

Rose Harms Legionnaire

2024



Monday, March 4th

Thursday, March 7th

Monday, March 11th

Friday, March 15th

Sunday, March 17th

Monday, March 18th



Post Executive Committee Meeting

Ozaukee County meeting

Auxiliary to supply a meal at 6:00 pm
With Post General Meeting to follow.

The American Legion Birthday Dinner

SAL meat raffle at the Hutch

Military Historians

Card Club lower level



On behalf of Commander Gary Gilstarp and the Rose Harms Post 355, Jacob Cehanovich, from the 4H Clover Leaf Club, gave a check for \$1,150 to Amy Luft for the Honor Flights.



 **AMERICAN
LEGION**

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Birthday is Friday, March 15th



and everyone is Welcome !



Come and Help Honor Our Post's Police Officer, Firefighter and EMT of the Year

☐ Our Menu

Slow roasted Corned beef,

Tender Chicken and fish will also be available.



All for only \$18 each.

Fun Starts at 6:00 pm



Names

Mail to; Rose Harms Post 355
 1540 13th Ave.
 Grafton, WI 53024

or Call 262- 377-8887

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Membership: Ken Kasprzak reported membership[at 261. Seven unpaid with two of them dead

Sergeant-at-Arm: Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen reported no funerals for the month of January. Taps this evening for deceased member . . .

Americanism: Ken Kasprzak reported five applications for Badger Boys State and with funds for five all will be eligible to attend . . .

Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow reported Vegas Night "40" is a work in progress. Please get items for small raffle and silent auction to Butch ASAP. Help is still needed on various areas. Sell your raffle tickets.

Scouts: Chris Lundberg reported the scouts are prepping for the stay at Bear-Paw Camp along with other high-adventure outings. . .

Bingo: Jim Arentz said that we need to set up for Bingo tomorrow right after tonight's Post meeting. Jim reminded all help is always welcome.

Public Safety: Ken Kasprzak reported that the Public Safety Awardees will attend the Post's Legion Birthday celebration on Friday, March 15th. The dinner will be only \$18 each and catered by Prime Minister.

Tent Program: Tom Grabow said the crew had four jobs for the upcoming summer with 2 in June and 2 in July. Checkbook balance prevails at \$4,194.52. Help is needed for the tent crew.

Old Business: The Post will once again sponsor a senior American Legion Baseball Team this Year. See you at the park!

Recommendations Passed

The Post will donate \$500 to the John Long Middle School for their Washington D.C. class trip with money to come from the Bingo Account.

The Post will donate \$100 for each of the 3 Stars and Stripes flights with money to come from the Bingo Account.

Good of the Legion:

Auxiliary President Rea spoke about the continuation of their Ozaukee County food drive.

She then presented a check from the Auxiliary for \$1,000 for care of Cabin 17 at Camp American Legion.

Amy Luft, Department Vice President, spoke to the membership about signing on for the Stars and Stripes Honor Flights this summer and fall.

The Legion Riders had a winter social dinner at the Post and donated a new Dell laptop to the Post with the proceeds from the evening.

Post member, Phillis Wiggins is interested starting a gardening program for greater Grafton and is hoping to find likeminded Post and community members to get this program launched.

The Post's Calendar Raffle Winners for this month:

\$50 – Judy Wendtlandt

\$30 – Steve Shock

\$25 – Grace Rader

\$20 – Janet Tillman Blunk

\$15 – Laurie Schwalbe

\$10 – Susan Franzen

LAS VEGAS NIGHT - SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2024

Help is needed to make this evening successful for Post 355. Contact Steve Shock at 262-377-3728 if you can help deal Blackjack. If you can help with the craps tables or the roulette wheel contact Bill Klein at 414-550-5835.

Brent Kozak can be contacted at 262-623-4098 if you can help selling tickets for the 50/50 cash raffle.

Please purchase or sell the cash sweepstakes tickets you received. Ticket sales are a huge part of our profits for the evening. Tickets stubs can be dropped in the mail slot at the front of the post or be returned by mail. If you are in need of more tickets please call the post at 262-377-8887 and we will see you get more tickets.

Mark your calendar for April 6, 2024 and come for an evening of fun and support Post 355.

If you have any questions or are available to help out that evening contact Butch Paegelow at 262-377-9596.



Scouting — Troop 840

The Troop is already busy with our 2024 events.

In January we went skiing for the weekend at Ski Brule.

February 16-18 is our annual Polar Bear event where the Scouts will be sleeping outside and participating in several winter activities. We have plenty of extra tents, if any Legion members want to join us.

In March we'll be going to Manitowoc for an overnight at the USS Cobia.

Our high adventure trip this year will be to Zion Nation Park and Bryce Canyon – we'll be there 7 days and plan to do a lot of hiking.

Thank you,
Chris Lundberg
(M) 414.688.3899
Chris@TheLundberg.com



March 2024 SAL News



Membership: As of our February meeting, our current roster is at 87 members with only 6 unpaid members. 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

Guardians of the Children: We heard from a few members of this group at the February meeting. They are a nonprofit organization across the U.S. and Canada that is comprised of motorcycle enthusiasts who help children who have been victims of child abuse. If you have a chance, I suggest you check out their website at: guardiansofthechildren.com. They are doing amazing work! We voted to donate \$1,000 to their organization.

SAL Gun Raffle: Tickets for the gun raffle are almost gone! If you're still interested on buying a ticket, you better move quickly. 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.

