

# October

## 2025



## Looking into the Future

Thursday, October 2nd

Monday, October 6th

Monday, October 13th

Tuesday, October 14th

Monday, October 20th

Monday, October 20th

Friday, October 31st

Saturday, November 8th

Monday, November 10th

Tuesday, November 11th

Flag Disposal Ceremony at the Belgium Post

Post Executive Committee Meeting

Post General Meeting



Military Historians (upper hall)

Card Party (lower hall)

everyone is welcome

Halloween Scary Karaoke Party

Veterans Day Dinner

Post General Meeting



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# Rose Harms Post 355

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LEGION

**Chaplain** Dan Pals reported that Post member, Jim Stencil, is improving as he continues his stay in the hospital..

**Membership:** Ken Kasprzak reported membership is at 182. A transfer into our Post, George Manning, (USAF) was welcomed aboard.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen reported three funerals last month. Taps for the following was played at the end of meeting.

Butch Paegelow,  
James Niswonger,  
Richard Marshall.

**Oratorical:** Lee Wiskirchen reported he will contact the GHS Oratorical Contest Coordinator Zach Gaeske, to begin the search for students interested in participating in the American Legion Oratorical Contest.

**Camp American Legion:** Bill Vorac reported all is well at Camp with its closing scheduled for the week of October 6th.

Claude Taylor has volunteered to step up for Camp responsibilities with Ken Michaud also willing to assist for the next Camp season.

**Tent Rental Program:** Tom Grabow reported on six jobs that provided a profit of \$3,742. With that included, the Tent program's total profit for the summer came to \$11,000.

#### **Old Business:**

Bill Vorac, in a previous discussion with the Post membership, is trying to bring more youth into our Post. He has met with SAL on that same topic. Bill met with members of the Port Washington American Legion Post and received some important info on some of the strategies they use.

#### **New Business:**

Nola Paegelow and her son Tim presented a memorial in honor of Butch Paegelow to the Post.

#### **Correspondence:**

The Post received an invitation from American Legion Post #82 in Port Washington to join them in their Oktoberfest Raise the Roof Fundraiser at the Legion Hall on October 4, 2025.

#### **Good of the Legion:**

The Post-sponsored Boy Scout Troop #840 provided an overview of their summer High Adventure Outing to the Smokey Mountains



The Post sponsored GHS students who attended the Badger Boys State program, Thomas Jordan, Jacob Urbain, Max Mazzari and Nolan Baumgarner, shared some of their experiences with the Post membership and then thanked them for the Post Sponsorship.



### **Monthly Post Calendar Raffle**

#### **Winners Were:**

\$50 – Ethan Buske  
\$30 – Noreen Olshefski  
\$25 – Chad Andree  
\$20 – Annette Mitchell  
\$15 – Char Karrels  
\$10 – Steve Shock



**You are all invited to**

**The Rose Harms Post 355  
Veterans Day Dinner  
Saturday, November 8th**

**All Post 355 members are**



**Guests are just \$25 each**

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**Make checks payable and mail to;**

**Rose Harms Post 355**

**1540 13th Ave.**

**Grafton, WI 53024**



**Friday, October 31st**

**Party starts at 6:30 pm**



Strictly a social event

Everyone is welcome

Cash Bar

Free Karaoke !





The Grafton High School's football game on September 11th, honored Frist Responders and Veterans during their halftime. Members of those two groups were also admitted to the game free. Post member Ken Nawrocki was honored for his service in the Navy.



### October 2025 SAL News

**Membership:** As of the September meeting, we had 90 members. 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. Brian has order forms which you can fill out and drop off at Silk Screen. Questions regarding clothing should be directed to Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465.

**Camp American Legion:** We heard from Bill Vorac, who is a member of the Rose Harms Legion and the camp liaison for the Grafton post, spoke to us about the membership issues facing the Legion and also about our cabin at Camp American Legion. The focus of the membership issue is that we need to do a much better job of recruiting new members for the Legion for it to continue as an active post. As for our cabin at Camp American Legion, we need to greatly improve our upkeep of the cabin and our communications with the camp itself, or we risk losing the cabin. Kurt Sutinen is the new camp liaison, with the assistance of Paul Turowski, and is organizing a crew for the fall clean-up. (There was a separate email on this issue.)

**Legion Hall Basement Kitchen:** By the time of this newsletter, the kitchen project should be 100% complete. Please check it out when you have a chance. The new kitchen looks amazing and was a very worthwhile project for our SAL. Thank you to Chris Wegner and everyone else who helped with the remodeling project.

**SAL Golf Outing:** After a one week delay due to wet course conditions, the event took place on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, as a result of the delay, we only had six foursomes participate. The good news is that we had 28 hole sponsors at \$100 each. We'll have more details on the final totals at the October meeting.

**Gun raffle:** We kicked off a new gun raffle at the September meeting. This time around we have four high quality guns ranging in value from \$700 to \$420. Tickets are available by contacting Dan McKelvey at [dmckelvey2038@gmail.com](mailto:dmckelvey2038@gmail.com) or 262-689-5112. As in the past, tickets are \$20 each and we're only selling a total of 300 tickets. Watch for a flyer coming out soon with more details.

**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.

**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](mailto:al-beer1946@gmail.com)

**Legion Post meeting dinner:** Volunteers are needed to serve the Post meeting dinner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Meetings start at 7:00pm and dinner is at about 7:45pm.

October 13<sup>th</sup> - Brian & Paul

November 10th - Gary & Paul

December 8th - Al Richards

Do you have something that you want in the next SAL newsletter?  
Contact Dan McKelvey at [dmckelvey2038@gmail.com](mailto:dmckelvey2038@gmail.com)

Next SAL Meeting: 10/14/2025 @ 6:30pm





## Veterans Benefits and Preplanning

At our monthly meeting in October, a special presentation will be delivered by Eernisse Funeral Homes, reviewing your Veterans benefits for burial and cremation. They will also discuss what you need to prepare for that the VA does not provide as it relates to end-of-life services.



Wisconsin offers a variety of benefits for veterans, including healthcare, education, financial assistance, and property tax credits, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs.

### **Overview of Benefits;**

**Healthcare Services:** Wisconsin operates three veterans homes located in Chippewa Falls, King, and Union Grove, providing skilled nursing care and support for veterans and their spouses.

**Financial Assistance:** The Assistance to Needy Veterans Grant (ANVG) program offers limited financial aid to veterans who have exhausted other sources of assistance. This can be used for healthcare and subsistence needs. Additionally, veterans rated 100% disabled or unemployable by the VA may qualify for property tax credits on their primary residence.

**Education Benefits:** The Wisconsin GI Bill provides full tuition for eligible veterans and their dependents at Wisconsin colleges for up to eight semesters. This program is separate from the federal GI Bill and offers significant educational support.

**Employment Services:** Veterans may receive job retraining grants of up to \$3,000 per year if they are unemployed or underemployed. This program is designed to assist veterans in gaining new skills for employment.

**Tax Benefits:** Wisconsin offers various tax exemptions for military pay, including exemptions for combat pay and military retirement pay. The state also provides a property tax credit for eligible veterans and their surviving spouses.

**Please contact:** Ozaukee County Veterans Services Officer,  
Kevin Johnson  
W. Main St. Room 313  
Port Washington, WI 53074-0994  
Phone: 262-238-8326

[www.ozaukeecounty.gov/140/Veterans-Services-Office](http://www.ozaukeecounty.gov/140/Veterans-Services-Office)



**ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
**October 2025 Newsletter**



We're back on track for 2025-2026!

We had our first meeting of the new Auxiliary year on Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup>. For all that came, Thank YOU! For those that couldn't make it this time, we meet every third Tuesday of the month at 5:45 for fellowship and a lite meal. Our general meeting starts at 6:30 pm, in the lower hall of the Post.

Our membership chair Lora Linder reported that we have 78 members paid, so that puts us at 50%, great job members! Our goal this year for membership is 155. Winners for the membership drawing held at the September meeting this year are Angie Dedlow and Toni Moegenberg both won \$25.00 Amazon gift cards. Congrats Ladies! Please ask your friends or sign up a family member, we need more members! Should you have any questions feel free to contact **Lora Linder @262-389-5339 or [youngph99@gmail.com](mailto:youngph99@gmail.com)**.

Ria Marien, our Chair for the Veterans Picnic says; "Thank You to all members that helped with another successful picnic this year for the Veterans from Zablocki. We had 30 Veterans this year!"



she further states:

**"We want to especially thank our Quilters from the WI Quilters for Families of the Fallen. They presented a personalized quilt to each of the 30 Veterans present. Was that ever special!**

*We need to acknowledge that these women have been extremely busy this year already for us! Not only have they made the quilts for every one of our Veterans of the Month's, they also made quilts for our Legion Cabin up at Camp American Legion and 3 quilts, a throw and a wall hanging for our SAL family cabin up at Camp American Legion. These women are truly amazing ~*

*where would our program be without them right now!*

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!**

We have another quilter to thank for a very special donation towards our Zablocki VA&R projects. Our VA&R Chair Mel Nowak reported that **Helen Goetz made and donated 5 lap robes and 2 twin bed quilts for the Veterans at Zablocki Medical Center. Special Thanks to Helen for her very generous donation of both time and money (150 hours and \$775.00)!**





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We have our Makers Market again this year on **Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**. We are currently looking for workers and vendors. For more information, please contact our Chairwoman: **Cathy Brunnquell @262-424-7692 or [cathykb65@gmail.com](mailto:cathykb65@gmail.com)**.

*A recap of our Veterans of the Month from the summer months:*

**June 2025 Gary Mitchell, July 2025 Ken Klein**

**Congratulations to our AUGUST 2025 VETERAN OF THE MONTH: IMRE ARVAI!**

Imre served in the United States Army from 1976 – 1979

And the Army Reserves from 1979 – 1982.

Thank you so very much for all of your years of service Imre!



**Congratulations to our SEPTEMBER 2025 VETERAN OF THE MONTH: NIC SCHANEN**

Nic served in the United States Navy from 1962 – 1972.

Thank you so very much for all of your years of service Nic!



**UP COMING EVENTS:**

- Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup> Exec Board Meeting @ 6:30 Post Lower Hall
- Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> Ozaukee Co Meeting at the Belgium Post 9:00 registration
- Tuesday October 14<sup>th</sup> Bingo doors open @ 6:00 Post Upper Hall
- Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> Auxiliary General Meeting 5:45 Post Lower Hall

**Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>, Happy Halloween** 🎃

Happy Birthday to all members with both September and October Birthdays!  
Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary