boys State 79th session at Ripon College. There will be Four Primary and Two Alternate delegates.

Congratulations to Post member, Paul Sorensen, for being the recipient of a 50 year Continuous Membership Certificate.

Thank you to Lori Rudolph, US Patent Services in Grafton, for donation of award plaques presented March 14 to outstanding Police Officer, Firefighter, and EMT.

Also, I've been working with Lori on a design for outdoor signage so that public knows that our Legion Family donated the flag pole to be placed at new park south of Cheyenne in Grafton.

Newsletter distribution. I continue to add member email addresses to a file in order to defray cost of USPS postage---help, send your email address to kkasprzak1@icloud.com.

Living Well—More than 41 million Americans provide elder care. Caregiving entails handling finances, legal issues, navigating the health-care system, and planning for hospice arrangements. Support services for caregivers include community support groups, senior centers, hospitals, social services, medical and religious professionals. Other helpful tips are: Ask family members or neighbors for help; Devise a respite care plan that allows you as caregiver to take breaks.

Congratulations



Rose Harms Post 355

**EMT of the Year -
Dani Blank**

**Firefighter of the Year -
Dan Grunwald**

**Law Officer of the Year -
Patrick Brock**

Congratulations to all !



American Legion Auxiliary
Rose-Harms Unit 355
Newsletter for April 2020

We send Birthday greetings to two Very Special Members: Arline Kaul and Ellie Laydon. Arline celebrated her 94th on March 9th. She joined the Auxiliary in 1946 and is very active. Ellie will be celebrating her 96th on April 6th. She joined us in 2003 and makes every effort to attend monthly meetings. Congratulations, Ladies, on reaching these milestones!

Our Unit sends its condolences to members Lynn Holzer, Laurie Schwalbe, LeeAnne Wilde and Lisa Mueller on the recent death of their brother Bill Eernisse. Bill was an uncle, great uncle, cousin and friend to many other members. He was a wonderful person and will be missed by many.

The Unit recently voted to donate \$1000 each to both the Grafton Fire and Police Departments. These checks were presented at the Legion Birthday Dinner on March 14th by President Sue Turowski. We'll also be donating \$1,000 toward a new flagpole at the new Little League Baseball Park, as part of a Legion Family donation.

Congratulations to Janice Bould, our **Unit Member of the Year**. Janice is our Sunshine Committee Chairman. Perhaps you've received a card from the Unit; Janice is the person who has taken on the responsibility of doing this and has for several years. Her willingness to always help with our many events, and her ready smile, are things we all appreciate about her. She even finds the time to regularly attend to another Auxiliary member who especially appreciates Janice.

Our Unit has achieved 100% membership for 2020, including 17 new members. Thanks to everyone who have paid their dues so far. Special thanks to our Membership Team, Lora Linder & Carolyn Knoppa. Lora and Carolyn will be attempting to contact those who have not yet renewed. Just a reminder that if your dues haven't been paid by April 15th you'll be taken off the roster, will no longer have any membership privileges, and will be removed from the newsletter list, until such time as your dues are paid. We don't want to lose you as a member, so please contact Lora at 262-389-5339 if you have any questions.

Chaplain Linda Brown reported her final tally for the Unit Prayer book came to 61 pages. She thanks all who participated.

Don't forget the State Auxiliary Bowling Tournament to be held at Circle B the weekends of **March 28/29 and April 4/5**. Our Unit is hosting this year and so will be holding basket raffles, as well as 50-50 raffles on these weekends. Stop over and show your support.

Remember to mark your calendars for the Ozaukee County Spring meeting on **Wednesday April 15th** hosted by the Port Washington Unit. **Social time begins at 5:30, dinner at 6:00**, followed by the **business meeting at 7:00**. Cost is \$2.00 at the door. If interested in attending, but not yet signed up, contact Sue Turowski at 262-389-4644 **before April 5th**. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow Ozaukee County Auxiliary members and a fun evening. Basket raffles will be held.

The 2nd District Spring Conference will be held on **Saturday April 25th** at the Country Inn and Suites in Port Washington. Registration begins at 8 am, followed by the meeting at 9. This year's conference will be held in conjunction with the Legionnaires. Meetings will be held separately, but lunch (catered by The Prime Minister) and the memorial service will be held jointly. If you'd like to attend but haven't yet signed-up, contact Sue Turowski at 262-389-4644 **by April 5th**. The \$20.00 registration fee must also be paid by this time.

Nominating Committee: Unit Elections will be held at the May 19th meeting. The term of President last election was for 2 years, meaning Sue will remain in that position until the 2021 election. All other positions are one-year terms. If you're interested in learning about the duties of a specific office or in running for an office, please contact a member of the committee: Toni Moegenburg at 262-377-1963 or Pam Klenner at 262-375-0085.

By the time you read this newsletter, all Unit project and individual impact reports should have been sent to Mary Molaski. This is a huge project in itself, tallying the many hours and dollars we donate on behalf of our Veterans and our Community. Mary sorts this information into individual Department program reports and it's forwarded to Department, then National, and eventually reported to Congress. Mel also uses this info when compiling her VA & R Report. **We owe both Mary and Mel a huge thank-you for taking on these tasks; without their reports, we would not have received the many awards we've received the past few years at both the Department and National levels.**

April 4th is the due date for the next Marcus order. Orders placed by then will be delivered in time for Easter giving. Chairman Laurie Schwalbe has changed the order dates for the remainder of the year. Watch for more information next month.

