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Rose Harms Legionnaire March 2021

Upcoming Dates at the Post

Monday, March 1st	Post Executive Committee meeting
Monday, March 8th	Post General meeting
Saturday, March 6th	Bowling outing sponsored By the SAL
Tuesday, March 9th	SAL meeting 6:30 pm
Monday, March 15th	American Legion's Birthday



Sorry, No St. Patty's Day Dinner This Year



AMERICAN LEGION, SAL and AUXILIARY MEMBES----EMAIL ADDRESSES.

Recently I received an updated list of Auxiliary Members. Thanks to Lora Linder for compiling names and addresses. Our Post newsletter is published monthly. As you know, there continues to be a cost involved with its distribution. We have significantly reduced the monthly cost as related to paper, envelopes, toner for printer, and USPS stamps. This was done by utilizing email for Newsletter distribution. For those members who utilize email but have not provide it, please help us by responding as follows: If you have email address, send it to me kkasprzak1@icloud.com

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THANK YOU----KEN KASPRZAK.

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Highlights from our last Post meeting

Membership, Gary Gilstrap reported no change in paid members, count remains at 268. Unpaid members for 2021 will be removed from our membership list as of April 1. On occasion a paid up member may get an unpaid notice from the American Legion. There seems to be times when there is a big lag in time from a member paying, then getting accounted for by the Post, State and National organizations. Please just ignore these notices from National.

Hall Report—Al Richards said that Carroll's Heating has verified upstairs furnaces installation for next week. As of this newsletter, both of our new upstairs furnaces have been installed.

Las Vegas sweepstakes - Butch Paegelow reported that raffle sales are ongoing with a good response. Thank you the Grafton Chamber of Commerce for putting it their newsletter. Response from the community has been great.

Public Safety---Sandra Krzewinski said that the names of the Post's EMT and Firefighter award-ees have been received. She was waiting on the Police Officer of the Year application. But there is no problem anticipated for February 15th Ozaukee County deadline.

Americanism - Ken Kasprzak.

Thank you to Dan Harris for proposal submitted to Executive Board for sponsorship of Junior and Senior Legion Baseball.

Due to the health and safety of participants and volunteers, the Badger Boys State program, which was scheduled for June at Ripon College, has been canceled. Badger Girls State held in Oshkosh has also been canceled.

Children & Youth.

Doug Arendt noted that student Coloring and Essay Contest for 2021 is still being planned. The contest deadline is in March, but the Award ceremony at the Post, has not had a decision on virtual presentation or in person, at our monthly meeting.

Executive Board Recommendations.

To place an advertisement in the Ozaukee Press for Hall Rental at a cost of no more than \$125. Members approved.

To have the Post sponsor two American Legion Baseball teams. Payment of insurance and registration fees for a Junior and a Senior team to total \$962. Dollars to come from Bingo Account. Members approved.

New Business.

SAL bowling event at Circle B tentatively set for Saturday, March 6. Final decision at the SAL meeting on February 9th was a go.

This year, the 2nd District oratorical contest winner was a student from Washington County.

Correspondence--- A thank you was received from Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce for the Post's \$500 donation to Holiday Events.

Good of Legion.

After meeting drinks were provided by Sandra Krzewinski, celebrating her birthday.

A thank you to SAL for providing sandwiches during our social gathering.

The Zablocki VA Medical Center is offering Covid vaccinations to registered Veterans.

Ozaukee County Service Officer Kevin is available to assist. Phone 262-238-8326

Unfortunately, there will not be a Legion Birthday (aka; St. Patty's Day) dinner this year.

Calendar Raffle winners this month;

Tom Peterson \$50.

Kevin Dressel \$30

Al Richards \$25

Beth Dressel \$20.

Richard Paulus \$15

Dave Kontos \$10.



CHAPLAINS CORNER-----KEN KASPRZAK-----02/15/21

Great attendance at our February monthly meeting, 26 members were present. Repeat info that membership is at 268. Help us get to 100% for 2021. Membership renewal is available at legion.org.

Las Vegas sweepstakes raffle tickets were mailed to Legion Family members. Member participation encouraged since raffle will be only income. The winners will be drawn on April 17.

A Post member for 31 years, **Art Viesselmann** passed away on January 23rd. Our Honor Guard attended his funeral on January 30th. Taps were played at our meeting to honor his US Marine Corps service during the Korean War. He specialized in light building construction and spent 6 months overseas before being discharged in 1954. He excelled in football at Cedarburg High School and was inducted in the CHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Art married Marjorie Helms and they treasured 66 years together, raising their family in Grafton. More than anything, Art loved his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Art worked for several housing contractors in the area before forming his own business. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Marty Wegner has been a Post member for 56 years. He is a loyal member and has dedicated his time to Post events such as Annual Picnic, Bingo, Honor Guard, Las Vegas Night, Post Apparel, and Tent Crew. Sad to report that Marty has decided to cease being an Honor Guard member. Mike Knoppa and Nick Schanen, Sergeant at Arms, sincerely thank Marty for his many years of service as an Honor Guard member. Marty will be missed, especially when we honor members who passed. Again, Thank You Marty.

Living Well—Colorectal Cancer. Cases have risen in adults over the past 3 years. Reason is most likely due to environmental and behavioral risk factors, such as obesity and diet high in red processed or charred meats. Screening and treatment options have seen a 5-year survival rate at 90% if detected before it has spread. A common test is the colonoscopy and recommended for adults age 45 at average risk. Colon and rectal cancers typically start as small polyps. Goal is to remove them before they become cancerous. Symptoms of early colorectal cancer are: rectal bleeding or blood in stool; change in bowel habits; unexplained abdominal pain; unexplained weakness, fatigue, or weight loss; Get tested via advice from your Doctor.



The Selective Service System is looking for volunteers Board Members in the following Wisconsin Counties:

Douglas, Ashland, Sawyer, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette, Outagamie, Clark, Fond du Lac, Winnebago, Sheboygan, La Crosse, Dane, Lafayette, Grant, Jefferson, Sauk, Rock, Milwaukee, **Ozaukee**, Washington, Waukesha, Portage, and Eau Claire.

You can learn more about what is involved and sign-up to volunteer at:

<https://www.sss.gov/volunteers/>



**American Legion
Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355
March 2021 Newsletter**

The Membership Committee of Lora Linder and Carolyn Knoppa have been doing a fantastic job working on renewals. At the present time we stand at 160 members, 88.89% of the way to our goal of 180. We need just 20 more renewals to make 100%! Those not renewing by the end of January are now considered delinquent, but by simply paying your dues you again become a member in good standing, and eligible for all membership privileges.

VA & R chairman Mel Nowak reported receiving a formal thank-you from Zablocki for our donations to Christmas with the Vets. As some of you have asked, Zablocki will accept donations of NEW clothing for their clothing shops for both female and male veterans. We regret that the 2021 Session of Badger Girls State has officially been cancelled. Mel reported 9 girls had applied.

Pam Klenner has graciously offered to be the nominating committee chairman for this year's election of officers. She will be assisted by Mary Arvai. Please refer to last month's newsletter for details on eligibility. Pam can be reached at 262-375-0085 or pklenner@sbcglobal.net for any questions or to let her know of your interest. Please consider taking on a leadership role; the future of our Unit depends on it.

The committee of Cathy Brunnquell, Lora Linder, and Carolyn Knoppa announced that each member of the Grafton Fire and Police Departments will be given a \$5 gift card to NSeven Coffee, with our thanks for their service to our community. Thanks to Cathy, Lora, and Carolyn for their work on this project. We send our thanks to the owner of NSeven for the deal given to us on the cost of the gift cards.

There's still time (deadline is March 15th) to sign up for the team or singles event at the State Auxiliary Bowling Tournament, hosted by our Unit at Circle B in April. Please see details at the end of this newsletter.

As reported last month, a scaled-down version of the 2nd District Conference will be held at our Post on Saturday April 24th. Attendance at the meeting is limited to 30 people, so attendance via ZOOM is encouraged. Sweepstakes tickets will be available at our March Unit meeting for the Cash drawing which be held at the conference. You are responsible for your own sign-up, but please also let Sue know of your intention to attend. Order forms for our Veteran Yard Signs fundraiser will be available in our next newsletter. The registration form is attached to this newsletter.

We'll be hosting a brat fry at Sendik's on Saturday June 12th. Fundraising opportunities are limited again this year, so please set some time aside to be available to help out for a few hours at this one. Please contact Amy Luft @414-651-7300 to sign up.

The Poppy Committee has decided distribution will take place on Memorial Day weekend (Friday May 28/ Saturday May 29). See the April newsletter for further information. Volunteers are needed.

At our February meeting, Judy Kuta explained a Dementia Quilt Project, on which she is currently working. These quilts can be comforting to those persons with Dementia and Alzheimer's and are frequently used in nursing home settings. Judy brought along several completed quilts and one on which she is currently working. Possibly there are more members who would be interested in making them. A demonstration on how to make them can be found on U-tube. Judy can be contacted at 414-510-2545 [or judykuta44@gmail.com](mailto:or_judykuta44@gmail.com).

Co-chairs Linda Faas and Laurie Schwalbe, along with President Sue, are happy to report the Buddy Basket project has been completed! Baskets were assembled on Monday February 15th. Barry Hubbard arrived with the truck from the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative (MHVI) and was joined by Debbie Buchanan and Kiana Sanchez. They shared their struggles, especially at the beginning of the Pandemic, to obtain supplies for the Veterans they serve and then added how much they appreciate today's donations and all the good they'll do.



This truly was a Legion Family Project, with donations coming from the Auxiliary, Legion, and the SONS. **THANKS TO YOUR GENEROSITY**, 25 baskets (see picture), each containing 24 cleaning/laundry items, along with 25 brooms/dust pans, 25 floor mops, 32 extra containers of bleach wipes, 5 bags of personal care items, and 1 large carton of miscellaneous items, were picked up that day. A card thanking the Veteran for his/her service was included in each basket, and signed "The Rose-Harms American Legion Family, Grafton". The value of our donations to the MHVI came to approximately \$1,600 and took a total of 62 hours to complete. Talking about donations, we need to tell this story. *While shopping for items at Wal-Mart the lady in front of us in the check-out line asked Laurie why in the world we were purchasing 9 Plungers. Laurie explained the Buddy Basket project. The lady immediately gave us a donation of \$20, thanking our Legion Family for taking this on. The checker, overhearing the conversation, then said she also wished to donate. We then walked out of Wal-Mart with another \$40 to spend on items!* Maybe you have already seen the pictures taken that day and the accompanying article in local papers. It's our hope that through this, more people in this area will learn of the MHVI and consider donating items to this organization which helps homeless Vets transition to housing.

THANK-YOU AGAIN TO ALL WHO DONATED!

We are proud to announce that we have completed our first official Junior Project! SAL and Auxiliary Junior members, Ethyn Turowski (Jr SAL) and Rylee Turowski (Jr. Auxiliary), personalized 15 Valentine Cards and made 15 treat bags filled with candy and a handmade heart coaster (made by Patty W and Judy K). They were delivered to the 15 Veterans at Village Point Commons on Valentine's Day. Thanks to all involved!!

REMINDER: Register for Mid-Winter and the In-The-Know!!

March Upcoming Events:

Exec Board Meeting: Tuesday March 2nd at 6:30 PM Upstairs Unit Meeting:

Monday March 15th at 6:30 PM Upstairs.

Library Display committee meeting: Saturday March 6 at 9 AM Upstairs Legion Hall

Until we meet again, please keep doing welfare checks on your friends and fellow members. Take care of yourselves and keep trying to get signed up for your vaccine injections.

Submitted by: Unit President, Sue Turowski and Unit Secretary, Linda Faas





**American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin
2nd District Spring Conference**



9:00 – 11:00am, Saturday, April 24, 2021
Grafton American Legion Post 355
1540 13th Avenue, Grafton

In-person* attendance limited to 30 attendees or unlimited Zoom attendance available.
*Mask required for in-person attendance. No breakfast or lunch served. No bar available.
Bottled water will be available for free. Attendees may bring their own coffee/water/soda.

District elections will be conducted.

Sweepstakes winners announced plus fun additional giveaways!

Detach and mail or email bottom portion: Please complete one registration per person.

