



# Rose Harms Legionnaire

May 2023



"Whether we observe the occasion through public ceremony or through private prayer, Memorial Day leaves few hearts unmoved.

Each of the patriots whom we remember on this day was first a beloved son or daughter, a brother or sister, or a spouse, friend, and neighbor."

President George H. Bush

*Let's look forward !*

Monday, May 1st

Post Executive Committee meeting

Thursday, May 4th

Ozaukee County meeting at Port Washington Post

Saturday, May 6th

Ceremony for Lt. Roy Harms at 11:00 am

Monday, May 8th

Post general meeting

Tuesday, May 9th



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Sons of The American Legion meeting

Monday, May 15th

Military Historians meeting

Monday, May 15th

Work crews go to open Camp American Legion

Monday, May 29th

Memorial Day

 **AMERICAN  
LEGION**

## *Highlights from our last meeting.*

**First Vice Commander Gary Gilstrap** reported that the Post's membership is at 260. There are still eighteen unpaid members from last year.

Gary also gave an update on the repairs to the Post's defibrillator. New paddles are needed, both adult and child sizes. Also, the battery is still charging, but may need to be replaced in the future.

**Sergeant-at-Arm: Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen** Informed that taps would be played for Post member Tim Roy following this evening's meeting. The Service Flag presentation at Memorial Park was corrected, so flags are arranged in the proper order according to branch of service.

**Hall Manager Al Richards** stated that refreshments after the meeting will be provided by Tom Brown and Nick Shannon in honor of their birthdays.

**2023 Las Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow** reported on a record making profit for this year of \$17,004. "Thank you to all who helped make this year's Las Vegas Night another huge success.

To the many people who help with the many jobs needed to make this a fun night.

Thank you to all who worked dealing cards, working the gaming tables, working the silent raffle and calling out raffle numbers. The evening would not have been this successful without your help.

Special thanks to the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion for all their help that evening."

### **Winners in the cash sweepstakes:**

\$500 Kathy Vorac  
\$200 Jody Omernick  
\$100 John Hartsough  
\$100 Tom Bertling  
\$100 Nate Dzikowski  
\$50 Renee Riddle  
\$50 Bill O'Sullivan  
\$50 Jim Stiebs  
\$50 Kathy Bobbe  
50/50 winner was Karen Behrens  
High Roller award went to Alex Uhan



**Old Business:** The Post will sponsor an American Legion Senior Baseball Team this year. Donations to the Team are being accepted.

### **Executive Committee Recommendations:** Passed

- To pay \$625, the cost of the insurance policy for our cabin at Camp American Legion.
- The Post will contribute \$100 per flight toward the cost of the spring Honor Flights.
- The membership was given an update on Dan Seafarer's candidacy for National Commander. A motion from the floor to donate \$500 to his campaign was tendered and passed.

### **Winners of this months Calendar Raffle were:**

\$50 – Beau Musbach  
\$30 – Steve Shock  
\$25 – Craig Butler  
\$20 – Jason Faas  
\$15 – Steve Shock  
\$10 – Scott Wollner



Poppy season is coming soon.

May 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.



Our Poppy Committee can use your help!

If you can help us, please email

[CathyKB65@gmail.com](mailto:CathyKB65@gmail.com)

or call 262-424-7692

#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

##### **Procession and Ceremony Planned for WWII Pilot 1st Lt. Roy C. Harms**

Grafton, WI, Roy C. Harms, age 26, of Grafton, was killed on Sunday, August 1, 1943 in the attack on the Ploesti oil fields of Romania in WWII. Lt. Harms a pilot of a B-24 bomber, along with eight of his crew, was killed when the aircraft was shot down. In his honor, he shares the name of the Rose-Harms Legion Post #355 with WWI soldier CPL Fred Rose.

After almost eighty years, the recently identified remains of Lt. Harms will return to Grafton for burial on Saturday, May 6, at the Woodlawn Cemetery on 3rd Ave. in Grafton. He will be interred alongside his parents at a noon ceremony with full military honors. The public is invited to stand in silence along North St. between 12th and 3rd Avenues at 11:15 a.m. to pay their respects to this local hero and follow the procession to the cemetery. All residents and businesses in Grafton are encouraged to display a flag on this day.

Military organizations (Legion Posts other than Grafton, VFW etc.) and service organizations (First responders, Lions Club, law enforcement, etc.) in uniform are asked to line the driveway into the cemetery. Special accommodations will be made for WWII veterans at the ceremony. These veterans should make their intentions to attend known to the Ozaukee County Historical Society by calling 262-377-4510.

*At the May 8th general meeting it will be time to elect our Post's officers for the coming year.*

*This year we will have two candidates for Post Commander.*

*One of them is Air Force, Vietnam Veteran, Gary "Gator" Gilstrap.*

*The other is Ken Kasprzak whose info is on the next page.*

*Please come and Vote!*



## **COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak**

What's happening as we approach spring weather and hopefully warm (60-70's) temperatures. I hope all is well with my fellow Legionnaires. Cataract surgery for me went well and my plan is to get rid of glasses except for possibly reading.

My wife taught me that my life will never have a dull moment if I learn to love books. Give me an "A" because I certainly have accomplished that goal. Picture is me relaxing and enjoying "Loyalty" by Lisa Scottline. Historical fiction, setting is Sicily during the rise of the Mafia.



My spring agenda always includes getting my bicycle from basement to garage. Again, this year it's charging my electric bike battery and using power setting to fly up Falls Road hill. Then to Ozaukee trail to Cedarburg and beyond.

### **Notifications.**

**1.** To date, we have **18** members that have not paid dues for 2023. Members who have not paid will be dropped from our Legion list. Unfortunately that they decided not to give support to our American Legion and assist Veterans.

**2.** Election of Post Officers will be held at our May meeting. Please consider having me as your Commander for 2023-24. I will continue to work with our Legion Family and the Grafton community to promote the mission of the American Legion.

**3.** 2nd District Spring Conference will be held on Saturday, April 29, Allenton WI. I plan to attend. Contact me for info.

**4.** Continuous membership certificate for 60 years of service was mailed to George Furlick, Houston, Texas.

**5.** Legion Baseball. Thank you to Brian Durst, Grafton High School Baseball coach, for forming team "Patriots" to represent our Post again this year. First home game is June 21, 5:30pm, 9th Avenue Field Grafton. Opponent is Cedarburg team.

**6.** Las Vegas Night Fundraiser was a huge success again this year. A sincere thank you to all Legionnaires who volunteered their time for this event.

**7.** At April Ozaukee County Legion meeting I was nominated to become Chaplain and Steve Shock, Sergeant at Arms.

### **Living Well----Risk of Too Much Alcohol.**

It's well documented that drinking alcohol can take a serious toll on a person's health. Alcohol can damage the body in several ways: Brain---Disrupts communication pathways. Can alter mood and behaviors. Heart---Chronic heart disease, arrhythmias, stroke, hypertension. Pancreas---Result is

inflammation and swelling of blood vessels impeding normal digestion. Cancer---Can cause several types. Immune System---Our ability to fight disease is impaired.

## May 2023 SAL News



**Membership:** Paul is almost finished collecting dues for 2023. Our current roster is 85 members. We currently have paid dues from all but 2 members. 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.

**Prospective member event:** We plan to hold a prospective member event this fall at one of the local brew pubs in Grafton. This will be a very casual, relaxed atmosphere for anyone that has expressed interest in joining the SAL. This a great opportunity for our members to introduce someone to the SAL, without bringing them to a formal meeting. Watch for more details later this summer.

**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 available for \$15. Questions regarding clothing should be directed to Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465.

