



Rose Harms Legionnaire

February EVENTS

Monday, February 5th

Post Executive Committee

No County Meeting in February

Monday, February 12th

Post General Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th

BINGO

Tuesday, February 13th

Sons of the American Legion

Wednesday, February 14th

Saint Valentine's Day



Saturday, February 17th

Post Bowling sponsored by SAL

Monday, February 19th

Military Historians

Winners of this months Post Calendar Raffle were:



\$50 – Jim Proefrock

\$30 – Gary Fatla

\$25 – Bill Vorac

\$20 – Les Williams

\$15 – Carol Wendtlandt

\$10 – David Viesselmann

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LEGION**

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Claude Taylor reported that Art Albers expressed his thanks for the holiday gift card.

Membership: Ken Kasprzak reported membership at 251. Ken will make personal calls to the 14 unpaid.

Sergeant-at-Arm: Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen reported that there were no funerals for the month of December.

Mike Knoppa reported that there was a downturn in blood drive participation this year.

Americanism: Ken Kasprzak and Lee Wiskirchen had held an orientation meeting at the Grafton High School for the American Legion's Badger State program. They were very pleased to have 30 Junior students in attendance. Boys from last year's program were there to help out.

Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow reported Las Vegas Night "40" is still on the schedule for April 6th, 2024. So, keep it on your schedule. This once a year post fundraiser will require considerable help from our members. Butch will let the membership know what help is needed at each Post meeting. This also includes selling your allotment of sweepstakes tickets.

Vegas Night supports a considerable portion of our yearly budget including our Post maintenance which is a considerable sum. Not to be redundant, but the Post's success in the community and our yearly donations are heavily reliant on the proceeds from the Las Vegas Night event.

Scouts: Steve Shock reported the scouts are prepping for the stay at Bear-Paw Camp along with other high-adventure outings. Post member, Chris Lundberg is now our new scouting chairperson.

Bingo: Jim Arentz reported that the Bingo night for January had to be cancelled due to big snow storm we had.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen reported Alani Walls turned in a fine performance at the County level contest. She tied for 1st place with a young man from Port Washington, but eventually placed 2nd as a result of a tie breaker.

Recommendations: The Post membership dues will be raised \$5 yearly to offset the same rise in National dues. Post membership dues will be \$40 effective on July 1st.

New Business: Guest, Rea, Auxiliary President, presented the Post with a check for \$400 for their part in the new water heater installed. She also noted the Auxiliary is collecting both food and supplies until February for needy Ozaukee County residents.

Good of the Legion: We were happy to see Post member, Mark Berend, returning to attendance at our meetings following a lengthy hiatus. Youth in Government Day is an American Legion program designed to provide high school students with firsthand knowledge of how county government plays an important role in their lives and provides an opportunity for students to actively engage in the legislative process. The goal of the program is to develop an awareness of how the county functions and assist students in becoming well informed and active citizens in their communities. The annual Youth in Government Day is scheduled for March 20th, beginning at the old court house. After lunch the students will be taken to the Justice Center to tour the jail and take part in a mock trial.

Legionnaires are encouraged to attend and help chaperon the students.



LAS VEGAS NIGHT

***Join
the
Fun***

Our 40th annual LAS VEGAS NIGHT will be held on Saturday April 6, 2024 at the Rose Harms Post 355. Help is always needed to help make this a successful night.

Contact Steve Shock at 262-377-3728 if you can help dealing Blackjack.

Contact Bill Klein at 414-550-5835 if you can help with the roulette wheel or craps table.

Contact Brent Kozak at 262-623-4098 if you can help sell 50/50 raffle tickets.

Las Vegas sweepstakes were mailed to members last month. Please consider purchasing yourself or to family and friends. Tickets sales are a big part of the profits for that evening. Please do not discard tickets, return them to the Post. They can be mailed back or placed in the mail slot at the front of the building. If you are in need of more tickets stop by the Post in the morning or call the Post at 262-377-8887 and we will get you more tickets.

If you have any questions or are available to help call Butch Paegelow at 262-377-9596.

Thank you for your support.



Your Wisconsin American Legion Helping Veterans

WI Troop & Family Support

The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin's Troop and Family Support fund is open to all Veterans. This is a restricted fund supported by donations from both our members and the general public. Every penny donated to the fund is used to support Wisconsin veterans and their families who have been discharged "Under Honorable Conditions" or higher.

Temporary Financial Assistance

Since its establishment in 1925, The American Legion Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) program has awarded cash grants to minor children of current active duty or American Legion members. These grants help families in need meet the cost of shelter, food, utilities and health expenses, thereby keeping the child or children in a more stable environment.

For more information and/or applications go to: wilegion.org/veterans-in-need

Terrence Sund Memorial Fund

The Terrence Sund Memorial Fund is used to identify unclaimed cremated remains of Wisconsin Soldiers and give them a proper burial.

Terrence Sund died in Vietnam in 1967 at 20 years old. His remains were at WI Memorial Park Cemetery in Brookfield for 40 years.

This fund was developed to give him a proper burial and continues to identify others who suffered the same fate.



February 2024 SAL News



Membership: As of our January meeting, our current roster is at 87 members with several unpaid. Dues are \$25 and should be paid as soon as possible. If you haven't paid your dues, please make Paul's job easier and mail your check ASAP. Your check, payable to "Sons of the American Legion", can be mailed to Paul Turowski, 1478 N Green Bay Rd, Grafton, WI 53024. 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 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: Now that winter is upon us, keep in mind that our Grafton SAL will be offering short-term assistance to members of the Grafton Legion Post 355 who need temporary help with snow removal. If you know anyone that needs assistance, they can contact Ryan Rieck at: SAL.VAS.RYANRIECK@GMAIL.COM

Legion bowling: The event is scheduled for Saturday, February 17th at Circle B Recreation in Cedarburg. Registration will be at 10:00 am and bowling will start at 11:00 am. Look for a 50/50 raffle and a general raffle. The registration form has been emailed to everyone. The event is open to the public so please spread the word.

SAL Gun Raffle: Tickets for the gun raffle are selling fast! As of the January meeting, a total of 65 tickets and money have been turned in. Tickets are available from Dan McKelvey by calling him at 262-689-5112 or by email at GraftonSALGunRaffle@gmail.com. Tickets will also be available from Corey at Grafton Mobil. Keep in mind that we will be selling a maximum of 200 tickets at \$20 each. The drawing will be held at the Grafton Legion Las Vegas Night on April 6th. We'll need everyone's help to sell the tickets. Please contact Dan McKelvey if you have any questions regarding the raffle or if you need tickets.

Veteran's Day Dinner/Legion Birthday Dinner: Our SAL and the Auxiliary are going to be taking over these events going forward so we are in need of a chairman to organize these events along with a representative from the Auxiliary. If you're interested, please contact our commander, Dick Rieck.

Legion kitchen remodel: Still waiting on the bids to come in from the contractors.

Social Media Coordinator: Are you tech savvy? Do you use Facebook? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be the perfect candidate for this position. The primary responsibilities of this position involve keeping our Facebook page up-to-date by posting upcoming events. Very easy job for the right person! If you're interested, please contact our commander, Dick Rieck, at rieck3@gmail.com.

Bartending help needed: The Legion needs occasional bartending help at some of their weekend 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. His email address is: al-beer1946@gmail.com

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.

February - Corey & Ricky Burton

March - Legion

April - Gary

May - Dick R & Dan M

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

Next SAL Meeting: 2/13/2023 @ 6:30pm



American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355
February 2024 Newsletter

Since we did not have a meeting in January, we basically have a recap of what lies ahead within our Legion Family.

Please join the SAL for their 17th Annual Bowling outing at Circle B on February 17th. 10:00 am registration.

Speaking of bowling... the **Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary State Bowling Tournament** this year will be on two weekends once again up in beautiful Medford, WI. The first weekend is on April 6th which is the same Saturday as our Post Annual Las Vegas Nite. Having said that, the Auxiliary Tournament weekends are as follows: Saturday April 6 and Sunday April 7 or Saturday April 13 and Sunday April 14th, at Sports Page Bowl 1174 W. Broadway Avenue, Medford, WI 54451. The registration deadline is March 15th. **ANYONE INTERESTED IN BOWLING PLEASE CALL TONI MOEGENBURG @414-750-3426 OR SUE TUROWSKI @262-389-4644.** Either can send the details out to you. We will also have registration forms and hotel details at the February meeting.

REMINDER: Attached is our Flyer for the American Legion Auxiliary of Ozaukee County. Keep in mind please that this is a countywide project. Remember to donate food items that you and your family eat. Or did you know that we may also donate toilet paper, toothpaste, personal need items and you get the idea. Those types of things are needed too. If you are interested in donating money, please call **Mary Arvai @262-685-7757. She is the chair for our Auxiliary.**

We will have a sign-up sheet for the Legion Birthday Dinner on Monday March 11. That historically has been a joint meeting night. The Legion meets upstairs, and we meet downstairs and we serve dinner to all before our meetings.

Lora Linder reported at the Executive Board meeting that we are at 118 paid with 68% membership.

Remember please to keep 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.**

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday – February 6th - Exec Board Meeting Lower Hall @6:30

Tuesday – February 13th - Bingo doors open at 6:00 pm

Saturday – February 17th SAL Bowling Tournament at Circle B

Tuesday – February 20th - Regular Unit Meeting. Fellowship 5:45, meeting starts at 6:30.

***Due to the weather, we were unable to honor our Veteran of the month.
There will be two representatives in our next newsletter.***

Happy Birthday to all members with February Birthday!
Sue Turowski, Secretary



FOOD DRIVE



The Ozaukee County American Legion Auxiliary

Is having a FOOD DRIVE Now through February 27th.

Collections are taking place at every American Legion Post in Ozaukee County. Please call your local Legion Post to make sure they are open for you to drop off your donations.

All donations will be picked up by

Family Sharing and will stay in Ozaukee County.

It is our time to give to the County for which we live.

We will take nonperishable food or Monetary donations for Family Sharing. Food will be picked up February 27th for distribution for the Easter Holiday

The Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary Chairman for this event is Mary Arvai 262-685-7757.

She will collect any monetary donations.



Rose – Harms Post 355 – 17th Annual Bowling Outing

Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion

When: Saturday, February 17th Registration at 10:00 AM Bowling at 11:00 AM

Where: Circle B Recreation

Why: A fun get-together for the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and friends

Cost: \$20.00 per person for 3 games of bowling and shoes

Five person mixed teams with the first 24 teams to register. Anyone can bowl, so get your team together for this fun outing. If you cannot get 5 people together to register to bowl, we will get you a team. This event will be a 9-pin tap tournament. Please arrive a half hour to an hour prior to the start of bowling. **There will be a potluck dinner, so please feel free to bring something to share. There will be raffle prizes drawn throughout the day and a 50/50 raffle at the end!** If you would like to donate something for the raffle prizes, it would be greatly appreciated.

Team Line-Up (**Please Print**)

Email: _____

1. _____

Telephone #: _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Please return entry form by February 16th to:

Grafton Mobil
1117 Washington St
Grafton, WI 53024

If you have any question, please call
Chris Wegner 414-839-9712 or Corey Esselmann 414-380-8834