

November

2025



Monday, November 3rd

Saturday, November 8th

Monday, November 10th

Tuesday, November 11th

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Monday, November 17th

Saturday, November 22nd

Thursday, November 27th

Saturday, November 29th

Wednesday, December 3rd

Post Executive Committee meeting

Post's Veterans Day Dinner

Post General meeting

Veterans Day **HONORING ALL WHO SERVED**
BINGO

Military Historians, open to the public

Auxiliary's Makers Market

— Happy Thanksgiving! —

Grafton's Christmas Parade

Post's Blood Drive



Veterans honored at Our Savior Lutheran Church and School.

November 5, Wednesday. Chapel service at 8:15am followed by a student program to honor veterans and afterwards a breakfast.

November 10, Monday - Time: 8:30am - Place: 2030 Wisconsin Ave.

Associated Bank, Grafton, has extended an invitation for Legion Members.

Honor Veterans for their service. Donuts and Coffee.

Veterans Day Program at Grafton High School. Start time is 9:00 am.

Veterans Day march to Veterans Park.

Start time at the Post is 10:30am with a short program at 11:00 am at Veterans Memorial Park.

Veterans have Lunch with John Long Middle School Students.

Attend one or both lunch periods, 12 noon and 1:00 pm.

 **AMERICAN
LEGION**



You are all invited to



The Rose Harms Post 355

Veterans Day Dinner

Saturday, November 8th

Doors Open at 5:30 - Dinner at 6:30

Thanks to the SAL and Auxiliary

All Post Veterans are



Guests are just \$25

Make checks payable and mail to;

Rose Harms Post 355

1540 13th Ave.

Grafton, WI 53024

Veterans Name

Guests Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

Chaplain Dan Pals reported that Jim Stencel has passed away. Jim was a 49-year Post member and a member of our Honor Guard. He was a Vietnam veteran serving in the US Army as a helicopter mechanic and door gunner.

Jim's brother, Dave Stencel, thanked the Post for the very meaningful send-off memorial they performed to honor his service to the Country. Taps were played at the end of the meeting.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen Veterans Day plans are staging at the Post at 10:30 am and departing at 10:45 am for Veteran Memorial Park. Honor Guard will do a salute at 11:00 am.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen said he will be contacting Zach Gaesky - GHS Oratorical Contest coordinator, to begin process of notifying students of the contest, that will be held at our December meeting.

New Business: November 29th will be Grafton's Christmas Parade with 1:00 am start time.

Good of the Legion: An All My Friends board member spoke for the need of support for the program and their goal of helping all children in need.

Camp American Legion: Bill Vorac reported that Camp has now closed and thanks to all post members who help make this successful season.



Bill Vorac, John Meyer, Jim Arentz, Kurt Sutinen and Claude Taylor closing our Cabin 17 at Camp AL.

CAMP AMERICAN LEGION REPORT

The 2nd District's Fall Conference

500 applications were received. 350 Veterans attended. 300 dependents & care givers, for a total of 730 participants (not including program staff and volunteers).

Completed Projects;

Higley Hall **Century Wall Project.** The hall has all new walls, (pine wood) around windows, wainscoting and 2 completely remodeled bathrooms.

The fire pit has been redone. The area has been leveled and cement poured to enlarge the whole area. A special design was inlaid with a 4-foot pit in the center. This project was fully funded by a donor.

The ramp going into the main entrance of the lodge has been totally removed and a new concrete ramp and railing were installed. This project was by the same donor as the fire pit.

Future Projects;

Cabin 18 is in very, very bad shape. We have no sponsor for this cabin. The building has been vacant for 2 camp seasons. It will be demolished. The plan is to tear down, and put a pavilion in the thumb print. It is perfect for a quiet space, meeting space, etc. There is also a nice beach area on Lake Carr in front of cabin 18 and 17 (Post 355).

Storage Building 50x100 with a cost \$200,000. We desperately need a large storage building for winter storage of our 7 or 8 pontoon boats and other equipment. The building would be by the rental cabins across the road on Bird Road. We still need donations for this project.

Circular stairs on east side of the main lodge are unusual steps and very dangerous. They are round sort of steps and many people have fallen and tripped due to the unusual construction. We need to lay concrete with a railing.

On our wish list - 2 Kayaks.

Our wheelchair veterans enjoy sitting in the kayaks and paddling around the lake.

