



# Rose Harms Legionnaire

December 2021

Merry  
Christmas



Wednesday, December 1st

Unfortunately, our Post's Blood Drive had to be cancelled by the Blood Center.

Monday, December 6th

Post Executive Committee

Monday, December 13th

Generally meeting at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 14th

BINGO !

Tuesday, December 14th

SAL meeting in the lower hall starting at 6:30 pm

Monday, December 20th

Like to play cards? Come join us.



## Highlights from our Last Meeting

**Chaplain** Claude Taylor asked Post members to advise him of any veteran who is sick or in need of help.

**Sergeant-at-Arms** Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen reported that the Post's Honor Guard had done 4 funerals last month. 3 were gratis and 1 was for a Post member. Taps were played following the meeting for Phil Monson

**Blood Drive:** Mike Knoppa—The Post's Blood Drive scheduled for December 1st has been cancelled by the Blood Center.

**Americanism:** Commander Ken reported that the Badger Boys State program is scheduled for the 12th through the 22nd of June at UW Eau Claire. Usually, Juniors are only eligible, but this year only, Seniors are also eligible candidates. Interviews will be conducted in Spring. The Post, the Lions Club and the VFW will each sponsor a one student.

**Building & Grounds:** Butch Paegelow thanked the Scouts for rehabing the bridge at the river's edge, and it looks great!

**Scouts:** Steve Shock reported that the Rose Harms sponsored Cub Scouts are in the re-chartering process of merging with another Pack from Grafton.

There will be a ceremony held at the Post for 2 Scouts who will become Eagle Scout. The Rose Harms Post has a long tradition sponsoring Scouts who have become Eagle Scouts, including one of our name sakes, Roy Harms.

**Camp American Legion:** Bill Vorac reported that the Camp has now closed for winter. The Post has received a certificate of appreciation for our A.L. baseball team's helping close the Camp.

### Unfinished Business:

The Sons of the American Legion have completed installing our new shed. Some landscaping work still needs to be done.

The 2nd District Conference's big issue was "The Buddy Checks" program. This is where the post members are asked to contact our fellow veterans (Buddies) to see how they are doing.

### Recommendations Passed

- To have \$3,500 appropriated from our Tent Rental Program to replace the pontoon boat pier at Camp American Legion, which will be installed by the Dockshop Co.
- To donate \$500 towards the Grafton Christmas Parade.

### New Business:

- The State Legion's Mid-winter meetings will be held again at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center in Baraboo, January 14th - 16th .
- The Grafton Christmas Parade is to be held on Saturday, November 26th. All Ozaukee Posts have been invited to march with us. Staging will be in K-Komfort parking lot at 10:30 am. A trailer will be available for Post members who can not walk the entire parade. Mel's Charities will provide lunch for Veterans at the Bridge Inn after the parade.
- Silk Screen Specialist will now be our outlet for Post clothing.

**Good of the Legion:** The evening's refreshments were compliments of Commander Ken and Tom Grabow in celebration of their birthdays. Kudos to Tom for his tireless work for the Legion.

### Post's Calendar Raffle Winner This Month

\$30 - Debbie Jeske

\$25 - Hannah Hackler

\$20 - Ken Brown

\$15 - Robert Wrecza

\$10 - Dave Viesselmann



## **COMMANDERS CORNER-KEN KASPRZAK**

Veterans Day Dinner, November 13. A special thank you to our Auxiliary and SAL for the Veterans dinner event. Also, to Amy Luft for having Greg Eirich, Wisconsin Department Commander and Katie Lamb, a past Oratorical student, be our guest speakers.

Thank you to Scout Leaders and members of Boy Scout Troop 840 for replacing the bridge located in rear area of our Post along the river. It looks great.

Membership renewal is important to the American Legion's mission to enhance the well-being of veterans, their families, our military, and our communities. Records indicate that only about 60% of our members have renewed their membership. Do your part and renew today.

### **Veterans Day 2021**

Veterans Day program at Grafton High School was a huge success. Even though students were divided into two groups, again I was impressed with the respect and appreciation given to us as Veterans. National Anthem was performed by GHS choir. Names and service branch for members attending were read by Principal Mantei.

Many of us took part in this celebration to honor veterans for their service. Students at Redeemer Christian Academy, Wayzata, MN sent Veterans Day greetings to Neil Mertz. A sample of many letters by 5th to 8th grade students.

