



Rose Harms Legionnaire

June 2023

Join fellow Legion Family members on Monday, May 29.

The Parade starts at our Post on 13th Avenue.



- a. Meet at 10:15am.
- b. Parade and march to Veterans Park starts at 10:30am.
- c. Short ceremony with names of members who passed at 11am followed by Taps (GHS buglers) and Rifle Salute.
- d. The Grafton High School band will march and provide music at the park.
- e. Lunch provided by Auxiliary immediately following the ceremony.

Questions give me a call 812-345-4564 or email kkasprzak1@icloud.com

Welcome
Spring

Saturday, June 3rd

SAL Golf Outing at Fireridge.

Monday, June 5th

Post Executive Committee meeting

Monday, June 12th

Post General meeting

Friday, June 30th

Ozaukee County Installation

 AMERICAN
LEGION

Highlights from Our Last Post Meeting

Chaplain Claude Taylor spoke with Roger Hepner. Roger is currently at LaSata and not doing well with complications of diabetes. (Sadly, Roger passed away on May14th)

Camp American Legion: Bill Vorac reported busy time at Camp preparing for opening. The ice is out, tree cutters are at work. Camp American Legion was established in 1925, and a picture board of Camp memorabilia will be created, and cabin sponsors are asked to look for pictures.

Public Safety: Sandra Krzewinski reported request submitted to Grafton Fire Department for instruction at a Post meeting on use of electronic defibrillator.

Tent Program: Tom Grabow reported the tent crew will need volunteers to help erect a large tent on June 29th.

Old Business:

- Commander Ken Kasprzak sent via UPS the continuous 60 year Post Membership Award to George Furlick currently residing in Texas. He called Ken to express his gratitude for the award.
- The Auxiliary has donated \$500 to the Post's Legion Baseball Team. The team also received a monetary grant from Mel's Charities. The amount is unknown presently.
- The 2nd District Spring Conference in Allenton had a good turnout and accomplished much.

Recommendations Passed

- To pay \$18,750 for the laying a 4" lift asphalt application to the south parking lot.
- To pay Jim Proefrock \$500 for services rendered during the past year.
- To award \$50 to each student who was selected to go to Badger Boys State.

New Business:

- Ken Merlock, USN, was welcomed aboard.
- All schools have been contacted regarding the Outstanding 8th Grade Student Award.

Post Officer Elections were conducted by Steve Shock with the following results:

Commander	Gary Gilstrap
1st Vice-Commander	Sandra Krzewinski
2nd Vice-Commander	no nominations
Finance	Ralph Beck
Historian	John Meyer
Chaplain	Claude Taylor
Sgt.-at-Arms	Mike Koppa and Nick Schanen
Service Officer	Ken Klein
Judge Advocate	Lee Wiskirchen
3 Year Committeeman	Mike Knoppa

Good of the Legion:

Commander Ken read a brief letter from Senator Ron Johnson regarding Roy Harm's funeral.

"The arrival, removal of interred remains from the plane and the procession back home to the funeral parlor was a fabulously moving tribute to Roy Harms and all who witnessed it."

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



On Saturday, May 20, I completed American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb at American Family Field. It was the 15th Anniversary for this fundraiser and my 10th year as a climber. Without any stops I walked 1,550 steps and was so happy to finish. My wife passed from Liver/Lung disease and as I walked remembered all of our many wonderful years together. Also, on this day thank you to all veterans and families who participated in the Sweat4Vets Walk, Grafton to Cedarburg Post.

As I complete my 6th year as Commander with 2 previous years as Chaplain, I cannot help stating that I am sad that my leadership position has come to an end. I will certainly miss my role as Commander. It gave me the opportunity to conduct Executive Board and Post meetings. Also, to be involved in many Legion/Community events and projects. Badger Boys State, Be the One Walk & Interview, Boy Scouts, Brick Memorial, Email distribution of Newsletters, Honor Guard and Eulogies at funerals, Legion Baseball, Legion Sign, Mel's Charities, Memorial/Veterans Day programs, Parades, Post Fundraisers, Post Security Cameras, Public Safety Officer Awards, 8th Grade Outstanding Student awards, and many more.

A special thanks to those members who supported and assisted me to accomplish my goals as Post Commander.

Print Date---05/22/23

PACT ACT IMPLEMENTATION

A subcommittee of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, on Tuesday, learned that, as of May 12, 251,584 veterans and family members had completed PACT Act claims, with an 80% approval rate. Lawmakers expressed concern over the growing backlog in claims. VA witnesses said that was expected, and they are working to deal with it. This year, they have processed 15% more claims than they had at this time last year, despite receiving 30% more claims. The VA continues to hire more employees, train them, and impose mandatory overtime (although a respite will be provided for several weeks during the summer).

On April 17, they completed more than 9,000 claims decisions in a day, the highest level in VA history. They have completed more than 8,000 claims in a day more than 40 times this year, something that had occurred only six times before this year. The VA intends to publish a list of about 300 potential service presumptions related to toxic exposures in the next few months. VA officials say this is the first time they will have the opportunity to receive public input in this manner, thanks to the PACT Act.

Calendar Raffle Winners :

\$50 – Lori Ivaqle

\$30 – Bill Vorac

\$25 – Ken Kasprzak

\$20 – Xavier Lundberg

\$15 – Jason Faas

\$10 – Sam Bulgrin



June 2023 SAL News

Membership: Our current roster is 83 members.
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.

Meat Raffle: Event took place on Saturday, April 29th from noon to 3:00pm at The Hutch in Grafton. Total profit from the event was \$2,914. Thank you to all the SAL members who helped at the event.

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. If you know anyone that needs assistance, they can contact Ryan Rieck at: SAL.VAS.RYANRIECK@GMAIL.COM

SAL Golf Outing: Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd at Fire Ridge golf course. There's still time to sign up your team! Registration starts at 8:00am and tee time is 9:00am.

Memorial Day flag display: We purchased all new dog tags for the flags this year. The old tags were replaced with the new ones and will be on display over the Memorial Day weekend at Veterans Park.

Memorial Day Ceremony: The Legion's annual Memorial Day ceremony will take place on May 29th at Veterans Park. We plan to meet at the Legion at 10:15am on the 29th and at 10:30am there will be a procession over to the park. Please wear your SAL shirts and hats if you plan to participate in the procession.

Roy Harms: The memorial service was held on May 6th. The day was cool and rainy, but the ceremony was well attended by the public. A very fitting, final send-off for a local war hero.

Camp American Legion: The spring clean-up was completed the week of May 8th by Bob and Dick Rieck. It's now ready to go for the 2023 season. Thank you Bob and Dick for all your time and effort.

Slate of New Officers for 2023/2024:

Commander: Dick Rieck
Vice Commander: Corey Esselmann
2nd Vice/Membership: Paul Turowski
Sergeant at Arms: Ken Konicek
2nd Sergeant at Arms: Brian Hadler
Treasurer: Chris Wegner
Adjutant: Dan McKelvey
Chaplain: Mark Eernisse



Post meeting dinner: Volunteers are needed to serve after the Post meeting at about 7:45pm.
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: 6/13/2023 @ 6:30pm

Fire Ridge Golf Club

2241 Hwy W, Grafton, WI - 262-375-2977

Saturday June 3rd 2023

8am Registration

9am Shotgun Start - Scramble Format

\$100 Per Player - \$80 for Veterans

8am Breakfast Burritos - 1pm Lunch Buffet
2pm Auction, Raffle and Awards



\$6.50

Bloody Mary's

50% of Sales
Donated to the SONS
"Keep the Glass"



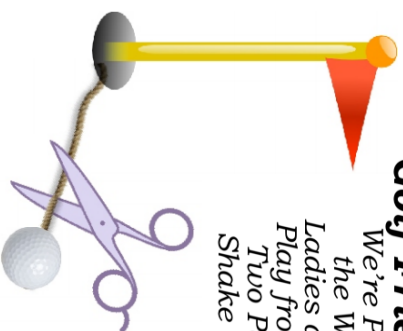
Golf Friendly Event

We're Playing from
the White Tees
Ladies and Over 65
Play from Red Tees
Two Par 5 Holes
Shake to Move Up



\$5

Per
Roll



Cheater String \$20

Each team gets 6 foot of string.
Measure the distance from your
ball to the hole, cut the string
and count the ball as in the hole.
Use your string wisely!!!!

50/50 Raffle

(\$5 - \$10 - \$20)

\$5 for 5 Tickets

\$10 for 15 Tickets

\$20 Wing Span of Tickets



**Please Return Registration by
Monday May 29th, 2023**

Player 1 _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Golf, Breakfast and Lunch \$ 100 X _____ = \$ _____

Veteran \$ 80 X _____ = \$ _____

Hole Sponsorship \$ 100 X _____ = \$ _____

Unable to attend but would
like to make a donation to the
Sons of the American Legion \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please send payment to:

Sons of the American Legion

c/o Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body

1327 Wisconsin Avenue

Grafton, Wisconsin 53024

For additional Information Contact:

Richard or Robert Rieck: 262-377-4190

Grafton Mobil: 262-375-3080



American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355
June 2023 Newsletter



Our Election was held at our May meeting Congratulations Our New Officers:

President – Ria Marien
1st Vice – Mary Arvai
2nd Vice – Lora Linder
Treasurer – Patty Wollner
Chaplain – Mary Molaski
Historian – Pam Klenner
Secretary – Sue Turowski
Sargent At Arms – Joan Duffner
Asst. at Arms – Maria Keegan
Parliamentarian – Pat Bruss
Member at Large – Janice Bould
Past President – Mary Molaski

Our Auxiliary would like to donate the Alf dogs to the children of Camp Hometown Heroes' this summer. Sue found out that there will be 220 children over the 2 weeks this year.

