

Rose Harms Legionnaire

2023

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The Ease of the Renewal Process.

Members can simply go to www.legion.org/renew and click "Renew Now" to safely and conveniently pay their post dues on an annual and automatic basis. Once a member enters the information requested, he or she can set up an account for automatic annual renewal. They can also call the toll-free American Legion customer service line at (800) 433-3318.

If you prefer, you can just drop off your \$35 at the Post or mail it in to;

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



Monday, January 2nd

Monday, January 9th

Tuesday, January 10th

Tuesday, January 10th

Monday, January 17th

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Saturday, February 4th

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Post Executive Committee Meeting

Post General Meeting

BINGO

SAL meeting 6:30 pm—lower hall

Military Historians

Cards—Everyone Welcome

Bowling at Circle B

Four Chaplains Dinner at our Post

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**

High lights of Our Last Post Meeting

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported a new member welcomed aboard, Philip Bail, who spoke to the membership regarding his service in the USAF.

Reminder—That your Post membership runs the calendar year, so by December 31st if your card doesn't say 2023 on it, you need to renew!

Post Blood Drive: Mike Knoppa reported that 26 pints were given.

Hall Report: Al Richards reported the Hall has a need for new cash registers, possibly two. The end of the year report will be given next month after the appropriate finance figures become available.

Commander Ken Kasprzak and Al shared in providing the evenings refreshments.

Old Business:

Ken Kasprzak reported James Kayson donated the \$509 he collected during the Christmas Parade to the Post.

Ken also reported needing assistance in sorting food donations to Family Sharing.

The Post received a "Thank You" for our \$750 donation to the Honor Flight program.

Good of the Legion:

Ken Grieger reported the Military Historians featured a crew member of the legendary submarine USS Nautilus that was the first to go under the North Pole.

Post Oratorical Contest:

Chairman Lee Wiskirchen introduced the two students who participated in the Contest prior to this evening's meeting.

Two Grafton High School participants, Kayla Dembiec and Spencer Holloway, provided the membership with their prepared orations on some aspect of the United States Constitution.

Kayla will go on to represent the Rose Harms Post in the Ozaukee County Contest in January.



Happy
New
Year

This Months Post Calendar Raffle Winners Were:

\$50 – Bill Vorac

\$30 – David Viesselmann

\$25 – Linda Faas

\$20 – Jason Faas

\$15 – Doug Arendt

\$10 – Marta Baumgart Rosenberg



Las Vegas Night

Our annual 39th Las Vegas Night will be held on Saturday April 1, 2023 at our Post 355. In January 2023 we will be mailing out four packs of Las Vegas Night sweepstakes tickets to each member.

Ticket sales are a huge part of the profits for the evening. Consider purchasing the tickets yourself or sell them to family or friends. If you are in need of more tickets stop by the post in the morning or call the post at 262-377-8887 and we will get you more tickets. We are always in need of workers for the evening. Please give Butch Paegelow a call at 262-377-9596 if you are available to lend a hand that evening. Any questions give Butch a call.

American Legion Post 355 Family,

Camp American Legion has officially published the schedule for the upcoming season. Anyone and everyone are cordially invited to volunteer, not necessarily just the two-week windows of activities for opening in May and closing in October. Through the entire season there is always a need for repairs, upkeep, housekeeping, kitchen help, laundry, yard work and multitudes of other endeavors.

There are only (2) full-time paid employees (Camp Director and Office Manager), and one seasonal paid employee (Head Cook). That means all the support activities are required to be performed by volunteers. Camp is back to operating at full capacity this year as the pandemic is receding, therefore there is an even greater need for participation in a volunteer capacity. Anyone interested in helping in any capacity please contact me directly for coordination.

Also, all qualified veterans and their immediate families are highly encouraged to apply to spend a week at this wonderful facility. The only requirements are to be a Wisconsin resident, an honorably discharged veteran, their spouse or caregiver and their immediate dependent age children. Or actively serving military members and their families. Please take advantage of this unique to Wisconsin opportunity. Any questions, again, please contact me directly for assistance.

