

Rose Harms Legionnaire

October 2020

Looking a Head



Thursday, October 1st Ozaukee County Flag Disposal Ceremonies at the Port

Washington Post at 6:00 pm—meeting to follow

Monday, October 5th Post Executive Board Meeting

Monday, October 12th Post General Meeting at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 13th Sons of the American Legion at 6:30 in upper hall

Thursday, October 29th SAL Beer & Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Fire Ridge Golf

Club from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Wednesday, November 11th March to Veterans Park for the salute at 11:00 am. There will not be a dinner this year due to COVID 19.





How long has it been since you talked to your buddy?

Don't let them get lost in the tumble. Give them a call to say hello and see how they are doing.

If anyone needs a helping hand, well that's what the Rose Harms Post 355 is all about.

Veterans helping Veterans!

CHAPLAINS CORNER-----KEN KASPRZAK----09/24//2020

At our September monthly meeting, again attendance was very light (only 18 members present). We continue to pray for a COVID-19 vaccine. Social drinks sponsored by Doug Arendt and Mike Belgiorno. A meal was provided by SAL Corey Esselmann. Jerry Brunnell is recovering from recent neck surgery.

Sad to report on the recent passing of Post member Ken Hansen. An honor guard ceremony will be held per family request. Date unavailable as yet.

Annual flag retirement to be held on October 1, Thursday at 6pm, Port Washington Post. County meeting to follow.

Legion Golf Outing was a success, 54 golfers. Huge thank you to Doug Arendt and Edgewater Golf Course personnel for making this event possible.

Note Wisconsin Department Service Officer announced a partnership with Apple to increase access to virtual care benefits by providing free IPads to vets. See if you are eligible.

Prayer for those devastated by west coast wild fires and hurricanes in the southern states.

Lord, we remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly. We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss. Bring them consolation and comfort. Surround them with our prayer for strength. Bless those who have survived and heal their memories of trauma and devastation. May they have the courage to face the long road of rebuilding ahead. We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security and their hope. Bless the work of firefighters, relief agencies, and those providing emergency assistance. Keep them safe. May their work be guided by the grace and strength that comes from You alone. Amen.

Influenza is a respiratory illness caused by viruses. Get vaccinated. Protect yourself and also reduce the risk of transmission to family members. Remember people over 65 are more at risk.

POST 355 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Meeting called to order by Kevin Dressel, Post Commander. Members present = 18.

Membership. Gary Gilstrap reported that paid membership thus far at 179.

New Member, Timothy Klug, US Army, Global War on Terror and is currently an Army Reserve member.

Bob Keebler, a member for 16 years, was present and hopes to be a regular attendee.

Finance. Ralph Beck distributed the Finance report and was approved by members present.

Calendar Raffle, 77 Family member participants. \$2,690 collected which is \$10 less than last year.

Packer tickets---a refund due to COVID pandemic, was used as a credit for next years tickets.

Tax data submitted to Krause Accounting.

Hall Report. Al Richards reported that \$1,775 was received from West Bend Insurance for our claim of keg beer loss due to the break down of our in walk in cooler.

A date is needed to honor the Grafton EMT and Police Officer who received outstanding Public Safety awards from the Ozaukee County Council.

After meeting refreshments were provided by Doug Arendt and Mike Belgiorno.

Camp American Legion---Al spoke to Camp Director Don Grundy regarding status of Cabin 22. The building is up and the renovation plans are for year-round occupancy. Final touches are on the way and they are waiting for the new well to be sunk.

BINGO. Since Bingo needs 60 players to break even and with social distancing, no plans for it to continue this year.

Scouts. Steve Shock noted that the Scout's annual fund raisers are underway. Our Boy Scout Troop 840 sells Christmas wreaths and Cub Scout Troop 3840 sell popcorn. Please, give your support if asked.

Building. Butch Paegelow noted that Jimmy Proefrock has agreed to do the snow removal at the Post for upcoming winter. After many years of loyal service, the Hilgarts are no longer doing snow plowing.

Tents. Tom Grabow said that the last rental for the year will be on September 25.

Athletic. Doug Arendt noted that the Post's 27th Annual golf outing has 54 golfers so far. Edgewater dinner plans will maintain social distancing with both indoor and outdoor seating. Hole sponsorships went well. Past businesses who sponsored holes, but can not this year, because of the COVID 19, will still have their signs put up on various the tees.

Children & Youth. Doug Arendt stated that students are back in school with a combination of in class and virtual learning. The schools are doing everything possible to keep the children safe.

New Business.

"Thank You" to SAL Squadron 355 Commander, Corey Esselmann, for providing food after our meeting.

Marty Wegner still has shirts and jackets for sale.

Ken Kasprzak gave update on Newsletter distribution. Current total is 443 with 379 sent via Email and 64 via USPS.



Calendar Raffle Winner this month were:

Al Richards. \$50

Arlene Kaul, \$30

Jean Beck, \$25

Gary Lallensack, \$20

Ken Wegner, \$15

Kevin Dressel, \$10

September SAL News

Welcome back to our SAL members from our summer sabbatical.

Membership: SAL Membership remains at 84 members. Our newest member, Veteran Tim Klug, who is also a Post member was introduced.

The Wisconsin Legion raised dues for SAL members from \$9 to \$12. A motion was made to increase the cost of our membership dues to \$25, which was approved.

Please contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 to arrange payment of your 2021 membership. Anyone not paid up by the end of the year will be left as expired.

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

Golf Outing: June's SAL annual golf outing had more people than last year. Details will be provided at the October meeting.

Camp American Legion: Cabin construction is still progressing although there has been discussions, by Department of Wisconsin AL leaders, about the possibility of changing which organization will host of the cabin going forward. Al Richards will call Camp Director Don Grundy for information.

Beer & Wine Tasting Fundraiser: Our next Beer and Wine Tasting fundraiser will be held on Thursday, October 29 from 6pm-9pm at Fire Ridge. Posters and additional information will be shared shortly.

100yr Legion Family Dinner Picnic: Buckskin Bowman said their \$500 donation for the picnic could be held and used for some future activity.

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

Oct 12 – Dick

Nov 9 - tbd

Next SAL Meeting: 10/13 @ 6:30pm





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MONTHLY UNIT MEETINGS TO RESUME

At the Executive Board meeting of September 15th it was decided to resume monthly meetings, beginning Tuesday October 20th at 6:30 PM.

THERE WILL ONLY BE DESSERTS AT THE OCTOBER UNIT MEETING.

(There will be no Executive Board meeting in October.)

Lora Linder and Carolyn Knoppa of our Membership Committee announce the winners of their 2021 early membership renewal drawings. Carolyn Buesch will receive a \$20 Kohl's gift card and Helen Northrup Barlow a \$20 Meijers gift card. Congratulations to Carolyn and Helen!

Lora Linder, Membership Committee Chair, reports 83 renewals for 2021 as of 9/18. Thank-you to those of you who have sent in your dues! Renewal notices were received from National last week. If you've already renewed, you can ignore this notice. For those who haven't, the letter contains easy renewal information. We urge you to renew as soon as possible. Please contact Lora Linder at 262-389-5339 or via email at youngph99@gmail.com with any questions.

INFORMATION FROM THE SEPTEMBER 15TH EXEC BOARD MEETING:

<u>Bakeless Bake Sale</u>: Chairman Patty Wollner reports she's received about 25 donations so far from members of the Legion Family. We thank those contributors <u>very</u> much. The flyer will be published in this newsletter one final time. Other things discussed were the opportunity for a Sendik's fundraiser in early October, a Holiday fundraiser from Johnson's Gardens, a display at the Library hi-liting the Auxiliary, an annual donation of books to area schools, an update concerning the new sign at Veterans Memorial Park, and Sailor Shout Outs. These will all be agenda items for our October 20th Unit meeting. In addition, a proposed yearly budget was discussed in detail. Thanks to Amy for all her work on this. It will be presented at the Unit meeting for final approval.

In the August meeting information packet put out by Department (accessible to all members at www.amlegionauxwi.org, click on More, then Unit Mailings, then Bi-Monthly Unit Mailing-August 2020), information on both the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF) and the M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund were featured. A brief overview follows:

The AEF is a National program which offers temporary assistance to eligible members during: A time of financial crisis when no other source of aid is readily available to pay for shelter, food and utilities; Weather related emergencies and natural disasters for food and shelter; Educational training for members who lack the necessary skills for employment or to upgrade competitive workforce skills. (Note: Assistance will not be available for accumulated debt or medical expenses.)

The M. Louise Wilson Educational Loan Fund is an <u>interest-free loan</u> of \$800.00 per year, with a 5-yr limit, and a total loan limit of \$4,000. Money may be borrowed each year the student attends college. <u>No interest is charged until the loan is in default</u>. The usual time for processing a loan is approximately one month and all loans must be co-signed by a responsible party (usually a parent or guardian). To obtain further information on either of these programs (or any others) go to <u>www.amlegionauxwi.org</u> and click on Dept Chairman/Action Plans; for applications click on Program Info, then on the appropriate program.

We extend our Unit's condolences to the family of Dorothy Lucht, who passed away peacefully in the early morning hours at Kathy's Hospice. Dorothy was a 20-year member of our Unit. Although not recently active, over the years Dorothy was a faithful contributor of many afghans and other knitted items for Zablocki. Her generosity was appreciated. The Unit Charter will be draped in her honor at our next meeting.

The annual Ozaukee County American Legion flag burning ceremony will take place on Thursday October 1st, at 6 pm, in the park across from the Port Washington Post. If you've never attended one of these services, try to be at this one; it's an impressive ceremony. Any flags which should be retired can be brought to our Post and placed in the flag disposal box, located to the right of the front entrance. An article on proper flag disposal can also be found in the August packet on the Department website.

We hope to see you at the October 20th Unit meeting.

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. Pleas 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:	
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.	