

# Rose Harms Legionnaire

August 2020



**Appropriately !**



**and Wash Your Hands Often.**

***Have you checked on your buddy lately?***

Ok, so this virus thing is lasting a lot longer than anyone thought! As members of the Rose Harms Post 355, our most sacred responsibility is to look out for each other and our fellow veterans. The idea is to reconnect with our members and let them know you care. Some of these veterans may need some kind of assistance, but don't know where to go or who to ask.

These contacts may be made by a personal visit, phone call or email, or any combination. The important part is to reach out to veterans in our community to let them know you care and that we may be able provide the assistance they need.

If you need help call the Post at 377-8887. If no answer, leave a message and we will get back to you. Or you can email us at [rose-harms@griftonlegion.com](mailto:rose-harms@griftonlegion.com). It's what we do for our buddies.

## Highlights from our last meeting on Monday, JULY 13, 2020.

Trisha Lickteig, who represents the Lutheran Support Military Group, was a guest at our last meeting. She presented information on the church's ministry to active military service members, veterans, and their families. Materials on what services are provided and how to get help for our veterans was distributed. She also donated several small prayer books that a soldier could carry.



### **New Members welcomed to our Post;**

Mike Mills, an Army veteran, has transferred into our Post.

Michael Belgiorno, a Marine Corps veteran, signed up as a new Member.

Online membership renewal is easy and encouraged. [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)

On sick call, long time member, Dick Larson, who is now a patient at the LaSata Care Center.

Butch Paegelow asked for member input on the removal of some bushes and shrubs at our Memorial at Veterans Park. The bushes have grown up to the point that they cover up parts of the monuments. Motion was made and approved to remove bushes and to clean up the area.

Jim Arentz had not set a date for restarting BINGO. We are taking a wait and see position.

Al Richards discussed the possible reopening of the Post for hall rentals in September and that we would need seed money to reopen the Post. The Cable TV, ATM, and Liquor services have been cancelled to save money.

Chaplain, Ken Kasprzak, reported on Flag Pole Plaque design and cost. Motion was made and approved to purchase the plaque for \$376 with dollars to come from Bingo Account. The Flag Pole dedication ceremony at the baseball fields is scheduled for August 1.

Americanism - 8th Grade Student Awards have been distributed to their School Principals. Ken read a "Thank You" note from Natalie Ernst, student at St. Paul Lutheran School.

Athletic - Doug reported that our Post's annual golf outing that was scheduled for September 19th, is on hold for now. He will have more information at our August meeting.

### **New Business.**

Post Commander Kevin Dressel, recommended that we cancel the Post's Annual Corn Roast. After discussion a motion was made and approved to cancel the picnic.

### **Our next scheduled Post meeting will be on Monday, August 10th at 7:00 pm.**

The American Legion Ozaukee County Council has decided not to have an installation dinner or ceremony this year. All Ozaukee county officers and Rose Harms Post officers will remain the same for the coming year.



**After meeting refreshments were provided by  
Doug Arendt and Al Richards in celebration of their birthdays.**





## CHAPLAINS CORNER-----KEN KASPRZAK----07/23/2020

At our July monthly meeting attendance was light (23 members present). It was great to visit and see familiar faces.

Engage 22 Virtual Walk/ Run was a huge success on July 13. I participated by running a 5km. My normal is to run solo so it worked. T-Shirts awarded to all runners/walkers.

Engage 22 was originally planned to take place at 2020 the Department Convention. Goal was to bring awareness to Veteran Suicide. A decision made to take the event virtual. It netted

nearly \$5,000 and had participants from 15 states. Our National Organization promoted it through social media. It brought awareness to communities all over the U.S. Thank you to everyone who donated and joined Engage 22. It will be repeated next year.

The Flag Pole dedication at Grafton Baseball Memorial Field scheduled for August 1. Plaque which highlights fact of our Legion donation has been ordered.

Thank you note from Natalie Ernst, 8th Grade Student awardee, St. Paul Lutheran School; "Thank you American Legion for the award. I'm very grateful. I will continue to bring my personality to high school next year. Again, thank you sooo much."

**A Prayer of Solidarity----** For all who have contracted coronavirus. We pray for care and healing. For those who are particularly vulnerable. We pray for safety and protection. For all who experience fear or anxiety. We pray for peace of mind and spirit. For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety. We pray for policies that recognize their plight. For those who do not have adequate health insurance. We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. For public officials and decision makers. We pray for wisdom and guidance. Comfort and love to all.

## Cleaning Up the Mess

On Tuesday, July 21, 2020, a group of veterans called Wisconsin Veterans for a Clean Museum asked for the community's help to send monetary aid to assist in the expensive removal of graffiti from the outside walls of the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, that was caused by out of control demonstrators.



