



Rose Harms Legionnaire

January 2021



Friday, January 1st	American Legion Membership for 2020 runs out!
Monday, January 4th	Post Executive Committee meeting 7:00 pm
Thursday, January 7th	Ozaukee County Council will be at the Grafton Post 355 staring at 7:00 pm, Oratorical Contest prior to the meeting
Monday, January 11th	Post General Meeting at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, January 12th	No Bingo
Tuesday, January 12th	SAL meeting at 6:30 pm



Highlights From Our Last Post Meeting

Chaplain Ken Kasprzak informed the members: Gift Cards will be distributed to ill and/or shut-in members in lieu of fruit baskets. Ken asked, via email or from the members present, for names of Veterans who could use receiving a gift card.

Post member, Larry Engel is recovering at home from a recent illness. Taps were played for Post members Kenneth Hansen and Robert Van Dyck.

Membership. Gary Gilstrap reported that the paid membership is at 243 with a goal of 298. Unpaid members who were notified with a Post letter to renew their membership, thus far we have had 19 members renew. Membership renewal is available online at legion.org.

New member, Robert Mercer, U.S. Navy was welcomed into the Post.

Finance. Ralph Beck clarified the Executive Committee Minutes. "The Post has transferred money from the Nicholas Mutual Fund to our general account to pay for GHS scholarships, the new furnace and the Post's insurance". Although the Post has not had much income, bills still need to be paid.

Hall Report. Al Richards reported that all annual December Christmas parties have been canceled. Thank you, Kevin, for after meeting snacks. Renewal of Wisconsin B-Raffle license fee has been paid. Al asked the members to view the gazebo at Veterans Park, that was nicely decorated for Christmas by the Post's Sons of the American Legion.

Scouts. The wreaths and popcorn that the scouts were selling are now available for delivery or pickup. Our Post's liaison to the Scouts, Steve Shock, has completed the requested renewal of his Youth Protection Training.

Old Business.

- Bingo is hoping to begin again next September, but may have to wait until 2022. Reasons given were that many elderly participants will not come because of the COVID 19 and that the Post needs at least 60 players to break even.
- Butch Paegelow reported that 14,000 raffle tickets for Las Vegas Night have been printed, with winners to be drawn on April 17. We will be distributing 4 packets per Legion Family member at the end of January.

- Doug Arendt and Gary Gilstrap will contact Kelly Reick, at the Grafton High School, to request a copy of virtual video that they did for Veterans Day. The video included the interviews of five Post members.

New business;

The Post received a donation of \$300 from "The Country on the Burg" in thanks for being able to use our risers for their fundraiser.

Correspondence Received;

- A thank you letter from Missy Vorac for the use of the hall for a Hanus Family memorial gathering.
- A card from Mel's Charities thanking all veterans for serving and protecting USA. Included in the card was a check for \$500.
- A Thank you note from our representative to Badger Boys State, Zander Lichosik, for all veterans who served and for sending him to BBS.

Good of Legion;

Bill Vorac made a visit to Camp American Legion and gave an update, with photos, on the renovation of Cabin 22. The plan is to accept veterans and their families summer and fall. No decision as yet by Don Grundy. Donations received are helping to pay routine expenses.

2nd District Oratorical chairperson is needed due to Ron Kuta stepping down.





Time is running out!

Please renew your Rose Harms Post membership.

You can easily renew online at www.members.legion.org

Or drop your \$35 off at the Post

Or mail it to 1540 13th Ave., Grafton, WI 53024

CHAPLAINS CORNER-----KEN KASPRZAK-----12/16/20

Since my wife passed, I celebrate Christmas but without a tree as we did for 50 years of our marriage. This year my daughters gave me the two trees in the picture. The star and ornaments on the small one light up at night. The one with a red ribbon also has a cardinal which is the state bird of Indiana where we both grew up and met in 1965.



Tom Stanton and Mel's Charities Board of Directors have made a donation to assist with Hall expenses during the pandemic. We received \$500 with this note---"We could not do what we do without the sacrifices each and everyone one of you serving and protecting our United States of America. We are forever grateful". A summary of a thank you letter sent to Mel's Charities is as follows: "At our Post December meeting. Al Richards announced that we had received a \$500 donation from your organization. As we navigate our way through the COVID pandemic, incoming dollars from hall rentals have been reduced significantly. Therefore, the dollars given to us by Mel's Charities will be used in positive way for hall expenses. Your continued efforts to support non-profit agencies in Ozaukee County are to be commended. Thank you for the donation. It is very much appreciated".