**Legion Vegas Night:** Event was held April 1<sup>st</sup>. As always, it was a very successful event for the Post. SAL made a profit of \$2,254 on raffles. Thank you to all the SAL members who helped out that evening.

**Meat Raffle:** Event is planned for Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3:00pm 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.

**Veterans Assistance & Services:** Our Grafton SAL will be offering short-term assistance to members of the Grafton Legion Post 355 who need temporary help with lawn maintenance or snow removal. Please refer to the flyer that is included with this newsletter for the details.

**SAL Golf Outing:** Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Fire Ridge golf course. Please save the date on your calendars. Registration starts at 9am and tee time is 10am. Watch for the flyer coming soon.

**Memorial Day flag display:** The dog tags are being updated this spring. All the old tags that are on the flags will be removed and replaced with the new ones. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this project.

**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 have finally come home to Grafton. A memorial service is planned for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Grafton Legion hall. See the Legion newsletter for more details.

**Sweat4Vets:** Event is scheduled for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. This year the event starts in Grafton and ends at the Cedarburg Legion. See the Legion newsletter for details.

**Camp American Legion:** Bil Vorac spoke to the members about the property insurance for our cabin. The cabin will be insured by West Bend Mutual Insurance for a premium \$754/yr. The members voted to accept the coverage.

**Camp American Legion clean-up:** Spring clean-up needs to be completed the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dick Rieck at 414-526-6409 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.

May - Gary & Kurt

June - Dick & Bob

July - Jimmy & Ryan

August - Corn Roast

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

**Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com**

**Next SAL Meeting: 5/9/2023 @ 6:30pm**



## **Veterans Assistance & Services**

Grafton Post 355 SAL's will be providing assistance for all Post 355 veterans who are in need of help. These services are for any Post 355 veteran that has a medical or family emergency, and requires help. These services are not limited to only emergencies, but are also not meant for regular or routine maintenance.

Examples of services that will be provided are lawn cutting, leaf blowing, major mulching, snow shoveling, and help with removal of old appliances or furniture from the home. These are just some examples of services that will be provided, but if there is anything else needed, please do not hesitate to ask. Also, if there is a project that you require professional help with and do not know who to contact, we may provide some suggestions to help get you in contact with the right contractor.

If possible, please provide us with at least 48 hours notice or more for any requested service.

We do understand that emergencies arise and will try to accommodate requests in a timely manner. Services and response times will be based on personnel availability.

The Grafton SAL reserves the right to refuse any requested service for any reason.

Ryan Rieck (VASCO)

Veterans Assistance & Services Chief Officer

SAL.VAS.RyanRieck@gmail.com

**\*\* Email Ryan for any requested services. \*\***

## American Legion Auxiliary, Rose-Harms Unit 355

### April 2023 Newsletter



Lt. Roy Harms

As we approach Memorial Day this year our American Legion Family has something to be very grateful for! On April 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:50 pm one of our name sakes and former MIA Airmen Lt. Roy Harms, will be returned home!

His memorial service will take place on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> at Woodlawn Cemetery at noon.

There will be a procession stepping off from Mueller Funeral home at 11:15 am up North Avenue to the Woodlawn Cemetery. Any Legion Family Members who wish to march with the family are encouraged to do so. Anyone who cannot march may still participate by standing on North Ave as a show of support, as we stand in silent respect. After his memorial service there will be a light luncheon at the Post for the Harms Family as well as our Legion Family. All Legion Family members are invited.

This month at our auxiliary meeting we celebrated the 99<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mrs. Ellie Laydon with a pizza party, salad, and a birthday cake!

***Ellie would very much like to thank all members for their cards, gifts and well wishes!***

Lora Linder reported that we have 155 members paid, which puts us at 90%. Reminder that there is going to be an increase in our dues for 2024. Senior Dues will be \$38.00 and Junior Dues will remain at \$6.00. The change in the dues is do to an increase at the National level. Department of Wisconsin will NOT be having an increase. Any questions regarding membership please reach out to Lora Linder (262-389-5339) or Carolyn Knoppa (414-651-7768).