The Wisconsin Veterans Museum appreciates the concern and support of these veterans. However, the Foundation's mission is to solely provide monetary support to the Veterans Museum for developing new exhibits, implementing public educational programs, and acquiring historical collections, which is why the Foundation Board of Directors voted not to act as fiduciary agent to this project. Unfortunately, the Foundation's charter does not allow for collecting funds in support of projects outside of the museum.

The State nor the Wisconsin Veterans Museum own the building at 30 West Mifflin Street. Therefore, more appropriately, the building owner is considering measures to preserve the integrity of the building and is working with their insurance company. Clean up is scheduled to start soon.

The Foundation is happy to accept donations from the community to support their mission and the efforts of the Museum. If you are interested in supporting this mission, visit our web sight at [wisvetsmuseum.com/foundation](http://wisvetsmuseum.com/foundation).

## American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355

### Newsletter – August 2020



As I write this newsletter it's the last weekend in July. We were finally able to hold our monthly meeting on July 21st, for the first time since March 9th. Since there were only 14 members present (mostly due to Covid concerns) we had to re-evaluate the wisdom of holding future monthly meetings at this time. After much discussion and weighing of options, it was decided to postpone future Unit meetings until further notice. However, the Executive Board will continue to meet monthly, keeping Unit members informed via email blasts or through this newsletter.

The Unit approved our sponsorship of BSA Girls Troop 840, which will now become a part of Boy Scout Troop 840, which is sponsored by Rose-Harms Post 355. We're happy to report that our Auxiliary liaison will be Unit member Crystal Greicar, whose daughter Lacey is a member of the troop, as well as being a Junior Auxiliary member.

The following donations were approved at the July 21st meeting:

1. The purchase of an outdoor information rack for the Post
2. The purchase of an updated sign for Veterans Memorial Park, the lettering on which will be corrected from "Veteran Memorial Park" to Veterans Memorial Park
3. A donation in the amount of \$1,000 to Family Sharing
4. A donation in the amount of \$500 to Balance, Inc.

We're most thankful to be able to make these donations to our Post and Community.

The following awards received by our Unit would have been presented at the Department Convention, had it been held: The 2nd District Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service

The Anchors in Service Award from Department for our VA & R program

The Certificate of 100% Membership from Department

Being chosen to receive these awards would not have been possible had it not been for the diligent work of Mel Nowak and Mary Molaski for submitting the reports (and to the Unit members who took the time to submit a report to them after each project), the leadership of Mel in the VA & R program, the ceaseless efforts of our Membership Team, and foremost to our dedicated Unit Members.

The Membership Team announces that dues for 2021 are currently being collected. Cost is \$30 for Senior members and \$6 for Juniors. Per Department, dues of Officers are expected to be received by August 5th. Hopefully this will encourage other members to renew soon. Renewals can be done in any one of the following ways:

1. Via the National Website: [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org)
2. By calling National at 317-569-4500
3. By mailing them to the Post at 1540 13th Ave, Grafton, WI 53024
4. By mailing them directly to Lora Linder at 309 Cedar St, Grafton, WI 53024-2366

There are just a few who haven't yet paid their 2020 dues. AUXILIARY members can contact Lora by phone at 262-389-5339 or via email at [youngph99@gmail.com](mailto:youngph99@gmail.com) with any questions. As an added incentive to pay early, the Membership Team is again holding a drawing for two \$25 gift cards. To be eligible to win one of them, the Team must receive your 2021 dues by September 15th. So please help us and get those renewals sent in soon.

#### **VA & R, as reported by Chairman Mel Nowak at July 21st meeting:**

GS Troop 8039 (St Paul's School, grades 4-6), when selling cookies this year, asked people if they would be interested in buying and then donating those cookies to Veterans. The result was 156 boxes donated. They were in turn given to Mel to distribute. As all VA campuses were closed at this time, she contacted Sue Hembrook, director of hospital volunteers. Sue picked up the cookies and they will be delivered to the Veterans Home at King for distribution at a celebration planned in July. Mel received a thank-you note and shared it.

Mel received a Press Release which read in part: "First Lady Evers announces the Wisconsin 19th Amendment Celebration Committee's New 'WOMEN WHO INSPIRE' Nominee to Celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of Wisconsin's Ratification of the 19th Amendment". While there's not sufficient room to print in its entirety, I'll summarize. State Rep LaKeisha Myers has nominated Dr Berdie Cowser, Director of the Bureau of Housing at the Center for Veterans Issues, which includes Boudicca House.



All nominees for this award will appear on the website and will be featured on a rotating basis, leading up to the 100th Anniversary of enactment of the 19th amendment in August. Since our Unit, through Mel, has worked closely with Berdie for many years, a card was passed at the meeting so all present could add their congratulations.

Cards to Veterans signed at the June Banquet were sent, along with 96 dessert treats, to the Tomah VA.