Regards,

Bill Vorac

Rose-Harms Post 355

Camp American Legion Liaison

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January 2023 SAL News



Membership:

Your annual membership dues should be paid as soon as possible. As of the December meeting, we only had 33 paid out of a total of 83 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 11th 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 available for \$15. Questions regarding clothing should be directed to Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465.

Beer & wine tasting:

The event was held on Thursday, November 17th at Fire Ridge golf course. The final paid attendance number was 107. Profit from this fundraiser was \$1,589.

Outstanding Community Group Award:

Our SAL was honored at a ceremony held the evening of November 20th in conjunction with the annual tree lighting ceremony in downtown Grafton. This was a very nice honor for our club and hopefully some good PR to possibly attract new members. Thanks again to Ken Kasprzak and Bill Vorac of the Legion and Amy Luft with the Auxiliary for nominating us.

Mid-winter Legion/SAL conference:

This year's conference is being held in Green Bay on January 12th-15th at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center which is connected to the Oneida Casino. Here's the link to the event: <http://wilegion.org/2023-midwinter-conference/>

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.

January – Dave & Jimmy

February – Neal & Chris

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 1/10/2023 @ 6:30pm

Legion/SAL bowling:

The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 4th at Circle B Recreation.

Sign-in starts at 10am and bowling starts at 11am.

There will be a potluck lunch and raffle prizes.

More details to follow.





American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355
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Congratulations to our December 2022 Veteran of the month Butch Paegelow!



Butch served in the United States Air Force ~ Thank you for your Service Butch!

On December 14 we had our Auxiliary Potluck Christmas Party in place of our December meeting at the Post. We took a minute of time to share a recommendation from our Exec Board to pay for half of the new hot water heater needed at the Post. Our share was \$650.00. The recommendation was approved. We had 30 members in attendance and fun was had by all!

Special Thanks to our Christmas Party committee for all their efforts, both the food and games were great!

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.**

Thank you to all who participated in the Fundraiser through Riverview Pizza, we will report in the next issue of the newsletter what our profits were.

Ladies, MIDWINTER CONFERENCE is in Green Bay and there are interesting things planned this year! Please see attached registration form and consider going to Green Bay for Saturday to learn even more exciting things about our American Legion Auxiliary!

Upcoming Events:

Sunday January 1 – HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Tuesday January 3rd – Exec Board Meeting Lower Hall

6:30 Tuesday January 10 – Bingo

Friday – Saturday January 14 – 15 – Department of WI Midwinter Conference
Tuesday January 17 – Unit meeting lower Hall 6:00 fellowship, 6:30 meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL Members with January Birthdays!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary

2023 MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

JANUARY 12-15, 2023

RADISSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
2040 AIRPORT DRIVE ~ GREEN BAY, WI 54313

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-register for The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin 2023 Midwinter Conference by returning this registration form and \$20.00 per person (1 person per registration form) to Department Headquarters by January 2, 2023 and **save \$5.00!** Registrations received after January 2, 2023 will be \$25.00 per person. Or register online at wilegion.org.

(Please type or print clearly in order for your badge to be printed correctly)

NAME _____ MEMBER ID # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____

ZIP _____ DISTRICT _____ POST _____ UNIT _____ SQUADRON _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

ITEM	NO	PRICE	TOTAL
Registration Fee		\$20.00	
Reg. Fee After 1/2/23		\$25.00	
LUAU INTO THE KEYS - TO SUCCESS <i>Wear your best Hawaiian Shirt and enjoy a Family Style Dinner with Entertainment by Daddy D Productions and Talent Show, the best Individual, Team or District will win \$50! ALL ARE WELCOME!</i>		\$40.00 (RSVP By January 2, 2023)	
Total Enclosed			

Make check payable to The American Legion, or Enter Credit Card Information Below

☐ Cash

☐ Check # _____

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Name on Card _____ Card Type _____ Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Sec. Code _____

Return to:

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Attn: Midwinter
P.O. Box 388
Portage, WI 53901
or email to angela@wilegion.org