



# Rose Harms Legionnaire



## 2025

<b>Monday, March 3rd</b>	<b>Post Executive Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday, March 6th</b>	<b>Ozaukee County meeting at Belgium</b>
<b>Monday, March 10th</b>	<b>Post General Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 11th</b>	<b>BINGO</b>
	<b>SAL in lower hall at 6:30</b>
<b>Saturday, March 15th</b>	<b>The American Legion Birthday Dinner</b>
<b>Monday, March 17th</b>	<b>Military Historians</b>
	<b>Card Club lower level</b>

**41st LAS VEGAS NIGHT  
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025  
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30**



To make this evening a successful evening for Post 355 help is needed.

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

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

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

Please sell or purchase the cash sweepstakes tickets you received last month. Ticket sales are a huge part of our profits for the evening. Ticket stubs can be dropped in the mail slot at the front of the post or can be mailed back to Post 355. 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 5, 2025 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.



**Chaplains:** Doug Arendt said that he saw Post member, Ron Kuta, and that he appeared to be in good spirits.

**Membership:** Ken Kasprzak reported membership at 249 with a goal of 279.

The Post welcomed a new transfer member, Dan Smoge – USN.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen reported that the Post's Honor Guard performed two funerals for area veterans that were not members of our Post.

**Hall Report:**

- Al Richards reported that the Post's annual American Legion Birthday dinner will be on Saturday, March 15th.
- Ken said that our annual "Public Safety Awards" for Grafton's first responders are ready to be presented at the dinner.
- Quotes are being sought for the the remodeling of the lower halls kitchen. Commander Gary, the SAL and the Auxiliary are working together on this project.

**Camp American Legion:** Bill Vorac reported that the June 14th, 100th Anniversary of Camp American Legion event will be a biggie. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Tent Rental Program:** Tom Grabow warned the table and chairs erection crew that they should dress warm and be snow ready, as there are still several rental commitments ahead.

**Old Business:**

- Steve Shock said that the 4 Chaplains Dinner held at the Cedarburg this year, went very well.
- The SAL bowling outing was not as well attended as previous years, but the Post team did enjoy themselves.

**Executive Committee Recommendation:**

The members voted to donate \$300 for the April, May and June Honor Flights.

**New Business:**

The Badger Boys State Program held in June at the UW Eau Claire college, will have three attendees from the Post this year.

The Post will continue to sponsor an American Legion Baseball Team again this year.

**Good of the Legion:**

The refreshments for after the meeting were compliments of Dave Theis. Thank you also to the SAL for supplying food.

**Correspondence:**

A letter from Aaron Bulgin was received thanking the members for his Scholarship.

A thank-you letter from Portal Inc. for the Post's \$250 donation was also received.

**Winners of Our Monthly Calendar Raffle Were:**

**\$50 – Toni Moegenburg**

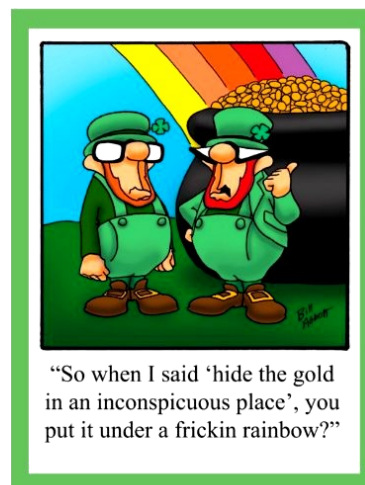
**\$30 – Diane Riedl**

**\$25 – Andi Arentz**

**\$20 – Jim Klimek**

**\$15 – John Meyer**

**\$10 – Linda Buchholz**





# AMERICAN LEGION



## **Birthday is Saturday, March 15th**

**Come and Help Honor Our Post's**

**Police Officer, Firefighter  
and EMT of the Year**



**Fun Starts at 5:30 pm**

**Dinner at 6:30 pm**

**Only \$20 each**

**Names**

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

**or Call 262- 377-8887**

## March 2025 SAL News

**Membership:** We only have 7 unpaid members. If you're one of those, please contact Paul as soon as possible and make arrangements for your payment. As of our February meeting, we had 85 members, with 78 having paid. 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 now have winter caps available that include the SAL logo. 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.