Finally, Mel reported this year's Volunteer Hour Service Pins and Bars have been received from Department. These go to members who report service hours to Veterans, and are distributed in certain increments. Hours accumulate year-to-year. Those who qualified for pins or bars this year included Sherry Pals (50 hrs), Ann Fields (50 hrs), Linda Faas (3,000 hrs), Sue Turowski (300 hrs) and Patty Wollner (50 hrs). (Those who were not in attendance at this meeting can contact Mel at 262-377-1776 to arrange pick-up of your award). Mel reminded all to remember to report your service hours to her yearly; this is easily done by using the Member Tracking Form.

We send condolences to Unit member Mary Leist and her husband Dennis, on the death of Mary's mother Gwendolyn Mueller. Gwendolyn passed away on June 15th; her husband Bernard passed on April 8, 2020. We send condolences to the family of Unit member Joyce Koss, who also passed away on June 15th at Serenity Village in Slinger. Joyce was a member of our Unit since 1979. She was married to the late Herbert (a member of the Legion) for 43 years. Our Charter was draped for Joyce at the July 21st meeting.

President Sue has made available copies of the approved Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, along with the member tracking form, and a list of contact information for all current officers of our Legion Family. Contact Sue at [sueturowski@hotmail.com](mailto:sueturowski@hotmail.com) or 262-389-4644 to let her know what you're interested in receiving and it can be emailed to you right away. If you need the printed version, contact Sue and it will be reserved for you, available the next time we meet.

The committee of Patty Wollner and Pauline Hogan are busy working on a new Bakeless Bake Sale Fundraiser. Due to COVID-19 we are not able to do our regular fund raising so this is a great alternative for our Unit. Attached is our Bakeless Bake Sale Form.

President Sue reported that Camp Hometown Heroes was held virtually this year and during the honor ceremony there were several poems read. She thought that the following poem was appropriate to share with our membership at the July meeting and we believe it is also appropriate to share with our entire Legion Family.

**To Honor You - Connie F. Kiefer Byrd**

**To honor you...**

**I get up every day and take a breath.  
And start another day without you in it.**

**To honor you...**

**I laugh and love with those who knew your smile  
And the way your eyes twinkled with mischief and secret knowledge.**

**To honor you...**

**I take the time to appreciate everyone I love,  
I know now there is no guarantee of days or hours spent in their presence.**

**To honor you...**

**I listen to music you would have liked,  
And sing at the top of my lungs, with the windows rolled down**

**To honor you...**

**I take chances, say what I feel, hold nothing back,  
Risk making a fool of myself, dance every dance.  
You were my light, my heart, my gift of love, from the very highest source.  
So every day, I vow to make a difference, share a smile, live, laugh and love.  
Now I live for us both, so all I do,  
I do to honor you.**



BIT OF NEWS WE HAVE TODAY  
A BAKELESS BAKE SALE IS ON THE WAY  
THESE HOT, HUMID DAYS, WHO HAS TIME TO BAKE  
PIES, COOKIES OR EVEN A CAKE?



WE'VE THOUGHT OF A PLAN THAT'S TRULY GRAND  
AND FEEL QUITE SURE THAT YOU'LL UNDERSTAND  
IN AN ENVELOPE PLEASE PUT A PRICE  
OF A PIE OR CAKE OR SOMETHING NICE

NO FUSS OR BOTHER, YOU'VE DONE YOUR PART  
THIS IS THE END OF OUR LITTLE TALE  
HELP MAKE A SUCCESS OF OUR  
**BAKELESS BAKE SALE!**

**THE FUNDS WE RAISE WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT OUR  
VARIOUS VETERANS PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.**

Instead of going to all the work of baking, just pick out something you would have baked and instead contribute the amount you would have spent on it. Any contribution would be appreciated, no matter the amount. We've held this "bakeless" event in the past and have been successful in raising funds. Please help us once again by considering a donation.

Cut along the dotted line and send the bottom half with your contribution as directed below or for those receiving the newsletter by Email, simply indicate on your check what you wish to contribute (no need to print form)

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I am contributing to the Bakeless Bake Sale:

\_\_\_ cupcakes 18 for \$5.00

\_\_\_ Cookies 3 dozen for \$10.00

\_\_\_ brownies 3 dozen for \$12.00

\_\_\_ homemade fudge 1 lb for \$25.00

\_\_\_ dutch apple pie for \$7.00

\_\_\_ homemade bread 1 loaf for \$4.00

\_\_\_ cheesecake for \$20.00

\_\_\_ cream pie for \$9.00

\_\_\_ chocolate cake for \$9.00

\_\_\_ torte for \$15.00

\_\_\_ other (what did you not want to bake but love to eat?) for \$\_\_\_

Make all donations payable to ALA Unit 355 and mail to:

Patty Wollner

1434 Western Ave

Jackson, WI 53037

Please contact me with any question: Patty Wollner, Chairwoman PaWollner@icloud.com home phone : 262-423-8222

**We sincerely thank you for your generous support of this fundraising project.**