So, what is an ALF Dog? This is a Wisconsin Sons of the American Legion project to take the place of the Josh Dog. American Legion Family (ALF) represents all our American Legion Family and every single child of a deployed service member received one when the parent is deployed. We think it would be nice to give one to the children of the fallen as well! Sue is heading up this project and she was directed to talk with Bob Sirovina, (the Chairman of the Alf Project) by the 2nd District SAL Commander Dave to find out what our cost would be for this project. The cost is \$2,640.00 which is \$12.00 per dog. At our meeting we discussed this and one of our members came up with a great idea to help us reach the 220-dog count. We offer a Buy one Give one option to our members for the mere cost of \$25.00! So, for \$25.00 you will receive a dog for yourself and then donate one to the children of Camp Hometown Heroes. If anyone does not remember what CHTH's is, it is a local camp for the children of the fallen since 911. Therefore, all these Alf dogs will be given to our Gold Star Children!

Sue bought a case (25) of ALF's and currently has them available for those interested in helping us reach our goal of 220 dogs for Camp Hometown Heroes. **Please call Sue at 262-389-4644 or email her at sueturowski@hotmail.com to place your order.** THANK YOU!!

This year our Unit will be awarding one of the teachers from Grafton High School, Ms. Brenda Steilow, the 2023 Teacher of the Year Award at our June Banquet!

The June Banquet will be at Bunkers (Edgewater Golf Course) on Tuesday June 13. Cocktails will begin at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:15 pm. **Reservations need to be made with Ann Fields at 262-384-1982 or email her at aannfields@yahoo.com, by June 7th.** All prices include tax and gratuity, and you will pay your server that night for your meal.

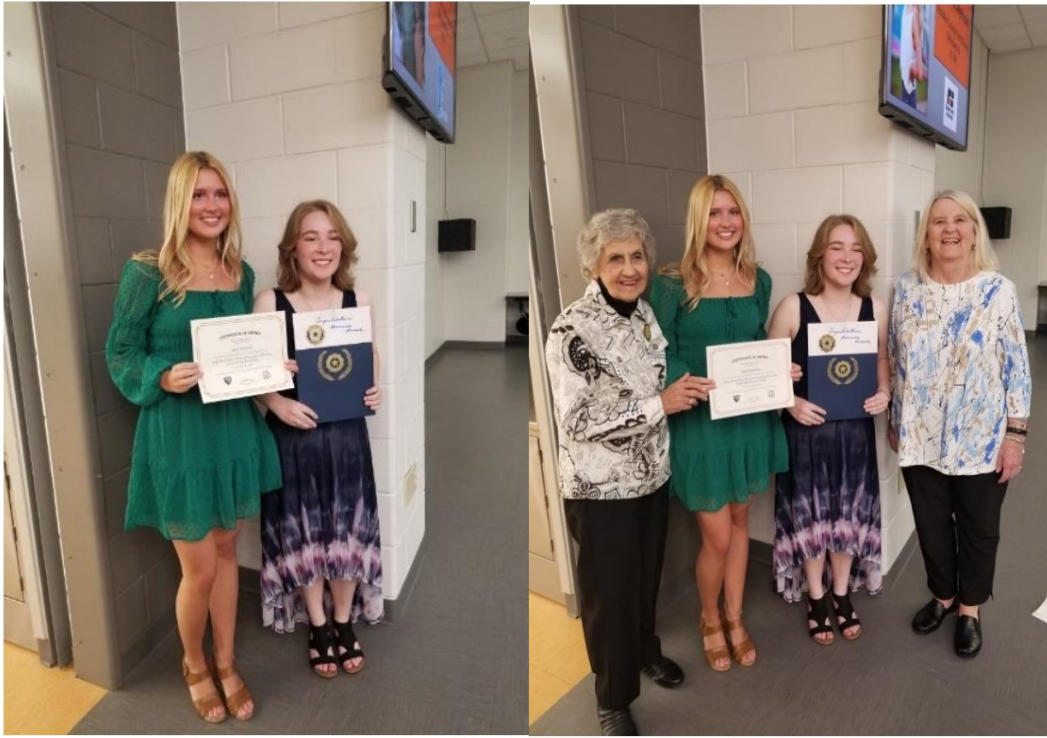
MENU:

Parmesan Chicken with Garlic Noodles - \$20.00

Broasted Chicken with French Fries or Baked Potato - \$20.00

Steak Sandwich with French Fries or Baked Potato - \$24.00

IF YOU MAKE A RESERVATION AND DO NOT SHOW UP, YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR BILL.



We are proud to announce that we gave 2 scholarships this year. Kayla was our Junior Member of the Year; she received a \$300.00 scholarship. Amanda is our Badger Girl of the Year; she also received a \$300.00 scholarship. Congratulations to both Ladies!

Congratulations to our May 2023 Veteran of the month Al Richards!



Al served in the United States Army. Thank you very much for your service Al!

Upcoming Events:

June 6th – Exec Board Meeting 6:30 lower hall
June 13th – June Banquet Bunkers
June 30th – County Installation Dinner @ Cedarburg

Happy Birthday to all members with June Birthdays!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary

