



# Rose Harms Legionnaire

## May 2021



When I think of The Home of the Free, I think of our flag and Bald Eagles. When I think of The Brave, I think of Soldiers and how they protect us and our freedom. My Soldier is a Girl because Girls can do anything!

### Winners of our annual student Color and Essay Contest—Home of the Free, Because of the Brave.

Category 1. Color Art, Grades 1-3. 1st Place---Torah Bichler. 2nd Place---Owen Benson.

Category 2. Essay Grades, 4 & 5. 1st Place---Ben Hallett. 2nd Place---Bristol Opitz.

Category 3. Essay Grades 6,7,8. 1st Place---Megan Brouillette. 2nd Place---Vyshanth Selvakumar.

We are all proud of the United States of America. We have a balanced government with strong leaders. We have over three hundred million people, and we're one of the most powerful countries in the world. But to get to that point, we had to start somewhere. For our country, we started from many places all over the world. We all came for a fresh start in the New World. Our ancestors discovered it and populated it. The people living here weren't all leaders or warriors. We became farmers, merchants, and others. But most importantly, we became families and communities. Decades passed, and colonies were formed. Eventually, due to bad laws, taxes, and no representation, we decided we wanted independence from England, and we were going to get it.

We now have the military, our defense for our country, consisting of brave men and women fighting so we can be free. Some of the bravest people of all were the colonists. They were about to go up against the largest, and most powerful army in the world, the British military. The colonists didn't have military training. Some of them didn't even have shoes! All they had was the determination that they had had enough and something had to change. In the seven-year war that followed, they suffered rough many defeats. They lost battle after battle, but they kept going, and eventually, they succeeded. That doesn't mean they didn't get scared. George Washington led armies across the Delaware River right when all hope seemed lost. He was probably nervous and even scared. But he persevered. That's what it means to be brave.

Being brave doesn't mean you don't have fear. Being brave means you keep going despite fear. It's when you keep going, even when you don't know how it will work. Bravery is taking that fear, and using it to fuel yourself. Now especially through COVID-19, being brave sometimes has to be a way of life. We all have a Delaware River we have to cross at some point, and sometimes that's the one thing we need.

Megan Brouillette



**You did it !**

### ***To Our American Legion Family***

*This past January, we all received a mailing with Las Vegas Night raffle tickets and a short review of your Posts financial status. For the first time in 37 years, your Post was not able to hold its annual in-house Las Vegas Night, our major fund raiser of the year, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. At that time, we asked that each & everyone either consider purchasing the raffle tickets yourself or sell them to family, friends, etc. as this would be our only source of income plus any donations that might be received.*

*The response has been very gratifying with 60% of our Legion family: Post members, Auxiliary & SAL taking part. On behalf of the Las Vegas Night committee, I would personally like to thank all of you who supported our Post & especially all of you who went “above & beyond” in selling raffle tickets & making personal donations.*

*I would also like to thank the Grafton community & the Grafton corporate community for all the donations our Post received. With the monies received, we will be able to meet all Post upkeep expenses including major mechanical replacements that need to be done. More importantly, we will be able to provide continued support to our Veteran programs, Children & Youth programs, American Legion Baseball, Scholarships, Badger Boy’s State & Grafton community programs.*

*Again, “Thank You” one and all, for your support. It was and is greatly appreciated.*

*Ralph Beck, Post Finance Officer*



### ***Congratulations to our 2021 Las Vegas Night Raffle Ticket Winners***

<b>#1 Ray &amp; Lynn Cruft Jackson, WI</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>#6 Robert Wrecza Grafton, WI</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>#2 Thomas Peterson Grafton, WI</b>	<b>\$200</b>	<b>#7 Darren Werner Grafton, WI</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>#3 John Raebel Fredonia, WI</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>#8 Nick Belgiorno Lyndon Villa, NY</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>#4 Cathy Norene Grafton, WI</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>#9 Patty Rabell Muskego, WI</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>#5 Anita Franzen Grafton, WI</b>	<b>\$100</b>		

**Monday, May 3rd**

**Post Executive Committee meeting**

**Thursday, May 6th**

**Ozaukee County meeting at Cedarburg Post**

**Monday, May 10th**

**Post General Meeting**

**Monday, May 17th**

**Card playing night**

***Memorial Day Parade will be from the Post north on 13th Avenue to Veteran's Park, followed by a short service. The Post will not be having an open house this year.***

**New Member, Bob Mercer** was introduced and spoke about his military background.

**Finance Report, Ralph Beck** noted donations from Musbach Advisory Donor Fund of \$2,500 and a \$2,000 donation from the Post's Auxiliary. Grafton Fire Association, members Lt. Tyler Vasholtz and Teagan Melin, presented a donation to our Post in the amount of \$2,500.

**Chaplain Ken Kasprzak** reported that Ron Kuta is recovering from broken arm. Taps were played for Post member Joseph Walsh, who passed away on April 7.

**Legion Baseball Coordinator Dan Harris** announced that our Senior team will play opening games at Cedarburg on June 24th. The first home game will be on June 25 at JLMS field. "Patriots" was adopted as nickname for team. The SAL donated payment of \$227 for the Post's Junior baseball team's insurance.

**Post liaison Bill Vorac** gave an update on Camp American Legion. Cleanup work crews are needed. Post members are going up to Camp the week of May 10. Cabin 15 and new Family Cabin 22 are complete, with dedications on May 23. Don Grundy has retired, so the Camp is looking to hire a new Director. Also, a Secretary, Cook and handyman are needed. Camp opening is being planned for May 31.

**Sergeant at Arms Mike Knoppa** reported that the worn out flag ropes at Veterans Park have been replaced.

#### **Executive Board Recommendations.**

Members approved donating \$150 as hole sponsor for a fundraiser golf outing at Bog, which will support veterans suffering from mental illness.

#### **New Business.**

Members approved a donation of \$600 to Dan Seehafer, Wisconsin's candidate for National Commander. The monies are to come from the intended sponsorship of two GHS boys to Badger Boys State. Unfortunately, the BBS program has been cancelled for this year.

#### **Correspondence;**

Romie Monarski sent a thank you card to the Post for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls he got wishing him a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

#### **Good of Legion.**

Auxiliary members Cathy Brunnquell, Carolyn Knoppa and Lora Linder presented information about Poppy Sales to be held on Memorial Day weekend.

After meeting beverages were provided by Tom Brown to celebrate his Birthday. A thank you to SAL for supplying sandwiches and dessert.

#### **Post Monthly Calendar Raffle Winners**

**Ashlyn Sweet \$50**

**Chris Wegner \$30**

**Hadley Mae Musbach \$25**

**Lillian Didier \$20**

**Kaylee Schmitt \$15**

**Colter Schmitt \$10**

# *Congratulations!*



Chairperson, Sandra Krzewinski presented the Post's Public Safety Awards to: (right to left)  
Kelley Marriott - EMT of the Year.  
Dustin Cline - Law and Order person of the Year.  
Jordan Kreutzer - Firefighter of the Year.

60 year Continuous Membership Certificates were presented to:

Melvin Eischen, US Army, WWII.  
Neil Mertz, US Air Force, Korean war.

50 Year Certificates to;

Michael Kleinhans US Army, Vietnam.  
Les Williams, US Army, Korean War.  
Danny Hahn, US Army, Vietnam

Michael Kleinhans and Melvin Eischen could not be present, their certificates will be personally delivered to them.



## **CHAPLAINS CORNER-----KEN KASPRZAK----04/22/21**

Photo is a sign that bicycle rides for me are close to a reality. I haven't been able to do my usual run miles due to arthritis in my right knee. I admit that at age 78 many run marathons and 100 mile bicycle rides have come back to curtail my exercise activities. However, my mind is sharp and have no major health problems.

I recently made a decision to ask that my name be placed on the May election ballot for Commander position. If not accepted then I am happy to continue as Chaplain. Being elected as Commander is my first choice because I really enjoy the challenges that come with its duties. Membership is at 283. Getting close to our 100% goal of 298. On line membership renewal is available at [legion.org](http://legion.org). Our American Legion needs your support.

Fitness For Life----The surge in childhood obesity is a national security issue. An escalating number of youths age 2-19 are obese. 27% of Americans age 17-24 are too overweight to serve our nation in uniform. Fewer potential servicemembers burdens military branches in their recruiting efforts. Kids today spend more time focused on screens, playing video games, and using social media. That adds up to far less time running, bicycling, and other forms of exercise. Our American Legion's 100 Miles Of Hope challenge can help get kids active. It's a campaign to promote activity amid the pandemic and raise funds for its Veterans & Children Foundation. Participants are encouraged to complete 100 activities (to name a few, walking, running, cycling, swimming, yoga, even pickleball) each lasting at least 30 minutes. Research has proven that being physically active has health benefits (reduce heart and metabolic diseases; improves mood and self-esteem; strengthens bones; and mental health benefits. Download the Kilter app. Registration fee is \$20.



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



It finally feels like spring and what a great feeling it is! New officers are elected this month, our Member of the Year is selected, and Poppies are distributed. Help is **DESPERATELY** needed with Poppy Distribution. See Cathy's ad at the end of this newsletter. June brings our brat fry fundraiser and the Spring Banquet.

The April Unit meeting was held on the 19th, with 16 members present. Several things were decided that evening, among them the decision to donate \$250 to the Grafton Education Foundation for scholarships, \$250 to the Celebrate Grafton committee for community activities planned this year and that we will be presenting scholarships in the amount of \$250 each to the three GHS Seniors who were our chosen delegates to Badger Girls State.

Ozaukee County President Cathy Brunnquell announced the following as incoming officers for 2021-23: President-Sandy Mack; 1st Vice-Maggie Geiger; 2nd Vice-Diane Burkhalter; Treasurer-Natalia King; Chaplain-Cathy Brunnquell; Historian-Shirley Krier; Sgt.-at-Arms-Kerry Kultgen; Secretary-Amy Luft. Upcoming County events include the following:

- Friday May 28, - 5 PM, Ceremony at the Ozaukee County Veterans Memorial in Port
- Friday June 25, - County Installation Dinner at the Saukville Post
- Saturday October 2, - The 4 Chaplains Dinner at the Saukville Post

Membership Chair Lora Linder announced we currently stand at 167 paid, 92% of our goal. There are still 17 members who haven't yet renewed. Please contact Lora at 262-389-5339 with any questions or to inform her if your decision is not to renew.

VA & R Chairman Mel Nowak shared a copy of the 11-page wrap-up report she forwarded to Department. Although only 27 members submitted impact reports, our hours and \$\$ spent were very impressive. **A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE US WHO WE ARE FOR 2020-21!**

The Library Display Committee chaired by Amy Luft is to be congratulated on a job well done, as is the State Bowling Tournament committee! Chairman Toni Moegenburg reported participation was down this year due to Covid, but that our profit from the raffles (50/50 and baskets) totaled \$2,085.

Thanks to everyone who donated baskets or those purchasing tickets. Make your plans to enter next year's tournament in New London. Here is the only picture we have. Please share with us if there are any other pictures from the Bowling Tournament.

Left to right: Mary Molaski,  
Diane Weggen (Department 1st Vice),  
Mary Arvai and Linda Faas



Nominating Committee chair Pam Klenner is still making calls. If you're interested in being on the ballot for this year's election of officers, please contact Pam at 262-375-0085 (leave a message for a call back). The election will be held at our May 17th Unit meeting (nominations from the floor can also be made at that time). Special recognition will also be given that evening to those individuals and businesses who have been of particular help to our Unit this year. Forms for your nomination for MEMBER OF THE YEAR are due at this meeting.

VETERAN BANNERS ALONG RIVERWALK: We've been informed the banners will again be displayed this year from May 1st until July 31st. Take the walk, through Veterans Park continuing to Bridge Street, to view them up close.

The Legion has informed us they plan to march from the Post down 13th Avenue to Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day Monday May 31st for a short ceremony. If you plan to march with the Legion Family, be at the Post by 10:15 on that day. Due to Covid protocols this year, the Post will NOT be open to the Public, and the Auxiliary will NOT be doing our usual luncheon. However, we are serving a CONFIDENTIAL BREAKFAST FROM 9:00 – NOON!

For the past several years the SAL have done a most impressive display of flags topped with individual dog tags bearing the name of each deceased member of our Rose-Harms Post. Plans are to have them on display this year through Memorial Day. It's worth repeating: The display IS MOST IMPRESSIVE. You won't be sorry if you take the time to walk the path to view them.

Our Unit's Veterans Yard Signs fundraiser is in full swing. Please use the form included in this newsletter to order yours, to honor that Veteran in your life to whom we all owe our Freedom. Our goal is to see a lot of these signs this summer throughout the town and village. The order deadline is May 15th.

Please support our upcoming BRAT FRY FUNDRAISER at Sendik's on Saturday June 5th from 11 am to 3 pm.

The ever-popular JUNE BANQUET will be held on Tuesday June 15th at Bunkers and all members are invited to make reservations to attend. Co-chairs Diane Riedl and Ann Fields are working on some new things for this year's event. The cost will remain the same at \$18 for the meal of which the choices are:

- 1) Parmesan chicken with Noodles
- 2) Broasted chicken with baked potato or french fries
- 3) Steak Sandwich with baked potato or french fries
- 4) Chef Salad with roll is available for \$13.

Contact Ann at [aannfields@yahoo.com](mailto:aannfields@yahoo.com) or phone her at 262-384-1982 to sign-up or for any questions. You pay your server that night. Tax and Gratuity are included in the price. There will be a cash bar. Come join us for this fun event.

PLEASE NOTE: If you make a reservation and cannot make it, please call or email Ann, OR YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR BILL.

Exec Board meeting is on Tuesday May 6th at 6:30 pm downstairs

Unit meeting is on Monday May 19th at 6:00 pm Up-stairs.

Submitted by Sue Turowski, President and Linda Faas, Secretary

# We need help with the Poppies



The Poppy Committee is asking for help!

We know we can count on the American Legion Family

We have many empty spaces for May 28th and May 29th Distribute Poppies.

Pick-n-Save - Sendiks - Collectivo

Sweet Trio - Citgo Super Sales - Ace Hardware

Please consider helping, call: Cathy Brunnquell 262-424-7692

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## Rose Harms American Legion Auxiliary



**11:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Sunday, June 5th, at Sendiks**

**Come on by and Support our Auxiliary**

**Doing good things for our Veterans**



# 10TH ANNUAL SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 355 GRAFTON GOLF EVENT



## SATURDAY JUNE 5TH

8AM REGISTRATION - 9AM SHOTGUN START  
18 HOLES WITH CART  
\$100 PER PLAYER - \$80 FOR VETERANS  
HOLE SPONSORSHIP \$100

### 8am Breakfast Burritos



**\$6.50**  
**Bloody  
Mary's**  
50% of Sales  
Donated to  
the SONS

1pm Lunch Buffet  
2pm Auction, Raffle  
and Awards

### Golf Friendly Event

Ladies Red Tees  
Men White Tees  
Over 65 Red Tees

Two Par 5 Holes  
Shake to Move Up



**\$5**  
Per Roll

### Cheater String \$20 Per Team



Each team gets 6 foot of string.  
Measure the distance from your  
tee to the hole.  
and count the ball as in the hole.  
Use your string wisely!!!!



50/50  
Raffle  
(\$5 - \$10 - \$20)  
\$5 (5) Tickets - \$10 (15) Tickets  
\$20 Wing Span of Tickets

## FIRE RIDGE GOLF CLUB

2241 Hwy W, Grafton, WI - 262-375-2977  
For Info Contact: Dick or Bob Rieck 262-377-4190  
or Grafton Mobil 262-375-3080

Please Return Registration By  
Monday, May 31, 2021

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Please sent payment to:  
Sons of the American Legion  
c/o Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body  
1327 Wisconsin Ave.  
Grafton, WI 53024

For more info contact - Grafton Mobil 262-375-3080  
Richards or Bob Rieck 262-377-4190

Golf, Breakfast and Lunch      \$100 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
A Veteran                              \$80 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Hole Sponsorship                  \$100 X \_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Unable to attend, but would like to make a  
donation to the Sons of The American Legion \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Enclosed                              \$ \_\_\_\_\_