



February 2026

Monday, February 2nd

Post Executive Committee

Monday, February 9th

Post General Meeting

Tuesday, February 10th

BINGO

Tuesday, February 10th

SAL - lower level

Saturday, February 14th

Happy Valentines Day



Monday, February 16th

Military Historians Club

Monday, February 16th

Post Card Club - lower level

Saturday, March 21st - Legion Birthday Dinner



To Our American Legion Family

Sweepstakes tickets for the Post's 42nd annual Las Vegas Night have been mailed out. For the mailings, I used membership rosters from 2024, 2025 & current rosters provided to me by Ken Kasprzak, Post Membership Chairman.

No system is perfect. If you did not receive tickets and would like some for yourself or family or friends, you can receive them by the following;

- Stop by the Post any morning (Monday-Friday). Usually someone is there by 9:15 or so.
- Tickets are in Al's office.
- Pick them up on your regular meeting nights.
- Contact Ken Michaud at 1-414-331-5426 for tickets or text me at 1-414-630-4916 with your name, address including zip code & I will mail them to you.

Remember, Las Vegas Night can only be a success if we all support the Post.

R. Beck, Post Finance Officer

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Dan Pals reported that Steve Shock is recovering well from knee surgery. Aside from that nothing else to report. Dan appreciates news from members regarding the status of other Post members.

Membership: Ken Kasprzak reported membership at 257 or 96% of yearly goal.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen Thankfully, there were no funerals for the month of December.

The Grafton Christmas parade went well even with its cancellation the previous week.

Blood Drive: Mike Knoppa said that although only 19 showed up for our Post Blood Drive, that the blood center was still happy. Our next Blood Drive will be held on the December 2nd.

Hall Manager Al Richards reported all is well at the Hall with some minor problems with the soda dispenser. A fixer of such apparatus is enroute. The Halloween gig "Scary Karaoke" was successful, with thoughts for such an event on Valentines Day are being considered.

Oratorical Contest: Lee Wiskirchen reported that our Post winner, Sachi Makani, won at the County Contest and is on to District #2 contest this Saturday, in Green Bay.

Update! - Sachi won the 2nd District Oratorical Contest and now will be competing in the Department's (state level) contest held at Ripon College on March 28th.

Recommendation Passed:

- To donate \$250 to Post sponsored Boy Scout Troop #840 to assist Xavier Lundberg for his Eagle Scout Project with money coming from the Bingo Account.
- To donate \$500 to John Long Middle School for their trip to Washington D. C. with the money to come from the Bingo Account.

The Post's Las Vegas Night:

Ken Michaud reported on a meeting with Nola Paegelow and Ralph Beck regarding the event for this year.

Ralph has the envelopes with raffle tickets set to be mailed.

Tom Grabow suggested that a small donation of some sort (for \$15 or so) from Post members for the small raffle for Las Vegas Night 2026 would be a great help for the small raffles. Prizes can be dropped off at the Post.

Old Business:

Ken and Lee held a Badger Boys State orientation at GHS.

The County Youth in Government Day, where high school students from Ozaukee attend a sessions of the Ozaukee government, was set for March 18th.

The 4 Chaplains Dinner will be held on the 7th of February at a cost of \$22 per person.

Public Safety Awards are in progress. Both the Fire Department and Police Departments have been contacted.

New Business:

Guests included 2nd District Commander Joe Leone. He spoke to the Post regarding membership and various ways to raise money for Legion Programs. He also complimented the Post for its status as a well-run and high-functioning unit.

Good of the Legion:

Jacob Post, currently serving in the Wisconsin National Guard and considering Post membership, was a guest of Doug Arendt.

Monthly Calendar Raffle Winners:

\$50 - Faye Williams

\$30 - Nola Paegelow

\$25 - Nick Franzen

\$20 - Al Richards

\$15 - Steve Shock

\$10 - Dan Delorit

February 2026 SAL News

Membership: At the January meeting, Paul reported that we currently have 94 members of which 54 have paid their 2026 dues. As always, please pay your dues as soon as possible and if you don't plan to renew your membership, please call or text Paul. 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: Thank you to everyone who donated some food items last month and helped us reach our goal of 250 food items. The food was dropped off at Family Sharing on January 19th.

Four Chaplains Memorial Dinner & Service: This will be held at the Port Washington Legion Post on Saturday, February 7th. Cocktails start at 5pm with dinner at 6pm. Cost is \$22. If you're interested in going, contact our Commander Dick Rieck at 414-526-6409.

250 Lap Challenge at GHS: This event has been organized by the Grafton Auxiliary and will be held on Saturday, February 21st from 10am to Noon. They will be walking the halls of Grafton High School. Watch the Auxiliary newsletter for more details.

SAL Meat Raffle: Event is scheduled for Saturday, March 14th at The Hutch in downtown Grafton from Noon to 3pm. Watch the newsletter more details. Mark your calendars!

Las Vegas Night: This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th. Save the date!

Annual Legion Dinner: Scheduled for Saturday, March 21st. More details to follow. Make sure it's on your calendar.

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: 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.

February 9th - Corey & Dick R

March 9th - Auxiliary (Legion birthday)

April 13th - Neal & Chris

May 11th - Dan Montaine, Dan McKelvey, & Hudson

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 2/10/26 @ 6:30pm



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Happy Valentine's day!

There is so much fun exciting news to report this month, enjoy!

The Ozaukee County 250 Food Drive finished on Monday January 19th, Martin Luther King Day. **THANK YOU to all our Legion Family Members** for your donations! With the help of Cedarburg, Mequon-Thiensville and of course Rose-Harms we collected 676 pounds of dry goods and food. Special Thanks to our Legion Commander Gary along with the S.A.L. Commander Richard and our President Kelly, for sorting everything and delivering the food to Family Sharing on Monday.



Our Unit is so pleased to help Boy Scout Xavier Lundberg with his Eagle Project. Xavier is creating care packages for deployed military. President Kelly presented Xavier with a check for \$250.00 at our January Unit meeting. GOOD LUCK Xavier, we are very proud of you!

SUPPORT THE TROOPS.
An Eagle Scout Project by Xavier Lundberg

ABOUT THE PROJECT:
The goal of this project is to create personalized care packages for active-duty military personnel. Each package will be assembled to bring encouragement and appreciation to the brave men and women protecting our country.

HOW YOU CAN DONATE:

Items	Check	Amazon
Donate items for the care packages. You can drop them off in person or mail them to the address below. A list of items can be found on the list below.	Donate money through a check. Please make checks payable to Troop 842 and sent directly to the address.	You can also visit the Amazon wish list and purchase items directly. The items you select and purchase will be shipped directly to me.

QR Code for Items:

QR Code for Amazon:

Address: 1100 Fighelstein Dr, Cedarburg, WI 53002

If you have questions contact me at: xlvjg@thelundberg.com or (262) 425-1040





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Generally, we let the Legion talk all about the Oratorical Contest which they sponsor every year however, this year we're going to brag too! Grafton High School Junior Sachi Makani is the 2nd District Oratorical Contest winner. Sachi is also one of our Badger Girls State applicants! Please keep Sachi in you thought as she prepares for regional's in Ripon on Saturday March 28th. GOOD LUCK SACHI!!



Congratulations:

To our JANUARY 2026 VETERAN OF THE MONTH: MIKE KNOPPA

Mike served in the United States Navy 1969 - 1972.

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



UP COMING EVENTS:

Saturday January 31st S.A.L Bowling at Circle B registration 11:00 am

Tuesday February 3rd Exec Board Meeting 6:30 lower hall

February 7th Four Chaplains Dinner at Port Legion Post 5:00 pm

Tuesday February 10th Bingo – Doors open at 6:00

February 14th Happy Valentines Day 🍷

**February 16th George Washington Luncheon – Meyers Family
Restaurant at 11:00 am**

**Tuesday February 17th Unit Meeting – fellow ship starts at 5:45,
meeting starts at 6:30**

February 21st Legion Family 250 Lap Challenge at GHS 10:00 – Noon.

Happy Birthday to all members with February Birthdays!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary

