



Rose Harms Legionnaire

January 2022



The American Legion Post's membership is for the Calander Year
Your membership is from January 1st to December 31st of each year.

Monday, January 3rd

Post Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, January 6th

Oz County meeting at Fredonia

Monday, January 10th

Post's General Meeting

Tuesday, January 11th

BINGO

Saturday, January 15th

Mid Winter Conference and Training

Monday, January 17th

Card Party

Saturday, February 19th

A Wine and Art Fun Afternoon

With live music to follow that evening.



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High Lights From Our Last Post Meeting

Chaplain Claude Taylor asks the membership for assistance in referrals for those veterans might who might be in need of a little assistance.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported that the Post's membership is at 212 with a goal of 298. A letter or an email will be sent to current members who have not yet paid their dues for 2022.

Welcome to our new member, Mary Esposino SP USAF.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa and Nick Schanen reported the Grafton Christmas Parade went well. There were no funerals for November.

Blood Drive: Mike Knoppa reported the Post Blood Drive was cancelled because of a shortage of medical staff.

The 2022 blood drive has been scheduled for November 30th.

Building & Grounds: Butch Paegelow reported that the shed structure has been completed with minor landscaping still in progress.

Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow reported the 30th annual Vegas Night is scheduled for this April on the 2nd. There will be a mailing to each member next month and help is extensively needed for the event to continue. Vegas Night is the Post's most significant fund raiser. Without it, much of the good philanthropic work we do will become impossible.

Scouts: Steve Shock reported that the 2 Christmas wreaths next to the Post's front doors, were donated by the Scouts.

Camp American Legion: Bill Vorac reported that the new pier we purchased for Camp arrived too late for this season and will be installed next spring. Also, Bill is looking for volunteers to go up to Camp in January to help with taking inventory.

Public Safety: Commander Ken Kasprzak standing in for Sandra reported public safety award nominations are in progress.

Unfinished Business

- "Thank You" to K-Komfort for allowing us to assemble for Grafton's Christmas in their parking lot.
- "Thank You" to Mel's Charities for a \$500 donation, plus for putting on a free lunch for Veterans after the Parade at the Bridge Inn.

New Business:

- The Post's apparel vendor is now the Silk Screen Specialists.
- Mid-Winter Conference will be on January 14th at the Ho Chunk Convention Center. Training courses on various subjects will be on Saturday, January 15th.
- The 4 Chaplains Dinner will be at the Saukville Post on Saturday, February 5th

Good of the Legion:

- The Military Historians wish to begin their monthly meetings on Monday, January 17th, with a Vietnam Veteran speaker . . . please stay alert for possible COVID 19 changes.
- Thanks to the Hall Manager Al, for supplying the food and beverages for our Christmas party after the meeting.

Correspondence:

The Post received a \$250 donation from a guest who attended a class reunion at the Post.

Winners from the Post's Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Lori Nagle
\$30 – Marlin Miller
\$25 – Hannnah Hacker
\$20 – Steve Frazen
\$15 – Amanda Jozwoski
\$10 – Jenny Richards



COMMANDERS CORNER-KEN KASPRZAK

Christmas is a time for friends and family to meet, say thanks for good health, and to enjoy being together. Grafton's Christmas parade was an event for our members to march and receive thanks for our service from our community. Special thanks to Bill Vorac for trailer decorations and riding the parade route for members who chose not to walk.

**Riding from left to right are;
Neil Mertz, Jim Stencil, Jean Vorpahl,
Ken Nawrocki and Ken Klein**



Membership renewal is important to the American Legion's mission. Records indicate that many of our members need to do their part and renew.

Badger Boys State (a leadership program) is scheduled for June 12-18, 2022 at UW Eau Claire. It's open to both Junior and Senior GHS students. Dan Harris and I attended an orientation to give info on submitting an application. Four students will be chosen and sponsored by our Post (2), Lions Club, and VFW. Cost is \$400 per delegate.

2nd District hosting Four Chaplains Memorial Service, Saukville Post, February 5, 6pm.

Reminder. Legion Apparel is now distributed via Silk Screen Specialists, 1211 11th Ave., Grafton. At our next meeting an order form will be distributed for jackets, polo shirts, other clothing items, and sewing requests.

Correspondence--- A Thank You from Dorothy Monson;

"Your military presence at Phillip's funeral was a way I wanted that part of his life to be recognized. He was not able to attend meetings, but so enjoyed reading the newsletters each month and the different publications that came in the mail. Continued blessings to all the veterans who are active at the Post."

Living Well----COPD, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease has no cure and can lead to an unhappy life. Pulmonary rehabilitation is an effective treatment for teaching patients how to manage lung disease through practical exercises and counseling. Good nutrition and assistance from PR programs are good options. Visit the Veterans Health Library for tips on managing COPD and finding a rehab near you.

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December 2021 SAL News

Membership: SAL Membership fees are due now. Dues are \$25. Please pay at your earliest convenience. We currently have 82 members, with 47 paid as of the December meeting. Paul plans to begin calling members regarding paying their dues. Questions regarding membership should be directed to Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645.

SAL Clothing: Brian has contacted Sarah at Silk Screen Specialists and plans to get her the necessary info to have her start printing our SAL clothing for us. Questions regarding clothing should be directed to Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465.

Post Shed Replacement: New shed is in place and is being used. Thank you Jim for the landscaping. The electricity will be added in the spring.

Camp American Legion: Looking for volunteers to help with inventory process. Everyone should have received an email from Ken Kasprzak in mid December regarding this request from the camp director.

Veterans Park Gazebo: Craig gave us an update on the status of the gazebo in regards to the Christmas decorations. Changes are planned for next year.

SAL Scholarships: Voted to increase our two scholarships for Grafton High School graduates back to \$1000 each.

Legion Post after meeting: 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.

January – Gary

February- Chris & Neal

March - Post

Next SAL Meeting: 1/11/2022 @ 6:30pm

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com



American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355 January 2022 Newsletter



Our Auxiliary Christmas party was a huge success again this year! We sang Christmas Carols from a Christmas Carol booklet that was donated to our Auxiliary by a couple of Unit members, way back in 1957. All our members really enjoyed that. We also played our Secret Santa game and had a couple of gifts that were stolen several times! That always makes it fun for everyone and provides lots of laughs. Something else we did this year that was very interesting, we all talked a little bit about our selves so that other members could get to know us a little better. Many THANKS to our Committee (Mary Arvai, Janice Bould, Mary Molaski, Rylee Turowski and Sue Turowski) for all their hard work. A Special Thank You to Kevin Dressel for being our bartender once again this year. Thanks also goes out to the Legion for setting up the hall for us and cleaning up after us too!

Just a reminder that the coupon program is back on! We are asking all members to please clip coupons and bring them to our meetings or call/email the Coupon **Chair Patty Wollner (262-707-5485) 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.**

Thanks to everyone who has supported our Marcus Gift Card Fundraiser this year! Our chair Laurie Schwalbe will be updating our order form to let us know what the dates will be for the 2022 year. Please be sure to check out the link at www.MarcusGiftCards.com/valid-locations to see EVERYTHING that you can use these cards on!

Thank you soooo much Laurie for always taking care of this for our Unit.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS, The Sweat 4 Vets Walk/Run (May 21, 2022) committee will be asking for help soon, as it is expected to be a big year for this event! The funds are going towards "Suicide Prevention". The meal after the walk is being served at our Grafton Post and we need food cookers and servers as well.

Thank you, Lora Linder, and Carolyn Knoppa, for all your hard work with our membership! Lora Linder reported that we are currently at 79% for our membership.

Second District is in first place right now! We are asking all members to get their 2021 dues paid as well as their 2022 dues. Ladies the 2021 dues were due by December 31, 2021. If you have not paid your 2021 dues, you are considered delinquent.

We will be asking for your hours and donation soon. Now is the perfect time to start getting all of that in order so that you will not be taken by surprise when asked.

The 2nd District Legion Riders are having their Holiday Party at our Post this year on Saturday, January 29, 2022. We have been asked to serve their meal on real dishes. We need a few volunteers to serve and clean up afterwards. We will be having a discussion about this at our upcoming Exec Board meeting as well as the Unit meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday January 1, 2022 - Happy New Year!

Tuesday January 4 – Exec Board meeting 6:30 pm Lower Hall

Tuesday January 11 – Bingo

Tuesday January 18 – Unit Meeting 6:30 Lower Hall

Saturday January 29 – Legion Rider Holiday Party

Saturday May 21 – Sweat for Vets

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL Members with January Birthdays!

Happy New Year!!

Submitted by Sue Turowski, Secretary



**The Rose Harms Post's 38th annual Las Vegas Night
will be returning on Saturday, April 2, 2022.**

**We will be mailing out 4 packs of Las Vegas Night cash sweepstakes tickets
to each member in January. Tickets sales are a huge part of the fundraising
for the evening. Please do your best to sell your tickets.**

If you need more, just call the Post at 262-377-8887.

Either stop in or we will get the tickets to you.