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Name: _____

Unit #/City: _____

County: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I will attend: In-person _____ Zoom: _____

(Zoom option must include email address above. Instructions will be emailed 48-hours prior to conference)

I will be attending as a: (circle one) Delegate-at-Large Delegate Alternate Guest

RSVPs due by April 12

Mail or Email to:

amyjlufft@gmail.com

Amy Luft
1955 Comanche Court
Grafton, WI 53024



Sons of The American Legion

February 2021 News

Membership: SAL Membership is now 82 members with 53 who have paid this year dues. Membership dues are due now and contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 for membership opportunities and to pay your annual dues.

SAL Clothing: Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465 let Brian know if anyone needs anything.

Camp American Legion: No report.

SAL Volunteer Activities - Bowling: We are scheduled for 3/6/21 with 1 shift and using all of the lanes. Will do bucket raffle and planning pot luck, same as in the past.

Old: Vegas night has been cancelled. However, raffle tickets are being sold to support event. Virtual drawing is scheduled for April 17th.

New: Post 355 is to sponsor American Legion Baseball team. Table motion to help fund insurance for junior team until after our bowling fund raiser event.

State Legion and SAL meetings are planned for May 6th-9th at Ho Chunk Convention Center.

Planning on our annual golf outing to be the same as last year

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

March – Auxiliary

April – Tim/Corey

Next SAL Meeting: 3/9/21 @ 6:30pm

FDA Lifts Ban on Some Blood Donors

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has lifted a ban on some veterans, service members and civilians stationed in certain parts of Europe between 1980 and 1996 from donating blood. The ban was meant to prevent transmission of a deadly brain disease commonly known as “mad cow disease.” The fatal disease is believed to be acquired by consuming contaminated beef. U.S. bases at the time sourced potentially tainted beef from the United Kingdom. The disease was first recognized there in 1985.

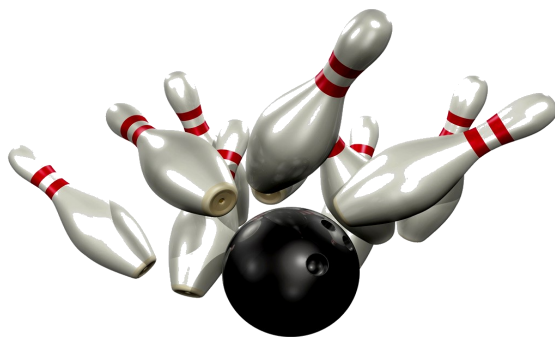
The FDA made the change after finding that there have been no reported cases of the brain disease associated with time spent on U.S. Under the new guidelines, persons who had been ineligible because they resided for six months or more on U.S. military bases in Germany, the United Kingdom, Belgium and the Netherlands between 1980 and 1990, or on bases in Greece, Turkey, Spain, Portugal and Italy between 1980 and 1996 may now be eligible.

The deferral, however, is still in place for past or recent residency or travel in some European countries. For instance, FDA guidelines do not permit donation by individuals who have spent three months or more cumulatively in the United Kingdom from 1980 to 1996.

Log onto the Red Cross www.redcrossblood.org to find out if you are eligible.

Giving Blood is another way to serve.





ROSE-HARMS POST 355 - 15th ANNUAL BOWLING OUTING

Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion

WHEN: Saturday, March 6 Registration at 10:00 a.m. Bowling at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Circle B Bowling

WHY: A "fun get-together" for Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and friends

COST: \$20.00 per person for 3 games of bowling and shoes

Five person mixed teams with the first 24 teams to register. Anyone can bowl, so get your team together for this fun outing. If you cannot get 5 people together to register to bowl, we will get you a team. This event will be a 9-pin tap tournament. Please arrive a half hour to an hour prior to the start of bowling. Please note there is only one shift of bowling. There will be potluck dinner, please feel free to bring something to share.

There will be raffle prizes drawn throughout the day and a 50/50 raffle at the end!

If you would like to donate something for the raffle prizes, it would be greatly appreciated.

TEAM LINE-UP (Please print)

Captain

1. _____

Telephone # _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Please return entry form by March 5th to:

Grafton Mobile
1117 Washington St
Grafton, WI 53024

If you have questions, please call

Richard Rieck 414-526-6409 or Cory Esselmann 262-375-3080