



2026

LOOKING
FORWARD

Thursday, April 2nd

OZ County meeting

Friday, April 3rd

Good Friday

Sunday, April 5th

Easter

Monday, April 6th

Post Executive Committee

Saturday, April 11th

Las Vegas Night

Monday, April 13th

Post General Meeting

Tuesday, April 14th

BINGO

Tuesday, April 14th

Sons of the AL meet

The 42nd Annual



Las Vegas Night

Fun-raiser on Saturday, April 11th

Highlights of our last Post meeting

Chaplain Dan Pals said that Post member, Wayne Herder (US Army), has passed away. Taps were played for him at the closing of the meeting.

Membership: Ken Kasprzak reported the Post's membership is 3 short of 100%. The Post was happy to welcomed aboard a new member, Thomas Trane, USAF.

Americanism: Ken also reported that there will be 5 Badger Boys State representative this year from GHS.

Las Vegas Night: Ken Michaud reported the 42nd annual Vegas Night 2026 has \$2,110.00 in donations and raffle prizes are growing. Lots of help is needed. Ken is looking for possible corporate help for our fundraiser.

Oratorical Contest: **Lee Wiskirchen** reported the Post's winner, Sachi Makani, has won at the Ozaukee County and 2nd District contests. She will now compete at the State Contest on March 28th at Ripon College.

Recommendations Passed

- Although he volunteers, the Post voted to donate \$500 to Jim Proefrock for his salting and snow plowing at the Post all winter long.
- The Post will donate \$500 (Bronze Level) to "Celebrate Grafton" to help them with our community events.

New Business:

Auxiliary member, Amy Luft, spoke to the membership regarding the Post's annual "**Sweat 4 Vets**" walk to be held on Saturday, May 16th. This year's walk will begin at the Cedarburg Post and end at the Rose-Harms Post. Last year's walk raised \$29,000 for homeless veterans. This year's walk will benefit Camp American Legion.

Good of the Legion:

Youth in Government Day was held on March 18th, at the Ozaukee County administration building in Port Washington. Students from the seven area high schools attended a day of finding out how our county government works.

Scout Xavier Lundberg has completed is Eagle Scout Project of sending care packages to our active service members. The boxes were pack at the Post with help from the members.

Correspondence: A letter was received from "Family Sharing" thanking the Post for its help and for the donation.

Post's Monthly Calendar Raffle Winners:

\$50 – Steve Shock
\$30 – Ken Kasprzak
\$25 – Diane Riedl
\$20 – Lisa Lundberg
\$15 – Sofia Colton Strom
\$10 – Bill Vorac



Recipients of our Post's public safety awards to Grafton's first responders. Left to right;
Law and Order - Patrick Brook
Firefighter - Jason Dickmann
EMT - Christopher Kueker
Post Commander - Gary "Gator" Gilstrap

April 2026 SAL News



Membership: At the March meeting, Paul reported we are at 95 members. He has a list of about 6 members who have not paid, and we need to make a decision on whether we drop them. 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.

SAL Meat Raffle: The event was held on Saturday, March 14th at The Hutch in downtown Grafton. Once again, the event was a great success thanks to several of our members and the patrons at the Hutch.

Las Vegas Night: As reported last month, this year's event is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th. You should have received your envelope from the Legion with the raffle tickets. Please sell them and return the ticket stubs and money or return the unsold tickets so they can be sold by someone else. If you're available that evening, please show up and help the other SAL members run the paddle raffles.

Sweat4Vets: This year's post to post walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. This year, the walk will start at the Cedarburg Legion and end at our Grafton Legion Post. As in the past, since the event is ending at our post, the Grafton SAL members will be cooking burgers and brats. The benefactor of this year's walk will be Camp American Legion. Check out the Legion's newsletter for registration information. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$1000 for the food for this year's event.

Camp American Legion: We are planning a trip to the Camp in May for the Spring clean-up. We'll send an email with the exact dates once our schedule is set.

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.

April 13th - Neal & Chris

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

June 8th - Brad, Jimmy P, and Dave

SAL Golf Outing:

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



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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 4/14/26 @ 6:30pm



ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
March 2026 Newsletter



Happy Easter to all, from your Auxiliary!

“Thank you to all who join me for my 100th birthday!” said Arline Kaul.



Arline’s family shared that there are actually not many “centenarians” in the world! Well, we looked it up, and there are 25 actual centenarians in the state of Wisconsin and we have 2 of them in our Auxiliary. Yep, we have Ellie Laydon who will be 102 on April 26th and Arline who just broke the 100 mark on March 9th.

The Auxiliary would like to celebrate ALL of our Legion Family members who are 100 or better. Will you help us by emailing or calling our secretary Sue Turowski (262-389-4644 or sueturowski@hotmail.com) with their names and addresses? Thank you!

Our Legion is gearing up for their biggest fundraiser of the year; Las Vegas Nite which is being held on Saturday April 11, 2026. **The Auxiliary will again be serving food** in the kitchen upstairs and we need help! In addition, we are hoping for one more cocktail waitress 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! Please consider attending and supporting this event.

Our Membership Chair, Lora Linder, reports that we are currently 91% membership with 140 members paid for 2026. If you have not yet paid your dues please reach out to Lora to get that taken care of! youngph99@gmail.com. Thank you!

Sweat 4 Vets is quickly approaching on **May 16th, 2026**. We start at Cedarburg and end at Grafton. This year the proceeds will benefit Camp American Legion. For more information on this amazing fundraiser reach out to Amy Luft (amyjluft@gmail.com). To register: sweat4vetswi.com.

Our American Legion Family is working on a project together this year called **“Operation Old Glory”** the purpose of this mission, is to have 250 homes in our community fly their Flags with pride on the 4th of July. Why are we doing this? To help promote patriotism for the 250th birthday of our country. We have members from each branch of our Legion Family helping to promote this event. Together we will supply 250 families with free flags.



ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY March 2026 Newsletter

All the committee members have been working extremely hard to get the elementary schools involved by coloring pictures of flags to give to our community members who cannot hang a flag but want to participate. And shopping to see where we might get the best pricing for flag kits. Please ask about this at your Post, Squad or Unit Meetings.

Our elections will be coming up in May and if you have any interest in becoming a member of our Executive Board please reach out to our **Election Committee Members: Karen Brost** (kkbrost@gmail or 414-477-9220) and **Beth Dressel** (beffhenckel@gmail.com or 262-327-2203). Any position you may have an interest in holding is just an email away from asking for! Do not be intimidated just because someone you know and like already has a position, the way an organization grows is by getting new people in positions with innovative ideas.

ALL MEMBERS WITH PAID UP MEMBERSHIPS ARE ENCOURAGED TO RUN!

OH NO, SOMETHING IS MISSING!



We do have a Veteran of the Month for March; however, we have not connected yet! Stay tuned for the April newsletter where it will feature 2 special Veterans!

UP COMING EVENTS:

April 1st April Fool's Day!

April 4th Oz Co Meeting at Cedarburg Post 8:30 am

April 5th HAPPY EASTER!

April 7th Exec Board Meeting in the Lower Post Hall 6:30

April 8th Grafton High School Freshman Community Service Project – Supporting the USO

April 11th Legion Las Vegas Nite

April 11th Department Officers Testimonial Dinner

April 14th Bingo doors open at 6:00 pm

April 15th Taxes are Due!

April 21st Unit meeting in Lower Post Hall fellowship 5:45 meeting 6:30

April 24th District 2 Meeting in Fort Atkinson 8:30 registration

Happy Birthday to all members with April Birthdays!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary



