



Rose Harms Legionnaire

September 2020



We will never forget...
9-11-01
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Tuesday, September 8th

Post Executive Committee
Lower Hall

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SAL meeting, Upper Hall

Monday, September 17th

Post general meeting

Saturday, September 19th

Post Golf Outing

SORRY, NO BINGO YET!

NOTICE — The Rose Harms Post 355 museum has had to update and prepare a "Collection and Gift Agreement" form. Anyone who has private property on loan to our Post museum, now needs to sign one of these forms. We are not allowed to insure someone else's private property. Please contact Al Richards or Nick Schanen.

August Calendar Raffle winners were;
Alan Wegner, \$50. Janet Wilde, \$30.
Russ Stanley, \$25. Sue Blazich, \$20.
Ben Adams, \$15. Linda Buchholz, \$10.

***Below is part of a speech I gave several years ago called "The Flags of Sept. 11"
I think a lot of it still rings true today.***

I still do a lot of driving to the Legion's state headquarters in Portage. On the way there is an overpass where a lone U.S. Flag battered and bruised from years of weather and traffic still hangs. It first appeared there in those traumatic days after Sept. 11, when Americans, shocked and enraged by the terrorist attacks, expressed their sorrow and solidarity through this most eloquent of symbols.



It was our comfort, our rallying cry and so we put them everywhere, on our homes, office buildings, storefronts, on cars and on our bikes. There was a period of time, when you couldn't even buy a flag, because the stores couldn't keep up with the demand. Old Glory greeted us and lifted our spirits when we needed it most, appearing in all kinds of improbable places - like a highway overpass. But, where have all the flags of Sept. 11 gone?

As we and remember the 3,000 men, women and children who were so cruelly taken from us on that crisp September morning, it is fitting to ask: What were the lessons of that day? The 9/11 attacks were carried out in a manner intended to inflict more than human loss and physical destruction. The shocking sight of passenger planes slamming into buildings was a calculated act of psychological terror. The attacks were meant to instill great fear, panic and confusion. Instead, the country reacted with anger, compassion and moral clarity. Hundreds of firefighters, police and ordinary citizens rushed to the scene giving their lives for the sake of others. United Flight 93, believed to be headed for the U.S. Capitol, became the first counterattack in the war on terror. In the blink of an eye, 40 unarmed citizens assessed their situation, took a vote and decided to take back the plane or die trying. Their decisive act of courage inspired an entire nation to follow their lead and do something!

Tens of thousands of volunteers stood in line for hours to give blood, while others saw a need and, on their own initiative, filled it. After the attacks, while the fires were still burning and the missing still unaccounted for, President Bush invoked the character of our nation, calling our unity a "kinship of grief" that hardened a "steadfast resolve to prevail against our evil enemies and all who supported them." We saw Congressmen and Senators from both sides of the aisle joining hands in unity, while waving the red, white and blue and singing "God Bless America" Where are those flags of 9/11 now?

No reflection about 9/11 or this nation's response to that day is complete without recognition of the commitment, accomplishments and heroic sacrifices of our military forces. We should all be very proud of our civilian soldiers. We need to give them and just as importantly their families all the support we possibly can. We must never lose sight of who we are in this long struggle, but we must not deceive ourselves into thinking that we can defeat this enemy armed with nothing more than lofty ideals and a sense of moral superiority.

I think President Teddy Roosevelt stated it well when he said, "Peace, like freedom, is not a gift that tarries long in the hands of cowards, or those too feeble or short sighted to deserve it." Our parents and grandparents secured the free world for us because they believed in something greater than themselves and were willing to put everything on the line to preserve freedom.

I do miss all the flags of Sept. 11th, but for me that ragged U.S. Flag hanging on that overpass is the one that stirs my heart. It has taken a beating, but it is still there. We must never forget that feeling of shock and horror and we must never forget how or why those 3,000 men, women and children died on September 11th, 2001.

Civilians, firefighters, policemen and soldiers our hearts and prayers go out to them and their families. But, we also owe it to them to make sure that we protect our Country's freedom of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness". We must stand together and never give up. Then maybe, just maybe, our children never have to ask "Where are the Flags of 9-11?"

Al Richards, State Commander 2004—2005, The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin

Gator Gilstrap reported that paid post membership thus far is at 138 with annual goal set at 298. Online membership renewal is easy and encouraged. New Member, Armand Goeden has transferred into the Rose Harms Post 355 from the Saukville post.

