



January



COMING UP

Monday, January 5th

Post Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, January 12th

Post General Meeting

Tuesday, January 13th

BINGO

Tuesday, January 13th

Sons of the American Legion meeting

Monday, January 19th

Military Historians

Ozaukee County American Legion Dates

Jan. 2, 2026, no meeting

Feb. 5, 2026, Meeting at Post 82, Port Washington

Mar. 5, 2026, Meeting at Post 412, Belgium

Apr. 2, 2026, Meeting at Post 410, Fredonia

May 7, 2026, Meeting at Post 288, Cedarburg & Badger Boys State orientation

June 2026 TBD Installation Dinner

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2026**

The Post's Monthly Raffle Winners for December Were;

Brad Franzen \$50

John Meyer \$30

Joe Barbieri \$25

Char Karrels \$20

Steve Shock \$15

Steve Ethier \$10



Rose Harms Post Oratorical Contest

The 2026 American Legion Oratorical Contest was held at the Post before its monthly meeting on Monday, December 8th. Seven students representing the Grafton High School participated. They included Ernst Tamm, (2 time previous winner) Allani Walls, Ethan Poulos, Vyshanth Selvakumar, Aybree Becker, Erin Brezovar and Sachi Makani.

After all students delivered their both interesting and informative eight to ten minute orations on some aspect of the United States Constitution that they individually found to their liking, the judges scoring indicated two of the contestants tied for the best oratorical speech. To determine the winner, the application of the first tie breaker resulted in Sachi Makani being declared the winner. Sachi will now compete at the County Contest at the Peter Wollner Post in Cedarburg on January 8th.

I now wish to take the time to also thank the judges, Ralph Beck, Gary Gilstrap and Al Richards, for all their time and tireless effort for many years in assisting me with the oratorical contest.

Post Adjutant, Lee Wiskirchen

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Administration Center, RM 313
Port Washington, WI 53074-0994
262-284-8326



January 2026 SAL News



Membership: At the December meeting, Paul reported that we currently have 94 members of which 39 have paid their 2026 dues. Please pay your dues as soon as possible and make Paul's job easier. Questions regarding membership should be directed to Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645.

SAL Clothing: Silk Screen Specialists in Grafton is our source for most 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.

Food Collection for Family Sharing: The Grafton Legion, SAL, and Auxiliary are collecting food this holiday season, and we have a goal of 250 items. The non-perishable food items can be dropped off at the Legion or by contacting the Auxiliary president, Kelly Rieck, at 262-323-4363. Items must be dropped off by January 19th.

Legion Midwestern Conference: The conference is scheduled for January 15-18 at the Oneida Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay. Registration info is in the Badger Legionnaire newsletter or you can contact or commander, Dick Rieck, at 414-526-6409.

Veteran's Park Band Shell: The scheduled date for taking down the decorations is Wednesday, January 7th at 5pm. The take-down should take no more than 30 minutes, so please stop by if you have some time.

Legion Bowling: Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 31st at Circle B Recreation. Registration will start at 10:00am and bowling will start at 11:00am. The flyer and registration form will be emailed to everyone directly. Let's get some teams together and support this event.

Gun raffle: Do you have your raffle ticket yet? 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.

SAL Facebook Page: If you're on Facebook, check out the new Grafton SAL Facebook page. Ryan Rieck has agreed to handle the page for us. The name of the page is "Sons of the American Legion Post 355 Grafton". Ryan can post pictures or details on our activities. Send him an email at SonsPost355@gmail.com.

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. His email address is: al-beer1946@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.

January 12th - Jim P & Dave

February 9th - Corey & Dick R

March 9th - Auxiliary (Legion birthday)

April 13th - Neal & Chris

May 11th - Dan M & Dan M

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 1/13/26 @ 6:30pm



ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
January 2026 Newsletter

2026
Happy New Year!

REMINDER: 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**.

The Auxiliary Christmas Party was Tuesday December 16th, 2025!
On behalf of the entire committee Thank you to all who participated.



A great time was had by all and some of us had so much fun, they had to nap!

A special Thank You to our very own Santa Claus



Tom Marien



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Congratulations:

To our DECEMBER 2025 VETERAN OF THE MONTH:

JOHN CZERWINSKI

John served in the United States Army 1982 - 1992.

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



UP COMING EVENTS:

Thursday January 1st Happy New Year!

Tuesday January 6th Exec Board Meeting 6:30 lower hall

Tuesday January 13th Bingo – Doors open at 6:00

Mid-Winter Convention – January 15 – 18, 2025 – Onieda in Green Bay

Monday January 19th Martin Luther King Day – 250 Food Collection

Tuesday January 20th Unit Meeting – fellow ship starts at 5:45, meeting starts at 6:30

Happy Birthday to all members with January Birthdays!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary