



Rose Harms Legionnaire

2023



Monday, August 14th
The Rose Harms Post's
Annual Corn Roast.
Everyone is Invited!

Upcoming Events at the Post

Monday, August 7th	Post Executive Committee meeting
Tuesday, August 8th	Sorry, no BINGO until September
Monday, August 14th	Post Cookout with no meeting after.



Congratulations to our new Rose Harms
Post 355 Commander, Gary Gilstrap.



**Rose Harms Post 355
Annual Golf Outing
Saturday, September 16th**



Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported the final membership for the Post for 2023 was 266. A new member, Ron La Pean – US Army, was welcomed aboard.

Sergeant-at-Arm:

Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen reported one gratis funeral (funeral honors for a Veteran not a member of our Post), Mike said that the Grafton 4th of July Parade went very well.

Americanism:

Ken Kasprzak reported that all of the 4 students who attended the Badger Boys event responded with “thank you” notes.

Athletic:

Doug Arendt reminded everyone of the Post’s 30th Annual Golf Outing. It will be held on Saturday, September 16th, at the Edgewater Golf Course. Everyone is welcome.

Hall Report:

Al Richards reported that the air conditioning units have all been serviced and are ready for the summer heat. Also a new water heater for the north side of the building and a water softener for the ice machine have been installed. Anyone interested in helping with the bartending should contact Al.

Building & Grounds:

Butch Paegelow reported that all the doors in the front of the building are being repaired.

Scouts:

Steve Shock reported the scouts will assist with the model airplane event and then off to summer camp the of July.

Camp American Legion:

Bill Vorac said that the new tractor for Camp has finally been delivered, although some of the attachments have not.

Public Safety:

Sandra Krzewinski reported that the Grafton Fire Department came to our Executive Board and trained the members on the use of the electronic defibrillator.

Tent Rental Program:

Tom Grabow said that 9 tent jobs have been completed thus far this summer with 5 more jobs pending, The checkbook prevails at \$5,792.72.

Old Business:

The VA Picnic held for Zablocki Center outpatient veterans was held at the Post and provided a good time for all. Thanks to all who participated.

The Tim Roy Celebration of Life Ceremony will be held at the Post on July 30th at 11:00 am.

Recommendations:

The Post’s lower hall will be updated with a new ceiling, new windows plus the walls will be repaired and painted for a sum not to exceed \$15,000.

New Business:

Newly elected, Gary “Gator” Gilstrap assumed the post of Rose Harms Post 355 Commander. The memberships gratefully acknowledged Ken’s tenure as Commander. He responded in kind with gratitude for the opportunity to serve.

The Post’s Annual Corn Roast will be on Monday, October 14th, starting at 5:30 pm. There will be no general meeting following the event.



Good of the Legion:

Bob Clearwater, a good friend of the Post and Past State Vice Commander has passed away. Refreshments for the evening were compliments of John Meyer, Steve Shock, Kevin Dressel, and Gary Gilstrap.

Correspondence:

A thank-you note from Aaron Bulgrin for the Post Technology Scholarship.

Calendar Raffle Winners This Month:

\$50 – Jenny Wollner
\$30 – Kevin Taylor
\$25 – Lori Nagle
\$20 – Michael Wollner
\$15 – Gary Fatla
\$10 – Carol Arentz

Congratulations!



Ozaukee County is represented well at the state level.

PDC Al Richards escorts Amy Luft to the stage for installation as the Auxiliary's Department 2nd Vice President.

Department 1st Vice Commander Jim Johnson and 2nd District Commander Charlie Young congratulate each other at their installation ceremony.



Veterans can continue to file a claim for benefits under the Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act (PACT Act).

This legislation expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law helps provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve. There is no deadline to apply for PACT Act benefits. But if you file your PACT Act claim—or quickly submit your intent to file—by August 9, 2023, you may receive benefits backdated to August 10, 2022.

Veterans who served in the following locations and time periods are eligible to apply for enrollment now:

- Service in the Republic of Vietnam between Jan. 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975
- Service in Thailand at any U.S. or Royal Thai base between Jan. 9, 1962, and June 30, 1976
- Service in Laos between Dec. 1, 1965, and Sept. 30, 1969
- Service in certain provinces in Cambodia between April 16, 1969, and April 30, 1969
- Service in Guam or American Samoa between Jan. 9, 1962, and July 30, 1980
- Service in Johnston Atoll (or a ship that called there) between Jan. 1, 1972, and Sept. 30, 1977

Gulf War Veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations after the Persian Gulf War may also be eligible to enroll in VA health care. This includes Veterans who, in connection with service during such period, received the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Service Specific Expeditionary Medal, Combat Era Specific Expeditionary Medal, Campaign Specific Medal, or any other combat theater award established by Federal statute or Executive order.

Post-9/11 Veterans who did not previously enroll in VA health care will have a one-year window in which they may be eligible to enroll if they:

- Served on active duty in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War, or
- Served in combat against a hostile force during a period of hostilities after Nov. 11, 1998
- And were discharged or released between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013

**Get help answering questions about what the PACT Act means for Veterans and their loved ones contact our Ozaukee County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Kevin Johnson.
(262) 284-8326**



American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355
August 2023 Newsletter



Happy Birthday to all Coast Guard Members August 4th!

Congratulations to our July 2023 Veteran of the month Mike Karrels!



Mike served in the United States Army 1960 - 1963.
Thank you very much for your service Mike!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ROSE-HARMS AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS
MEL NOWAK – OZAUKEE COUNTY AUXILIARY MEMBER OF THE YEAR
TOM GRABOW – OZAUKEE COUNTY LEGIONEER OF THE YEAR
THANKS TO BOTH OF THESE AMAZING FOLKS, OUR LEGION FAMILY SOARED AT THE
COUNTY INSTALLATION DINNER!**



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 WILL BE NO AUXILIARY UNIT MEETING IN AUGUST! WE WILL HAVE THE LEGION CORN ROAST ONLY ON AUGUST 14TH.

ALL AUXILIARY MEMBERS COMING TO THE CORN ROAST PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS OR A DESSERT.

**Congratulations to Amy Luft for becoming the
Department 2nd Vice for 2023-2024**

Upcoming Events:

August 14th – Rose-Harms Legion Family Corn Roast

**August 14th – Auxiliary Exec Board meeting following the Corn
Roast August 25 – 31st National American Legion Convention Sep-
tember 2nd – Brat Fry at Sendiks**

September 5th – Exec Board Meeting Lower Level @6:30

September 12th – Bingo promptly at 7:00

September 19th – Auxiliary meeting lower hall, fellowship starts at 5:45

Happy Birthday to all members with August Birthdays!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART!



Rose-Harms 30th Annual Golf Outing

(A golf scramble open to all Legion Family members and friends)



Edgewater Golf Club
 Saturday, September 16, 2023
 1:00 pm Shotgun Start
 Dinner @ Edgewater Golf Club
 (served at 4:30 pm)
 Beer & Soda on Course



Golf, Dinner and prizes: \$40.00 (cart included for outing)
 Golf and prizes Only: \$25.00 (cart included for outing)
 Note: Edgewater members NO PRICE REDUCTION
 (we are charged for every golfer for the outing)
 Dinner Only \$20.00 (gratuity included)

Name (foursomes golf together, others will be made into foursomes)	Golf and Dinner \$40.00	Golf Only \$25.00	Dinner Only \$20.00	Total
Total Amount Enclosed (Checks Payable to Rose-Harms Post #355)				

Have payment and reservations to **the Post** NO LATER THAN Friday, September 8, 2023

Return (with payment please) to:
 Rose-Harms Post #355
 Attn: Golf Outing
 1540 13th Avenue
 Grafton, WI 53024

"Our event is for golfers of all ability levels. Come see
 your Legion friends in a setting outside of the Post. A
 good time will be had by all."
 Doug Arendt, outing chairperson