**From Connor:** God Bless America. You fought for America. You kept us free. I'm so thankful you did all for me. America has freedom but not all countries do. You helped make that happen and I want to thank you. You are a hero. You did what not many people would. You risked your safety for our country's good. The flag flies high with Red, White, and Blue and I just want to say that God loves you. From Sophia: I thank you for your love and service to this country. I honor your commitment and service to keep this country free. The freedom you have brought me I will forever thank you for. Only a selfless person is willing to die for people they don't know in America, or other lands. You represented America by being in the most revered military out there. You gave up so much to keep this country strong! Thank you again and God bless America!!!

**Living Well----**Pneumonia can develop when viruses or bacteria enter the respiratory tract, either from breathing in particles or touching contaminated surfaces. The most common cause is the influenza virus, but Covid infections can also lead to pneumonia. Once infected, lungs become inflamed and fill with fluid so less oxygen gets into the bloodstream. Coughing, chest pain, difficulty breathing, fever, chills, and fatigue results. Most at risk are adults over 65, smokers, and those with impaired immunity. Pneumonia can be deadly. Seek treatment if you have symptoms. If you haven't as yet, get vaccinated for both Influenza and Covid.

**Reminder.** Effective November 1, Legion Apparel will no longer be distributed via Marty Wegner. Silk Screen Specialists, 1211 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Grafton will be handling member orders for jacket, polo shirt, or any other Legion clothing item such as sewing emblems on shirts.

Congrats to Lance Greicar and Dominick Boon who were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout on November 20. Dominick's Eagle project benefited the GHS band by building shelves to store equipment. He joined the Troop in 2012. Lance's project was to build a kayak/canoe boat launch at Ehlers County Park, Saukville. Lance served as Patrol leader for two years.

A special thanks to GHS students Bryan Schaefer, Trevor Marien, Brandon Schaefer (pictured left to right) for working at Camp American Legion with Bill Vorac on October 9. Certificates presented at GHS on Veterans Day.







## December 2021 SAL News

**Membership:** SAL membership fees are due **NOW**. Dues are \$25. Please pay at your earliest convenience. We currently have 81 members, with 29 paid as of the November meeting. Paul plan to start calling members who have not paid. Questions regarding membership should be directed to Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645.

**SAL Clothing:** It was suggested that we look into offering long sleeve dress shirts, with the SAL logo, as an option for the members. These would be useful for any of our cooler weather events. Questions regarding clothing should be directed to Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465.

**Post Shed Replacement:** New shed should be in place by the time you're reading this newsletter. Total cost of the shed was \$5,785, which will be shared 50/50 with the Legion. We are still planning to add electricity to the new shed.



**Beer & Wine Tasting:** Took place on November 4th at Fire Ridge golf course. We had 86 attendees for the event. As of the November meeting, our net profit was \$1,838. Thank you to Fire Ridge for donating several raffle prizes.

**Veteran's Day Dinner:** Event took place on Saturday, November 13th at the Post. Food was catered by Ferrante's Restaurant. Total attendance was 111. Kapco donated \$500 towards the "before dinner" bar bill.

**Gazebo:** The tree and gazebo were decorated in mid-November. Membership voted to allow \$100 to be spent on decorations, if needed. (Jim's Maintenance was on stand-by to offer assistance if needed. Their number is 1-800-Jimmy Does It All.) Drive by and check out the lights!

**The Next 18:** Received a thank you letter from the Next 18 (Golf rehab for Veterans) regarding our recent \$500 donation.

**Legion Post meeting dinner:** Volunteers are needed to serve the Post meeting dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Meetings start at 7:00pm and dinner is at about 7:45pm.

**January** – Gary

**February** – Neal & Chris

**Do you have something that you want in the next SAL newsletter?**

**Contact Dan McKelvey at [dmckelvey2038@gmail.com](mailto:dmckelvey2038@gmail.com).**

**Next SAL Meeting:** 12/14/21 @ 6:30pm





## American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355 December Newsletter



The Christmas Parade is Saturday November 27th, our Auxiliary is having a float again this year. Members interested in riding on the float please contact **Cathy Brunnquell ASAP either by phone (262-424-7692) or email ([cathykb65@gmail.com](mailto:cathykb65@gmail.com))**. Maria Keegan and Joan Duffner will be carrying the flags for the parade.

