



Rose Harms Legionnaire

July 2023

Happy 4th of July

*And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land,
God bless the USA !*

Lee Greenwood

Saturday, July 1st

Grafton Holidaze

Monday, July 3rd

Executive Committee meeting

Tuesday, July 4th

Independence Day

Monday, July 10th

Post general meeting

Saturday, July 8th

Picnic for Veterans from Zablocki VA

Sunday, July 30th

Celebration of Life for Past Post Tim Roy

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Post Scholarships Awarded

On Wednesday, May 24th, Rose-Harms Post 355, Scholarship Committee Chairman Ralph Beck awarded scholarships to two graduating seniors from Grafton High School.



The Academic scholarship was awarded to Kayla Dembiec. Kayla plans on attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison majoring in Journalism.

The Post Vocational scholarship was awarded to Aaron Bulgrin. Aaron plans on attending Fox Valley Technical College pursuing a career in Automotive Technology.

The Post scholarship awards are valued at \$3000, payable over two years. The Post congratulates both of these individuals & wish them well in their educational pursuits.



To: Post members, Auxiliary & SAL members

From: Ralph Beck, Finance Officer

Re: Green Bay Packers Gold Package Tickets

As was the case last year, the Green Bay Packers will no longer utilize "paper tickets" for entry into Lambeau Field. Our Gold Package games for 2023 are as follows:

Pre –season; Seattle Seahawks TBA

Season Games: Detroit Lions, Thursday, September 28th @ 7:15 PM

Los Angeles Rams, Sunday, November 19th @ 12 Noon

Gold Package invoice price: \$826.00

For more information regarding this change go to: [Packers.com/tickets/mobile](https://packers.com/tickets/mobile) ticketing. Anyone interested in purchasing the "Gold Package" contact me by e-mail at kyha1966@yahoo.com or at 262-377-8407 no later than July 31, 2023. If more than one person is interested, a random drawing will be held to select the recipient.

Note: Tickets are transferable between phones, therefore, if you purchase the package & cannot make it to the game you can simply sell your tickets & transfer them to person who bought them.

We would like to give a big Thank You to all the Volunteers that helped distribute Poppies on the Memorial Day Weekend!

We hit an all-time record this year and could not have done it without the support of our volunteers. We were short on volunteers, but the people that did help did an awesome job. Some helped with multiple shifts. Thanks to their dedication we had a successful Poppy weekend and the donations will help Veterans with their needs.

We also thanked business's that let us distribute poppies at their place:

Pick-n-Save, Sendiks, Collectivo, Super Sales, Jony's Citgo, Farm & Fleet and Lobos



Poppy Committee,

Lora Linder

Carolyn Knoppa

Cathy Brunnquell

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Membership:

Gary Gilstrap reported that the Post's final membership number for 2023 will be 264. A new member, Stephanie Breedin USAF was welcomed aboard.

Sergeant-at-Arm:

Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen reported that the Honor Guard did one gratis funeral last month. Mike said that he thought that we had a great Memorial Day parade and park program.

Athletic:

Doug Arendt reported that the Post's 30th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 16th.

Hall Report:

Al Richards said that the Post needs more part time Bartenders and anyone interested should contact him.

The upper back bar cooler needed repair and probably needs to be replaced in the near future.

The air conditioners will have a professional tune up before the summer season gets too hot.

The hot water heater on the north side of the building was pushing water through the top and was replaced.

A new water softener was installed and attached to the ice maker and the upper glass washer.

Scouts:

Commander Ken presented the Eagle Scout rank and honor to Grant Mathews during a ceremony that was held at the post.

Camp American Legion:

Bill Vorac reported that the Post donated pier at Camp has been installed. The New cabin remains unfinished. The new Camp tractor CASREPT. Our cabin looks ship-shape.

Camp opened and is doing well. 50 veterans from the VA Hospital, who were suffering from various conditions, were at Camp. Those who interacted with them enjoyed a rewarding and transcendent experience.

Old Business:

Ozaukee County installation dinner for all Post officers in the county is on June 30th at the Cedarburg post.

A celebration of life for former Post Commander Tim Roy will be held at the Post on Sunday, July 30th.

Recommendation passed:

The Post will donate \$100 to the Grafton Gladiators Football team with the funds to come from the Bingo Account.

New Business:

2nd District President, Amy Luft, spoke to the membership about the return of the VA Picnic. This is where veterans from Zablocki Medical Center visit the Post for a day of food and fun. The event will be held from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, July 8th. 15-20 Post volunteers are needed to help, including setup and takedown.

Good of the Legion:

Grafton's annual parade will be held on Saturday, July 1st. Start time is at 4:00 pm. Starting area is at 101 Falls Road. (the old Grafton State Bank).

Correspondence:

- Thank-You letter from Kaila Dembiec for Post Scholarship.
- Thank-You letter from Hili Luft for her Outstanding 8th Grade Citizenship Award.
- Thank-You letter from Amy Luft for the Post's support of *Sweat for Vets* event.