Steve Shock noted that per Scout Troop 840 leader, Jim Lilyquist, that they are holding outdoor activities and working on Scout badge requirements. No date for restart of Boy Scout meetings at Post. Possible tentative date is October. A Scout "Court of Honor" to be held at Grafton Lions Park, August 6. Scout "camp out" to be held in August at Greenbush.

Butch Paegelow noted that work is needed to remove over grown bushes and shrubs at the Veterans Park Memorial. A quote has been received from SAL member, Jim Proefrock to remove the bushes and repair the wall at a cost of \$800.

Motion was approved to have Jim proceed. (Update—the work is done and our Memorial, once again, looks outstanding.)

Butch thanked Jim Arentz and Nick Schanen for all their work on the Post's Brick Memorial. They Have also been doing a great job with other landscaping areas around the Post.

Doug Arendt announced that the Post's annual Golf Outing on Saturday, September 19th, is a go. Registration form to be emailed to all Legion Family by Ken Kasprzak. Edgewater plans to have some outdoor seating for the dinner afterwards.

Hall Report - Although the halls have not been in use, our walk-in cooler and compressor has sprung multiple leaks and is beyond repair. After 20 years it is just worn out and needs to be replaced. Quote for replacement from Hennes Services is \$5,490. Al and Gary will work on possible lower price and removal of sales tax from quote. Also, Al will check with Tom Peterson regarding a possible insurance claim for the beer that has gone bad due to not being properly refrigerated.

Motion was passed to get the unit repaired.

Thank you for the after meeting refreshments which were provided by Kevin Dressel and Gordie Lueder.

Commander Kevin Dressel requested that prior to any Social that chairs and tables be sanitized and then put into storage.



CHAPLAIN KEN KASPRZAK

August 20, 2020

At our August monthly meeting, attendance was very light (only 14 members present). Pray that risk of exposure to COVID-19 will significantly decrease so that more members will feel safe and attend Post meetings.

A prayer to help defend us from global pandemic---
O God, my salvation, I pray You will be my strong defense against this virus that is devastating the health of so many and even bringing death to thousands. I stand on Your Word that I trust in You. Set a guard around me and my loved ones, and help us with immunity to this dread disease as we delight in You. Amen.

Birthday Wishes to **Romie Monarski** who was 90 years young on August 8. Larry Engel is close behind at 89 on August 10.

Post member **William Greene's** Funeral was honored on August 13 with our Post's Honor Guard ceremony.

Ron Kuta is recovering from a heart procedure.
Bill Clayton is recovering from medical procedures.

Living Well---Memory problems aren't always a sign of dementia. Can't remember some names, dates, places? There are a variety of conditions and events that contribute to memory loss. Here's a list. Aging--as you get older, all parts of your body change, including your brain. Mild forgetfulness is not a serious problem.

Medical conditions---Memory can be made worse due to pneumonia, urinary tract infections, and COPD. Stroke and Vascular disease---result can be changes in memory, thinking, or movement. Also, diabetes or high blood pressure can damage blood vessels leading to memory issues.

Medications---Some prescription meds and over-the-counter drugs such as Benadryl may impair memory. Depression---can result in dementia-like symptoms. Others---Sleep disorders, Substance abuse, and Vitamin deficiencies.

Rose Harms Post 26th Annual Golf Outing



Edgewater Golf Club
 Saturday, September 19, 2020
 1:00 pm Shotgun Start
 Beer & Soda on Course
 Dinner served at 4:30 pm

All Legion Family and Friends are invited

Golf, Dinner and prizes: \$35.00 (cart included for outing)

Golf and prizes Only: \$20.00 (cart included for outing)

Dinner only: \$20.00 (gratuity included)

Return (with payment please) to:
 Rose-Harms Post 355
 Attn: Golf Outing
 1540 13th Avenue
 Grafton, WI 53024

**Please send reservations to the Post
 by Sunday, September 12, 2020**

Note:

Edgewater members NO PRICE REDUCTION

Name (foursomes golf together, others will be made into foursomes)	Golf and Dinner \$35.00	Golf Only \$20.00	Dinner Only \$20.00	Total
Total Amount Enclosed				



**American Legion Auxiliary
Rose-Harms Unit 355
Newsletter – September 2020**

September already! Despite Covid restrictions, summer is marching-by quickly and fall will soon be here; only time will tell when we'll be able to resume our normal activities and events. As announced in last month's newsletter, Unit monthly meetings are on hold at this time. **This will be re-evaluated monthly by the Executive Board.**

Until our monthly meetings resume, President Sue will send a monthly email to all members who have given their email address. This will be done by the end of each month. For members without email that attend regular monthly meetings, you will be mailed the same information that is emailed out. Should anyone have any questions at all, about anything, please call Sue (262-389-4644) and she will help you.

Two corrections have to be made to information printed in the August newsletter. Membership Chairman Lora Linder's correct address is 209 Cedar St, not 309. The other correction is that Ann Fields was awarded her bar for 300 voluntary hours of Service to Veterans, NOT 50. I apologize to both Lora and Ann for my errors.

I also apologize to anyone who sent their dues to Lora and had the envelope returned for an incorrect address. If you mailed your dues to Lora at the incorrect address and the envelope wasn't returned to you, please contact Lora to confirm receipt.

THANK-YOU.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP TEAM:

It is time for you to renew your membership for 2021 with the Grafton American Legion Auxiliary. To sweeten your renewal this year we are offering all members who have renewed by **September 15th, 2020** a chance to win 1 of 2: \$25.00 gift cards. 1 is from Meijer and 1 from Kohl's.

What does this mean for you? If you have already paid your dues, your name is already in the bowl for the drawing! If you have not paid your 2021 dues yet, you still have time to get in on the chance to win 1 of 2 gift cards!

You can renew your dues 3 different ways!

Online: Go to www.ALForVeterans.org, go to the "Members Only" tab, create a login ID if you don't already have one (you will need an email address and member ID#). The pay dues option will be at the top of the screen. If you need assistance while doing this, you can call National at (317) 569-4500.

Phone: Call National direct at (317) 569-4500 Mon-Fri 7:00am to 3:30pm. You can pay by credit or debit card. A real person will assist you with your payment and a member can pay for several members at a time!

Mail: You can mail your dues to Lora Linder and she will process them to Department. Make checks payable to: American Legion Auxiliary Mail to: Lora Linder, 209 Cedar Street, Grafton, WI 53024

2021 Dues are the same this year: \$30 for Senior's \$6 for Junior's

Did you forget to pay your 2020 dues? That's ok! There's still time to get caught up! We will take both years dues, but in order to get in on this awesome drawing, you have to be current and pay your 2021 dues! If you are unsure, you can call Lora Linder at (262) 389-5339 or email at youngph99@gmail.com
2020 Dues are: \$30 for Seniors \$6 for Juniors

If you are an Honorary Life Member or Paid Up for Life Member, you do not need to send your dues, and we will include you in the drawing! Thank you again to each and every one of you who continue to support our veterans and military families through your membership! Without you, what we do wouldn't be possible!

INFORMATION FROM THE AUGUST 11TH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

Bakeless Bake Sale: Chairman Patty Wollner reports she's received several donations already. Remember that fundraising opportunities are very limited this year, so we invite our Auxiliary members and extended Legion Family to help in this endeavor.

See flyer attached to this newsletter.

Annual Audit: Patty Wollner and Laurie Schwalbe report they've completed the annual audit on all accounts except Membership, and they anticipate this being done soon. All records were found to be in order. They commend Amy for a job well done.

Thank-you, Patty and Laurie, for your work on this committee.

If you'd like to know more about the Auxiliary, we invite you to check out the Department website at www.amlegionauxwi.org. There's a wealth of information available to you on this site. One of the things discussed at our meeting was the updated Plans of Action, which can be found there.

Members if you have or know of ANYTHING at all that needs to come before the Exec Board please ask! You should feel free to reach out to our President or any other member of your Executive Board. Just because we are not actively meeting that doesn't mean that we are sitting still! There are still Veterans, Their Families and Our Community out there and they need us!

Actually, during these trying times, we may be needed more now than in our recent past.

Until next month, stay safe and take care of each other.

Submitted by Linda Faas, Secretary

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)

I am contributing to the Bakeless Bake Sale:

<input type="checkbox"/> cupcakes 18 for \$5.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Cookies 3 dozen for \$10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> brownies 3 dozen for \$12.00	<input type="checkbox"/> homemade fudge 1 lb for \$25.00
<input type="checkbox"/> dutch apple pie for \$7.00	<input type="checkbox"/> homemade bread 1 loaf for \$4.00
<input type="checkbox"/> cheesecake for \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> cream pie for \$9.00
<input type="checkbox"/> chocolate cake for \$9.00	<input type="checkbox"/> torte for \$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.