To end, my sincere wishes to all our Legion Family for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I offer my prayers for the continued health and safety of us all.



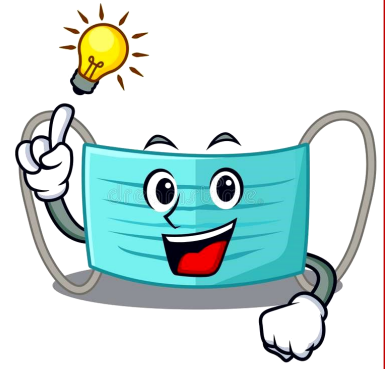
I hope this email finds you all well. I have come across a site that may be of interest to the members. We now can shop on line from post exchanges if honorably discharged. The site to reference is - shopmyexchange.com/vets .

This may be of interest to some members. I was not aware of it until recently.

Thanks, Post Service Officer, Ken Klein

KEEP
each other
SAFE

Please wear a mask,
not only to protect yourself,
but your friends and family, too!



12-21-2020

Dear Larry Engel:

The daily lives of all Legion members have been changed this year because of the coronavirus. A very significant result has been limiting contact outside our homes which includes shopping for groceries and home supplies. Most of us have had to change our routines in significant way.

Amy Luft, Kathy Rassel, and our Legion Post 355 want to help veterans who served our country. Kathy is the Senior Community Relations Manager at Village Pointe Commons. Aldi gift cards in the amount of \$20 each were donated to our Post by Village Pointe Commons. To celebrate Christmas, they are being distributed to ill and/or shut-in members.

My sincere wishes to you and your family for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I offer my prayers for the continued health and safety of us all.

Sincerely,
Chaplain Ken Kasprzak
Rose-Harms Post 355
Grafton, WI.



December 2020 SAL News

Membership: SAL Membership is now 82 members with 45 who have paid next year dues. Membership dues are due now and contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 for membership opportunities and to pay your annual dues. Chris made motion to pay our dues to State 82x\$12 for total of \$984, seconded by Paul and passed on voice vote.

SAL Clothing: Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465 we have plenty of items in stock, but will need to order some extra-large shirts.

Camp American Legion: Bob said that he has seen cabin and that it very nice and we should be prepared to do our normal spring help.

SAL Volunteer Activities -

Bowling: Discuss if we should pursue bowling outing this year with covid concerns and decided to talk with Circle B on their thoughts on having event.

Old: Gary put up some temporary lights club house flag poles and is exploring other replacement options. The light is out likely because of water issues causing GFI to trip.

New: Auxiliary have reportedly spent \$1800 on Veterans Memorial Park Sign, we will discuss with them further if we can be of assistance with the project.

Auxiliary is seeking help with their efforts for The Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative to create some buddy baskets that are estimated to be \$50/ basket. Marc made a motion to contribute \$250 to the effort and seconded by Jim and passed on voice vote.

Legion Post Meeting Dinner: Volunteers planning to serve need to start at 7:45pm

December – Post

January – Neil & Chris

February - Gary

Next SAL Meeting: 1/12/21 @ 6:30pm

Veteran's Park gazebo lights and tree. Thanks to Craig and all that helped.





**American Legion Auxiliary
Rose-Harms Unit 355
Newsletter – January 2021**

As I begin composing this JANUARY newsletter, the date is actually December 20th. The Holidays are upon us and they'll certainly be different than any we've ever seen. Due to circumstances, our monthly Unit meeting scheduled for December 15th was cancelled.

As reported in our December newsletter, our Unit is taking on a project to collect cleaning items to make up Buddy Baskets, to be given to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI). The baskets are given to Veterans who are moving into new housing. Below is a list of items needed to fill the baskets:

All-purpose cleaners	Floor cleaner
Bleach wipes (Lysol, Clorox, etc.)	Sponges
Window/Glass cleaner	Dish soap
Paper towels	Fabric sheets
Cleanser (such as Comet, etc.)	Toilet bowl cleaner
Broom	Toilet bowl brush
Dust Mop	Furniture Polish (such as Pledge, etc.)
Bucket	Toilet paper
Floor (scrub) mop	

The MHVI has informed us that donations are down this year due to COVID, that their supply of these items is extremely low, and that they'll use whatever we can send. NOTE: THEY'RE ESPECIALLY IN NEED OF BLEACH WIPES (LYSOL, CLOROX, ETC). Donations of ANY of these items (no donation is too small), or cash to purchase items, would be greatly appreciated. Baskets will be delivered by the end of the month, so items should be brought to the January meeting. Don't forget to keep track of the approximate cost of your donation so that it can be noted on the sign-in sheet at the meeting, as well as on your Member Tracking Worksheet. These details are used for the final Unit project report. If you have any questions about the Buddy Basket project, please contact project chair Linda Faas and leave a message for a call back at 262- 375-1833, or via email at lindaFaas97@gmail.com. See last month's newsletter for more detailed information on this project.

We're looking for a few good members to step-up and run for an office for the 2021- 2022 term. Although election of Unit officers doesn't take place until May, it's never too early to think about it. Information on the duties of each office can be found both in the By-Laws and Standing Rules. If you've lost your copy of these documents, replacements can be emailed to you by contacting President Sue at sueturowski@hotmail.com.



Do you have Auxiliary memorabilia from the past? Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary is celebrating its 75th anniversary with a display at the Grafton Library.

The display will be highlighted April 1 - April 30, 2021. Please consider loaning any items of interest which will be showcased for the public to view. Pictures, newsletters, awards, jewelry, apparel, are all examples of items needed. Make sure to label your items for proper return. Volunteers are also needed to help assemble the display.

Contact Amy Luft 414-651-7300 or amyjlufft@gmail.com for details.

WISCONSIN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY STATE BOWLING

The WALASB might not have been around for 100 years however we have been around for 46 years! Let's keep it going! It's time to anchor your team for our annual bowling tournament.

This year's tournament is in Cedarburg at
the Circle B Recreation Center 6261 State Road 60, Cedarburg WI 53012
Hosted by the Grafton Unit 355

(Questions: contact Toni Moegenburg - toni_moegenburg@yahoo.com)

Dates are April 10 & 11 and April 17 & 18, 2021

ENTRIES CLOSE MARCH 15, 2021

This is a great time to meet other Auxiliary ladies from Wisconsin
YOU MUST BELONG TO THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

It's a 9-Pin Tap

It's a four women team

You do not need an established average



Happy New Year

The next meeting of the Exec Board is scheduled for Tuesday January 5th at 6:30 PM, downstairs.

The next Unit meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 19th at 6:30 PM upstairs.

Until we meet next, do your best to stay healthy!

Submitted by Linda Faas, Secretary

2021 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

The Department Convention & Activities Commission met on Thursday, December 17, 2020, and The Department Executive Committee (DEC) met Friday, evening to discuss the Midwinter Conference. The DEC passed a resolution with the following resolve clauses:

RESOLVED, By the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin that due to the continued spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin, the numerous related recommendations, and concern for the safety of all members of the American Legion Family, The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin Department Executive Committee agrees that present circumstances constitute sufficient reasons to postpone all training sessions and activities, and in-person Department meetings scheduled for the 2021 Midwinter Conference until May 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2021, in conjunction with the Department Spring Meetings;

and, be it further RESOLVED, That all business meetings of committees, commissions, and Department Executive Committee, regularly held at the Midwinter Conference shall be held as virtual meetings instead of in-person. [Full Resolution](#)

This means that the training, Association meetings, banquet, luncheons and social events that were to be held January 14-17, 2021 will now be held May 6-9, 2021 at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. (The Wisconsin American Legion College is discussing the possibility of holding some of the courses virtual in January and then in person again in May. This will be posted on wilegion.org)

The second resolve clause means that the Department Committee & Commission meetings, along with the Department Executive Committee meeting, that were to be held in January 14-17, 2021 will now be held virtual. All of those called in to a meeting will be emailed the virtual schedule as soon as it is completed.

If you have reservations, and have registered for any parts of the conference, you will have the following choices:

1. Transfer everything to the May Conference
2. Donate the money to the Programs

Request a refund

If you choose 2 or 3, make sure to let us know if you had a room reservation so that we can cancel that also. We will be reaching out to everyone in the coming weeks. Please share this information with your Post, County and District.

Please also allow the Headquarters team time to update the website and all forms accordingly.
MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON!