Rose Harms Unit 355 Christmas Party Date: December 21, 2021 Time: 5:30 Upper Hall. The theme this year is: "An Old Fashion Christmas" The cost is \$10.00 for children and \$15.00 for adults. Cocktails: 5:30 Dinner: 6:00 (Roast beef, mashed potatoes, salad & rolls.) Our traditional Gift Exchange Game will begin at 7:00. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange ~ please bring a new \$20.00 beautifully wrapped gift to share. **PLEASE RSVP TO SUE TUROWSKI @ 262-389-4644 OR [sueturowski@hotmail.com](mailto:sueturowski@hotmail.com) by DECEMBER 15, 2021.**

The coupon program is back on! We are asking all members to please clip coupons and bring them to our meetings or contact the Coupon Chair **Patty Wollner at (262-707-5485) or email her at [pawollner@icloud.com](mailto:pawollner@icloud.com) to plan for pick up/delivery. Please note the expiration dates on all coupons. The Veterans have a 2-month window for usage.**

Our Marcus chair **Laurie Schwalbe** will be sending in the orders for Marcus tickets on **November 26 and December 10**. Please be sure to check out the Marcus link [www.MarcusGiftCards.com/valid-locations](http://www.MarcusGiftCards.com/valid-locations) to see EVERYTHING that you can use these cards on! The Marcus form is attached to this newsletter.

We had a visit from County President Sandy Mack and 1st Vice Maggie Geiger at this meeting. Sandy talked about the importance of sharing our mission out in our community. She presented us with a Media Board which she encouraged us to put out at our meetings and to be sure to update monthly. Maggie talked to us about the up coming Sweat 4 Vets (May 21, 2022). This year's funds will be going towards "Suicide Prevention". Maggie also said that this year is expecting to be quite large and that a lot of hands will be needed. This year's meal after is being served at our Grafton Post.

Lora Linder reported that we are currently at 75% for membership and asked that we please remind all members that our dues are due by December 31, 2021.

Mel Nowak read a Thank you note from Zablocki. She also thanked all members for participating in the Christmas for the Vets at Zablocki program. Thanks to Linda F, Patty W and Judy K we filled 60 hand made Christmas baskets with candies and other treats for St. Nick. Boudicca House and Zablocki will be the recipients.

Cathy Brunnquell offered a special thanks to all who participated in the distribution of Poppies on Veterans Day! Because of your efforts we earned \$882.06.

Mary Arvai reported that the Veterans Day luncheon was a huge success! A special thank you goes out to Kapco for the donation of our Veterans Day lunch.

Sue T reported that the Veterans Dinner was also a huge success. Well attended by many Veterans who all received personalized painted canvases, which were made by our Junior Membership team. The Juniors (Addison & Ashlyn Paape, Ethyn & Rylee Turowski, Ella & Max Wettstein & Marcus & Marshall Molaski) worked a total of 90 hours on the 100 canvases that were made.

### ***Upcoming Events:***

Saturday November 27 – Christmas Parade

Tuesday December 7 – Exec Board meeting

Tuesday December 21 – Auxiliary Christmas Party 5:30 Upper Level of Post

Saturday December 25 – **Merry Christmas!**

Saturday January 1, 2022 - **Happy New Year!**

Saturday May 21 – Sweat for Vets

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DECEMBER MEMBERS!

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!**  
**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 355**

Submitted by Sue Turowski, Secretary



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WELL Spa + Salon at Grand Geneva Resort and Spa WELL Spa + Salon at The Platinum Hotel  
All Marcus Theatres

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 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.*



# Thank You!

Thank you to those of you who have renewed your membership in the Rose Harms Post 355 for the 2022 year. Your membership allows our Post to support Americanism programs for the youth in our community, like;

- American Legion Baseball – Junior and Senior teams
- Badger Boys State – The Post sends 4 students from GHS for a week long program to learn how Democracy really works.
- Constitutional Oratorical Contest for high school students
- Patriotic essay and coloring contest for grade school students

**WHY** - Because we believe that the United States is the greatest country on earth.

**OUR VISION** - Strengthen America by improving the lives of our Veterans, the military and just as important, their families.

Grafton's Rose Harms Post sponsors two cabins at Camp American Legion - A Place of Healing for Veterans and Families in the north woods in the Tomahawk area.

**OUR VALUES** are HONORING THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US – The American Legion pays perpetual respect for all past military sacrifices to ensure they are never forgotten by new generations.

**If your membership card still says 2021, then you need to renew by December 31st. Please, we need your continued support.**

Send or drop off your dues at;

Rose Harms Post 355  
1540 13th Ave.  
Grafton, WI 53024

You can also renew online at - [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew)



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