



Rose Harms Legionnaire

2022

April Fool's

Saturday, April 2nd

Post's Annual Las Vegas Night



Monday, April 4th

Post Executive Committee meeting

Thursday, April 7th

Ozaukee County Meeting at Grafton

Monday, April 11th

Post General Meeting at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 12th



Tuesday, April 12th

SAL meeting, lower hall at 6:30 pm

Monday, April 18th

Military Historians Club

Monday, April 18th

Card Club, lower hall

Saturday, April 30th

2nd District Spring Conference
at the Lake Mills Post

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Highlights From Our Last Post Meeting

Chaplain Claude Taylor reported the passing of Post member, Mel Eichen.

Claude also asked for referrals from Post members regarding other members in need of assistance.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported the Post's membership is now at 262.

A new Post member, Adrik Esselmann, was welcomed aboard.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Knoppa said that taps this evening will be played for Jim Hilgart, David Schmalz and Mel Eichen.

Americanism:

Ken Kasprzak/Bill Clayton reported that there are 3 GHS students for the Legion's Badger Boys, to be held at UW Eau Claire College this year.

Bingo:

Jim Arentz reported that the February Bingo had a good crowd of 88 players posting a profit of \$289.

Unfinished Business:

Butch Paegelow reminded everyone that the Post's Las Vegas Night 2022 will be on April 2nd with doors open at 6:30 p.m. The membership help are to report between 6:00 and 6:15 p.m. See Steve Shock for card games and Kevin Dressel for other games. Setup for Vegas Night is Friday, April 1st, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Clean-up will be Monday morning April 4th.

K Komfort Cares is an online contest, set up by K Komfort.com. It awards benevolent organizations money based on daily voting for that organization. Voting closes at the end of the month and then awards are based on vote totals. Rose-Harms is currently in second place.

Good of the Legion:

There will be a free dress rehearsal showing of the High School Musical, Sister Act, for senior citizens at the GHS auditorium on Thursday, April 7th, at 4:00 p.m.

- The Metropolitan Milwaukee Military Historians, an active and informative group, will kick off its year at the Post on March 21st with Post member, Pete Olsen as the guest speaker. He had previously spoken at such a meeting about his combat service in Vietnam. The guest speakers at these monthly meetings speak on varied topics related to their military experiences.
- The Post will award two 50 year continuous membership awards at the American Legion Birthday Dinner on Saturday.
- At our May meeting the Post will have elections for Post offices.



Chairman Sandra Krzewinski and Commander Ken Kasprzak presented the Rose Harms Post's annual Public Safety Awards to;
Firefighter Paul Riegel
EMT Michael Barrett
Law and Order Police Officer James Cawley.

Winners of this months Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Josh Franzen

\$30 – Dave Viesselmann

\$25 – Kurt Suntinen

\$20 – Jean Beck

\$15 – Bill Clayton

\$10 – Taylor Rennie

COMMANDERS CORNER-KEN KASPRZAK

American Legion's 103rd Birthday Dinner was held on Saturday night, March 19th at our Post. It was attended by Legion, Sal, and Auxiliary members. Everyone had a great time. The Dinner meal was prepared by Ferrante's Catering. It was highlighted by delicious corned beef in keeping with St. Patrick's Day.

Public Safety Awards were presented to Firefighter Paul Riegel; EMT Michael Barrett; Law and Order James Cawley. Sandra Krzewinski encouraged them to sing Happy Birthday to American Legion. It was quite a performance. Also, Karaoke via Al Richards was enjoyed by all.

The program also included honoring Legionnaires who qualify for continuous membership certificates. Surpassing this milestone in the American Legion exemplifies the endurance of our organization as the leading advocate for veterans' rights and benefits.

James Johnson----50 Years, US Army veteran, served during the Vietnam War. I called to inform him about this award but he was unable to attend due to his Florida residence.

Art Albers ----70 Years, US Army veteran, served during the Korean War. Art was an active Post member being responsible for many Maintenance projects. His words to us as the certificate was presented were very moving and appreciated by his fellow Legionnaires. His wife Lorraine, son Mark, and daughter Lori were also present.

Membership Renewal. If you are an unpaid member, let's help the American Legion in their mission and renew for year ending June 30, 2022.

Reminder----Legion Apparel is now distributed via Silk Screen Specialists. An order form is available for jackets and polo shirts. Note that other clothing items and sewing requests are available. Questions Call Sarah at 262-377-5889.

As noted last month, a Boy Scout award ceremony was held for Braden Meyer. Braden becomes the 91st member of Troop 840 to achieve Eagle Scout.

For sure a special award "Legionnaire of the Year" for 2022 was presented to Tom Grabow.

A member for 21 years, Tom has been an active participant in many Legion projects. Notably in charge of our Tent Crew for the past 16 years and involved with maintaining the Post's Cabin at Camp American Legion. A well-deserved awardee.

Pictured are Jim Arentz presenting Tom Grabow with his "Paid Up For Life" membership card.

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Membership: We still have 11 unpaid members as of the March meeting. If you haven't already done so, please pay your 2022 SAL membership fees as soon as possible. Keep in mind that the dues are only \$25. Paul is still calling members regarding paying their dues so please make Paul's job easier and either send your dues in or contact him and advise him of your plans. Questions regarding membership should be directed to Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645.

SAL Clothing:

Silk Screen Specialists in Grafton is the place to go for all of our SAL clothing. Their address is 1231 11th Ave. Brian has order forms which you can fill out and drop off at Silk Screen. The order form was also emailed to all SAL members on January 29th. We also now have the option of buying a long sleeve shirt with the SAL logo. Great for the colder months! Questions regarding clothing should be directed to Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465.

Meat raffle fundraiser:

The event was held on Saturday, March 19th at The Hutch in Grafton from noon to 3:00pm. Our first attempt at this fundraiser was a huge success. Our net profit was approximately \$4,500! A huge thank you to the owners of the Hutch for their help and to Dick Rieck for the great idea. We also need to thank the SAL members that helped out at the event.

Las Vegas Night:

The Post's Las Vegas Night is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd. Doors open at 6:30pm. The SAL will be running multiple "paddle wheel" drawings that night, so we need help from several of our members at the event. Please contact Corey Esselmann at (414) 380-8834 to find out how you can help or just show up the night of the event. Be sure to wear your SAL shirt!

Sweat4Vets:

The walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. This year's walk starts at the Cedarburg Legion post and ends at the Grafton Post, so all the food will be cooked at our post. Our membership voted to donate \$300 towards the food. Go to www.sweat4vetswi.com for more information and to register.

Legion Post meeting dinner:

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

April – Paul T.

May – Jimmy & Dave

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 4/12/2022 @ 6:30pm

American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355

April 2022 Newsletter



*Jesus sacrificed and gave his life for each of us to have a life of freedom.
Our Veterans sacrifice and some gave their lives, so each of us may have our freedoms.
As we thank and praise God this Easter for the resurrection of Christ, let us thank God too
for the many Veterans who were resurrected from the battles of war.*

Our VA&R & Badger Girl Chair Mel Nowak has worked tirelessly this year with our community members and Auxiliary. This is a message from Mel:

Recognition to our outside community for REMEMBERING OUR VETS:

The following donations were received and then sent to our veterans at Zablocki V. A. Medical Center and Boudicca House (Residents are homeless women veterans and their children located in Milwaukee).

Portview Women's Quilt Group (via Dorothy Munson)-6 quilted lap shawls, 6 -3ft American flags and 6 trinket boxes (inside a bookmark "Limitations Only Exist If You Let them", a pair of home-made earrings, several handmade greeting cards for them to send to others and a personal note to the recipient.

Pilgrim United Church Christ youth group:75 homemade Valentine cards with a bag of candy treats for each. St. Joseph's Parish Women's Prayer Shawl Group (via Carol Arentz).- 10 knitted prayer shawls (Sent to Dom 123 women vet PTSD unit).

Girl Scout Cadette Troop #8039- donated 20 boxes of cookies.

In addition: Linda Faas and Patty Wollner (our unit members) made 65 Shamrock bedside favors. We also gave a candy bar with each one (therapist in Dom 123 men's PTSD unit offered -- the men enjoy their treats!)