An approximate cost per kayak is \$1,400.00.

November 2025 SAL News

Membership: At the October meeting, Paul reported that we currently have 90 members. You should have received your membership renewal reminders in the mail by now, so please pay your dues as soon as possible. Questions regarding membership should be directed to Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645.

SAL Clothing: Nothing new regarding the SAL clothing. If at any time you need some SAL clothing, check with Brian first. If he doesn't have it in stock, you can contact Silk Screen Specialists in Grafton 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: The Fall clean-up was once again completed by Richard Rieck, Kelly Rieck, and Bob Rieck. Corey Esselmann and his crew removed the pier.

SAL Golf Outing: Final wrap-up was provided by Commander Rieck. Total net profit was about \$3,000.

Gun raffle: We still have lots of tickets available for the gun raffle. Keep in mind that we have four high quality guns ranging in value from \$700 to \$420. Tickets are available by contacting Dan McKelvey at 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. The drawing is January 31st, at the Legion bowling event.

Veterans Day Dinner: The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th at the Legion Hall. Watch the Legion's portion of the newsletter for more information and how to sign up.

New Fundraiser Ideas: Have an idea for a new fundraiser for our SAL? 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.

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.

November 10th - Gary & Paul

December 8th - Al Richards

January 12th - Jimmy P & Dave

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 11/11/2025 @ 6:30pm

SAL Meat Raffle: The event was organized by Corey Esselmann and was held on Saturday, October 25th at The Bridge in Grafton. Despite being a little short on help at the event, we raised about \$3,100 that day.

Thank you to Corey and everyone who helped out!





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We had special guest at our meeting this month!
Congratulations to our Badger Girls:



Amelia Lundberg, Kacey Baker and Bella Windsor

We are so very proud of **our Junior member Amelia Lundberg!** She has been awarded the "Samsung American Legion Scholarship"! When you see Amelia, please congratulate her, this is a very well-deserved scholarship!

Our membership chair Lora Linder reported that we have 117 members paid, we're now at 75%, great job members! Our goal this year for membership is 155.

Because of your amazing efforts we welcomed 3 new members to our meeting this month. Please continue to ask your friends or sign-up a family member, we still need more members! Should you have any questions feel free to contact **Lora Linder @262-389-5339 or youngph99@gmail.com**.

ARE YOU A CRAFTER? We have our Makers Market again this year on **Saturday November 22nd, 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**.

Our National Commander has issued a 250 challenge to all Legion Family Members this year to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States. One of the 250 projects that Rose-Harms Legion Family is being asked to participate in is: **The Ozaukee County 250 Food Drive**. We will be collecting 250 different items. Such as dried food, dog food, cat food, paper goods and personal items to be picked up at our post on **Martin Luther King Day January 19th, 2026**.

THERE WILL BE NO LUNCHEON THIS YEAR AFTER THE VETERANS DAY PARADE. OUR VETERANS ARE BEING SERVED LUNCH AT THE VARIOUS SCHOOLS IN OUR GRAFTON AREA.



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Congratulations to our OCTOBER 2025 VETERAN OF THE MONTH: Jim Sorenson

Jim served in the United States Army from 1961 – 1964.

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



Our Christmas Party this year is Tuesday December 16th, 2025
See attached invitation!

UP COMING EVENTS:

Tuesday November 4th - Exec Board Meeting @ 6:30 Post Lower Hall

Saturday November 8th – Veterans Dinner Dance @ Rose-Harms Legion Post

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 11TH – VETERANS DAY PARADE MEET AT POST @10:30 AM

Tuesday November 11th - Bingo doors open @ 6:00 Post Upper Hall

Tuesday November 18th - Auxiliary General Meeting 5:45 Post Lower Hall

Saturday November 22nd – Makers Market Craft Fair – Doors open @10:00 am

Thursday November 27th



Happy Birthday to all members with November Birthdays!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 355

MAKERS MARKET

DEER WIDOWS WEEKEND



SHOPPING • FOOD • DRINK

1540 13th AVE. GRAFTON, WISCONSIN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025





Give **HOPE**
this Season

BLOOD DRIVE

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER

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2:30PM - 6:30PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a
healthy meal and drink
plenty of water before
donating.

**AMERICAN LEGION POST
#355 BLOOD DRIVE!**

LOCATION
1540 13TH AVENUE
GRAFTON, WI 53024

Walk-in's ONLY !!

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