



Rose Harms Legionnaire

2023

Hello
February

Post 355 contestant, Kayla Dembiec, wins the 2nd District's Oritorical Contest at the Mid Winter Conference in Green Bay.



Saturday, February 4th

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Monday, February 6th

Monday, February 13th

Tuesday, February 14th

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Monday, February 20th

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Saturday, March 16th

Post Bowling at Circle B starts at 11:00 am

2nd District 4 Chaplains Dinner at Grafton Post

Post Executive Committee meeting

Post's General Meeting at 7:00 pm



Sons of the American Legion, lower hall 6:30 pm

Military Historians Dinner

Card Club - Everyone is welcome

American Legion Birthday Dinner



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Highlights from Our Last Post Meeting

Chaplain Claude Taylor said he is awaiting information on Post members in need of help or chaplain's services.

John Meyer is recovering from knee surgery. The 4 Chaplains Dinner will be held at the Post on Saturday, February 4.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap; Post membership is now at 216.

We have two new Post members who are currently on active duty, Cole Clemins (USA) and Preston Fanslau (USMC).

A New member, Arnold "Huntsy" Kaul spoke to the Post regarding his experiences.

Welcomed aboard were 3 new members who have transferred into our post - Richard Sheer, Joseph Pinchott and Arnold Kaul.

Sergeant-at-Arm: Nick Schanen reported on the funeral for Post member, Gene Proefrock. Taps will be played for him tonight after the meeting.

Blood Drive Mike Knoppa informed the membership that twenty-nine individuals participated in our Post's Blood Drive .

Hall Report: Al Richards has purchased two new cash registers for the Hall
Anyone interested in bartending for Hall events should see Al .

Scouts: Steve Shock reported that the Scouts are getting ready for their planned winter outings. The size of the Cub pack has tripled and help is needed.

Oratorical Contest: Lee Wiskirchen conveyed that Kayla Dembiec, Post Oratorical Contest winner, won the Ozaukee County contest and now is qualified to go on to compete in the 2nd District contest to be held at Mid Winter Conference in Green Bay.

New Business:

Eau Claire will host the Badger Boys State Program this summer. Thirty-two junior boys from GHS attended the orientation session for Badger Boys, conducted by Commander Kasprzak.

A walk to help prevent veteran suicides will be held at Mid Winter. It will total 2.2 miles with each participant carrying a 1lb. rock.

Mike and Tim Murphy will choose a date and time for the burial of the remains of Roy Harms at Woodlawn Cemetery. A reception will follow at the Post.

The Good of the Legion:

The Military Historians will featured Ted Poull speaking about the US incursion into Cambodia during the Vietnam Conflict.

Dave Tice sponsored the refreshments after the meeting.

Correspondence:

The Post received a thank-you card from the family of Gene Proefrock for its rendering of honors at his funeral.

The Post received a thank-you letter from the Grafton Chamber of Commerce for our support of their annual Grafton Christmas Parade event.



State Commander Julie Muhle and Past National Commander Denise Rohan present Al Richards with a plaque in appreciation for his work as treasurer for the 2022 National Convention.

The Post's Calendar Raffle Winners Last Month Were:

\$50 – Krista Kelling
\$30 – Lynne Klimek
\$25 – Randy Munn
\$20 – Stuart Franzen
\$15 – Lilly Didier
\$10 – Mike Knoppa

COMMANDERS CORNER-KEN KASPRZAK

“Be The One”.

At Mid-Year Convention in Green Bay, 2nd District Commander, Jim Johnson organized a 2.2mile walk to call attention to the 22 veteran suicides that occur every day. I participated in the walk held on Thursday and was assigned to carry a “Be The One” flag as the oldest participant (Flag was given to me as a memory). As our group marched near the airport we were greeted with waves and car horns. At the hotel finish area, a short ceremony was conducted, 22 seconds of silence, and each of us placed a one-pound rock on a table near a “Be The One” banner. Jim Johnson, Denise Rohan, and myself were interviewed by a Badger Legionnaire reporter for a video that was circulated to members. (No Stone Unturned-Be The One) youtube.com



Me at start of walk.

Wisconsin Legion Oratorical.

Regional and Finals will be held on Saturday, February 11 at Ripon College. Opening ceremonies scheduled for 9am. Place---Todd Wehr Hall. I plan to attend to support our GHS student, Kayla Dembiec.

American Flag---Symbols for the Folds.

Mike Knoppa and I will be speaking to Cub Scout Troop 3802 on January 25 about respect for our American Flag. It's part of a Veteran's Service Project for the Troop.

American Legion Family Day.

Save date April 29. Posts will open doors to the community with the intent of celebrating the deeds done to support the American

Legion. Plans are underway for our Post.

Deceased Members. Notification given to me by the family that members Lowell Liebenstein, US Army, Vietnam and Robin Stibbe, US Army recently passed.

Badger Boys State.

June 11-17 for GHS Junior year students. Orientation done by myself with 32 attendees. Last year Badger Boys, Aaron Bulgrin and Jordan Guerra assisted.

Membership Renewal 2023.

Letters sent to unpaid members requesting dues to be paid and to avoid being removed from Post roster on March 1.

Correspondence---

Thank you from the Eugene Proefrock family for Honor Guard attendance at funeral home and gravesite rifle salute ceremony.

Living Well---The Silent Blinder.

Regular eye exams are key to catching glaucoma early. Glaucoma occurs when fluid builds up in the front part of the eye. Left untreated the pressure can damage the optic nerve and lead to vision loss and even blindness. Be aware of your family's history. Advice---get your eyes checked annually after age 40.

Print Date---01/23/23.



February 2023 SAL News

Membership: Paul is still working on collecting dues for 2023. If you haven't already done so, 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.

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. Registration form was emailed to everyone earlier this month.

Honor Flight: Our club voted to donate \$1000 to Honor Flight. This should cover the cost of sending two veterans to Washington DC.

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.
February - Neal & Chris
March - Auxiliary
April - Ryan & Corey

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 2/14/2023 @ 6:30pm

Our 39th annual Las Vegas Night will be held on Saturday, April 1st, 2023 at the Rose Harms Post 355.



Help is always needed to make this a successful night.

Contact Steve Shock at 262-377-3728 if you can help dealing Blackjack.

Contact Bill Klein at 414-550-5835 if you help with Roulette or the Craps table.

Contact Brent Kozak at 262-623-4098 to sell 50/50 cash raffle tickets.

Las Vegas Sweepstake tickets were mailed to members, consider purchasing the tickets yourself or selling to family and friends. Do not sicard tickets if you you cannot purchase or sell them. Please send tham back to post or place them in our mail slot at the front of the building. If you need more tickets stop in the morning or call the post at 262-377-8887 and we will get you more tickets.

If you have any questions or are available to help, call Butch Paegelow at 262-377-9596.



ROSE-HARMS POST 355 – 16th ANNUAL BOWLING OUTING

Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion

WHEN: Saturday, February 4th. Registration at 10:00 a.m. Bowling at 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: Circle B Bowling

WHY: A fun get-together for Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and friends

COST: \$20.00 per person for 3 games of bowling and shoes

Five person mixed teams with the first 24 teams to register. Anyone can bowl, so get your team together for this fun outing. If you cannot get 5 people together to register to bowl we will get you a team. This even will be a 9-pin tap tournament. Please arrive a half hour to an hour prior to the start of bowling. Please note there is only one shift of bowling. There will be a potluck dinner, so feel free to bring something to share.

There will be raffle prizes drawn throughout the day and a 50/50 raffle at the end! Donations for the raffle prizes are greatly appreciated.

Team Line-Up (Please print)

Email: _____

1. _____ Telephone #: _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Please return entry form by February 3rd.

**To Grafton Mobil
1117 Washington St.
Grafton, WI 53024**

**If you have question, please call
Chris Wegner 414-839-9712 or Corey Esselmann 262-375-3080**



American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355
February 2023 Newsletter

Happy Valentine's Day!



We had a very exciting meeting in January. Thanks to Amy Luft, who invited our new Ozaukee Sheriff Christy Knowles to our meeting. We were all privileged to hear how Sheriff Knowles got to where she is today. Surprising enough, Sheriff Knowles shared just how difficult it is still today being a woman in a man's world. What an amazing role model Sheriff Knowles is! Thank you Amy for that invitation.

