



Rose Harms Legionnaire

March 2022



One hundred and three years ago, The American Legion was founded in Paris, France, the “City of Lights,” by a group of committed U.S. veterans of the Great War. It has been a shining light for communities around the world ever since. We are an organization of veterans that understands the darkness of combat, while providing light to the communities and country that we love and pledge to defend.

The American Legion delivers on President Lincoln’s promise of care to the widows and orphans of those who have borne the battle. Our founders had hoped that World War One would truly be “the War to “End All Wars,” but they also understood that America must always be strong and vigilant. Defense is a constitutional responsibility that we have to constantly remind our nation’s presidents and lawmakers.

The American Legion shines a light on issues such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, homelessness, military sexual trauma and other issues that some would prefer not to discuss. We do this because we owe it to those who have served. These men and women are not just statistics. They are our parents, spouses, children and siblings. They are our friends. They are our fellow Legionnaires.

The American Legion also shines a light on the future – the youth of America. American Legion Baseball teams serve nearly 50,000 young athletes across the United States and Canada. While the quality of play is high, Legion Baseball puts an even greater emphasis on sportsmanship, citizenship and fair play. Through the American Legion Boys State program, the United States has benefited from outstanding public servants, business leaders, cultural icons and other success stories. The Legion’s Oratorical Programs not only develops great speaking skills, but it requires participants to focus on the U.S. Constitution.

By supporting veterans, defense, America and our nation’s youth, The American Legion has replicated the 1919 lights of Paris through more than 12,000 American Legion posts across the United States today. May those lights shine eternally and may God continue to bless our American Legion through this birthday and many more.

Monday, March 7th

Tuesday, March 8th

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Thursday, March 10th

Monday, March 14th

Saturday, March 19th

Saturday, April 2nd

Executive Committee Meeting

BINGO

Sons of The American Legion Meeting

Ozaukee County Council Meeting

Post’s General Meeting

The American Legion’s Birthday Dinner

Post’s Annual Las Vegas Night

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Claude Taylor said that Tom Peterson is still recovering from his bout with Covid 19.

Since this report, sadly a long time Post member Jim Hilgart has passed away.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap said that he had mailed out a letter to the 34 unpaid Post members.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Knoppa said that the Honor Guard had done just one funeral this month. Taps will be played after the meeting for Post members Roy Dietchen – Nole Condo – James Grant- and Dan Sieracki.

Hall Manager Al Richards reported that one of the back bar coolers in the lower hall had to be replaced and has been installed.

Refreshments for the evening were compliments of Kevin Dressel in honor of his father-in-law who had passed recently.

Butch Paegelow reported that Vegas Night 2022 is scheduled for April 2nd. Please make sure you sell your raffle tickets. Those volunteering as dealers see Steve Shock and those conducting table games see Kevin Dressel. Any donations should go to Butch.

Scouts: Steve Shock reported on an Eagle Scout ceremony for Braydon Meyer that he attended. To their credit, our Post sponsored Scout Troop 840 has amassed ninety-one Eagle Scouts over the years. Our Post's namesake Lt. Roy Harms was their first Eagle Scout.

Recommendations that were Passed;

- To donate and install a flagpole, with our Post plaque, at Kellner Field at GHS. Cost is not to exceed \$5,500.
- Camp American Legion is in need of 4 new fish/depth finders for their pontoon boats. The members voted to donate one of them at the cost of \$525. The Ozaukee County Council said that they will handle paying for the rest of them.

- To donate \$100 to the All American Youth Football League, which is the league that the Grafton Gladiators play in.

Guest, 2nd District President Amy Luft thanked the membership for their donations to the Sweat for Vets event. This year the proceeds will be directed to the American Legion Suicide Prevention Program and the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Program.

Good of the Legion:

- The Military Historians hope to begin anew this year with their first meeting to be held at our Post on Monday night, March 21st
- The Auxiliary will host a dinner for our Post members before the March meeting.
- Veterans at this evening's meeting were presented with generous Valentines Day gifts from the students at St. Joseph's Catholic School in Grafton.
- The Post will once again be having an American Legion Birthday celebration on March 19th. The Post's Legionnaire of the year award will be presented. Also, the Police Officer, Firefighter and EMT of the Year will be recognized.

Commander Ken read the following:

- A letter of thanks from the Grafton Chamber of Commerce for our donation towards their Christmas Parade.
- A letter of thanks from the Ozaukee County Bowling Association for helping sponsor their 2021 Golf Outing.

Last Months Calendar Raffle Winners:

\$50 – Brandon Talaska

\$30 – Bill Vorac

\$25 – Claude Taylor

\$20 – Rebecca Mitchell

\$15 – Susan Franzen

\$10 – David Viesselmann

COMMANDERS CORNER-KEN KASPRZAK

The American Legion's Badger Boys State Program is scheduled for June 2022, at UW Eau Claire. Grafton High School students (Aaron Bulgrin, Gregory Dempsey, Jordan Guerrra) plan to attend. Sponsors are our Post, VFW, and Grafton Lions Club. Congrats to these amazing students.

American Legion 103rd Birthday will be celebrated on March 15th. At our monthly meeting on March 14th, our Ladies Auxiliary will treat us to dinner at around 5:30pm prior to 7pm meeting.

Then on March 19th at our Post we will have dinner, Public Safety Awards, and present 50, 60, 70, and 80-year continuous membership certificates to Legionnaires who qualify.

Public Safety Officers of the year are Firefighter Paul Riegel; EMT Michael Barrett; Law and Order James Cawley.

Membership Renewal. Letters were mailed to 34 members who have not renewed for year ending June 30, 2022. As of February 25, 2022, an unpaid member will be dropped from our membership list.

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.

Jim Hilgart a US Air Force veteran and Post member for 68 years passed away on February 15. Many Post members honored his service at a walk through and Honor Guard ceremony held at St. Joseph Church and Cemetery. He will be missed and condolences to his family and friends.

Boy Scout Troop 840 Leaders, Members, family and friends gathered on January 30 at Braden Meyer's Eagle Scout award ceremony. He joins a select group of 91 Troop 840 members to become an Eagle Scout. Only about 4% of Scouts in the U.S. complete the required 21 merit badges. Braden has a passion for outdoor ecology and most notably ornithology. His peers are impressed with his knowledge of birds as he can identify well over 100 by sound alone. Eagle Scout rank was earned at the age of 15 with 62 merit badges. In the history of Troop 840, Braden may have the most Eagle Scout merit badges over the required 21 including 3 bronze, 3 gold, and 3 silver palms. Braden is the grandson of Post member John Meyer. This picture is from the award ceremony.



Living Well----Half of U.S. adults experience high blood pressure. Suggested foods to manage HBP. Beet green, Pomegranates, Flax, Pistachios, Beets, Hibiscus tea, Yogurt, Wheat berries.

Las Vegas Night, Saturday, April 2, 2022

HELP IS NEEDED



Contact Steve Shock at 262-377-3728
if you can help with dealing Blackjack or Texas Hold'em.

Contact Kevin Dressel at 262-327-2202
if you can help with the Roulette or Craps tables.

Please try to sell your Las Vegas sweepstakes tickets that you received. Tickets sales are a huge part of our profits for the evening.

If you are in need of more tickets you can call the Post at 262-377-8887 and we will see that you get more tickets.

Ticket stubs can be mailed back to the Post or can be placed in the mail slot by the front doors of the Post.

Come for a fun evening and help make this another successful evening for Post 355.



**American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms
Unit 355 March 2022 Newsletter**



Always remember to forget, the things that made you sad. But never forget to remember, the things that made you glad.



Ashland Paape & Ethyn Turowski



Ethyn & Rylee Turowski
and Addie & Ashland Paape



Sample Treat Bags

As promised last month, our Rose-Harms Junior Auxiliary/SAL decorated 48 wooden hearts (ornaments) and made 48 treat bags. They gave these to the Veterans at Village Point Commons on Valentine's Day. Pictured with Ashland and Ethyn is one of our adopted Veterans Joan.

Lora Linder reported at the February meeting, our unit is at 87% with 150 paid. District 2 is still in first place for membership across the state. However, there are still several of you that have not paid your 2021 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, 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 amyjluf@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 starting the first weekend of **April 2-3, 2022, and April 9-10, 2022.** Any and ALL Auxiliary members are allowed to bowl. You do NOT have to be a sanctioned bowler. Registration is due to Department by March 15, 2022. If anyone has any question' please reach out to President Mary Molaski (262-377-3251).

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 is being served at our Grafton Post and we need food cookers and servers as well. Contact Amy Luft if interested 414-651-7300.

The Auxiliary is providing Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Rolls and Birthday Cake, for the Legion Birthday Dinner on Monday March 14, 2022. Dinner served at 5:30.

Your hours and donation's need to be turned into Mary Molaski by our meeting on March 14, 2022 following the meal.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday March 1 – Exec Board meeting 6:30 pm Lower Hall

Tuesday March 8 – Bingo

Monday March 14 – Legion Birthday Dinner 5:30 **OUR UNIT MEETING TO FOLLOW DINNER**

Thursday March 17 – Happy St Patrick's Day

Saturday March 19 – 2nd District Executive Board Meeting

Saturday May 21 – Sweat for Vets

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL Members with MARCH Birthdays!

HAPPY ST PAT'S 

Submitted by Sue Turowski, Secretary



March 2022 SAL News



Membership: We recently lost three members due to a transfer to another SAL club and we picked up one new member which puts us at 82 members, with 57 paid as of the February 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.

Bowling fundraiser: The event took place on Saturday, February 5th at Circle B. Thanks to some last minute entries, we had a total of 52 bowlers. Unfortunately, due to a power outage at Circle B, we were only able to complete one of the three planned games. In spite of that, everyone made the best of it and had a great time. The winner of the 50/50 raffle donated his winnings (\$585) back to our SAL club, which helped cover some of our costs. Mark, the owner of Circle B, also did not charge us anything for the event due to the power outage. Thanks to everyone's generosity, our final profit for the event was \$3,075.

Meat raffle fundraiser: Event is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th at The Hutch in Grafton from noon to 3:00pm. Besides several opportunities to win a variety of different meat, there will also be several raffles, including a 50/50 raffle. Please spread the word and help make this a great fundraiser for us!

Donation to GHS: Members present at the February meeting voted to donate \$1,400 towards a new flagpole at the new Grafton High School outdoor athletic complex. The remainder of the cost is being funded by the Rose Harms Legion post.

Vegas Night: The Legion's Vegas Night is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd. As always, they could use our help on the night of the event. Please contact Corey Esselmann at (414) 380-8834 to find out how you can help.

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.

March - Legion Post

April - Paul T.

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 3/8/2022 @ 6:30pm



*The American Legion's
Birthday Party
Saturday, March 19th*

Everyone is Welcome !

*Honoring Our Post's Legionnaire,
Police Officer, Firefighter and EMT of the Year*

*We will be serving
Corned Beef and Chicken*



Dinner is only \$18 Each

Fun Starts at 6:00 pm



Names

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

or Call 262- 377-8887