



Rose Harms Legionnaire

November 2021

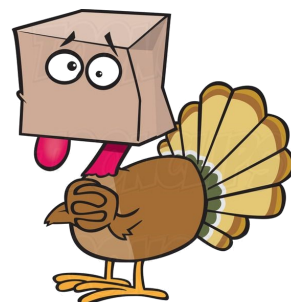


Monday, November 1st	Post Executive Committee meeting
Monday, November 8th	General meeting at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, November 9th	BINGO
Tuesday, November 9th	Sons of The American Legion at 6:30 pm
Thursday, November 11th	Veterans Day ceremony at GHS at 8:00 am
Thursday, November 11th	Meet at the Post by 10:30 am then march to Veteran's Park with Honor Guard salute at 11:00 am
Saturday, November 13th	Veterans Day Dinner Post member dinners are FREE! Doors open at 5:30 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm
Monday, November 15th	Post Card Party

"Woof, Woof!"

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

Saturday, November 27th	Grafton's Christmas Parade
Wednesday, December 1st	Post Blood Drive





Veterans Day Dinner

Saturday, November 13th

Everyone is welcome!

Paid up members of the Rose Harms Post 355 are FREE !

Compliments of

The Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion

5:30 p.m. Doors Open - 6:30 p.m. Dinner

Name

Name

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Name

Non-Veterans _____ x \$20 = Total enclosed \$ _____

Please send in reservations by November 6th

Mail and make checks payable to;

Veteran's Dinner

1540 13th Ave.

Grafton, WI 53024



Highlights from our last Post meeting

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported that the Post's membership for 2022 is at 147 with a goal of 298.

Blood Drive: Mike Knoppa said that the Post's Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, December 1st at 2:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Be advised you must wear a mask to participate.

Athletic: Doug Arendt thanked everyone for all their help on another great Post Golf Outing. Thank you Doug for all your hard work!

Hall Report: Al Richards reported refreshments this evening were compliments of Dan Harris celebrating his birthday.

Al also indicated that The American Legion national convention will be held in Milwaukee next year during the last week in August. Several different groups from other states will be looking for posts to hold their reunions.

Scouts: Steve Shock introduced Scout-Master Greg Mathews and 2 scouts from Post sponsored Troop 840. They provided the membership with a report of their yearly activities. They try to have some kind of outing every month. The Troop is honored to have three Eagle Scout advancements this year. A thank-you to our post for all our support.

Bingo: Jim Arentz reminded the membership that the October Bingo will be held tomorrow evening and help is always needed. Next month BINGO will be on Tuesday, November 9th.

Camp American Legion: Bill Vorac gave kudos to Post members who assisted in closing up camp. It was a successful season considering the complications of COVID 19. Work at Camp went well and was highly productive. Consideration is being given to state-wide support from American Legion Baseball members to help out at Camp. The new Camp Director is on-board with this idea. Five volunteers from our Post's Legion Baseball team have volunteered their help to close Camp this year.

Public Safety: Sandra Krzewinski reported that the Police, Fire, and EMT responsible people have been contacted regarding selections for our Public Safety Awards.

Tent Rental Program: Tom Grabow said that there was one more job remaining for this year. Rentals recorded a record high for income this year and along with donations were in the area of \$3,000 plus for this year.

Unfinished Business:

Flag Retirement ceremony cancelled because of inclement weather with Cedarburg to complete the retirement on its own.

Butch Paegelow reported that the Post will split half the cost of the new shed with the Sons of the American Legion.

The SAL has ordered all the materials for the shed and all the paperwork has been completed. The completion of this project is hoped to be by the end of October.

New Business:

Woodview Vets Day Program to simulate a military mail call with students writing letters to Stars and Stripes Veterans on flight

Post Member, Frank Balestreri is in hospice in Sheboygan.

This Months Post Calendar Raffle:

\$50 - Elizabeth Dressel

\$30 - Nancy Mertz

\$25 - Colten Schmitt

\$20 - Dave Viesselmann

\$15 - Kurt Sufinen

\$10 - John Meyer



COMMANDERS CORNER-KEN KASPRZAK

Rusty Meyer, GHS Business and Technology Teacher, sent a "Thank You" to Ken Klein, Jim Arentz, myself, Amy Luft, Jim Sorenson, and Mike Knoppa for marching and carrying both the American flag and the Post colors in their Homecoming Parade on September 30.



Special thanks to Bill Vorac, Camp Liaison, for many hours dedicated to Camp American Legion during this year.

Also, thank you to members Butch Paegelow, Jim Arentz, John Meyer, and Tom Grabow who assisted at Camp closing. In addition, Tom Grabow donated materials for tarps on pontoon boats.

At our last Post meeting Greg Matthews, Boy Scout Troop 840 adult Leader, and two student Scout Leaders attended and gave an update of recent Troop activities. Also, Greg updated a checklist of tasks to be done after each meeting at our Post. Thank you Troop 840.

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 49.3% of our members have renewed their membership as of 10/14/21. This translates to 8th place among Ozaukee County Posts. Do your part and renew today.

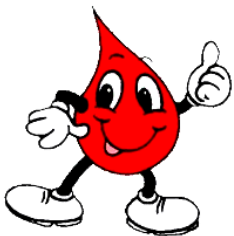
Please Note. Effective November 1, Legion Apparel will no longer be distributed via Marty Wegner. Silk Screen Specialists, 1211 11th Ave., Grafton will be taking orders and providing you with a jacket, polo shirt, or any other Legion clothing item such as sewing emblems on shirts. Thank you to Marty for his many years of assisting members with Legion apparel.

NOVEMBER 11TH, VETERANS DAY program at Grafton High School is planned starting at 8:00 am. There will be a change from previous years, the students will be divided into two groups. As a result, there will be two programs, each with the following: National Anthem by GHS choir, Taps, reading names and service branch for members attending, a video, and Commander speech. More info to follow via email and at our monthly meeting.

VETERAN'S DAY PARADE, we will start from the Post at 10:30 am, marching straight north on 13th Avenue to Veteran's Park. 11:00 am will be our Honor Guard salute to Veterans.

Veterans Day Dinner----November 13 with free veteran meal courtesy of Auxiliary and SAL. Also, note that Wisconsin State Commander, Greg Eirich, will be our guest speaker. The Dinner will be catered by Ferrante's.

41st Annual Grafton Community Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, November 27, starting at 11:00 am. I completed the registration form for our Post. Looking forward to participating in this community tradition that brings 10,000 spectators to downtown Grafton and includes more than 120 units. Plan to attend and march with our Legion Family and other invited Ozaukee County Legion post members. We are working on rides for those who can march that far.



Rose Harms Post 355 Annual Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 1, from 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

No appointments, walk-ins only. **Masks Are Mandatory.**

SAVE A LIFE





American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355 November 2021 Newsletter



History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect. In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations..." The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

This article came from the Department of Veterans Affairs, we thought a brief history lesson was due! We have all had a wild year and a half and we must NEVER forget the sacrifices that were made on our behalf. Thank you to ALL our Veterans Past and Present!

We offer a SPECIAL Thank You to Our Rose Harms Veterans for all you continue to do for our Rose Harms Family and Our Community!



Your Rose Harms American Legion Auxiliary Unit 355

Our meeting this month was filled with excitement as we had our first “fellowship meal” to celebrate the October birthdays. Anyone with a November birthday who wants to bring treats please call Mary Molaski (262-377-9251). At this time we only have 1 volunteer.

We would all like to thank you, Bill Vorac, for coming to our meeting and enlightening us on the future of Camp American Legion.

We will be having our Annual Veterans Day Luncheon again this year, and our Veterans Dinner Dance, thanks in part for another very generous donation from our friends at Kapco. All Post Family members are invited to our luncheon on Veterans Day following the parade.

As most of our Auxiliary know we adopted the Veterans at The Village Point Commons 2 years ago. This year we have also invited them to our luncheon. Our Junior members including a couple “Junior SAL members” are working on a special project for The Village Point Veterans as well as our own Rose Harms Veterans.

District 2 President Amy Luft shared with all of us that our Department President Diane Weggen, has asked all member to talk to one potential member about joining. We need to do what we can to help strengthen our organization. Her theme this year is "Salute, Serve, Celebrate our Veterans, Military, their Families and our Communities". If we active members do not do what we can to help build our membership, who will? Amy also reminded everyone to work on their Patriotic Bingo Cards. We have included one in this newsletter. Please bring this to the November meeting.

Membership Chair Lora Linder shared that we are at 65% with 111 members paid so far. Thank You! Ladies, please do what you can to get your dues in by December 2021.

VA&R Chair Mel Nowak reported the following: Judy Kuta, Patty Wollner and Linda Faas made 60 Halloween tray favors which our unit members filled with special treats. This project was for Boudicca House and Zablocki VA Medical Center. She also mentioned that a 3 yr., old little girl who lives at Boudicca House received a Halloween coloring book, crayons, and footies.

Mel then awarded the following members with their Service to Veterans Volunteer Awards: Sherri Pals 50-hour pin, Janice Bould 50-hour pin, Mary Arvai 500-hour pin, Sue Turowski 500-hour pin, Amy Luft 1,000.00-hour pin and Judy Kuta 2000-hour pin.


CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL RECIPIENTS!

Pictured left to right:

Mel Nowak, Judy Kuta, Janice Bould, Sherrie Pals, Mary Arvai, Amy Luft and Sue Turowski



Mel also reported that is time again for the 34th Annual Christmas with the Vets at Zablocki VA Medical Center. Please see special request and bring all donation to the November meeting.



34th Annual Christmas With Vets • Zablocki V A Medical Center


Help bring Christmas to our hospitalized veterans who can't go home for the holidays!
Because of Covid limitations there will be no live Christmas show.
The veterans will receive their Christmas goodies on Christmas Eve Day and Christmas Day.

Suggested Gift List:

- Men's stick deodorant
- Shampoo for both men & women
- Sweatshirts and/or warm flannel shirts
 - Size XL-XXL
- Beanie Knit Caps
 - Black or Olive Green
- Cheese and crackers (singles)
- Frito Lay Variety Packs

Please bring unwrapped gifts to the American Legion Auxiliary Meeting at the Post on November 16, 2021. For any questions please call Mel: 262-377-1776

Thank you for your support!
Our Veterans will appreciate being remembered by you!



Merry Christmas,
Mel Nowak, V A & R Chair
American Legion Auxiliary
And
'Doc' Dentice & The Xmas Vets Group

Poppy Chair Cathy Brunnquell said that we will again be distributing Poppies on Veterans Day at Sendiks. Please contact Cathy (262-424-7692) if you are available to help.



Amy Luft reported that we have 6 of the Veterans Posters left. Please contact Amy (262-651-7300) if you would like to gift one to a Veteran for Veterans Day.

Pam King of the Grafton Chamber reported to us that there will be NO tree decorating in the Plaza this year. However, the Christmas Parade is Saturday November 27. Cathy Brunnquell has made arrangements for a float again this year. She said if you would like to have a picture of your Veteran, please take that picture now to Digital Edge for printing. Call Cathy for details (262-424-7692).

Sue Turowski reported the Auxiliary Christmas Party is Tuesday December 21 in the upper hall of the Post. The cost is \$10.00 for children and \$15.00 for adults. The theme this year is "An Old Fashion Christmas". 5:30 cocktails, 6:00 dinner (Roast beef, mashed potatoes, salad, and 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.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday November 2 – The Exec Board Meeting lower-level hall @6:30.

Thursday November 4 – SAL Beer Tasting at Fire Ridge 6:30 pm

Sunday November 7 – Daylight savings ends

Tuesday November 9 – BINGO starts at 7:00

Thursday November 11 – Veterans Day Luncheon after Parade all Post Members Welcome

Saturday November 13 – Veterans Dinner Dance 5:30

Tuesday November 16 – Fellowship 6:00, Regular meeting 6:30 Lower Hall at Post

Saturday November 27 – Christmas Parade

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

Saturday May 21 – Sweat for Vets



HAPPY BIRTHDAY NOVEMBER MEMBERS!

GOD BLESS OUR VETERANS FOR WITHOUT YOU THERE WOULD BE NO US!

Submitted by Sue Turowski, Secretary

November 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 23 paid as of the October meeting. Questions regarding membership should be directed to Paul Turowski 389-4645.

SAL Clothing: Brian is looking at new options for our jackets. We still have a few jackets in stock of the old design if anyone is interested. Questions regarding clothing should be directed to Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465.

Post Shed Replacement: Old shed has been removed. New shed should be here by late October or early November. Looking at adding electricity to the new shed.

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



Beer Tasting:

Scheduled for November 4th at Fire Ridge golf course from 6-9pm.

Cost is \$30 per person. Food pairings are planned.

Need SAL members to help cover the beer sample tables.

Various raffles are planned.

The remaining beer will be available for purchase at the end of the evening for \$5 per 6 pack. Tickets are available at Fire Ridge, Heinz Auto Body, and from SAL members.

Veteran's Day Dinner: Planned for Saturday, November 13th at the Post. Dinner is free for paid up members of the Rose Harms post. Cost for others is \$20. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner is at 6:30pm. Reservations are due by November 6th. Registration form has been emailed to members of Post and SAL.

Veteran's Day parade: Planned for November 11th in Grafton. Meet at Post at 10:30am for an 11:00am march to Veterans Park. Post will be open for "legion families" after the parade.

Next 18: This a free golf camp for vets and first responders. The event was recently held at Fire Ridge for veterans. Check out their website at Next18.org to learn more about the program. Members voted to donate \$500 to Next 18.

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

November – Jim P & Dave

December – Al

January – volunteers needed

Next SAL Meeting: 11/9/21 @ 6:30pm



Beer & Spirits Tasting

**Sponsored by
Sons of the American Legion**

**Thursday, November 4th
at Fire Ridge Golf Course
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**



**Cost is \$30 per person.
Food Pairings are planned
Plus Raffles**

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at the end of the evening for \$5 per 6 pack.

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