



Rose Harms Legionnaire

2023

HAPPY
MARCH



COMING
SOON

Thursday, March 2nd

Ozaukee County Council meeting at the
Grafton Post

Monday, March 6th

Executive Committee meeting

Monday, March 13th

General Meeting

Tuesday, March 14th

BINGO

Tuesday, March 14th

Sons of the American Legion

Saturday, March 18th

Legion Birthday Dinner



Monday, March 21st

Military Historians

Monday, March 21st

Card Club - lower hall

Saturday, April 1st

*Time
for
Fun*

Las Vegas Night

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LAS VEGAS NIGHT - SATURDAY APRIL 1, 2023

Help is needed contact Steve Shock at 262-377-3728 if you can help with dealing Blackjack. Contact Bill Klein at 414-550-5835 if you can help with craps tables or the roulette wheel. Brent Kozak can be contacted at 262-623-4098 if you can help sell tickets for the 50/50 cash raffles.

Please purchase or sell your Las Vegas cash sweepstakes tickets you received. Ticket sales are a huge part of our profit for the evening. Tickets stubs can be dropped in the mail slot at the front of the building or returned by mail. Mark your calendar for April 1 and come for an evening of fun.

Let's make this another successful evening for Post 355.

Any questions or if you are available to help call Butch Paegelow at 262-377-9596.

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported membership at 245

Old Business:

- Steve Shock reported that the mid-winter conference was well-attended and had good training information sessions –
- The 4 Chaplains Dinner held at our Post was well attended and enjoyable.
- The SAL bowling outing was a great event.
- Badger Boys is scheduled for June with 3 GHS boys attending for sure.

Executive Committee Recommendation that due to the rise in the cost of food the American Legion Birthday Dinner will have to be \$25 each.

New Business:

- Plans for the Post's lower hall remodel include a redo of the ceiling with new lights and repainting the walls. Also, the front two doors and north door are to be replaced.
- The return of Roy Harms remains and his funeral is still a work in progress. It will be held on May 6th with the Post making recommendations to the family on protocols.

Good of the Legion:

- The Military Historians, presented by Al Bucholtz, had a great program on the Ploiesti Air Raid during WWII where Roy Harms bomber was shot down.
- Mike Furlott spoke on his cochlear implant surgery indicating how well it has improved his hearing.

Monthly Calendar Raffle winners were:

\$50 – Hannah Hacker

\$30 – Bill Vorac

\$25 – Steve Ethier

\$20 – Brian Bould

\$15 – Chris Lundberg

\$10 – Gary Fatla

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak

It's Saturday morning, February 11, 0715 with a car in my driveway. Lee Wiskirchen and I ready to depart to Ripon College for the Regional and State Oratorical Finals. We're both excited because GHS student, Kayla Dembiec has placed 1st at our Post, County, 2nd District, and now competes at State.

We arrive at Ripon prior to the 0900 start of competition. A sideline with my writing, I'm enjoying my favorite Girl Scout cookie, Do-Si-Dos delivered by Emma. What a treat on a Sunday afternoon.

Back to Oratorical finalists that are divided into two groups. Top two from each group advance to the afternoon finals. Hooray, Kayla advanced. Lee and I had lunch with Kayla and her proud parents, Katie and Scott. Kayla is a great student and person as we also learn of her acceptance to UW Madison with a major in Journalism. She wrote her Oratorical speech, subject being the U.S. Constitution.

Finals begin and we listen to presentations by the four students. Kayla again does very well. Students are then given a Constitution Amendment with only a short time to prepare. Then deliver a 5-minute speech from one of four topics chosen by the moderator. Judges then deliberated and winners announced. Lee, Kayla's parents, and I praying Kayla speech was worthy of a high finish. Wow, Kayla awarded 3rd place and a \$1,000 Scholarship. Picture is Kayla displaying her 3rd place medal. Lee and I are so proud of Kayla and her representation of our Post in the Finals.

I delivered a "CONGRATS" greeting card to her home this past week. My note focused

on her as a person and all the time she devoted to speech practice and delivery.



NOTIFICATIONS

1. To date, we have 36 members that have not paid dues for 2023. Notification sent and are hopeful all will support our American Legion and its goal to assist Veterans.
2. Announcement made by myself to request that members allow me to continue as Commander for another year. Among my reasons are to continue to work with our Legion Family and the Grafton community to promote the mission of the American Legion.
3. Badger Boys State. GHS students chosen to be delegates by myself and Lee Wiskirchen with assistance from GHS Kelly Rieck.
4. Legion Birthday Dinner Agenda, March 18, Saturday. Have met with SAL Corey Esselmann and Auxiliary Ria Marien. Plan to attend as we present awards to Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT.

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Membership: Paul is still working on collecting dues for 2023. We currently have 85 members, with 70 members who have paid. 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 was held Saturday, February 4th at Circle B Recreation. We had a great turnout and no power outages this year! Apparently, as of now, Circle B has not been sold so we may be able to have our bowling there again next year.

Meat Raffle: Event is planned for Saturday, April 29th at The Hutch in Grafton. Save the date on your calendar and tell your friends. Last year's meat raffle was a huge success and was very busy so we could use more help from our members this time. More details coming soon.

Memorial Day flag display: We discussed updating the dog tags and possibly offering a copy of the dog tags to family members as a club fund raiser.

New SAL brand mark: SAL has developed a new brand mark which will be used in our advertising and other communications with the public. You should start to see it being used soon.



Roy Harms: As you may have heard, the remains of Grafton native Roy Harms (the namesake of our Grafton Legion) were identified last year and will finally be coming home to Grafton. A memorial service is planned for May 6th, 2023.

Legion remodeling: Our members discussed our SAL members helping the Legion remodel the lower level of the Legion hall. A motion was made and seconded to move forward with obtaining quotes for the work.

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 - Auxiliary

April - Ryan & Corey

May - Gary/Kurt

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 3/14/2023 @ 6:30pm



Attention Junior Auxiliary Members

If you are interested in being a Poppy Princess for 2023-2024

Please contact Cathy Brunnquell

262-424-7692 or email CathyKB65@gmail.com

The Princess's responsibilities are to represent Rose Harms American Legion

In a respectable manner, attend the parades in the Grafton Community.

Help distribute Poppies for

Memorial Day in May and Veterans Day in November and also
various events that possibly arrive during the year.





The American Legion's Birthday Party Saturday, March 18th

Everyone is Welcome !

Come and Help Honor Our Post's
Police Officer, Firefighter and EMT of the Year

Our Menu

Bread Basket - Dinner rolls & butter

House Salad - Mixed greens, salad veggies & crunchies!

Cabbage, red potatoes & veggies - Steamed in corned beef juices

Slow roasted & hand cut Corned beef and

Apricot Glazed Tender Chicken Breast

Dessert - Birthday Cake



Fun Starts at 6:00 pm



Dinner is \$25 each

Names

Mail to; Rose Harms Post 355
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