



Look
What's Happening

Monday, November 2nd

Post Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 3rd

VOTE!

Monday, November 9th

Post's General Meeting at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 10th

Sons of the American Legion meeting

Wednesday, November 11th

Veterans Day



On Veterans Day we will march from the Post to Veterans Park at 10:45 am.

Salute at 11:00 am

This will conclude the ceremonies for the day.

Due to COVID-19 there will not be an open house or lunch at the Post this year.



POST 355 MEETING HIGH LIGHTS----OCT. 12, 2020

Chaplain, Ken Kasprzak read a poem from the funeral ceremony of Ken Hansen, a Post member for 43 years.

Membership. Gary Gilstrap reported paid membership at 187 with a goal of 298. Ken will work with Gary to draft a letter asking those unpaid to pay prior to end of year.

Finance. Ralph Beck distributed the Finance report that noted that \$5,900 was for the new walk-in cooler's cooling system.

Hall Report Manager, Al Richards said that rentals have occurred in the upper hall (e.g. Lions Club and Ozaukee Realtors). However, we are limiting rentals and the size of groups according to the Governor's guide lines. Neal Schutte and Kevin Dressel agreed to tend bar.

Al received a quote, \$3,446, from Carroll's Heating to replace downstairs furnace. A motion was made, seconded, vote taken, and new furnace approved.

Public Safety. Sandra Krzewinski has contacted Grafton Fire and Police Chiefs regarding presentation of outstanding Ozaukee County Public Safety awards. Possible publicity via local newspaper.

Scouts. Steve Shock noted that Scout annual fund raisers are underway but with virtual sales procedures in place.

Butch Paegelow discussed 2021 Las Vegas Night. For now, raffle tickets will not be printed. At November Executive Committee meeting discussion will take place regarding raffle ticket distribution and possibly moving Las Vegas Night to April or canceling for 2021.

Tents. At year end, Tom Grabow reported that tent crew worked hard with September rentals totaling \$3,742. Some tent take downs remain for October.

Athletic. Doug Arendt reported that September golf outing had 56 golfers and a good time enjoyed by all. Profit \$900.

Legion Baseball----Dan Harris reviewed decisions for 2021 made via a zoom meeting on October 3. Plans

to start baseball next June are underway. State tournament July 30 through August 3. Grafton has a coach and a team. Funding thus far done by parents. General fundraisers need to be done and volunteers are needed to assist. See Dan if interested.

Gary received a call from GHS principal, Scott Mantel, with an idea of a virtual Veterans Day. Possibly with prerecorded video, member interviews, and viewed by students in their individual classrooms. Mike Belgiorio volunteered to assist Gary and GHS.

Thank you to SAL member, Dick Rieck, for providing Cousins sub sandwiches during our after meeting social gathering.

To celebrate his 75th Birthday, Ralph Beck provided the refreshments.

For the Good of the Legion

Ken spoke about a Service Dog non-profit agency for veterans suffering from PTSD. Grafton resident, the Mya Masse family, are accepting applications.



Claude Taylor reported that U.S. Navy celebrated its 214th Birthday on October 13.

This Months Calendar Raffle Winners.

Karen Konicek, \$50

Art Albers, \$30

Sue Blazich, \$25

Dick Buchholz, \$20

Kevin Dressel, \$15

Helen Barlow, \$10.



CHAPLAINS CORNER-----KEN KASPRZAK-----10/19/20

At our October monthly meeting, attendance increased to 23 members present. Ralph Beck celebrated his 75th Birthday with social drinks after our meeting. Thank you Ralph and Happy Birthday. Thank you to SAL Dick Rieck for Cousins sandwiches.

A Prayer for Good Health and a Strong Immune System; Lord, I pray that You would bless me with a strong immune system so that I have a powerful defense against bacterial and viral infections. I thank You that when You created me, You put this system within me to protect me from illness. Help me be diligent to promote a strong immune system through healthy habits and to avoid habits that compromise it. Amen.

I received a thank you letter from Pyper Flaig, outstanding 8th Grade student, John Long Middle School. To summarize----"I feel so proud and honored to have received the beautiful medal and letter. I will use this award as a reminder to achieve my biggest goals and assets during my high school career. I wish Rose-Harms Post 355 the best this year and I hope that you will be able to bless numerous exceptional 8th Graders with this award for years to come".

Grafton resident Mya Masse and her family have started a Service Dog non-profit agency for veterans and first responders who suffer from PTSD. Applications are being accepted at website: partnerswithpawsservicedogs.org.

Preventing backaches. Drink more water. Dehydration can cause back muscles to stiffen and even spasm. Keep muscles flexible and strong. Take breaks from sitting and walk or move around to raise heart rate and increase blood circulation. Sleep on a good mattress. Get support without pressure points. Don't sleep on your stomach.

100 MILES FOR HOPE----a virtual walk/run/ride challenge which began August 3 and ends on Veterans Day. Registrations and donations help the Veterans & Children Foundation. The foundation serves two primary functions----critical grants for military and veteran parents in unexpected financial crises and support for service officers to obtain benefits and opportunities for disabled veterans. You can still register at National website legion.org Amy Luft and I have registered and logged our miles. Join us today.



This year's beer tasting fundraiser was cancelled due to the pandemic.

We will be putting up some of the flags for Veterans Day, like we did for Memorial Day at Veterans park.

Membership renewals are about 50% paid. Reminder that dues are \$25 for 2021.

Craig will be asking for a few volunteers to help install the Christmas decorations and tree at the Veteran's park gazebo for the second year.

Auxiliary will be doing the November dinner after the Legion meeting.



Who do you call for Veterans Benefits?



No not the Ghostbusters. Recently I was asked, "Who should a veteran contact to get help with their benefits?"

As a Veteran, you have various benefits that you have earned from both the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) and the United States Veterans Administration or more commonly known as just the (VA).

Your Ozaukee County taxes pay for a County Veterans Service Office (CVSO), which is located in the old courthouse in Port Washington. For information about your state benefits, I usually refer veterans to our CVSO Kevin Johnson at (262)-238-8326.

<https://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/140/Veterans-Services-Office>.

Probably not a bad place to start in any case.

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin also has a full time Veterans Service Office. It is located in the federal building right next door to the Zablocki VA Hospital. Our Legion Service Officer, James Fialkowski (Semper Fi), can be reached at (414) 902-5722 or <https://wilegion.org/departments-service-officers/>

If you need any kind of help, please contact either one of these Veterans Service Offices. They are both absolutely free of charge!



Veterans' legislation signed into law

Last weekend, the President Trump signed the **Commander John Scott Hannon Act** into law.

Years in the making, the new law gives the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) new authorities to expand its provision of mental health care to more veterans and use new kinds of treatment options. Over the past two years, the bill has expanded to include standalone bills from a number of legislators in both the House and the Senate.

On Tuesday, the President signed another three Veteran bills into law:

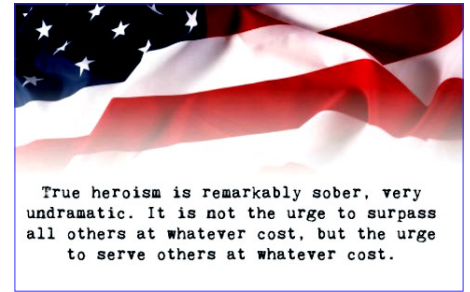
- Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act, to allow reserve component service members to access care at these facilities;
- Veterans' Care Quality Transparency Act, requiring that Government Accountability Office to study the VA's suicide prevention and mental health services; and
- Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2020, to provide a COLA for VA disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation benefits equal to the Social Security COLA, which is 3.1% for 2021.



American Legion Auxiliary , Rose-Harms
Unit 355

Newsletter – November 2020

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW
TO ALL OUR VETERANS!**



On behalf of Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary Unit 355

We had our first unit meeting in months on Monday October 19, 2020, there were 16 in attendance. Unfortunately we found out at the meeting that there are and have been several of our members that have tested positive for COVID-19. To date we have not heard that any of our members have been hospitalized. We pray that everyone who has tested positive recover swiftly and the rest of us continue to stay healthy!

Since this year we are NOT officially recognizing our Veterans on Veterans Day with our usual luncheon or the dinner dance that we all enjoy attending, we are serving dinner to our Veterans on Monday November 9 after their regular meeting. If you volunteered to serve or bring food please report to the lower hall by 6:30. In addition we are mailing cards to each Veteran (thank you Ken K for the mailing list!). As a show of support in our community we will be distributing Poppies at Sendik's on November 11 between 9:00 – 5:00. Another great tribute to our Veterans, our new Veteran's Memorial Park sign will be placed at Veterans Park on or before Veterans Day 2020.

Our Bakeless Bake Sale team has reported that our fundraiser has come to an end.

Please see the attached message from our committee chairs.

We were awarded with 100% ribbons for the 2019-20 year. Please let President Sue know if you are interested in receiving one, she will get it to you. In addition; Lora Linder reported that our membership goal is 180. We currently have 121 paid members for the 2020-21 year, **THANK YOU** if you have already paid and if you have NOT please try to have your membership paid by December 31, 2020. **All dues is due by January 1, 2021.**

We extend our Unit's condolences to the family of Joyce Koss, who has passed away.

Joyce had been a 41 year member of our unit in honor of her husband Herbert.

A memorial service will be held next summer at which time the family would appreciate our Auxiliary Service. Linda Faas will keep us up to date on this.

Cathy Brunquell our coupon chair, has asked everyone to **STOP collecting coupons until further notice.** This program has been paused at the time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Executive Board meeting will be held Tuesday November 3 at 6:30 pm in the Lower Hall of the Post. Our next Unit meeting will be Monday November 16 at 6:30 pm, in the UPPER HALL. REMEMBER ALL MEMBERS MUST WEAR A MASK OR FACE SHIELD.

Mel Nowak reported that this is a unique year for Christmas with the Vets.

Here are the special instructions for this year:

CHRISTMAS WITH THE VEST 33RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHOW DECEMBER 12, 2020

Help bring Christmas to our hospitalized veterans who can't go home for the Holidays!!!

This year because of the COVID-19 restrictions, celebrations will be held separately in every unit/ward at Zablocki VA Medical Center Milwaukee. NO IN PERSON LIVE show this year! So "being remembered" by you and receiving a gift will be so appreciated!

Please bring unwrapped gifts to Mel Nowak's house (1115 2nd Ave) or call (262-377-1776). Don't forget to include your name, phone number, hours you worked on this and amount spent.

DEADLINE DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2020.

MENS HOODED SWEATSHIRTS – XL & XXL

LADIES HOODED SWEATSHIRTS – L & XL

KNIT CAPS and 6X9 WRITING PADS.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES REALLY APPRECIATED BUT MUST BE STORE BOUGHT.

Merry Christmas & Thank you so much for your support! Mel Nowak, VA&R Chair

ON BEHALF OF ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



These are important messages sent from the Department of WI Auxiliary:

Please share this with any Auxiliary members within your reach of distribution.

Headquarters staff have had contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. As a result, we are increasing safety precautions in the HQ building and discouraging people from visiting until November 2nd if possible. If you must come to headquarters for business reasons, please call Auxiliary staff at 608-745-0124 to ensure we are in the office before you visit. Visitors are required to wear masks and may be asked to have their temperature taken. We also request that you not come if you are sick or have had any symptoms of illness within 48 hours.

Official Family:

*The American Legion Auxiliary is offering an ALA in the Know Session at the 2021 Midwinter Conference. This session will provide an overview of American Legion Auxiliary roles for members and responsibilities of each level of unit officer; discuss the value of county organizations; review each Auxiliary program; surf Auxiliary websites – both department and national; provide a preview of special activities planned for the 2021 Department Convention; and close with a Question & Answer session. If you would like to attend, you must register for the Midwinter Conference (\$20 fee if you register before January 4, 2021 or \$25 after January 4th). Please check that you will be attending the ALA in the Know session (this is noted just above the payment information on the registration form) so we can make sure we have enough training materials for everyone in attendance. **Space is limited, so please register early!!!***

Thank you,

Bonnie Dorniak, Executive Secretary-Treasurer/Executive Director

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin

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A community of volunteers serving veterans, military and their families

2021 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

JANUARY 14-17, 2021

HO-CHUNK HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER

S3214 HIGHWAY BD ~ BARABOO, WI 53913

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-register for The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin 2021 Midwinter Conference by returning this registration form and \$20.00 per person (1 person per registration form) to Department Headquarters by January 4, 2021 and save \$5.00! Registrations received after January 4, 2021 will be \$25.00 per person. Or Register online at wilegion.org.

(Please type or print clearly in order for your badge to be printed correctly)

NAME _____ MEMBER ID # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ DISTRICT _____ POST _____ UNIT _____ SQUADRON _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

ITEM	✓	PRICE	TOTAL
Registration Fee		\$20.00	
Reg. Fee After 1/4/21		\$25.00	
Post Commander's Course		No Charge	0.00
Post Adjutant's Course		No Charge	0.00
Forward Together Celebration Featuring <i>The Game Show DJ</i>		\$35.00 (Banquet registration deadline is 1/1/21)	
Total Enclosed			

_____ Please Check Here if you plan to attend the ALA in the Know Session

Make check payable to The American Legion, or Enter Credit Card Information Below

Cash _____ Check # _____

OR

Name on Card _____ Card Type _____ Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Sec. Code _____

Return to:

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin

Attn: Chris Schmidt

P.O. Box 388

Portage, WI 53901

or email to chris@wilegion.org



THANK YOU !

Thank you to everyone who donated to the
Auxiliary's Bakeless Bake Sale.

We raised \$678.00!!

Patty Wollner and Pauline Hogan

Chairwomen



The Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and Holiday Events Committee, are excited to announce its "Home for the Holidays" Campaign. Grafton's 2020 Holiday Events will provide alternatives to our traditional in-person activities including the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Breakfast with Santa and the Grafton Christmas Parade, which were all cancelled.

<http://www.grafton-wi.org>.

Veterans Day

Honoring All Who Served

Veterans & Active Duty Personnel
Please join us on Veterans Day
Wednesday November 11, 2020 for a meal on us

Our small way of saying thank you for your service
Maximum value = \$10 / Veteran's meal only please

Please provide your name, rank, branch & phone number*
You'll be entered in a drawing for SEVERAL hand made quilts
provided by Quiet Quilters specifically for Veterans
*we need your phone # to contact the winners

PLEASE NOTE: This is an unadvertised offer... pass it along to all
Veterans you know. Thank You!

Wayne's Drive-In
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Cedarburg, WI USA

