



Rose Harms Legionnaire

May 2024
EVENTS

Thursday, May 2nd

Monday, May 6th

Monday, May 13th

Tuesday, May 14th

Tuesday, May 14th

Saturday, May 18th

Monday, May 20th

Monday, May 20th

Monday, May 27th

County meeting at Post 470 Saukville

Post Executive Committee meeting

Post General meeting

Bingo - last one until September

Sons of the American Legion meeting

Sweat 4 Vets walk ends at our Post

Military Historians

Post Card Club - lower level

Memorial Day



Lest We Forget



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Highlights from last months meeting

Chaplain Claude Taylor reported Tom Brown is in Froedert Hospital with a serious infection. Neal Mertz is out of the hospital and staying with his daughter.

Membership: Ken Kasprzak reported membership has surpassed 100% with four transfers and is at a total 270 members . . .

Americanism: Ken reported that all 5 of the Post's "Badger Boys State" representatives have registered for the week long event in June.

Las Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow reported the night was a successful event, and total income will be reported next month.

Scout Update by Chris Lundberg

- Maple syrup days at Bear Paw this past weekend. 38 Scouts and adults attended.
- There will be a Greenbush camping outing in May
- Summer camp registration is up to 33 scouts and 6 adult leaders

Bingo: Jim Arentz reported setup for bingo following the meeting this evening with one more month after April remaining.

Public Safety: Ken Kasprzak reported the Village of Grafton Public Safety awardees will compete for the County Award.

Recommendation Passed

The Post consents to have Linda Faas and Allen Bucholz move forward with plans to make the Post's namesakes more meaningful and personal with an arrangement visible to those who enter the Post.

New Business: The County installation dinner and installation of officers will be held at our Post on Friday, June 28th.

Good of the Legion:

Steve Shock reported that Post elections will be held at our May meeting. Current office holders have indicated they will run again.

If any other members are interested in an office, they may be nominated that night.

The Auxiliary event, Sweat for Vets, will be Saturday, May 18th. The 2.5 mile walk from the Cedarburg Post to the Grafton Post, will benefit Dogs2Dog Tags.

This Month's Calendar Raffle Winners:

\$50 - Stuart Franzen

\$30 - Brendon Talaska

\$25 - Randy Marnn

\$20 - Emilie Franzen

\$15 - Robert Wrecza

\$10 - Heather Godersky



Post will be open at 10:00 am.

Parade to start at 10:30 am.

We will march straight down 13th Avenue to Veterans Park.

Memorial Day ceremonies will be held at the Gazebo this year.

At its conclusion, the Honor Guard will march to the memorial.

The Honor Guard will fire a salute.

Followed by an open house lunch at the post.

Thank you to all who help make this year's Las Vegas Night another huge success.



To the many people who help with the many jobs needed to make this night a fun night. Thank you to the behind the scenes workers who help sort money, stuff envelopes, collect raffle prizes. Thank you to many who worked dealing cards, working the gaming tables, working the silent raffle and calling out raffle ticket numbers. Special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and the SALS for all their help that evening.

Winners in the cash sweepstakes:

\$500 Jay Schwenn

\$200. Loye Blade

\$100. Josh Franzen

\$100. D.C. Tice

\$100. Amy Gollwitzer

\$ 50. Landon Arentz

\$ 50. Karen Bova

\$ 50. Charles Righi

\$ 50. Stacy Baldwin

50/50 Winner - Patricia Malkowski

High Roller award went to Jared Uhan

Congratulations to all our winners !

BE THE ONE

Why is this a priority right now?

Today, the number one issue facing the veteran community is suicide, according to the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. It is estimated that between 17 and 22 veterans or service members take their lives each day. That's more than 6,000 annually. The rate of suicide for veterans is more than 50% higher than that of non-veteran adults.

I'm a veteran. What can I do to support this initiative?

While this program is designed to help all veterans, we know that everyone responds differently to stresses, have different life experiences and have varying results in types of treatment. However, the following are guidelines intended to provide help before a crisis situation develops. The American Legion encourages you to Be the One to:

- Talk with others about how you are feeling.
- Ask for help when you know you need it.
- Know there are millions of people ready to help you.
- Remember your family and friends care.

What's the quickest way to get help in an emergency?

If you are a veteran in crisis, resources are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

Call 988 and press 1

Text 838255

Visit the VA Crisis Line website



**2024 OZAUKEE COUNTY YOUTH
GOVERNMENT DAY**

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County Youth Government Day is designed to teach high school students about the importance of their county government and to give them the information and confidence necessary to increase the voting numbers at the polls. Ultimately educating the youth to become better citizens creates an atmosphere for a cleaner and more effective government.

County Youth Government Day is a field day experience at the county courthouse that provides high school students firsthand knowledge of how county government plays an important role in their daily lives. Elected officials provide insight into their roles and duties, and give condensed lessons on how the government operates within the county. Students are encouraged to actively engage in meaningful dialogue and participate in activities with elected officials and administrative staff.

The program's goal is to develop in youth an awareness of how their county government functions and assist them in becoming well-informed and active citizens in their communities.



A BIG SHOUT OUT TO ALL OF YOU FOR MAKING THIS DAY A SUCCESS!

May 2024 SAL News



Membership: Paul was not able to attend our April meeting so there was no update on membership. As of our February meeting, there were only 4 unpaid members. If you are one of those, please send a check to Paul. Your check for \$25, 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 spring 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 yard work. If you know anyone that needs assistance, they can contact Ryan Rieck at: SAL.VAS.RYANRIECK@GMAIL.COM

SAL Gun Raffle: The drawing was held on April 6th at the Grafton Legion Las Vegas Night. The winner was Collin Vanden Heuvel from Port Washington. Our profit from the raffle was \$2,425. Thank you to everyone who purchased or sold tickets.

Legion Las Vegas Night: Thank you to all the members who showed up and helped with the paddle raffles. Our net profit from the raffles was \$2,217.

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.



SAL Golf Outing: is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th at Fire Ridge. Registration starts at 8am and a shotgun start at 9am. Flyers and registration forms will be available soon.

Camp American Legion Clean-Up: Some of our members are planning to go to camp on May 9th - 11th to do the spring clean-up work. If you'd like to help out this year, please contact Dick Rieck at 414-526-6409.

American Legion Baseball: We voted to donate \$500 to the Grafton Legion baseball team.

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.

Wisconsin SAL Detachment Newsletter: If you'd like to sign up to receive this newsletter, go to their website (www.wisal.org) and click on the "Get our eNewsletter" link on the home page. This is a great way to stay up-to-date on what's happening at the state level for the SAL.

Volunteers are needed to serve the Post meeting dinner on the 2nd Monday of each month. Dinner is at about 7:45pm. May - Dick R & Dan M & Hudson V June - Jim & Dave

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

Next SAL Meeting: 5/14/2024 @ 6:00pm (Please note the earlier start time.**)**



American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355
May 2024 Newsletter

A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO ALL ROSE-HARMS LEGION FAMILY MEMBERS!

To paraphrase Ellie Laydon ~

You all made me feel so special with your kind words, cards, gifts and especially your visits!



Thank you so very much, I'm so blessed!

Thank you, Mel Nowak!!!! It is all because of you, that all our Veterans at Zablocki, King, CVI, Boudicca House and some I know I forgot to mention, (through her association with the Manitou Girl Scout Council) you alone, coordinated a donation of 400 cases of girl scout cookies! That is approximately 4,850 boxes of cookies which is over \$18,000.00 worth of Girl Scout Cookies that were donated this year by our Girl Scouts of Manitou County! *Motto: The Girl Scout motto is "Be prepared." In the 1947 Girl Scout Handbook, the motto was explained this way: "A Girl Scout is ready to help out wherever she is needed. Willingness to serve is not enough; you must know how to do the job well, even in an emergency." The same holds true today.*

God Bless YOU, Mel and all those Girl Scouts too!

Las Vegas Auxiliary Chair Cathy Brunnquell **thanks all who supported the Auxiliary** during this year's Las Vegas night!

Lora Linder reported that we are at 142 paid with 82% membership. We are so close to 100% membership! Please get your dues paid as soon as possible.

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.**

Our Marcus Chair Laurie Schwalbe is pleased to let us know that there will be 3 Marcus opportunities in 2024, to buy tickets and gift cards! **The dates are May 31, September 27 and December 13th.**

Please reach out to Laurie at schwalbelaurie@yahoo.com or give her a call 414-659-6951 to order.



That Time of Year is Coming and We Need You!

The Poppy Committee will be attending the May meetings for the Legion, Sons of American Legion and Auxiliary.

We will have sign-up sheets to help us **May 25 and May 26** Distribute Poppies. We have our traditional locations here in Grafton.



Our Memorial Day Chair Mary Arvai is looking for volunteers this year to help serve our **Memorial Day Luncheon immediately following our Legion Family Memorial Day Parade.** If you have an interest in helping, please call Mary Arvai at 262-685-7757.

**SWEAT 4 VETS IS SATURDAY MAY 18TH FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:
AMY LUFT @414-651-7300**



CONGRATULATIONS

At the April 20th Ozaukee County meeting, our own Kelly Rieck was named Ozaukee County Auxiliary Member of the Year! Congratulations Kelly – your Auxiliary Sisters are soooo proud of you!

**Congratulations to our APRIL 2024 Veteran of the month Ken Nowrocki!
Ken served in the United States Navy from 1958 – 1962.
Thank you so very much for your service Ken!**



Upcoming Events:

- Saturday May 4th – 2nd District Spring Conference @ the Kalahari
- Tuesday May 7th - Exec Board Meeting Lower Hall @6:30
- Tuesday – May 14th – Bingo doors open at 6:00. **LAST BINGO OF THE YEAR!!!!!!**
- Saturday May 18th – Department Officers Testimonial Dinner
- Saturday May 18th – Sweat 4 Vets Walk from Cedarburg Post to Grafton Post
- Tuesday May 21st – Unit Meeting Lower Hall 5:45 fellowship, 6:30 meeting
- Friday May 27th – Poppy Distribution Day
- Saturday May 28th – Poppy Distribution Day
- Monday May 27th – Memorial Day Parade and Luncheon



*Let us pause to remember and honor the brave men and women –
who gave their lives in service to our nation.
Their sacrifice will forever be etched in our hearts!*

**Happy Birthday to ALL Members with May Birthdays!
Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary**