



# Rose Harms Legionnaire

## July 2021

Happy July 4th



**Monday, June 28th  
Baseball at 5:30 pm**

**Post's Annual Family  
Corn Roast and Picnic:**

**American Legion**

**Saturday, July 3rd  
daze at Lime Kilm Park**

**Parade and Holi-**

**Monday, July 5th  
Committee meeting**

**Post Executive**

**Monday, July 12th  
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**Post General Meet-**

**From: 2nd District Commander, Julie**

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Please see the information below from Headquarters. The staff works very hard at putting these events on and we need to get the word out to as many people that this is happening. Remember also, that there are two candidates from the 2nd District. One is running for State Commander and one is running for State Vice Commander. The support of the 2nd District is needed and very much appreciated.

### **State Convention;**

Our convention numbers are way down, and we need your leadership to get people to convention. We have some of the best speakers we have had in years, National participation including the 4th Estate Award presentation being presented to Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. We also have great entertainment and all taking place in a newly remodeled state of the art facility in Middleton. Please encourage all members to register for the convention at [wilegion.org/departments-convention/](http://wilegion.org/departments-convention/). We have many people participating in the convention from outside the organization and we want to put forth a strong presence. THANK YOU for sharing this information with all of your members.

## Highlights from our last Post meeting

**Chaplain Ken Kasprzak** reported that June 25th would be his final day as chaplain. He will move on to Post Commander. Ken expressed deep appreciation to Les Williams and all the members who helped him in his role as chaplain over the last 2 years.

**Membership:** Gary Gilstrap reported: membership at 286 for the year and falling a bit shy of our goal of 298.

Lewis Aberle, US Army, Vietnam Veteran, (2 years, 2 months, and 7 days tour) and a 35 year Grafton resident, was welcomed aboard as a new Post member.

**Hall Report:** Refreshments this evening are compliments of John Meyer on his 75th birthday. Kudos to all who helped make the outside area around the Post look so good.

**Building & Grounds:** The SAL is planning to erect a new shed and is waiting for availability of earthmoving equipment - most probably this fall.

**Bingo:** Jim Arentz said that plans are to start Bingo up again in September.

**Camp American Legion:** Bill Vorac reported that Camp is suffering through some difficult times. Though, it did open successfully on time thanks to Post members and other statewide help. The 2nd District Legion Riders helped open many of the cabins, which were in bad shape. There are only a few sponsors for the 21 cabins and there is still a shortage of workers.

Bill noted that there had been some vandalism on Veteran's Park sidewalk, that he had to clean up before our Memorial Day ceremonies.

**A recommendation** to donate \$100 to the Grafton Gladiators Football Program was passed.

Our Post has been invited to march with the Cedarburg Post in their 4th of July Parade. Plans are to begin at 11:00 a.m. at Fireman's Park in Cedarburg. We are to meet at their Post by 10:30 to be transported to the parade's start.



**New Business:** Guests, Brian Durst coach of Rose-Harms American Legion Baseball Team and Post member Dan Harris, along with team members Josh Merkel and Maddox Durst, spoke to the membership on the upcoming season and season opener. They also expressed deep appreciation for the Post sponsorship and support. Information on the June 28th game follows:  
American Legion Baseball Varsity Game Home Opener - Monday, June 28th at 5:30 p.m.  
9th Avenue Baseball Field  
Honor Guard Ceremony at 5:15 p.m.  
Kevin Dressel, Post Commander, United States Marine Corps to throw out first pitch.

**Good of the Legion:** The Military Historians Club plan to meet again in September. Ferrante's will be catering the events.

Plans are in the works for our annual outing to watch the Chinooks baseball. The July 2nd game features free admission for veterans.

### June's Monthly Calendar Raffle Winners:

\$50 - Phoenix Jankus

\$30 - Kathy Wegner

\$25 - Diane Richards

\$20 - Robert Carlson

\$15- Arline Kaul

\$10 - Andrew Donahue

**Our new Post monthly raffle drawings start at our July general meeting. Still time to get in!**



## KEN'S CORNER

The American Legion Baseball (65th Season) is a well-known national program which began in 1926. The Rose-Harms Post 355 voted to sponsor both a Junior (ages 15-16) and Senior (ages 17-19) level teams in 2021. The coach is Brian Durst (GHS Baseball coach). Uniforms will list Rose-Harms Post 355 with the team name "Patriots". Players get to have fun playing Legion baseball and learn that "Americanism" is a goal of our State and National organization.

As Legion Baseball involves our Post, we have another way to support community activities. Also, to promote our Post and the American Legion throughout the state. Join our fellow Veterans on June 28, at 5:15 pm, at the 9th Ave Baseball Field, for an Honor Guard Ceremony to celebrate Legion Baseball in Grafton. Let's give support to veterans.

**All games start at 5:30 pm unless noted.**

**Seniors**----Home Games at 9th Ave Field.

July 6 vs Jackson;

July 7 vs Cedarburg;

July 10 vs Menomonee Falls 11am;

**Seniors**--Away Games.

July 2 vs Jackson 6pm at KML H.S;

July 9 vs Allenton 7:15pm at Slinger H.S.;

July 23 vs Oconomowoc 6pm at H.S.

**Juniors**--Home Games at 9th Ave Field.

July 2 vs Jackson;

July 9 vs Allenton;

July 12 vs Jackson;

July 20 vs Oconomowoc 6pm.

**Juniors**--Away Games

June 30 vs Jackson 6pm at KML H.S;

July 22 vs Oconomowoc 6pm at H.S.

## The 8th Grade Outstanding Student Awards

Youth are often awarded for their scholastic achievements, but The American Legion believes they should also be praised when they demonstrate strong qualities of character and good citizenship. That's why, since 1926, the Legion has recognized such students with its School Award Medal Program. Due to Covid precautions, again this year awards were delivered to School Principals.

An American Legion medal and framed congratulations letter were awarded as follows:



Sawyer Miller, Our Savior Lutheran School.

Leah Viesselmann, St. Paul Lutheran School.

William Reiss, Saint Joseph Parish School.

Cora Kempfer, John Long Middle School.

The relationships my American Legion family have given to me are very special. I'm proud to be your Commander for 2021-22 and will devote the energy, time, and commitment needed to represent our Post in the community. I will work closely with Post members, Auxiliary, and Sons of The American Legion.

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## **Did you know what the 2nd District Legion Riders did last year?**



### **This is their CPR report for 2021 - Pillar I: Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation**

3 Military honors events for 100 total volunteer hours

Workday at Camp AL to get camp open for the 2021 season for 176 total volunteer hours

Participated in a Dogs 2 Dog Tags dog placement for 10 total volunteer hours

Planning Motorcycle raffle for 50 total volunteer hours

Selling Motorcycle raffle tickets at events for 37 total volunteer hours

\$12,000 donated to Troops First Foundation for a 24/7 Battle Buddy Service Dog

\$250 donated to Guitars for Vets

\$3,000 donated to Camp American Legion

\$2,000 donated to Stars & Stripes Honor Flight

\$1,500 donated to Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative

\$1,050 donated to Dogs 2 Dog Tags

### **Pillar II: National Security**

\$500 donated to Camo Quilts

\$500 donated to Support the Troops

\$1,000 donated to USO-Wisconsin

Saukville Brat Fry for total of 64 volunteer hours Total Volunteer Time: 64 hours

### **Pillar III: Americanism**

Veterans Day 2020 Fundraising efforts for total of 60 volunteer hours

3 Memorial Day Parades/Ceremonies for total of 91 volunteer hours

1 Parade for total of 11 volunteer hours

Meeting Prep/Minutes for total of 30 volunteer hours

Meeting attendance for total of 209 volunteer hours

Online Auction Prep for total of 2 volunteer hours

\$750 donated to Wreaths Across America Total Volunteer Time: 403 hours

### **Pillar IV: Children & Youth**

Planning Motorcycle raffle for 17 total volunteer hours

Selling Motorcycle raffle tickets at events for 13 total volunteer hours

\$2,567 donated to Camp Hometown Heroes

**Grand Totals - 870 total volunteer hours - \$25,117 in donations**



Membership—144 Legion Riders across 30 posts in the 2nd District





## Sons of The American Legion News May 2021

The SAL membership for 2021 is finalized at 80 members. Those who had not responded to our dues requests being dropped. Any membership questions, contact Paul Turowski at 262-389-4645.

**SAL Clothing:** Brian ordered shirts to replenish the depleted stock at the Post. For more clothing information, contact Brian Hadler at 262-894-7465.

**Camp American Legion:** The American Legion Family Cabin's ribbon cutting was performed with state representatives on May 23, 2021 at noon. Craig posted pictures of the completed cabin and our SAL members that attended on Rose-Harms Post Facebook page. He will also create a wall display to hang in the Post.

**SAL Golf Outing:** An excellent turnout and fun was had by all. Thirty-two teams participated which was a new record. Next year we should attempt to increase the number of hole sponsors.

**Memorial Day:** Memorial Day flags and updated dog tags were installed at Veterans Park for the weekend. We will need to figure out a better approach for installing the ground stakes so the flag poles can be more easily removed.

**The Post's Annual Family Corn Roast and Picnic:** The picnic is still planned for Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Limited to the Legion Family members (Legion, SAL and Auxiliary)

### ***New Sons of the American Legion Leadership:***

Members voted in positions for the next two years starting in September, 2021

Squad Commander: Corey Esselmann

Vice Commander: Bill Riedle

Vice Commander Membership: Paul Turowski

Treasurer: Chris Wegner

Adjutant: Dan McKelvey

Sargent at Arms: Ken Konicek

Sargent at Arms: Brian Hadler

Chaplin: Mike Burkwald

Assistant Chaplin: Marc Eernisee



Craig Butler will continue helping with Facebook posts, Google Calendar and the Post's website.

### **Volunteering:**

Tom Grabow would like help setting up the bingo tent for Holidaze. Anyone wanting to help show up at Lime Kiln Park at 8:00 am on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Post will need help doing some cleaning prior to the picnic. Hoping to get more information via email.

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

**July** – Bob R.

**Sept** – Dick R.

**Next SAL Meeting:** Summer break for July and August so next meeting will be 9/14/21 @ 6:30pm



## Flying the Flag at Half Staff

Earlier this year, President Biden issued a proclamation that the flags would be flown half staff in honor of the lives lost to the ongoing pandemic. If you have a flag pole of your own, you may wonder if these proclamations apply to you. Some people worry that the flag is being lower too much and that it is starting to losing its meaning. Some think that the President is trying to use it to set a moral agenda. So, you may wonder under what circumstances you can choose to lower your flag to half staff or not.

### What Is the Significance of a Flag Being Flown at Half Staff?

There are several rules, regulations, and customs surrounding the American flag. One that many of us have observed is the lowering of the flag to half staff. Typically, we lower the flag to half staff to honor lives lost and signify that the country or state is in mourning. Flying flags at half-staff was done via haphazard traditions until President Eisenhower in 1954 laid out some basic rules according to the U.S. Code Title 4, Chapter 1.

### Who Is Required to Lower Flags to Half Staff?

*The President* may issue a proclamation to lower flags to half staff. These proclamations apply to the entire nation as well as US embassies. More specifically, they apply to flags flown outside of federal buildings or on federal grounds, US navy vessels, and the buildings or grounds belonging to US embassies.

*State Governors* may also issue a proclamation to lower flags to half staff. Similarly, these proclamations apply only to flags flown outside of that state's government buildings or on that state's government grounds.

*Private citizens* (homeowners and business owners) may choose to comply with these proclamations. However, they are not required to do so; requiring this would violate our First Amendment rights.

### When Do We Lower the Flag to Half Staff?

There are certain days when lowering the flag to half staff is expected, such as Memorial Day, Pearl Harbor and 9/11 Remembrance Day. The president or state governors may also issue proclamations after significant deaths or tragedies. These are usually made after the death of a significant government figures. Of course, these are not the only instances in which they may issue a proclamation to lower flags to half staff. Other significant deaths are often commemorated this way, including the deaths of significant world leaders.

### Can I Lower the Flag on My Personal or Commercial Property to Half Staff?

As we mentioned earlier, it is perfectly acceptable for you to lower your own flag to half staff when the federal or state government does so. You may also lower your flag to half staff to mourn the loss of a significant figure in your own community. For example, our Legion Post can lower our flags to half staff to mourn the loss of a Veteran. If you wish to lower your flag to half staff when a proclamation has not been issued, you are at full liberty to do so. You do not need government authorization to lower the flag on your private property to half staff. The choice is up to you!

*"When we honor our flag, we honor what we stand for as a nation — freedom, equality, justice, and hope." — Ronald Reagan*



## Kudos to our Volunteers

The Poppy Committee would like to thank all the volunteers that helped us with our very successful Poppy Distribution. The outcome from having the distribution on the Memorial Day weekend was such a success, we are going to plan the same for next year. We are so grateful for all your time and dedication, especially those that worked more than one shift.

Jim Arentz  
Sandra Krzewinski  
Marty Wegner - 2 Shifts  
Tim Maguire - 3 Shifts  
Ann Marie Wenten  
John Hartsough  
Linda Hartsough  
Neil Mertz  
Mary Molaski - 2 Shifts  
Richard Reick  
Mike Knoppa - 2 shifts  
Ken Kasprzak

Al Richards - 2 shifts  
Dave Tice  
Brian Bould  
Janice Bould  
Gary Gilstrap  
Diane Riedl  
Toni Moegenburg  
Pam Klenner - 2 shifts  
Linda Mayer  
Margie Schoonover  
Laurie Schwalbe  
Sheri Paape

Gordon Lueder  
Ken Klein  
Ann Fields  
Angie Dedlow  
Lucrecia Limerick  
Mary Arvai  
Steve Olshefski  
Noreen Olshefski - 2 shifts  
Gary Mitchell  
Maria Keegan  
Amy Luft  
Poppy Princess Ashlyn Paape -

### Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #355 Fund Raiser

## Marcus Movie Tickets, Gift Cards, and Gift Certificates Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Silver** Fun Tickets\* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$6.50 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Not valid after 6 pm on Saturdays or for Movies that are "Pass List Suspended". No expiration date.*

**Platinum** Fun Tickets\* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ *No restrictions, no expiration date.*

*\*1 FREE \$3 Marcus Snack Cash Voucher with every 2 Silver or Platinum Fun Tickets Purchased*

**Gift Card Denominations** \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Certificate Denominations** \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Gift Cards and Gift Certificates are same as cash. No restrictions, No expiration date AND are good at all Marcus properties Nationwide.*

My e-mail address for future ticket sale notices \_\_\_\_\_

Check should be made payable to the **American Legion Auxiliary #355**. Mail order blank with check to: Laurie Schwalbe, 1127 11th Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024. Call 414-659-6951 with questions.

# Grafton American Legion Auxiliary

## *Honor Our Veterans* Yard Sign Sale



Show your support of our Veterans by displaying or giving an attractive yard sign!

Please print



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Each 18" x 24" two-sided yard sign includes a metal yard stake.

Designs below also available as an 18" x 24" poster. Enter quantities for each below.

	Yard Sign: _____ Poster: _____		Yard Sign: _____ Poster: _____
	Yard Sign: _____ Poster: _____		

**Order Deadline: September 15, 2021**

# of yard signs: \_\_\_\_\_  
# of posters: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total: \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to ALA #355  
and mail to:  
Amy Luft  
1955 Comanche Court  
Grafton, WI 53024

Questions? [alagrafton@gmail.com](mailto:alagrafton@gmail.com) or 414-651-7300

You will be contacted when your order is available. Thank you for supporting our organization and our Veterans!





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



**Happy 4th of July Members, as we get ready for the 4th of July, let us all remember WHY we even have this holiday!!**

We held our Exec Board meeting on June 1 at the Post. We had a very nice meeting where we had the changing of the guard from our "Old" board to our "New" board. Lora reported that we are holding steady at 169 paid members. Ladies if you are reading this and you have NOT paid your membership dues, please reach out to Lora Linder (262-389-5339) and get this taken care of. Thank You!!

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU TO ALL MEMBERS WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY TO DISTRIBUTE POPPIES!**

Our Poppy Chairs reported that we collected over \$5,000.00! Members, this was one of the most successful distributions we have had in years.

Sue reported to all that she received notice from Department regarding the **State Bowling 9 Pin Tap** Tournament results! Grafton Unit 355 had multiple winners. Kelly Mann rolled the highest single game with a 300. (That's a perfect game!) She also had high series with an 856 and her total pins were 2464 which earned Kelly Mann the title of 1st Place for ALL EVENTS! Job well done Kelly Mann! However, Kelly was not the only Grafton Unit 355 member to bring home a win. Jody Omernick took 2nd Place for All Events with a 2288 pin total and Diana Rittberg took 3rd Place with a 2236 total pin count. Congratulation's Jody and Diana!

