



# ROSE HARMS LEGIONNAIRE

December 2022



Wednesday, November 30th

Post's Blood Drive

Thursday, December 1st

Ozaukee County Council meeting at our Post, 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 4th

Packer Party—game at noon

Monday, December 5th

Post Executive Committee meeting

Monday, December 12th

Post General Meeting, with the Oratorical Contest before

Tuesday, December 13th

BINGO

Tuesday, December 13th

SAL meeting lower hall, 6:30 pm

Monday, December 19th

Military Historians Club

Tuesday, December 20th

Auxiliary Christmas Party

*May the  
Miracle of  
Christmas  
fill your heart  
with joy*



## Highlights from Our Last Post Meeting

**Membership.** Gary Gilstrap reported paid members at 167. New member, James Morris, highlighted his military service and was welcomed into the Post by those present.

**Finance Report** was approved.

A question was asked relating to \$4,523 miscellaneous expense. Answer---\$3,870 paid to Miller Monument for memorial bench donated by Harms-Murphy family.

**Sergeant at Arms,** Mike Knoppa, reported that the Post's Honor Guard has done 5 funerals this month. Two were for Veterans in the area, but were not Legion members. Three were for Post members; Don Kenner, LeRoy Mueller and George Hoffman.

He also announced that the **Post's Blood Drive** will be on November 30.

**Camp American Legion,** Bill Vorak reported that our Cabin #17 has had it's roof replaced free of charge thanks to a donation. A falling tree branch had created a hole in the roof this fall.

**Executive Board Recommendations Passed.**

To donate total of \$750 to Stars and Stripes Honor Flight for three flights at \$250 each.

**New Business.**

**Veteran of the Month,** is a new program being launched by our Auxiliary and a GHS student committee. Gary Gilstrap was first awardee and has had a banner placed in his front yard proclaiming this honor.

**Oratorical Contest** will be held on December 12, before our general meeting. So far, we have five students have volunteered to participate.

**Packer Party at Post** will be on Sunday, December 4th. Packers will be playing the Chicago Bears. Please bring a dish to pass around and join in the fun.

**Buddy Checks** are to start and so far, Ken Klein has volunteered to assist Commander. Looking for additional members to assist.

**The Mid-Winter Conference** will be held on January 12-15, in Green Bay. Contact Commander Ken if you are interested in attending any of the training classes.

**Good of the Legion;**

The Rose Harms Post 355, Sons of the American Legion Squadron, has been chosen as the Village of Grafton's **Outstanding Community Group for 2022.** Their award is to be presented on November 20th, in conjunction with annual Christmas Tree Lighting.

Eventually a committee will be formed to plan military honors for Roy Harms when his remains are brought to Woodlawn Cemetery.

Steve Shock gave information on New PACT Act benefit expansions for veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. Contacting our Ozaukee County Veterans Officer or the Legion Service Officer is encouraged.



This Months Post Calendar Raffle winners:

Scott Hollrith \$50.

Bill Vorac \$30.

Gary Lallensack \$25.

David Visselmann \$20.

Jim Klimek \$15.

Mike Knoppa \$10.



## **COMMANDERS CORNER-KEN KASPRZAK**

**Veterans Day** Dinner held on November 11 was a huge success. A good turnout of Legion Family members and the food catered by Ferrante's was excellent. A sincere thank you to Post Auxiliary, SAL, Bartenders (Neal Schuette and Kevin Dressel), and Home Town Heroes Foundation for the meal, drinks, and door prizes. March to Veterans Park, rifle salute, and taps played by GHS buglers was well attended again this year.

## **Congratulations**

### **Grafton Community Awards.**

On November 20, I was invited to speak at an awards ceremony held by Grafton's Chamber of Commerce. Every year after the Christmas Tree Lightning, two awards are presented---- Outstanding Citizen and Group.

In a lengthy letter to the Chamber, I nominated our Squadron Sons of American Legion. Listed below is an excerpt from that letter:

As Rose-Harms Post 355 Commander for six years I have worked with members of the Sons of American Legion on many projects. SAL's mission is to assist veterans and their families, improve the lives of our nation's children, and preserve American traditions and values. Our Post SAL Squadron focuses on its goals in many ways. To mention a few;

- Designed & Installed a Post Veterans Brick Memorial.
- Renovated our parking lot for community events.
- Integral part of Memorial and Veterans Day programs to honor veterans.
- Scholarships to Grafton high school students.
- Assisted a group called Next 18 that offered mental support to veterans.

As Legion Commander it has always been a pleasure to work with our SAL officers and members. We have developed a working relationship of confidence and trust that the finished project will reflect our best efforts. Our SAL Squadron is dedicated to the American Legion and is very deserving of Grafton's Outstanding Community Group Award.

**Legion Apparel** is now distributed via Silk Screen Specialists. An order form is available for jackets and polo shirts. Call Sarah at 262-377-5889.

**Correspondence**---Thank you to Mel's Charities for \$500 donation and this note: "We will never forget our local veterans. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Bridge Inn after Christmas Parade".

### **From Disabled Vets Fish Outing Committee**

Thank you for your generous donation to our Fish Outing Picnic. 40 Vets had a chance to enjoy a day away from the VA Hospital. No fishing this year but a lunch with Bingo, Cornhole, music, gifts, and beautiful lakefront made a fun day.

**Living Well**----Eight Steps to Injury Prevention. Don't let a fitness program be your enemy.

Warm Up—Use 15 minutes before jumping right into an activity. Hydrate—Sip from a water bottle before, during, and after exercise. Pace yourself, use proper technique, wear right type of shoes, utilize a variety of exercises, take rest days, and listen to your body—if something hurts, stop. Pain usually indicates you are doing the workout wrong.

Print Date----11/21/22.



## December 2022 SAL News



Ho, Ho, Ho!

**Membership:** Your annual membership dues should be paid as soon as possible. As of the November meeting, we only had 33 paid out of a total of 82 members. If you're not able to attend a meeting in the near future, please mail your check for \$25, payable to "Sons of the American Legion" to Paul Turowski, 1478 N Green Bay Rd, Grafton, WI 53024. Questions regarding membership should be directed to Paul @ 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. 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:** Fall clean-up was completed recently. Thank you to everyone who donated their time to help with this very important project.

**Beer & wine tasting:** The event was held on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at Fire Ridge golf course. This was another successful fundraiser for our club with paid attendance of 103. Watch for more details in the next newsletter regarding our profit from this fundraiser.

**Legion blood drive:** The Legion is holding a blood drive on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 6:30pm. No appointments are being accepted. Walk-ins only. There is always an urgent need for blood during the holiday season, so please donate if you're available.

**Legion Packers party:** Come watch the Packers vs Bears at noon on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the Legion. See 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.

December – Legion Post

January – Dave & Jimmy

February – Neal & Chris

Do you have something that you want in the next SAL newsletter? Contact Dan McKelvey at mckelvey2038@gmail.com

**Next SAL Meeting: 12/13/2022 @ 6:30pm**

### Outstanding Community Group Award:

As you saw from my previous emails, the Grafton SAL Squadron 355 was selected as the Grafton Chamber of Commerce's - Outstanding Community Group of the Year.

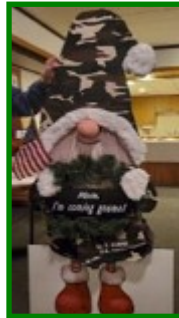
We were nominated by Ken Kasprzak and Bill Vorac of the Legion and Amy Luft with the Auxiliary. They presented a cake in honor of the award at our last meeting.







American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355 December  
2022 Newsletter



***Congratulations to our Unit for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the Chamber Christmas contest with our Gnome Lt Roy Harms!***



**Congratulations to our November 2022 Veteran of the month Gary Gilstrap! Gary served in the United States Air Force ~ Thank you for your Service Gary!**

Lora Linder, our Membership Chair reported that we have 110 paid members which puts us at 64%. We would like, if possible, for all memberships for 2023 to be paid by December 31, 2022.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> our Unit held our first Makers Market Craft Fair! The Makers Market committee would like to Thank ALL who participated in this very successful event and are looking forward to next year's event!

Mel Nowak would like to Thank All for the generous donations that were collected for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas with the Vets at Zablocki VA Medical Center this year!

Thank you to all members for your continued efforts in coupon 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 3-month window for usage.**

Our Marcus Chair Laurie Schwalbe is reminding all that **Marcus Tickets and Gift Cards** make great **Christmas gifts! Our last orders for the year will be going in on December 9<sup>th</sup>.** Please help support your Auxiliary while giving amazing Christmas gifts to your family and friends.

**JOIN US ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AT OUR POST TO WATCH THE PACKERS TAKE DOWN DA BEARS! THE DOOR'S WILL OPEN AT 11:00 AM, PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS AND THERE WILL BE A CASH BAR. THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISER; IT IS A LEGION FAMILY PARTY!**

Our Auxiliary is doing a **Fund Raiser through Riverview Pizza**. Please see the attached order form and support your Auxiliary by buying some Frozen Pizza or Homemade Frozen Bread. **All orders are due by December 14<sup>th</sup>.**



Join us for Our Christmas  
**LUAU POTLUCK PARTY**

Wednesday December 14 @ 5:30 pm

Upper hall at rose-harms AMERICAN legion post

Cost: \$10.00

We are playing the gift exchange game.  
and PARTICIPATION IS OPTIONAL

If you would like to participate,  
please bring a new \$20.00 beautifully wrapped Gift

RSVP TO SUE TUROWSKI AT 262-389-4644 OR  
[SUETUROWSKI@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:SUETUROWSKI@HOTMAIL.COM)  
BY DECEMBER 9, 2022, with the dish you are bringing

**Upcoming Events:**

Tuesday December 6 – Exec Board Meeting Lower Hall 6:30

Friday December 9 – Marcus Orders Due to Laurie Schwalbe

Tuesday December 13 – Bingo

Wednesday December 14 – Christmas Party 5:30

NO MEETING ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 20TH

Merry Christmas Sunday December 25!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL Members with December Birthdays!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary





*Fundraiser for The  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Rose Harms Unit #355*

**Frozen 12" Homemade Thin Crust Pizza**  
**Frozen 2 lb loaf of Homemade Bread Dough**

**ORDER FORM**

ITEM	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Cheese Pizza	\$15.00		
Cheese & Sausage	\$18.00		
Cheese & Pepperoni	\$18.00		
White Bread	\$10.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders must be placed by December 14, 2022

**Payment to:**

The American Legion Auxiliary Rose Harms Unit  
#355



*Fundraiser for The  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Rose Harms Unit #355*

**Frozen 12" Homemade Thin Crust Pizza**  
**Frozen 2 lb loaf of Homemade Bread Dough**

**ORDER FORM**

ITEM	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Cheese Pizza	\$15.00		
Cheese & Sausage	\$18.00		
Cheese & Pepperoni	\$18.00		
White Bread	\$10.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders must be placed by December 14, 2022

**Payment to:**

The American Legion Auxiliary Rose Harms Unit  
#355



*Fundraiser for The  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Rose Harms Unit #355*

**Frozen 12" Homemade Thin Crust Pizza**  
**Frozen 2 lb loaf of Homemade Bread Dough**

**ORDER FORM**

ITEM	COST	QTY	TOTAL
Cheese Pizza	\$15.00		
Cheese & Sausage	\$18.00		
Cheese & Pepperoni	\$18.00		
White Bread	\$10.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Orders must be placed by December 14, 2022

**Payment to:**

The American Legion Auxiliary Rose Harms Unit  
#355



*Happy Holiday*  
*Season*

 AMERICAN  
LEGION