Our interim Chaplain Judy Kuta reminded members that prayers are still needed for Department Linda's prayer book, please reach out to Judy (414-510-2545) so that she may plan to get it from you.

Mel Nowak read a very nice thank you note from Boudicca House coordinator Dr. Birdie Cowser and from Zablocki for the wonderful donation of Girl Scout cookies.

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 to plan for pick up/delivery. Please note the expiration dates on all coupons. The Veterans have a 3-month window for usage.***

Our Election Chair Pam Klenner reports that she does have a complete slate of officers for elections this year. Thanks to all who are willing to step up!

**Upcoming Events:**

Friday April 28th – 6:50 pm the return of Lt. Roy Harms body to Mueller Funeral Home  
April 29th – Dist. 2 Spring Conference – Germantown American Legion Post 8:00 am registration  
Tuesday May 2nd – Exec Board Meeting 6:30 Lower Hall  
Friday May 5th – Cinco de Mayo (celebrate and have a good time)  
Saturday May 6th – The Memorial Service for Lt. Roy Harms 11:15 am Mueller Funeral Home  
Tuesday May 9th – Last Bingo of the Season  
Tuesday May 16th – Auxiliary Meeting Lower Hall refreshments at 6:00 meeting 6:30 Friday May  
26th – Poppy Distribution  
Saturday May 27th – Poppy Distribution  
Monday May 29th – Memorial Day Activities 9:00 at Post

**Congratulations to our May 2023 Veteran of the month Tom Grabow**  
**Tom Served in the United States Army.**  
**Thank you for your service Tom!**



**Happy Birthday to all members with May Birthdays!**  
**Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary**

## Hello Auxiliary family and friends,

The next Marcus order will go in on Tuesday, April 18th. This is a great fundraiser for our organization and we appreciate your support. Marcus has changed the program slightly. There are no longer any paper gift certificates or Silver Discount tickets.

### These are your options:

Diamond Discount tickets are available for \$8.00. They give you a 27% savings on evening admission and you will receive one \$3 Snack cash with every 2 tickets you purchase.

Platinum Discount tickets are available for \$8.50. They give you a 40% savings on evening admission and you will receive one \$3 Snack Cash with every 2 tickets purchased.

Gift Cards come in \$10 and \$25 denominations. Can be used for movie tickets, food or beverage at any Marcus Theater & Movie Tavern. As with all of the tickets purchased in the past, there is NO expiration date on any tickets or gift cards.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Laurie

**Additional Marcus Information:** Join the FREE Magical Move Rewards Loyalty Program to receive special deals. Here are 2 examples.

Every Tuesday, Marcus Theatres and Movie Tavern charge \$6.00 and offer a discount on several concession items.

Every Friday, Marcus Theatres and Movie Tavern offer a Young at Heart® special for anyone age 60 and over. Movies starting before 5:30 p.m. are just \$7, and Young at Heart moviegoers also can receive these exclusive concession specials: \$3 14 oz. soda, \$3 44 oz. popcorn, \$3 hot dog

Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary, Unit #355

## Marcus Movie Ticket and Gift Card Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Diamond** Discount Ticket\* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 each = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 27% savings on evening admission

**Platinum** Discount Ticket\* \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.50 each = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 40% savings on evening admission

\* 1 FREE \$3 Snack Cash Voucher with every discount ticket purchased.

**Gift Cards** \$10 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 each x \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Gift cards and discount tickets are same as cash and there is NO expiration date.*

E-mail address for future ticket sale notices \_\_\_\_\_

Check should be made payable to **American Legion Auxiliary #355 (ALA #355)**. Mail order blank with check to:  
Laurie Schwalbe, 1127 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Grafton, WI 53024. Call Laurie with questions 414-659-6951.

**2023 orders will be placed April 18<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup>, October 17<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

Orders will be delivered within 10 business days. Prices are subject to change.