Legion Birthday Dinner: The dinner is scheduled for Friday, March 15th at the Legion Post. You should have received an email from Ken Kasprzak recently that included the registration form. We will be honoring the Post's police officer, firefighter, and EMT of the year. Please plan to attend. Thank you to Richard and Kelly Rieck for stepping and chairing this event!

SAL Meat Raffle: Event is scheduled for St Patrick's Day (Sunday, March 17th) at The Hutch in Grafton from noon to 3:30pm. Corned beef and cabbage will served for free courtesy of The Hutch. We really need members to attend to help sell tickets. Please spread the word and help make this another successful event.

Sweat 4 Vets: Please plan to participate in the 7th annual Sweat 4 Vets event on Saturday, May 18th. This year we will start at the Cedarburg Legion and walk to the Grafton Legion. This year's event is raising money for Dogs2DogTags, whose mission is to save at-risk, rescued, or donated dogs, train them, and home them with Veterans who may be battling post-combat stress and anxiety. This is done at no charge to our Veterans. You can register at their website: sweat4vetswi.com.

Legion kitchen remodel: We have received two bids for the project. The bids ranged from \$30,000 - \$40,000. We plan to save some money by doing some of the work ourselves. More info to come.

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.

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.

March - Auxiliary / April - Gary & Paul / May - Dick R & Dan M / June - Jimmy & Dave

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 3/12/2023 @ 6:30pm



American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355
March 2024 Newsletter

A special Thank you to our Fire Chief Bill Rice and Dan Delorit for the visit to our Unit meeting in February. Did you know that our fire department has been around for 130 years? How about the fact that we have had 4 different firehouses all on the same block! Please keep them in mind as they work so diligently to keep us all safe and healthy.

Thank you to all Legion Family members for your very generous donations to Family Sharing. Together we raised \$350.00 in cash donations and 150 lbs. of food and various other sustainable items for the Oz. Co., American Legion Auxiliary Food Drive.

Don't forget if you are interested in 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.

ATTN: ALL POST FAMILY MEMBERS: Please join us for the Legion Birthday Dinner on **Monday March 11th at 5:30**. We will be serving Broasted Chicken along with various salads and other amazing items including our fabulous Auxiliary Desserts. We will also have birthday cake and ice cream too!

Both the Legion and the Auxiliary will have their meetings that night following our meal.

Lora Linder reported that we are at 133 paid with 76% membership. Keep in mind Ladies that all membership dues are supposed to be paid by the end of the year.

This year we would like to again thank the following, Horicon Bank, Exacto Spring, and the Grafton Lions Club for their very generous sponsorship of the following 3 Grafton Highschool Juniors: Abigail Gibson, Samantha Hackbarth and Amelia Werner. Each of our sponsors contributed \$400.00 in support of our Badger Girl program.

APRIL 6th: Friendly Reminder that our Auxiliary will again be serving food for Las Vegas night. Walking Taco's are on the menu. If you are interested in helping, please contact our chair Cathy Brunnquell @262-424-7692.

Your Auxiliary is again going to have a display case at the Grafton Public Library this summer. Please consider any items that you may want to share with our two chairs, Janet Sladky and Angie Dedlow, to use that to help explain our mission as well as any awards received, to help promote our organization.

Our VA&R chair Mel Nowak (262-377-1776) is wondering if anyone has family or friends that are currently deployed? We routinely send out care packages and cards. Please let Mel know if you have someone in mind.

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.**

ELECTIONS ARE COMING IN MAY..... EXPECT A CALL FROM OUR NOMINATION COMMITTEE

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS AND REPORTS FOR ALL THE GOOD YOU'VE DONE IS DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2024. THIS IS NOT A JOKE.....

REPORTING FORMS ATTACHED!

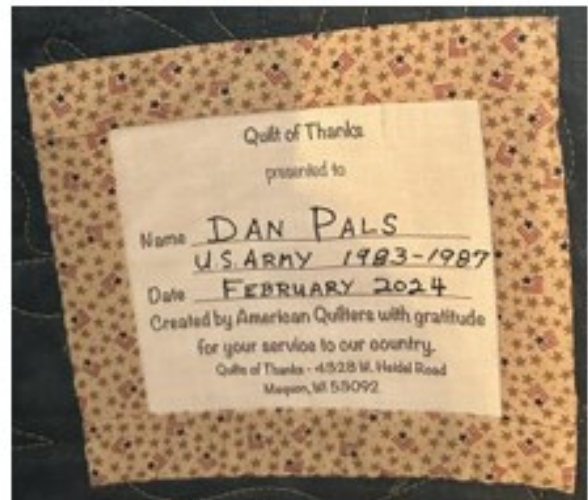


***The moment we all have been waiting for:
We are finally all caught up with our Veterans of the Month!!!!***

Congratulations to our November 2023 Veteran of the month Dan Pals!

Dan served in the United States Army from 1983 – 1987

Thank you so very much for your service Dan!



Congratulations to our January 2024 Veteran of the month Joe Duffner!

Joe served in the United States Army from 1954 – 1956

Thank you so very much for your service Joe!



Upcoming Events:

Tuesday – March 5th - Exec Board Meeting Lower Hall @6:30

Monday – March 11th – Legion Birthday Meeting with Dinner at 5:30 Meeting to start at 7:00

Tuesday – March 12th – Bingo doors open at 6:00.

Friday - March 15th – Legion Birthday Dinner Dance – doors open at 5:30

Sunday – March 17th – HAPPY ST PATTY'S DAY!



AT LAST, OUR FEBRUARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH!!

Congratulations to our February 2024 Veteran of the month Larry Engel!
Larry served in the United States Army from 1952 – 1954
Thank you so very much for your service Larry!



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