



MARCH

2026

Monday, March 2nd

Post Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 5th

County Meeting at Belgium

Saturday, March 7th

AL Birthday Dinner



Monday, March 9th

Auxiliary have a meal at 5:30 pm

Post General Meeting at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 10th



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SAL meeting in lower hall

Monday, March 17th

Military Historians Club

Monday, March 17th

Card Club in the lower hall—

Everyone is welcome to play



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Post Meeting Highlights

Chaplain Dan Pals reported that Taps this evening would be for Post member, Tim Hertel.

Membership: Ken Kasprzak reported that he Post membership is at 250 which is only 7 short of goal.

Also he and Lee have interviewed 5 Badger Boys State candidates from GHS.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen reported Sachi Makani, the Post Oratorical Contest winner, has won the Ozaukee County and the 2nd District Contests. She will now move on to the State Contest held at Ripon College on March 28.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen were happy that there were no funerals for the previous month.

Athletic Chairman Doug Arendt reported the SAL Bowling outing was a great event with two 300 games recorded and one of them by Kevin Dressel.

Hall Manager Al Richards informed the members that a new soda-distributor came in and totally repaired system. They flushed all the lines, made needed repairs and recalibrated the whole system, at no cost to the Post. They will now become our soda vendor, even at an more economical rate.

Tent Rental Program: Tom Grabow reported the tent riggers and erectors could use some young blood on the crew.

Recommendations: Passed

The Post will donate \$250 to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Grafton for its trip to Washington D. C. with money coming from the Bingo Account.

Old Business:

Las Vegas Night Chairman Ken Michaud reported he has accepted the Conn for Vegas Night 2026. Ken admits it is quite a challenge! Much progress has already been made and much more remains to be done yet. Ken asks for all the help he can get to make the evening another great success.

New Business:

Ken Mesalk, a member of the Marine Corps League, Cedarburg Detachment, spoke to the membership indicating the League was looking for possible new members.

A guest, Peyton Wissmueller, then thanked the membership for their collective service. He indicated that he too has enlisted in the Corps and will be leaving for basic training next week.

Good of the Legion:

The Grafton American Legion Family will host The American Legion 250 Lap Challenge, which celebrates 250 Years of America. This event will be held at the Grafton High School on Saturday, February 21st, from 10:00 am until noon.

Kelley and Richard will be getting the caterer for the March 7th American Legion Birthday Dinner. All veterans meals are covered for the evening by the SAL—thank you! Doors open at 5:30 pm.

The Post's Monthly Calendar Raffle Winners Were:

\$50 – Steve Shock

\$30 – Tammy Hadler

\$25 – Peyton Wissmueller

\$20 – Beau Musbach

\$15 – Becky Mitchell

\$10 – Nick Didier



May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more
And nothing but happiness
come through your door

March 2026 SAL News



Membership: At the February meeting, Paul reported we are still at the 94 member mark with a few that remain unpaid. He also reported that we currently have 3 or 4 potential new members who plan to join soon. 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.

Legion Bowling: The event took place on January 31st and was a great success. We had 16 teams which is up from the previous couple years. Total profit for the event was about \$2,680.

Gun Raffle: The drawing was held on January 31st after the Legion bowling. Thanks in large part to the efforts of SAL member Dan Pals who sold 110 tickets, all 300 tickets were sold. (He also sold 3 of the 4 winning tickets!) The total profit for the raffle was about \$3,800. Thank you to everyone who purchased and/or sold tickets.

SAL Meat Raffle: Event is scheduled for **Saturday, March 14th** at The Hutch in downtown Grafton from Noon to 3pm. As always, we'll need help from the SAL members to sell tickets. It's a fast-moving, fun event. Please spread the word to family and friends!

Las Vegas Night: This year's event is scheduled for **Saturday, April 11th**. Save the date and plan to attend. The SAL members will once again be running the paddle raffles all night.

Legion Birthday Dinner: *(PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED)* The dinner is now scheduled for **Saturday, March 7th** at the Legion Post. Cost is \$25/person. Registration forms have been emailed to everyone. As SAL members, part of our mission is to support the Legion members in their activities, and this is a great opportunity to do that by attending this event.

SAL Golf Outing: Event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 6th** at Edgewater. Planning on a 9:00AM tee time. More details to follow soon.

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.

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 9th – Auxiliary (Legion birthday)

April 13th – Neal & Chris

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

Do you have something for the next SAL newsletter?

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 3/10/26 @ 6:30pm





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This month we are starting with our Veteran of the Month!
Congratulations are in order!

This 101 year old Veteran is still amazingly spry and full of life.
Our February 2026 VETERAN OF THE MONTH is: Mr. Robert Charles
Mr. Charles served in the United States Army during WWII from 1943 - 1946.
Thank you so very much for all of your years of service Mr. Charles!



**THANK YOU, THANK YOU AND THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR SUPPORTING
THE 250 LAP CHALLENGE AT GHS ON FEBRUARY 21, 2026!**

It was so cool to see how many families came and walked together. We had people of all ages there too, from 3 – 86. Where else can you go and see that much diversity in age all doing the same thing, at the same time! Well, I'll tell you, at an American Legion Auxiliary Event, where everyone was proud to be doing something together! We accomplished our 250 laps within 15 minutes, so then we were like "okay we'll go for 2 250 challenges", and we blew that out of the park too! So, then we upped the challenge to try and get to 250 miles. Well, unfortunately that goal was not met! We did, however, do 800 laps which are equal to 160 miles!!!! We did have one amazing stand out Veteran who walked 50, yes I said 50 laps!

Congratulations to our very own Lee Wiskerchen – WOW!

It is important for all of our members who didn't attend to know that the help we received from **our Badger Girls and Junior members** was amazing! Not to mention what the **National Honor Society** students also helped too. The kids were at the high school early on Saturday morning decorating and marking the path that we all took! They cheered us on around the corners and they too tried to help us reach our goal by walking!

Thanks a lot Ladies your time and efforts, they did not go unnoticed ❤️





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Gentle reminder that our next Unit meeting will be **MONDAY MARCH 9TH starting at 5:30** for dinner with the meeting to follow by 7:00. This is the meeting that we celebrate the Legion's 106th Birthday. Please come and share this event with us! We do have a surprise that we hope to share with all members! Ladies, you DO NOT have to bring any food items to this meeting, everything is already being provided. You should, however, bring your vote for our member of the year. If you cannot attend please send your nomination to our First Vice Mary Arvai at: 262-685-7757 or you may email her at: arvaimary@yahoo.com. This is the last opportunity you will have to get your nomination's in!

Our Legion is gearing up for their biggest fundraiser of the year; Las Vegas Nite which is being held on Saturday April 11, 2026. We are again serving food in the kitchen upstairs and we need help! In addition, we are hoping for a couple of cocktail waitresses to help with getting food and drink orders from the attendees. This can be a great little way for our Auxiliary to make a little extra money right now too! Something to think about.....

Don't forget to join us on Saturday March 7th, cocktails start at 5:30, for the actual Legion Birthday Party. Dinner is being served by Tello's, and the cost is \$25.00 for non-veterans. As always, Veterans who attend are free!

UP COMING EVENTS:

Will all be featured on the back of the agenda at the March 9th meeting.

Happy Birthday to all members with March Birthdays!

ESPECIALLY OUR LONGEST STANDING MEMBER:
MRS. ARLINE KAUL
WHO IS CELEBRATING HER 100TH BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR!
Happy Birthday Arline!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary





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Birthday is Saturday, March 7th

Come and Help Honor Our Post's

Police Officer, Firefighter
and EMT of the Year



Post Veterans Dinner Is Free!

Fun Starts at 5:30 pm - Dinner at 6:30 pm

Guests \$25 each

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