**For Team Events:** Team Knock 'Em Down took 2nd Place and 3rd Place was won by Team Rack 'Em Up. Doubles were as follows: Kelly Mann/Maria Keegan won 1st place, Jody Omernick/Laura Bertrand won 2nd Place and Heather Adams/Margie Schoonover won 3rd place.

**Singles went like this:** 1st Place Kelly Mann, 2nd Place Jody Omernick and 3rd Place Diana Rittberg. Grafton truly overtook the tournament! Congratulations and THANK YOU to all who participated with this tournament, whether you bowled or worked or both, Thank You for making our Unit shine throughout the state!

**Thanks to all** who worked and those who purchased food from our very successful Brat Fry at Sendik's.

**Thanks to all** who have purchased yard signs! It has been so successful that we are going to continue selling the Yard Signs through September. See attached order form.

Our Exec Board had come up with a member survey which is attached to this newsletter. We are attempting this in an effort to do what is best for our membership. Please fill out the form and mail it to or drop it off at the Post.

Reminder that the Department convention is Thursday July 15 – Sunday July 18, 2021. Further details can be found on the Department of WI website. Do this soon, as you'll want to make your hotel reservations.

Our Unit will again be presenting a \$100.00 check to the National President Nicole Clapp for her special project during the parade of checks on Thursday July 15.

Sue also mentioned to the Exec Board that there was again going to be a "Baby Shower at Zablocki VA". Since we do not meet again before the deadline of July 15, 2021 a motion was made by Mary Molaski and 2nd by Janice Bould to donate \$200.00 to the appropriate group. Sue gave Patty Wollner the form and asked her to send the check.

Our Annual June Banquet was held on June 15, 2021 at Bunkers Restaurant. A special Thank You goes out to Ann Fields and Diane Riedl for a wonderful night! The ladies planned a great party with amazing door prizes, a great game and lots of camaraderie!

Mary Molaski presented our "Member of the Year Award" to Sue Turowski. Along with the certificate the Unit will be paying her membership dues for the 2022-23 year.

Sue presented a "Life Time Achievement Award" to Arline Kaul for her 75 years of service through our Auxiliary. Then we had a Q & A session with Arline and our members asked Arline questions about "what it was like 75 years ago in our Auxiliary". We all had a good time listening to Arline and we all learned a lot too! A very SPECIAL THANK YOU to Arline and her daughter Donna for joining us and making our banquet even that much more special.

Grafton Holiday Parade will be held on July 3 this year. Our new Sargent at Arms Carolyn Knoppa has asked both Amy Luft and Sue Turowski to carry the flags as both she and Maria Keegan will be out of town. Please consider marching with our American Legion Family. We will be lining up in the Pace Parking Lot at 10:00 am go through **Gate 1 from 7th Ave.** Also, you may park on 7th Ave.

The Legion plans to hold their annual Corn Roast on Monday August 9th. Mary Molaski has passed around a sign-up sheet and will reach out to you with a reminder if you signed up to bring something.

Unlike past years, our Unit will NOT meet in August, but rather our next Unit meeting will be on Tuesday September 17th, at 6:30 in the lower hall.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Saturday July 3 - Holiday Parade

Thurs-Fri-Sat-Sun – July 15-18 - Department Convention – Middleton Monday

August 9 – Legion Corn Roast

Tuesday September 17 – Next scheduled Unit meeting, 6:30 pm

Saturday October 2 - The 4 Chaplains Dinner at the Saukville Post

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Submitted by Sue Turowski, Secretary

Pictured left to right: Arline Kaul, Sue Turowski, Mel Nowak and sitting Ellie Laydon Picture taken at June banquet of Special guest Arline Kaul with friends  
Thanks Ann Fields for the picture!



**THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355**  
**MEMBER SURVEY JULY 2021**

Is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm a convenient meeting time for you?

YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

If not please indicate what would work for you.

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Do you have a special talent (i.e. knitting, baking, and sewing) that you are willing to share with our Unit?

YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

List Talents: \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any fundraising ideas?

YES\_\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_\_

List Ideas: \_\_\_\_\_

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Why did you join the American Legion Auxiliary?

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Have you invited a family member or friend to join our Auxiliary?

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Thank you for your cooperation!  
Please return this survey to:

Rose-Harms Unit 355  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Attn: Sue Turowski  
1540 13th Ave Grafton, WI 53024