



**2022**



**Saturday, July 2nd**

**Parade and Fireworks**

**Monday, July 4th**



**Tuesday, July 5th**

**Post Executive Committee Meeting**

**Monday, July 11th**

**Post General Meeting**

**There will not be a Bingo session or  
Military Historians Club until next September**



On Wednesday, May 18th, Rose-Harms Post 355, awarded scholarships to two graduating seniors from Grafton High School.

The Academic scholarship was awarded to Nicole Pampel. Nicole plans on attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities majoring in Elementary Education.

The Post Vocational scholarship was awarded to Lauren Rathke. Lauren plans on attending Milwaukee Technical College pursuing a career in Photography.

The Post scholarship awards are valued at \$3000, payable over two years. Congratulations to both of these young women and we wish them well in their educational pursuits.

## Highlights of our last Post meet.

**Chaplain Report:** **Claude Taylor** asked that he be contacted should any Post member be in need of a Chaplain's support. Claude also suggested providing rides to those members who need a ride to the Post meetings.

**Membership:** **Gary Gilstrap** reported that the Post had reached its 100% goal this year, with 298 members.

A new Post member, Mike Kelly, USN, was welcomed aboard.

**Athletic Chairman:** **Doug Arendt** stated that the SAL Golf Outing was a huge success. The Post Golf 9 hole Golf Outing will be held on September 17, at the Edgewater Course.

**Scouts:** **Steve Shock** reported that the Post's Eagle Scout Awards will be presented at another time as both Ken and Steve were unable to attend the ceremony.

The scouts are preparing for the following events - including Summer Camp, Astro-Wings, Black Hills High Adventure and a bike outing at the Elroy/Sparta Trail.

**BINGO:** **Jim Arentz** reminded the membership that there is no BINGO for July and August, but will start up again in September.

**Camp American Legion:** Bill Vorac stated that Camp AL is opened and running smoothly. Thanks to all of those who helped with cleaning up the Camp to get it ready. The Post donated pier was purchased and has been installed and is looking great. The Post's cabin has been taking on water because of a tree branch falling on roof. After many misses a repair or new roof seems to be in the works.

### **Recommendations Passed:**

Due to the passing of Dan Harris, the checking account for the Post's AL Baseball team which was used for paying bills needed addressing. A motion from the floor was tendered and passed unanimously to remove Dan's name

from the account and replace it with the Post Finance Officer, Ralph Beck's name and team manager/coach Brian Durst.

The Post will donate \$500 towards the State Commander's IROC Motorcycle Run. The Run will benefit the Highground Veterans Memorial in Neillsville, Wisconsin. Funds raised will be used to construct a new Visitors Center to better help Veterans, many of whom get personalized support services as they visit, tour, and come to know The Highground.

### **New Business:**

- The Post website webmaster has resigned, but has offered to train a replacement.
- The Grafton's 4th of July Parade will be held on Saturday, July 2nd with a staging at Pace Industries parking lot at 10:00 am.
- Packer tickets for two game this year are \$624. Anyone interested, please contact Ralph Beck.

### **Good of the Legion:**

- Ken Grigas has donated a photograph of the 1st American Legion Caucus held in Circa, France in 1919.
- Post member, Norb Studelska, is featured in an article in the Ozaukee Press.
- Beer and soda for after the meeting was compliments of Steve Shock, Gordy Lueder and Keith Mitchell.

**Correspondence:** A thank-you letter with a check for \$50, from Dorothy Monson for the Honor Guard service for her husband at his gravesite.

### **Winners of this Months Calendar Raffle:**

- \$50 - Bill Vorac
- \$30 - Jean Beck
- \$25 - Dave Viesselmann
- \$20 - Hadley Mae Musbach
- \$15 - Elizabeth Dressel
- \$10 - Kevin Dressel



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June 20, 2022

Dear American Legion Rose-Harms Post 355:

Thank you for your donation of \$250. Your donation helped fund the John Long Middle School student trip to Washington D.C. and Gettysburg. Many students would not have been able to afford this great educational experience without the help of people like you.

We traveled to Washington DC and Gettysburg just after school ended. Our students had a great time experiencing history as we saw the Smithsonian Museums, the US Capitol, Gettysburg, Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, and so many other historical sites.

Again, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your generous donation and your belief in education beyond the classroom.

Sincerely,

Sarah Stanislawski

Washington DC Trip Leader

## **COMMANDERS CORNER-KEN KASPRZAK**

**Cedarburg July 4 Parade.** Again, this year our Post is looking forward to marching on July 4. Normally a small group of our members and we march directly behind Cedarburg Post members. We will have American Flag and Post Flag. Join us as we meet at Post 288 no later than 8:45 a.m. and board a shuttle bus to the parade starting point at Fireman's Park. Parade start time is 10am.

**Grafton's Independence Day Parade.** Join Legion Family members on July 2. Our color guard must be present. Staging beginning at 10am. Parade starts at 11am,

parking lot of Pace Industries. Route is down Wisconsin Ave and ends at Paramount Plaza. Parade special guests, UW Madison Marching Band.

### **BADGER BOYS STATE----JUNE 12-18.**

Note to our Post from Gregory Dempsey. Thank you so much for sponsoring me to attend Badger Boys State! I had a great time and made a lot of friends. Despite our schedules being jam-packed, I was still able to enjoy myself instead of stressing too much and was surrounded by wonderful people who I enjoyed getting to know. I was elected Municipal Court Judge of Blaine City and then Circuit Court Judge of Cameron County. I ran for State Supreme Court Justice and made it as one of the nominees from the Nationalist Party, but unfortunately did not get elected. I learned a lot about law and legal procedure and have become more comfortable going out of my way to talk with strangers.

**Grafton American Legion Baseball.** On June 23 our Patriots played their home opener at the 9th Avenue Field. Opponent was Jackson Team and our Patriots won 6 to 3 behind excellent hitting, defense, and strong pitching. Our color guard and Post members attended. After the National Anthem, I spoke and Bill Vorac presented a certificate of appreciation to the family of Post member Dan Harris---Wife, (Barbara), Daughter (Angela), Son (Mark), and Grandchildren. The following is a copy of my speech. Welcome players, parents, friends, fans, and our veterans to Grafton Legion's first home baseball game. However, we would not be here today if it weren't for one person, Dan Harris. He was the voice at Rose-Harms Post 355 for the rebirth and sponsorship of Legion Baseball after a long absence. Dan assumed all the administrative responsibilities and created a successful program. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was married with a family. Whether it was Air Force Academy Soccer, American Legion Post activities, Athletic Director at Milwaukee School of Engineering, or Lions club programs he made time as a volunteer for his community. Dan passed away in April this year and is missed by all of us. We dedicate the 2022 season to the memory of Dan Harris.

### **Grafton Team and Family of Dan Harris.**





## July 2022 SAL News

**Membership:** Just prior to the June meeting, Paul received a new membership application, so that puts us at 82 members. 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>. We also now have the option of buying a long sleeve shirt with the SAL logo. Great for the colder months! **SAL baseball caps are now available for \$15.** Questions regarding clothing should be directed to Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465.

**Camp American Legion:** Clean-up was completed in May by several of our members. The cabin was restocked with supplies and the outside was cleaned up. Another clean-up is planned for this fall. A suggestion was made that we set money aside to cover any future costs associated with the cabin, including insurance. This idea was tabled until we find out the cost of the property insurance.

**SAL golf outing:** Event was held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Fire Ridge golf course. The weather was beautiful and we had 20 teams (98 golfers) that participated. We had a total of 36 hole sponsors. Expected profit of \$5,500 - \$6,000. Thank you to Bob and Dick Rieck for all your hard work on this event.

**Memorial Day Parade:** New tags will be added to our flags before next year. No updates have been made for the last 2-3 years.

**Legion baseball:** After a brief discussion, a motion was made to donate \$500 towards the cost of the Seniors team.

**Beer tasting:** There was discussion regarding the format of the event. We plan to look at incorporating our meat raffle into this event and then reducing or eliminating the other raffle items. More details will be available at the September meeting. The event will be held in mid to late October.

**Independence Day parade:** Parade is Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am. Staging will be in the Pace Industries parking lot at 10:00 am. If you would like to participate, please show up in your SAL shirt and hat.

**Legion Family Corn Roast:** Date of the event is Monday, August 8th. Watch the Legion newsletter for more details.

**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.

July - Gary Koenen

August - Legion Corn Roast

Sept - Corey

**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:** 9/13/2022 @ 6:30pm



## American Legion Auxiliary RoseHarms Unit 355 July 2022 Newsletter



Every year our Unit gives away Military Graduation Cords to the graduating seniors of Grafton High School that are going into the Military. This year we are proud to say we gave away 2 graduation cords. John Olmr has enlisted in the Navy as a Nuclear Engineer and Cole Robinson has enlisted in the Army as a Signal Support Specialist.

Thank you to both John and Cole for their intended service!

John Olmr



Cole Robinson



Thank you to Ann Fields and Diane Riedl our June Banquet Chairs for an outstanding job again this year! These ladies were able to secure donations from Corner Stone Bank, Home Depot, Metro Mart, and Chris Schultz which made it possible for each member in attendance to receive a gift. A special thanks to you too Joan Dufner, for the beautiful table decorations! We all had such a great time visiting and playing our game. CONGRADULATIONS are in order for our member of the year Mary Arvai! Mary was our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice last year and has agreed to stay on another year as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice. Mary received a certificate and her membership for the 2022 – 2023 year will be paid for her by the Unit.

Mary Arvai and Mary Molaski



Our outgoing President Mary Molaski introduced our new President Ria Marien to all members in attendance. Ria told us a little about herself and her family. She also mentioned that there will be a **Exec Board meeting on Tuesday July 26, 2022 in the lower hall of the Post at 6:30.** If you are unable to make this meeting please let Ria know. (414-303-5611)

Our VA & R Chair Mel Nowak would like to THANK all who donated to our Boudicca House 4<sup>th</sup> of July Project! With your donations along with a very generous donation by a local business, we are able to give the each of the 5 residents at Boudicca house a gift bag containing; A greeting card signed by our members, \$50.00 Target gift card and a flag door hanger made by our junior members. In addition, a much-needed vacuum cleaner for the facility. Thanks to you too Mel, for all your work on this project!

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](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.**

#### **A MESSAGE FROM DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN: ALA Official Family:**

The Auxiliary currently has 165 members registered for Department Convention. Before COVID, we averaged closer to 250 members in attendance. Please promote convention in Green Bay, July 14-17, 2022, and encourage people to register. A link to the registration form can be found here: [https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/\\_files/ugd/8bea47\\_9b078dcce86945b6890e94cd3ac264d2.pdf](https://www.amlegionauxwi.org/_files/ugd/8bea47_9b078dcce86945b6890e94cd3ac264d2.pdf). Details about department convention are on website: [amlegionauxwi.org/department-convention](http://amlegionauxwi.org/department-convention). Please share this message with other Legion Family members within your reach of distribution and ask them to register today!

Thank you,

Bonnie Dorniak, Executive Secretary-Treasurer/Executive Director  
American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin

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 [amyjluft@gmail.com](mailto:amyjluft@gmail.com).

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

Saturday July 2 – Grafton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Tuesday July 14 - 17 – Department of WI Convention

Tuesday July 26 – Exec Board Meeting 6:30 pm lower hall of Post

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL Members with July Birthdays!



Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary

**We would like to give a big Thank You to all the Volunteers that helped distribute Poppies Memorial Day Weekend!**

We had a good turn out and we couldn't have done it without all your support. We were a little short on man power but the volunteers that helped did an awesome job. Quite a few did double shifts or worked both days. Thanks to their dedication we had another successful Poppy weekend and the donations will help Veterans with their needs.

We are very appreciative for all of you!

Poppy Committee,

Lora Linder

Carolyn Knoppa

Cathy Brunnquell



*Just a short note to say thank you to everyone who shows up at the Post's club house to give a helping hand when needed.*

*From those who cut the grass to those who shovel snow.*

*From those who help setup table and chairs to those who clean the bathrooms.*

*From those who volunteer to help put up tents to those who help tend bar.*

*Or to those who show up in the morning just to share a cup of coffee and a little comradery (and some times donuts).*

*You are all the reason that this is the best Post in the whole State.*

*Please feel welcome to stop in some morning and have aa little Java.*