Sweat-4-Vets event is scheduled for **May 16th**. Go to sweat4vetswi.com for details or see the attached flyer.

At this point our Unit is scheduled to play bingo with the vets at Zablocki **on June 4th**. See our May newsletter for details.

Currently Scheduled Events:

March 28-29 (Saturday/Sunday) State Bowling Tournament, Circle B Recreation, Cedarburg

April 4-5 (Saturday/Sunday): State Bowling Tournament, Circle B Recreation, Cedarburg

April 7 (Tuesday): Exec Bd Meeting, downstairs at Post 6:30 pm

April 15 (Wednesday): Deadline for submitting 2020 dues (to keep up your Active membership)

April 15 (Wednesday): Spring COUNTY meeting, Port Washington Post, 5:30 pm social, 6 pm dining; 7 pm mtg

April 21 (Tuesday): Unit Meeting, downstairs at Post 6:30 PM

April 25 (Saturday): 2nd District Spring Conference, Registration 8 am, Conference 9 am

May 16 (Saturday): Sweat4Vets Walk (Cedarburg to Grafton)

July 11 (Saturday): Zablocki Vets Picnic, Post

July 17-18-19 (Friday thru Sunday): Legion/Auxiliary Convention, Appleton

August 8 (Saturday): 100th Anniversary Celebration (Open to the Community), Veterans Park, Grafton

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Easter.



SWEAT4VETS

Register Now!

Food • Music • Beverages



sweat4vetswi.com

Proceeds from the walk will go to the American Legion Auxiliary Homeless Women Veterans Grant Program and other veteran initiatives.



POST TO POST WALK

PRESENTED BY **usbank**

SAT. MAY 16, 2020

10:00AM

START AT

Cedarburg American Legion Post

END AT

Grafton American Legion Post

Go to sweat4vetswi.com for details.

This year's walk benefits



American Legion Auxiliary Homeless Women Veterans' Grant Program

The grant program financially assists homeless, or-at risk homeless, women veterans who have exhausted all other veteran assistance resources through the VA. Since its inception, we have paid out over \$253,000 in grants to 265 women veterans in need. The American Legion Auxiliary is proud to say that 100% of all donations received go directly to the Homeless Women Veterans Grant Fund.



April SAL News

Membership: SAL Membership is now 84 members with 3 new and 10 unpaid. Our newest members are Daniel Dufner, Thomas Lamb and Gary Koenen who were in attendance. Welcome aboard. Membership dues are \$20. and contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 for membership opportunities.

SAL Clothing: Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465 with sizes for ordering shirts, caps, jackets, etc. We still have some items in stock.

Camp American Legion: Cabin is still progressing. Camp opening is weeks of May 4 and 11, 2020. Would like to get pictures of cabin progress for us to document.

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.

SAL Volunteer Activities -

Vegas Night Recap: We had total of 11 spins which all sold out. Having set schedule and two sets of paddles worked well. Discuss getting a second larger wheel to sell more paddles vs. raising the price of paddles because we could have sold more paddles. Paddle raffles of cash and Legion raffle tickets worked well.

100yr Legion Family Dinner Picnic 8/8/20: Setting up work teams and responsibilities. Have some sponsor's supplying some food items. Buckskin offered \$500 donation for some type of kid's activity.

New Business: We voted to donate \$1000 to Post's sponsored flagpole at the Grafton Little League fields complex.

Tabled Sweat for Vets donation until we know what they need help with.

Discuss metal signs of 5 branches for cabin and Chris to talk to supplier about getting more.

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

April – Jim

May - None

Golf Outing: Dick and Schmitt discussed upcoming event set for June 13, 2020, with 9:00 AM shot gun start.

Plus, a continental breakfast and Bloody Mary bar with lunch and appetizers afterwards. Price is \$100 and \$80 for veterans. Discussed banners and marketing strategies.

Next SAL Meeting: 4/14 @ 6:30pm



Fire Ridge Golf Club

2241 Hwy W, Grafton, WI - 262-375-2977

Itinerary

Saturday June 13th 2020

8am Registration

9am Shotgun Start - Scramble Format

\$100 Per Player - \$80 for Veterans

**8am Continental Breakfast
and Bloody Mary Bar**

1pm Appetizers and Lunch Buffet

2pm Auction - Raffle - Awards



Golf Friendly Event

We're Playing from the White Tees

Over 60 Play from Red Tees

Two Par 5 Holes Donate to Move Up

Golf Games and Activities

Team Cheater String \$20

Each team is allocated 6 foot of string.

Each player can move the ball on the putting green by measuring the distance moved and cutting that amount from the ball to hole out. Remember to take your scissors!

50/50 Raffle (\$5 - \$10 - \$20)

\$5 for 5 Tickets - \$10 for 15 Tickets

\$20 Wing Span of Tickets

**Please Return Registration by
Monday June 8th, 2020**

Player 1 _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Golf and Dinner \$ 100 or \$80 X _____ = \$ _____

Hole Sponsorship \$ 100 X _____ = \$ _____

Lunch Only \$ 20 X _____ = \$ _____

Unable to attend but would
like to make a contribution
to the Sons of the American

Legion \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please send payment to:

Sons of the American Legion

c/o Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body

1327 Wisconsin Avenue

Grafton, Wisconsin 53024

For additional Information Contact:

Richard or Robert Rieck: 262-377-4190

Grafton Mobil: 262-375-3080