



# Rose Harms Legionnaire

June 2020

Chaplain Ken read the names of our Post members who passed away over the past year. Thank you to the Post's Honor Guard for the rifle volley of respect. During this time of "Social Distancing" there was not a parade nor our usual ceremony at Veterans Park.

The less than 10 present were;

Commander Kevin Dressel, Nick Shannen, Jim Arentz, Gater Gilstrap, Ralph Beck, Mike Knoppa and Taps by Ken Kasprzak.

2nd Vice Commander Sandra Krzewinski and PDC Al Richards were also present.

The Post would also like to thank the two Grafton Police Officers for stopping, getting out of their cars and saluting during the playing of taps.



What's  
Happening

The Rose Harms Post 355, will remain closed for the month of June.

The next general Post meeting will be Monday, July 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. We will be practicing social distancing. If you feel sick in anyway or are worried about becoming sick, please stay safe and stay home.

Monday, August 10th, the Post will have it's annual Family Corn Roast.

The Post's halls will not be available for public rental until September 1st.

There will not be BINGO for the summer. Hopefully by September we can start again.





## CHAPLAINS CORNER-----KEN KASPRZAK

On May 12, Jim Arentz, Nick Schanen, and myself placed American Flags at the grave stones of all the Rose-Harms Post 355 members. Thank you to Jim and Nick for leading this project and a job well done. Pictured are Flags at St. Joseph Cemetery. Annually Rose-Harms Post members, families and the Grafton community gather at Veterans Park to remember, honor, and pay gratitude to those who have served our country.

This year due to the COVID pandemic which resulted in "Stay at Home and Social Distancing, it was necessary to cancel the ceremony at Veterans Park. As Americans, we are forever grateful to our fallen heroes. These service members possessed courage, pride, determination, dedication to duty and integrity. Let's give thanks and remember the sacrifices they made so that we can live in freedom. Names of Post members who passed since the previous Memorial Day would have been read and Taps played by Grafton High School buglers. For 2020 the names of American Legion Post 355 who passed and served in our armed forces are as follows: Dennis Blanke, Charles Carter, Alfred Kohlwey, Robert Matthaeus, Joseph Smith, Stanley Tackes, Joe Tinebra, Ronald Yokes.

Living Well----Reduce Risk of COPD. Note that 16 million Americans are diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease or Emphysema. Others experience difficulty breathing but are unaware they have the disease. Once lung tissue is damaged (from smoking or inhaling air pollutants) it can't be repaired. Advice, quit smoking and get regular exercise.

For more info, visit American Lung Association website at [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org).

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## May's Calander Raffle Winners

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|------|-----------------|------|---------------|
| \$50 | Erin Jozwowski  | \$20 | Cathy Holcomb |
| \$30 | Dick Lallensack | \$15 | Robert Wilde  |
| \$25 | Kevin Dressel   | \$10 | Paul Turowski |

When the 160 men of Charlie Company (4/47 9th Infantry Division) were drafted by the US Army in May of 1966, they were part of the wave of conscription that would swell the American military to 80,000 combat troops in theater by the height of the Vietnam War in 1968.

In the spring of 1966, the war was still popular and the draftees of Charlie Company saw their service as a rite of passage. But by December 1967, when the company rotated home, only 30 men were not casualties. 27 brave young men were killed in action and 103 were wounded at least once. Those who returned were among the first veterans of the war to be spit on and harassed by war protestors as they arrived back the U.S.

From movies to documentaries, debate over the war's motivations and conclusion have focused attention on presidential decisions, military strategy, the role of the media and the culture of wars. In all of the raucous debate, the humanity of war often slips between the historical cracks. For every arrow drawn on a field map, young Americans were left to pay the price. So, this Memorial Day, I take a personal moment to remember and honor my "Buddies".

Sgt. Al Richards, Charlie Company Forward Observer.



## American Legion Auxiliary

### Rose-Harms Unit 355

#### Newsletter – June 2020

Another month has come and gone, and still we've been unable to meet as a group. News received from one of our members the morning of May 26th caused us to re-evaluate the wisdom of holding our Unit meeting that evening. President Sue sent an Email Blast explaining the meeting was cancelled. Because we were unable to hold our normal election, the email stated that all officers, with the exception of Linda Brown and Patty Wollner, had expressed their willingness to serve next year in their current positions. Patty has agreed to run for Chaplain and Linda Mayer will run for Historian. Members were then given the opportunity to respond by 4 PM to either accept the ballot as explained, to nominate someone else for a position, or to express their interest in running for an office.

We now announce that the following officers have been elected by acclamation for 2020-21:

President: Sue Turowski  
1st Vice President: Mary Molaski  
2nd Vice President/Membership Chair: Lora Linder  
Chaplain: Patty Wollner  
Historian: Linda Mayer  
Treasurer: Amy Luft  
Appointed Officers/Members:  
Secretary: Linda Faas  
Sergeant at Arms: Mary Arvai  
Asst. Sgt. at Arms: Maria Keegan  
Parliamentarian: Judy Kuta

Janice Bould, Laurie Schwalbe and Past President Cathy Brunnquell

Welcome first-time officer Linda Mayer! **We send our THANKS to Toni Moegenburg and Pam Klenner for their work on the Nominating Committee.**

As announced in last month's newsletter, Unit member Stacey Peck had answered the call to work in New Jersey as an ICU nurse, helping with the Covid-19 pandemic. Her father, Curtiss Peck, happily informs us that she has now wrapped up her time there and in a few weeks will be visiting him in Grafton. Stacey wishes to thank all who sent letters. In the meantime, anyone wishing to keep in contact with Stacey may email her at [smpeck0711@gmail.com](mailto:smpeck0711@gmail.com). Thank-you, Stacey, for all you've done. You certainly deserve some R & R before starting your next assignment.

News from Ann Fields, Spring Banquet chairman: Our **June Banquet** will be held **Tuesday June 16th at Bunkers (Edgewater Golf Course)**. Cocktails will start at 5:30, dinner at 6:15. **Reservations need to be made by June 9th**. You can contact Ann at 262-384-1982 (email [aannfields@yahoo.com](mailto:aannfields@yahoo.com)). If you make a reservation and cannot make it, please call or email Ann, or **you will be responsible for your bill**. You pay your server that night. Tax and Gratuity are included in price. There will be a cash bar. Menu choices and prices are as follows:

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| Parmesan Chicken with Noodles (PC)               | \$18.00 |
| Broasted Chicken with Baked or French Fries (BC) | \$18.00 |
| Steak Sandwich with Baked or French Fries (SS)   | \$18.00 |
| Chef Salad with Roll (CS)                        | \$13.00 |



**Poppy Chairman Cathy Brunnquell**, along with committee members Lora Linder and Carolyn Knoppa, have announced their plans for poppy distribution. As we are unable to distribute in the usual locations due to Covid-19, we'll be doing something different this year. On Friday June 12th from 11 am to 6 pm and on Saturday June 13th from 9 am to 4 pm, volunteers will be located curbside, at the Post, for drive-up poppy distribution. Volunteers will be wearing masks and gloves. (Hand sanitizer will be available for their use.) Advertisement of this event will be done in the local papers and with signs located on Wisconsin Avenue and on Hwy 60. Some volunteers are needed, but not as many as in past years. If you wish to volunteer for a 2 hour shift, please call Cathy Brunnquell at 262-424-7692 or email her at CathyKB65@gmail.com.

**Membership** Chair Lora Linder announces current membership stands at 171 paid members (106.88%). The Grafton Unit is in 1st place in Ozaukee County! 2nd District remains in 1st place in the State.

**2nd District** President Amy Luft reports that 2nd District remains in 1st place with membership, that 2nd District was 100% in reporting, and that the Grafton Unit was the winner of the District membership contest for recruiting new members, winning \$50.00. She also added that she'll be reaching out to the 2nd District executive team to see what their thoughts are on rescheduling the spring conference for late October.

The Unit wishes to thank Mary and Dennis Leist for their generous donations to both the Unit and the Post. Mary is a member of our Unit, although she lives in Grand Marsh, Wi, and so many of us have not had the opportunity to meet her. Her dad's banner (Bernard Mueller) hangs with the others in Veterans Memorial Park.

We're sad to report another victim of the Pandemic is our annual picnic for the **Vets from Zablocki**, which had been scheduled for July 11th. This has not been rescheduled at this time.

There are still many members who are confined to their homes due to health conditions. Please continue to let them know you're thinking of them with either a phone call or a card.

We close with some exciting news. President Sue has received a letter from the Department of Wisconsin stating that our Unit member **JENNA KLOS has been chosen to represent the State of Wisconsin for the National Junior Member Loyalty Scholarship**. You may remember that Jenna was very active in our Unit as a junior member and a few years ago was one of our Badger Girls. **Congratulations, Jenna! We're so proud of you.**

As of the writing of this newsletter the August 8th 100th Anniversary Picnic is still on. The Auxiliary sent out a survey to the entire Legion Family to see what our membership wanted to do in lite of COVID19. We are still days away from the deadline of when the post cards needed to be returned and the deadline in which we are to give the Village of Grafton our decision.

Thank you to all whom have participated so far!

We hope that you have noticed all of the beautiful Veteran banners along the bridge on highway 60 and Veterans Park River Walk, thank you to all of our Veteran Families who participated in this project.

Our Legion Family also had a Congratulatory Banner made for the graduating class of 2020 and it is placed in front of Grafton High School. If you haven't seen it already, please check it out.



# 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**



# 10TH ANNUAL SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

**POST 355  
GRAFTON**



## **GOLF EVENT**

### **SATURDAY JUNE 13TH**

**8AM REGISTRATION – 9AM SHOTGUN START**

**18 HOLES WITH CART**

**\$100 PER PLAYER – \$80 FOR VETERANS**

**LUNCH ONLY \$20**

*8am Continental Breakfast  
and Bloody Mary Bar*

*1pm Appetizers and Lunch Buffet*

*2pm Auction - Raffle - Awards*

*Miller*  
**Lite**

**HOLE SPONSORSHIP \$100**

*(Includes Hole Sign)*

**FIRE RIDGE GOLF CLUB**

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