This months Calendar Raffle winners were:

\$50 – Bill Vorac
\$30 – Aaron Bulgrin
\$25 – Joe Barbieri
\$20 – Greg Konicek
\$15 – Doug Arendt
\$10 – Steve Shock

Our new calendar raffle for 2023-2024 will start next month. You should have received the form in an e-mail. There are more at the Post if you need them.

July 2023 SAL News



Membership: Our current roster is now at 84 members after recently adding a new member. All members have paid their dues! Questions regarding membership should be directed to Paul Turowski @ 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 recently had a supply of new shirts completed and ready for purchase. 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. T-shirts are available for \$15. SAL baseball caps are also available for \$15. Questions regarding clothing should be directed to Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465.

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

Memorial Day Flags / Dog Tags: Paul Turowski made a motion that we buy pizza for the employees of the company that made the dog tags for us. They refused to charge us for making the tags for us, so this will be our way of saying thank you. Paul will also buy a \$100 restaurant gift certificate for the owner. Members voted to allow him to spend up to \$350.

Operation A.L.F.: This is a program of the Wisconsin Detachment of the Sons of the American Legion. (A.L.F. stands for American Legion Family) They donate a stuffed dog to children who have a parent that is being deployed. Our members voted to donate \$600 to the cause which will purchase 2 cases of the stuffed animals.

Memorial Day Ceremony: The Legion's annual Memorial Day ceremony took place on May 29th at Veterans Park. The weather was beautiful that day so we had a larger than normal crowd for the event. Thank you to the Village of Grafton employees for cleaning up the park and the walking paths prior to the event.

Camp American Legion: Dick and Bob Rieck discussed the need for a shed next to our cabin to store tools and a lawnmower. The members voted to allow them to spend up to \$1000 on a shed and miscellaneous tools.

Bartending help needed: The Legion needs occasional bartending help at some of their week-end events/parties. If you could donate a few hours it would be greatly appreciated. A bartending license is not needed. Please contact Al Richards if you're interested.

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.

July - Jimmy & Ryan

August - Corn Roast

Sept - Brian & Paul

SAL Golf Outing: Event took place on Saturday, June 3rd at Fire Ridge golf course. The event was once again a huge success. We had 100 golfers and 32 hole sponsors. Profit from the event is expected to be approximately \$5,000. Thank you to Bob and Dick Rieck for organizing the event.



Do you have something that you want in the next SAL newsletter?
Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 9/12/2023 @ 6:30pm



American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355
July 2023 Newsletter



Thank you to all our Rose-Harms family members who donated to our Alf Dog Project for the Gold Star Children of Camp Hometown Heroes'! I really wanted to let everyone know that working together as an American Legion Family really does exist! Here are the non-Rose-Harms Family contributors: 4th District Commander Linda Pfeiffer, SAL Squad 434 – Bob Sirovina – Finance Officer, SAL Squad 537 – Richard Wojciechowski - Commander. District 4 – 5 Laura Calteux, President.

Because of all, we have secured enough Alf Dogs for all the children this year!

An Extra-Special Thank You goes out to Ann Fields and Diane Riedl and their team for all their efforts to make our June Banquet special again this year! A great time was had by all as we recognized the following members for their Years of Service, Our Member of the Year, Certificate of Appreciation, and the Rose-Harms 2023 Teacher of the Year from Grafton High School.

10 Year Service awards were awarded to: **Mary Arvai, Mary Molaski, and Rylee Turowski.**

20 Year Service awards were awarded to: **Cathy Brunnquell, Ellie Laydon, Arline Liebenstein, Margie Schoonover.** **25 Year Service** awarded to **Linda Faas.** **30 Year Service** was awarded to **Lynn Holzer and Lisa Mueller.** Thank you, ladies, for all your years of service! Our Unit would not be what it is today without your efforts.



A very Special 50 Year Service award was awarded to Renata Quillen.

We were so excited to give our very first **Teacher of the Year** award to **Mrs. Brenda Stielow of Grafton High School.** We awarded a very special **Certificate of Appreciation** to our member **Amy Gollwitzer** for all she has done for not only our Unit but our entire American Legion Family through her restaurant Ferrante's for a countless number of years. Good Luck Amy on your retirement!



Our member of the year has been a member for 68 years! She has been our Units VA&R Chair too, for more years than most have even belonged to our Unit! **Congratulations to Romelle Nowak** on a very deserving award!

**Congratulations to our July 2023
Veteran of the month Romie Monarski!**



**Romie served in the United States Army 1948 - 1952.
AND the US Air Force 1955 - 1956
Thank you very much for your service Romie!**

A very special thank you to our member Ann Fields for her 14 years of service to our entire American Legion Family! Ann and her husband Kim are moving away and they will be deeply missed by all of us! Good Luck to Ann and Kim Fields

THERE ARE NO AUXILIARY MEETING DURING THE MONTH OF JULY!

Upcoming Events:

**June 30th – County Installation Dinner @ Cedarburg
July 1st – Grafton 4th of July Parade
July 8th – VA Picnic at our Post
July 20 – 23 – Department Convention**

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