**Legion Birthday Dinner:** Event is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th at the Legion hall. As always, the SAL and Auxiliary will be paying for the dinner and drinks for all the veterans. Check the Legion newsletter for more details and the sign-up sheet.

**Guardians of the Children Fundraiser:** Their annual Soup Cook Off is coming up on Saturday, March 8th. The event is held at the Elks Lodge at 5555 Good Hope Rd in Milwaukee. If you have a free evening, I highly recommend that you check out this event. They have endless soups to sample and amazing raffle prizes.

**SAL Meat Raffle:** The date of the event has been changed due to a conflict with the Legion birthday dinner. The event will now take place on Sunday, March 16th from noon to 3:00pm at the Hutch in Grafton. We need several SAL members to help sell tickets at the event, so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Set-up will start at 11:00am.

**Las Vegas Night:** Event is scheduled for Saturday, April 5th. You should have received the Legion raffle tickets by this time. Please plan to either sell them or buy them yourself. This is a huge annual fundraiser for the Legion. Let's do our part to help them out.

**Legion Baseball:** We voted to donate \$500 to help offset the cost of the Legion team.

**New Fundraiser Ideas:** Does anyone have any ideas for new fundraisers? We're always open to ideas for new events that will help us raise money for our SAL. If you have an idea, please reach out to our SAL Commander, Richard Rieck.

**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

**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: albeer1946@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 10th – Auxiliary

April 14th –

May 12th – Dick R

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

**Next SAL Meeting: 3/10/2025 @ 6:30pm**





American Legion Auxiliary Rose-Harms Unit 355  
March 2025 Newsletter



**Well, unfortunately the weather has not been working with us in 2025!  
Due to the extreme cold weather our President had decided that it was best for  
all to stay home and warm, so we did not meet in February.**

**However, we do have news to share:**

Our member Lynn Holzer passed away in February, the family has requested the Auxiliary walk through. We should be at the Eernisse Funeral Home in Cedarburg by **1:30 pm on Saturday March 8th**. As a reminder for the walk through, please wear dark blue or black slacks with a white blouse.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** our Auxiliary is serving dinner to the Legion. We will be having broasted chicken, salad's, baked beans, rolls and birthday cake for dessert. Dinner is served at 5:30.

*This meal is catered by Piggly Wiggly in Saukville.*

Please remember your "Member of the Year" nomination needs to be turned in to Mary Arvai by **Monday March 10<sup>th</sup>**. The nomination form is attached to this newsletter for your convenience.

Attached to this newsletter is the explanation on how to record your hours along with the form that needs to be filled out. **REMINDER that all hours need to be turned into Judy Kuta or Linda Faas by March 31, 2025.** Remember that our Auxiliary year runs from APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>.

If you are interested in bowling in the Auxiliary Bowling Tournament the weekend of **April 12<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup>** Madison, please reach out to Toni Moegenberg (414-750-3426). She can fill in all the details for you.

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.**

**PRESIDENT RIA WILL BE APPOINTING AN ELECTION COMMITTEE AT THE MARCH MEETING.  
WE DO NEED A COMPLETE SET OF OFFICERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Auxiliary Exec Board Meeting 6:30 lower post hall.	
<b>March 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Legion Birthday Dinner/Auxiliary Meeting lower post hall. Dinner served At 5:30. Unit meeting to follow dinner.</b>	
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	SAL Meat Raffle	Hutch Grafton
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Legion Birthday Dinner at Post	Grafton
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Las Vegas Night	Grafton
April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ozaukee County Mtg	Saukville
Apr 12-13	WALA State Bowling	Fitchburg
Apr 26 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> District Spring Meeting Mayville	

*Our hope is that all of you are well and stay warm. If there are any members needing any assistance, please be sure to reach out to our President Ria Marien.  
We will do our best to help in any way that we can.*

**The Veteran of the Month for the month's of FEBRUARY & MARCH 2025 will both be in next months Newsletter!**

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



**2024-2025**

**MEMBER YEAR-END IMPACT NUMBERS REPORT**

(This tool can be used by members to assist the Unit President in completing the Unit Year-End Impact Report. Information can be transferred from the Member Tracking Worksheet, per the line numbers referenced below.)

**MEMBERS SHOULD SEND COMPLETED REPORT TO UNIT PRESIDENT NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2025.**

I am a member of Unit # 355 District # 2 Department: Wisconsin

My name \_\_\_\_\_

Here is what I did in the 12 months from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025.

1. **My ALA Service for Veterans/Active-Duty/Reserve Military** (Examples: shopping for and preparing care packages for deployed troops, helping wounded warriors or elderly veterans at home, providing transportation, military send-off and welcome-home events, parades, projects for homeless veterans, activities related to distributing poppies, recording veteran histories, raising money for the Veterans Creative Arts Festival, fundraising events that benefit veterans (such as Walk, Run & Roll), assisting with veterans hiring fairs, advocating for The American Legion legislative agenda that supports veterans and the military)

Line 1 Hours I volunteered: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 2 Dollars I personally spent/donated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 3 Number of veterans / military I assisted: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 4 Number of "Veterans in Community Schools" presentations I facilitated: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **My ALA Service for Military Families:** (Examples: *programs for military and veterans' children*, helping Family Support Groups, supporting adopt-a-military-family projects, military spouse hiring fairs, organizing and delivering hero packs, providing child care for military activities, distributing Blue Star Banners)

Line 5 Hours I volunteered: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 6 Dollars I personally spent/donated: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 7 Number of military families I served: \_\_\_\_\_

3. **My ALA Service for Youth** (Examples: Junior Activities, classroom and patriotic activities for children, camps open to all children, raising funds for or promoting Legion Family activities like ALA Badger Girls State)

Line 8 Hours I volunteered for ALA Badger Girls State: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 9 Hours I volunteered for all other Legion Family youth activities: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 10 Dollars I personally spent on goods for youth activities (parties, backpacks): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 11 My direct cash aid to help a needy child: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Line 12 Number of children / youths I served: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 13 Dollars I donated to all other child service charities (ex: Make a Wish, St. Jude's): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Do not include donations to American Legion funds – these are reported by the Legion)

4. **My Service Representing the ALA in My Community** (Examples: blood drives, walks/runs, food pantries)

Line 14 Total number of hours for any service not included in Sections 1 through 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Line 15 Total dollars spent for any service not included in Sections 1 through 3: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Mileage**

Line 16 Miles driven in providing my above ALA service (**not** for attending regular meetings): \_\_\_\_\_

**CONGRATULATIONS--YOU DID IT! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO  
AND FOR REPORTING YOUR SERVICE!**

**SERVICE HOURS (Revised 2-16-25)**

**EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE REPORTED UNDER SPECIFIC PROGRAMS**

**NOTE: Some activities can fit into multiple categories; be sure to report in ONLY 1**

**REPORT AS AMERICANISM**

Report Hours you spent at each of the following activities: (Round to the nearest hour)

Voting

Marching in a parade

Report on the number of TIMES (not hours) you did each of the following:

Flying the flag at your home

Reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

**CHAPLAIN**

Conducting a Memorial Service for a deceased member

Draping the Charter

Saying the opening and closing prayer at a meeting

Visits to Auxiliary members who are ill or homebound/Nursing home, etc

Conducting the POW/MIA Empty Chair ceremony

Creating a Unit Prayer Book/Contributing a prayer

**REPORT AS CHILDREN & YOUTH**

Contributions to (Some Examples below)

Shriners Children's Hospitals

St Judes Children's Hospital

Boys Town

St Joseph's Indian School

Volunteering at: Badger Girls State, Camp Hometown Heroes, Etc

**REPORT AS COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Volunteering at or contributing to (Examples below)

Can be cash or items (be realistic with value you place on your items)

Feeding America, Red Cross

Area food banks (Oz Food Alliance, St Vincent de Paul, Family Sharing)

Community collections/donations of food, clothing, etc

Salvation Army, Feeding America

Participate in a 911 memorial service/event

Participate in a Day Of Service event

Church (Unpaid Volunteer Only) Time/\$\$\$ donation (Examples below)

Door Greeter, Usher, Reader, Choir member, Committee Member

Preparing food for an event at church (funeral, fish fry, etc)

Religious Ed volunteer

Church collections of food, clothing, etc

Church donations for specific funds

St Vincent de Paul Society, etc

Missionary League

Community Meals, St Ben's Meal

Repairers of the Breach

Community Events (Examples below)

Pulling Weeds or taking care of a community garden

Participating in Community Clean-up



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE CONTINUED**

Delivering Meals-on-Wheels

Advocates of Oz Cty, Interfaith Caregivers

Participating in sponsored walks (Ex: Walk to end Alzheimers, etc)

Ronald McDonald House

Personal donation to a Dept Fundraising project (basket @ convention, etc)

Working at a Post Activity (Examples below)

Bingo

Las Vegas Nite

Blood Drive (working at; baking for, donating blood)

Las Vegas Nite

Community Luncheons at Post (time/cost) Vets Day/Memorial Day etc

## **CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, STANDING RULES**

Serve on the committee to review/update

Be present at a meeting at which these rules are reviewed for approval

## **EDUCATION**

Donations to schools or teachers

Volunteering in Schools

Presenting a program at the school (Vets Day, Etc)

## **JR ACTIVITIES**

Assisting the Juniors in their activities

Junior participation

## **LEGISLATIVE**

Contacting your elected officials (letters, calls, etc)

Attending town meetings

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Committee meetings

Renewing your membership

Recruit new member

Pay membership dues for someone who is unable to afford

## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

Coupon donations (hours spent)

Chairman - time spent on project/Postage cost to Unit

Gold Star/Blue Star banner programs/presentations

Attending Troop Welcome Home events

Homecoming events for MIA/Unidentified Veterans

## **REPORT AS POPPIES**

Hours spent/\$\$ contributed:

Distributing

Contribution to collections

Poppy Princess - Service as/participating at events

Conducting a Poppy Poster event at area schools/community

**REPORT AS VA & R**

**(NOTE: Hours cannot be reported for things done for a Relative)**

Donation to a National Veteran concern (Examples below)

AmVets, Disabled American Vets, etc

Attending the funeral of a Vet or a Vet family member

Making a donation to the Post in memory of a Vet

Volunteer at or contributions to (Examples below)

Honor Flight

Sweat-4-Vets

Contributing to or working at a Veteran event, Examples below:

Christmas party for the Vets @ Zablocki, etc

Boudicca House

Anything at Zablocki or other Veteran domicile

Milwaukee Veterans Initiative (MHVI)

Creative Arts Festival

The Dry Hootch

Unit Vets Picnic

Making or delivering items to Veteran facilities (Ex: Zablocki, etc)

Baking for a Vet or visiting a Vet

Disabled Vets Fishing Outing

Camp American Legion

**REPORT AS SERVICE TO VETERANS**

**(NOTE: Hours cannot be reported for things done for a Relative)**

Many of us maintain touch with the widow of a Veteran. Following are examples of, but not limited to, what can be reported under this category:

Sending cards/letters to a widow of a Veteran

Providing help to the widow such as shopping, cleaning, etc

Accompanying her to doctor, etc, appointments

Spending time with her: inviting to her your home for holidays, a meal, etc  
taking her for a drive, out to lunch, visiting her, phone calls



**POST TO POST WALK**

**10AM Saturday  
May 17, 2025**

*2.5-mile walk. Start at Grafton  
American Legion Post and end at  
Cedarburg American Legion Post.  
Proceeds benefit Veterans.*



**Register at [sweat4vetswi.com](http://sweat4vetswi.com)**