



Rose Harms Legionnaire

October 2021

Monday, October 4th

Post Executive Committee meeting

Thursday, October 7th

Flag Disposal Ceremony at Ozaukee
County Fair Park at 6:00 pm
County Council meeting to follow

Monday, October 11th

Post General Meeting 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 12th

BINGO

Monday, October 18th

Military Historians - open at 6:00 pm

Saturday, October 30th

2nd District Fall Conference at
Laack's Hall, Sheboygan Falls



Oh, Shoot !

This Month's Post Calendar Raffle winner were:

\$50.00 - David Viesselmann

\$30.00 - Steve Eithier

\$25.00 - Marilyn Jeske

\$20.00 - Dr. Ronald Stiften

\$15.00 - Jason Faas

\$10.00 - Robert Hubacek

Remember, all slips are thrown back in the barrel for
a new drawing every month.



Highlights From Our Last Post Meeting



Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported that the Post membership paid for 2022 is at 144 with a goal of 298.

Charlie Weir, a new transfer from Chicago, was welcomed aboard.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen reported a funeral service for Armand Goeden. Taps will be played for him following this Post meeting.

All new flags replacing the old ones at Veterans Park have been done.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported Post Golf Outing scheduled for September 18th, has 60 golfers with 61 for dinner. The weather looks great, and event has over \$1,000 in raffle prizes. The Golf Ball Drop fundraiser will have half of its proceeds donated to the Grafton Fire Department.

Hall Report: Al Richards said that there have been several hall rentals cancellations due to COVID 19, again.

Veteran's Day Dinner is being tentatively planned for Saturday, November 13th.

Information on the Wisconsin GI Bill and the state Veterans Homes was made available to the members.

An Ozaukee veteran, who was in need of some temporary assistance, was helped by the Post with food and gas credit cards.

Bingo: Jim Arentz reminded the membership that BINGO will begin again on Tuesday, September 21.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen reported on his speaking with Zach Gaeske, GHS Oratorical Contest Coordinator, regarding this year's contest. They have decided that this year too many unknowns remain for any of the students to participate.

Camp American Legion coordinator Bill Vorac reported Camp is operating well under the leadership of the new director. The Camp closing is fast approaching and help is always needed to help button it up for the winter. The Camp operated this year at roughly 50% of capacity due to Covid 19. There is hope things will turn around next year.

There are plans for a marketing program to help increase donations for the Camp to keep prospering. Some of the old cabins are coming down and being replaced with one larger building. Bill thought some of the members of the Post's AL Baseball teams might travel to Camp to do some of the "heavy-lifting" and thereby create a yearly tradition.

New Business: The newly purchased scrubber for the wood floors is working out well.

The new American flag pole project at Grafton Little League Park is now complete.

Good of the Legion: On September 26th there will be a Bloody Mary Bus Tour will embark from the Post with a cost of \$55 per person. The entire proceeds will go to the Honor Flight Program.

Tom Grabow has American Flags free, and contact him to obtain one.

Dan Harris reported on a great start for our American Legion baseball teams for this year, and he thanked all who made that possible.

Refreshments after the meeting were courtesy of Dick Lallensack and Ralph Beck's birthdays and Marty Wegner also chipped in honor of his anniversary.

COMMANDERS CORNER-KEN KASPRZAK

Always a goal of our Post is to support community events held in Grafton. On the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 myself and Post members (Jim Arentz, Gary Gilstrap, Kevin Dressel, Jim Stencil) attended the following:

1. Ozaukee County Bowling Association-Golf Outing at Fire Ridge. I gave a prayer and speech to honor the lives lost on September 11 and those lost while fighting the global war on terrorism prompted by the attack. The following is an excerpt from the prayer. *Holy God, it is with sorrow that we remember the 9/11 tragic events. We lift to You in prayer all those who died in the Twin Towers, at the Pentagon, and on Flight 93. Enable us to put an end to fear: By resolving to live lives that are based on respect for one another; By resolving to not fall into the trap of blaming entire ethnic groups, races, or religions in response to acts of hostility; By resolving that justice, not revenge, prevail in our world. May our suffering from these attacks awaken in us an awareness of the pain and fear that so many around the world live with each day.*

2. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church our color guard marched with Grafton Police Officers to honor First Responders. Chief Caponera placed a wreath on a plaque and church parishioners offered a moment of silence.

3. I attended the 9/11 Silent Parade sponsored by the Saukville Legion Post. It ended with a ceremony in Grady Park. Names were read of Wisconsin 1st Responders who passed in the last 5 years. Also, a candlelight vigil was observed.

County Commander Chuck Friedlein, has notified all Posts about these upcoming events:

- Flag Retirement, October 7, Thursday, at Cedarburg's Fireman's Park. Ceremony start is 6pm, arrive by 5:30pm. Each Post to bring it's Colors.
- 2nd District Fall Conference, October 30, Saturday, 9am, Laack's Hall, Sheboygan Falls. See me for registration form.

Our Post's 28th Annual Golf Outing was held on September 18. Mike Knoppa formed a team with Jim Arentz, Jay Stangel, and myself. We were winners of great fun and some great shots. There were 60 golfers. Thanks to Doug Arendt for organizing this Post event. Members of the Grafton Fire Department assisted with our 1st Fire Truck Ladder Golf Ball drop with the closest to American Flag pin being the winner of the 50/50. Neil Mertz and Ken Nawrocki collected \$5 per each numbered ball. As a result, we were able to donate \$250 prize to our Grafton Fire Dept. Pictured are myself, "Winner" Jim Arentz and the Firefighters.



Correspondence from the Stars & Stripes Legacy Club. "Thank you, for the use of your tent for our Club's fundraiser and celebratory event is much appreciated. Also, your monetary donation to help us support veterans and community organizations. We truly appreciate everything you have done and continue to do for our country."



October 2021 SAL News

Membership: SAL Membership fees are due now. Dues are \$25. Please pay as your earliest convenience. Questions regarding membership should be directed to Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645.

SAL Clothing: Brian is looking at new option for our jackets. We still have 6 jackets in stock of the old design if anyone is interested. Fire Ridge has been unresponsive regarding the new shirts, so there's been no progress on those. More information should be provided at the next meeting so a decision can be made. Clothing Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465 let Brian know if anyone needs anything.

Camp American Legion: Fall clean-up is scheduled for October 4th to the 11th. Grafton Legion Post is planning on going up on October 4th. Contact Dick Rieck if you would like to help out on the 4th.

Post Shed Replacement: A 10' X 16' shed (fully assembled) has been pick out and will be delivered. Cost will be shared with the Legion. SAL members voted to order the shed.

SAL Golf Outing: Took place on June 5, 2021 and we had a great turnout. Several hole sponsorship payments are still outstanding, so we don't have final numbers yet. Hope to provide those numbers next month.

Legion baseball: Juniors team were Regional champions and advanced to the Wisconsin state tournament. At state, they won their first game and then lost a couple close games. Plaque is hanging on the wall at the Legion. Congrats on a great season!

Military exhibit: Hosted by Mequon-Thiensville Post 457 on Saturday, October 30th from 9am to 6pm and Sunday, October 31st from 11am to 5pm. Post 457 address is 6050 W Mequon Rd, Mequon.

Beer & Wine Tasting: Scheduled for November 4th at Fire Ridge golf course. Cost is \$30 per person. Food pairings are planned. Music is TBD. Need SAL members to help cover the beer sample tables.

Veteran's Day Dinner: Planned for Saturday, November 13th at the Post. More details to follow.

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

October – Dan P

November – Jim P & Dave

Next SAL Meeting: 10/12/21 @ 6:30pm



American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355

October 2021 Newsletter

September started out as “NORMAL” as it has been in a really loooonnnnggg time!

Thank you to our Exec Board’s both past and present for keeping things rolling right along during this pandemic! Thank you to our membership for reaching out to each other and checking in with each other during the pandemic. The phone calls, cards and help with shopping trips and other needs is priceless! I am so proud of each of us and truly proud to belong to Unit 355!

Our Exec Board met on Tuesday September 7. We worked on our budget for the 2021-22 year. We came up with a couple of recommendations to present to the Unit, which will be discussed later.

Our 1st Bingo was Tuesday September 14th and although we were not sold out, it was amazing getting back at it! The folks that were there were so happy to be playing bingo once again. Guess what.... we made money!!

Our Unit meeting was Sept 21st. President Mary Molaski called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Thank you Amy Luft, for inviting our new Chief of Police Jeff Caponera to our meeting. And thank you Chief for taking the time to come and speak to us. The Chief talked about himself a little so that we would get to know him a bit then went on to talk about what changes he has made at the police department.



One of these things was the newly formed 501(c) 3 The Grafton Canine Foundation. This non-profit is to help the Grafton Police Department get a police dog. The cost to train and acquire a dog officer for Grafton is well over \$100k. He asked us to “like” and “follow” the Grafton Police Department’s Facebook page. He also explained the new Grafton Business Crime Watch program. We now have 8 newly installed cameras in the Village of Grafton. He said that to date, the cameras have helped solve several police matters.

After the Chief left, we got down to business! I am sad to say that we had to start our meeting with the draping of our Charter in honor of our member June Shock who passed away on August 2, 2021.

President Mary M then introduced a couple of new members Ria Marien and June Rediske. Welcome Ladies! 1st Vice Mary Arvai then read the following recommendations from the exec board.

- That we send \$100.00 to Fort McCoy for the Afghan refugees – Approved
- That we use up to \$500.00 from our Bingo Fund to support the Rose Harms Baseball Team and \$250 each to support our Rose Harms Christmas Party and June Banquet totaling \$1,000.

Approved

- That our Treasurer earmark memorial funds for something tangible, to be approved by the Unit at a later date, unless the family has a special request.

Approved

Membership Chair Lora Linder reported that we already have 81 paid members! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE PAID SO FAR. Lora and Carolyn Knoppa then had a drawing of the names already paid and the winners were;

Pam Klenner (\$25 Meier's Gift Card) and Rylee Turowski (\$25 Kohl's gift card).

Chaplain Judy Wendtlandt has asked "if you know of anyone who is down in the dumps or sick, please let me know so that I may reach out to them." 262-993-0115 or rwendtlandt@wi.rr.com.

Amy Luft reported that the Brat Fry was a huge success despite the very hot weather. Amy and Cathy Brunnquell wanted to make sure and thank all who volunteered especially the Veterans who came out to sit with us for support. Amy also reported that we still have 10 each of the Veteran Yard Signs available. Call Amy if you are interested in a yard sign. 414-651-7300. amyiluft@gmail.com.

Kelly Rieck reported that we awarded 4 Military Red, White and Blue Graduation Cords this year. 1 Army, 2 ROTC and 1 National Guard. Congratulations to our Recipients and their families!

We will have refreshments at the October meeting thanks to Ann Fields, Diane Riedl, Amy Luft and Mary Molaski. The Unit decided that each month we will ask for volunteers for refreshments for the following meeting.

Our Marcus Movie Fund Raiser continues and our first order for this season is going in on Friday October 1. Please see attached order form or reach out to Laurie Schwalbe our chair to place your order. 414-659-6951 or schwalbelaurie@yahoo.com

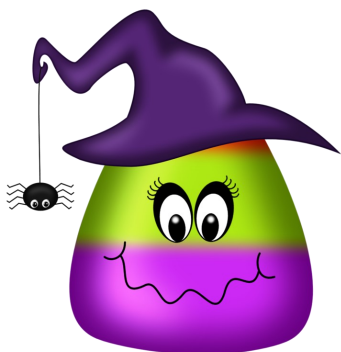
Upcoming Events:

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| Saturday, October 2 | The 4 Chaplains Dinner at the Saukville Post |
| Tuesday, October 5 | The Exec Board Meeting lower-level hall @6:30. |
| Thursday, October 7th | Ozaukee County Flag Retirement Ceremony Cedarburg's Fireman's Park Starts at 5:30 |
| Tuesday, October 12 | BINGO starts at 7:00 |
| Tuesday, October 19 | Regular Unit Meeting 6:00 Lower Hall at Post |
| Wednesday, October 20 | OZ County meeting @5:30 drinks, 6:00 dinner and the meeting will start at 7:00. The cost is \$2.00/person Saukville Legion Post |
| Sunday, November 7 | Daylight savings ends |
| Saturday, May 21 | Sweat for Vets |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OCTOBER MEMBERS!

GO BREWERS GO!

Submitted by Sue Turowski, Secretary



HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!

Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 355 Fundraiser

**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.

2021 orders will be placed March 19, June 25, October 1, Nov 26 and Dec 10.

Orders will be delivered within 10 business days. Prices are subject to change.

Sons of the American Legion



**Beer & Wine Tasting
November 4th
at Fire Ridge Golf Course**

**Cost is \$30 per person.
Food Pairings are planned.
Music is TBA.**