At that very same meeting we also had the extreme honor to have every possible President represented! Department President Linda Coppock, Senior Vice Maggie Gieger, 1st Vice Becky Mueller, District President Amy Luft, County President Sandy Mack and our very own President Ria Marien! You all are probably thinking "WOW, why wasn't I there!" Good question, why weren't you there? The ladies were there as a show of support to our Unit, to answer any questions and help promote the American Legion Auxiliary at every level. Elections are coming on all levels Department, District, County and at the Unit level too! We are always looking for new ideas and help. Have you reached out to other members of your family to see if they might be interested in joining the worlds best group of folks around. We need our members to reach out to their families and friends and ask for their help to continue to grow this ever revolving American Legion Family. Our Military continue to do what they can to help protect our country and we need to do the same. The American Legion offers so many opportunities to so many different young people; Legion Baseball, Legion Softball, Legion Sponsored Boy Scouts, Law Enforcement Academy, Badger Boys and Badgers Girls and then what happens to these folks? Why are we losing the opportunity to keep them as either Junior Auxiliary members or SAL members? When we reward the highschool graduates with the Military Honor Cords shouldn't we also give them membership in the Worlds Best Military Organization?

Ladies and Gentlemen, the world is seriously different now since the infamous pandemic. People act differently and not necessarily in a positive way. We as a "Service Minded" organization need to continue to reach out to each other and within our community to make sure that we are all healthy, happy and active. Ask yourself "when was the last time I did something special for someone?" Go do it! And remember just how great it made you feel. Then come to a meeting and share that with all of your friends. Our Auxiliary is continuing every day to try and help the welfare of our Veterans. We need each and every one of us to keep our organization viable.

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 earned \$616.00.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday February 7th – Exec Board Meeting Lower Hall 6:30

Tuesday February 14th – Bingo (SPECIAL TREATS FOR OUR VETERANS)

Thursday February 16th – Spaghetti Dinner @ Saukville Post \$16.00 at the door 3:30 – 7:00 pm

Friday February 17th - Fish Fry at Cedarburg Post from 4:00 – 8:30 pm

Monday February 20th – Bingo at Saukville Post doors open at 5:00 Bingo starts at 6:30 pm

Tuesday February 21st – Unit Meeting Lower Hall, refreshments @6:00 – meeting starts at 6:30 pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to ALL Members with February Birthdays!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary

Congratulations to our January 2023 Veteran of the month John Meyer!



John served in the United States Army ~ Thank you for your service John!



On Feb. 3, 1943, four Army chaplains – Father John P. Washington, Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, and the Revs. George L. Fox and Clark V. Poling – gave up their life jackets on a sinking Army transport in the North Atlantic so that others might live.

Of the 902 soldiers, Navy armed guard, ship's crew and civilian passengers on board the *Dorchester*, only 230 survived. They have told us of the chaplains' efforts to restore calm in a hopeless and chaotic situation, and how they were last seen at the ship's stern, arms linked in prayer.

The survivors' testimony and the chaplains' bravery are enshrined at the Chapel of Four Chaplains in the Philadelphia Navy Yard, where the Chapel Memorial Foundation honors acts of selfless service nationwide in memory of the Four Chaplains and crew of USAT *Dorchester*.

**4 Chaplains Dinner at the
Rose Harms Post 355
on Saturday, February 4th**

The Mighty 2nd District

Four Chaplains Memorial Service & Dinner

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Doors open at 5pm Dinner at 6pm

We come together to remember on Feb. 3, 1943, when one of the most remarkable and inspiring acts of heroism in the history of warfare, took place during World War II. It is a day to honor the heroism of the Four Chaplains, who selflessly gave their lives "that others may Live".

This event is open to all of the Legion Family and others that wish to attend.

*Reservations MUST be received by no later than Friday,
January 27, 2023*

Make checks payable to Rose-Harms Post 355

Send to :

Landt-Thiel Post 470

601 W. Dekora Street, Saukville , WI. 53080

Attention: Denise Jamrozy 2nd Dist. Chaplain

Number attending _____ x \$ 20.00 each = _____

Name

Post, Unit, Squadron #