- - - - 481 volunteer hours were given to honor our vets with these gifts -- WHAT A TRIBUTE!!
(Not to mention the monetary value of them all!)

KUDOS TO THEM AND TO LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS who volunteered to deliver these items to both locations this past month.

Badger Girls State: Our unit will sponsor three delegates to the 2022 session in June at U.W. Oshkosh. Haley Bault, Amanda Hoenecke and Grace Vieselmann, also chosen our two alternates are: Sophie Schroeder and Claire Meinecke.

***Note: Contributors that pay the girl's registration fee to ALA department for our unit are:
Cornerstone Community Bank, Exacto Foundation, Inc., and Grafton Lion's Club
We thank them for their support of this program!***

An important message from our Poppy Chair Cathy Brunnquell: It is that time of the year for the Auxiliary to ask any **Junior Members** if they would like to be Poppy Princess for 2022-2023. You need to be committed to many events and represent Rose Harms American Legion Family. Help distribute Poppies in May and November. Walk in the parades and attend the Open House we have after the Parade. Attend any events that are for the Veterans at the Post and help with Junior member projects. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Brunnquell by email, CathyKB65@gmail.com

Lora Linder reported at the March meeting, our unit is at 90% with 155 paid. District 2 is still in first place for membership across the state. Members, there are only 17 of you that have not paid your 2022 dues. Please reach out to membership team (Lora Linder 262-389-5339 or Carolyn Knoppa 414-651-7768) to get that taken care of.

The American Legion National Convention is being held in Milwaukee this year. Many, volunteers are needed. Anyone who is interested in volunteering please contact the ALA National Convention Committee Chair Amy Luft at 414-651-7300 or amyluft@gmail.com.

Thank you to all members that have been clipping! Keep on clipping coupons and bringing 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.

The State WALASBA Tournament is April 2-3, 2022, and April 9-10, 2022. GOOD LUCK TO THE ROSE-HARMS TEAMS WHO HAVE ENTERED!

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS, The Sweat 4 Vets Walk/Run (May 21, 2022) committee is asking for help! The funds are going towards "Suicide Prevention". The meal after the walk is being served at our Grafton Post 355 and we need food cookers and servers as well. Contact Amy Luft if interested 414-651-7300.

Your hours and donation's need to be turned into Mary Molaski by Friday April 1st. Unfortunately, if they are not received by then they will not be counted in our reports.

Attached is our member of the year nomination form. Please make sure all nominations are turned in to Mary Arvai by May 17, 2022. Member of the year will be awarded at the June Banquet.

Reminder to ALL Auxiliary Members in good standing; Election's will take place MAY 17TH At our regular monthly meeting. Anyone interested in nominating a person or wanting to put their name on the ballot please contact; TONI MOEGENBURG (414-750-3426) OR MARGIE SCHOONOVER (262-268-9295). Thanks to each of you for your consideration!

Upcoming Events:

Saturday April 2 – Las Vegas Night

Tuesday April 5 – Exec Board Meeting lower-level 6:30 Tuesday April 12 - Bingo

Tuesday April 19 – Unit meeting lower-level refreshments at 6:00 meeting 6:30 Wednesday April 20 – Oz County Meeting registration at 5:30 Belgium Post

Saturday April 30 – 2nd District Conference 8:00 am registration Laack's Ballroom Sheboygan Falls

Saturday May 21 – Sweat 4 Vets

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL Members with APRIL Birthdays

Happy Easter!

Submitted by Sue Turowski, Secretary



ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355
2022 MEMBER OF THE YEAR BALLOT

TO QUALIFY AS MEMBER OF THE YEAR, A MEMBER MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING WITH 2022 DUES PAID.
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO NOMINATE ANY MEMBER OF OUR UNIT AS MEMBER OF THE YEAR.

I NOMINATE:

THESE ARE THE THREE REASONS WHY I BELIEVE MY NOMONEE IS PERFECT FOR MEMBER OF THE YEAR!

PLEASE HAVE YOUR BALLOTS TO MARY ARVAI BY MAY 17, 2022