

Monday, May 4th	Post Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 10th	Mother's Day
Monday, May 11th	Post General Meeting
Tuesday, May 12th	 Sons of the American Legion meeting
Saturday, May 16th	Sweat 4 Vets ending at our Post
Monday, May 18th	Military Historians Meeting
	Posts Card Club in lower level
Monday, May 25th	Memorial Day Ceremonies at Veterans Park Followed by an Open House at the Post

**Thank
You!**

Special thank you goes out to the Rose Harms Legion Family that ensured 42nd annual Las Vegas Night a huge success.

To those behind the scenes who help sort, stuff and staple tickets for raffles, to those going out collecting all the raffle prizes a huge thank you. To those helping that night selling tickets for raffles, calling raffle ticket numbers, working the silent auction, and those dealing and working the gaming tables, again thank you. The evening could not have been this successful without giving your time and energy to help. Special thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary and SAL for all their help that evening making this a successful evening for the Post.

Also, whenever you see Nola, please extend your appreciation to her for the profound efforts in making sure the event was carried on because it was mainly made possible due to her commitment, knowledge and sincere love of Post 355.

Thank you Nola.
Ken 'Kringie' Michaud

Sweepstakes Winners Were:

\$500 Tyler Flanders
\$200 Renee Schreiner
\$100 Nicole Brown
\$100 Yvette Roller
\$100 Wayne Jeske
\$50 Bill O'Sullivan, Stacy Baldwin,
Al Beck and Allison Suber
50/50 Winner was Jim Stieb
High Roller Winner was Mark Roller

Highlights from our last meeting

Membership: Ken Kasprzak introduced a new Post member, Eric Milan, and welcomed him aboard. He also reported on the 9 post members who had passed away this year and will have their names inscribed on our memorial stone at Veteran's Park. This year's final membership total was 261 representing 101% of our goal.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen Thankfully there were no funerals for the month. Reminder of the Sweat for Vets event on May 16 was discussed.

Las Vegas Night: Ken Michaud reported the 42nd annual Vegas Night 2026 achieved a net profit of \$18,000 which was the largest ever recorded for the event. Kudos to Ken and everyone else who contributed to the night's success.

Scouts: Chris Lundgren reported on the many events and outings the Post sponsored scouts participated in this year.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen reported that Sachi Makani, the Post's Oratorical Contest winner, competed at the State Contest and was a credit to the Post in her final outing. She ended up as the regional runner up.

Tent Rental Program: Tom Grabow said that a full crew has signed on for this year, as it looks to be quite busy with 10 tent jobs already on the books.

Americanism: Al Richards informed the membership that the Post is willing to sponsor our Grafton Patriots, American Legion baseball team again this year. Although, many of the other teams in the area have folded, leaving no one to play against. Coach Brian is looking into this.

Recommendations: Passed
To donate \$500 to the Auxiliaries "Operation Old Glory" project.

New Business:

Auxiliary member, Cathy Brunnquell, asked the membership for volunteers for the annual spring poppy program.

Good of the Legion:

Doug Arendt reminded Post membership of the considerable number of Legion apparel available at Silk Screen Specialists in Grafton.

St. Joseph's Church in Grafton will sponsor an electronics disposal both before and following masses on Saturday and Sunday the 25th and 26th of April.

Dave Theis wishes to donate a mobility scooter to another who is in need of such transportation.

Happy Birthday to Tom Brown, who volunteered to pay for refreshments after the meeting.

Mike Doge, GHS Tech Ed teacher, and Kelly Rieck presented a gift to the Post. This gift was a laser-cut metal circle for each of the United States armed forces branches of service.



Holding up their service emblems were Ralph Beck-Marines, Jim Arentz-Army, Nick Shanen-Navy and Jay Wissmueller-Coast Guard

Last Months Post Calendar Raffle Winners Were;

\$50 - Andy Taft

\$30 - Steve Shock

\$25 - David Viesselmann

\$20 - Char Karrels

\$15 - Bill Vorac

\$10 - John Meyer



Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for the men and women who died while serving in the nation's armed forces. The last Monday in May is a time to honor the fallen and remember the cost of their sacrifice.

For many, military holidays can be confusing. Memorial Day is not the same as Armed Forces Day or Veterans Day. Memorial Day is set apart to remember those who gave their lives in service. That distinction matters, because Memorial Day calls us not only to remember the past, but to reflect on the price that was paid. Many service members laid down their lives in service to their country and its people. Their courage came at a great cost and that cost did not end on the battlefield. The families of the fallen carry that loss for a lifetime.

Memorial Day is deeply personal. It is felt by family and friends whose lives were forever changed by loss. Their sacrifice did not end in a single moment. It continues in the empty seat, the quiet ache, and the lifelong remembrance carried by those who loved them.

This sacrifice is also carried by those men and women who served next to our fallen. "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). To see this happen before your very eyes is something that also stays with you for a lifetime. Today, the number one issue facing the veteran community is suicide. The "Be the One" is a program to reduce the number of veterans lost to suicide and to reduce the stigma associated with mental health treatment.

Memorial Day helps us reflect on the weight of service, duty, and the willingness to stand in harm's way for others. As the well-known saying goes, "All gave some, some gave all." On Memorial Day, we pause to remember those who gave all. We honor those who gave their lives in service. We thank God for their courage.

Take a moment today to remember the fallen—and pray for those who carry their legacy and loss. On this Memorial Day, let us remember those whose sacrifice defines this day.

The Post's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25th

Parade will start at our Post at 10:30 am. Please be there early.

We will proceed down 13th Avenue to the Veteran's Park.

A Memorial Day ceremony will be at 11:00 am.

A Rifle Salute and Taps will be then be at the Veterans Memorial.

Lunch at the Post will be provided by Auxiliary following the ceremony .





May 2026 SAL News

Membership: At the March meeting, Paul reported that he had a great conversation with Julie Muhle from the Wisconsin American Legion headquarters in Portage. He now has a better understanding of how to access the information on the SAL website. 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.

Las Vegas Night: We had another very successful fund-raising event thanks to a big crowd at Las Vegas Night. Thanks to the efforts of several of our members and some great raffle prizes, we realized a total profit of \$2,555.

SAL Meat Raffle: Final profit number was \$2,520. This number wasn't available at the time of our last newsletter.

Operation Old Glory: We have purchased 250 flag kits that will be given to Grafton residents in the near future.

Legion Baseball: We voted to donate \$500 to Legion baseball as we have done in the past. Motion was made by Brian and seconded by Neal.

Sweat4Vets: As mentioned in the April newsletter, 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.

Memorial Day Parade and Luncheon: Mark your calendars for Monday, May 25th at 10:45am. More details to follow.

Camp American Legion: Our clean-up week is May 11th-15th. If you're interested in helping with the clean-up, please contact our SAL Commander, Richard Rieck.

SAL Golf Outing: Event is scheduled for Saturday, June 6th at Edgewater Golf Course. Planning on a 9:00AM tee time. Due to the fact that this is a 9 hole course, we're limited to only 20 teams. Registration forms are now available.

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.

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

June 8th - Brad, Jimmy P, and Dave

July 13th - Kurt & Paul

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

Next SAL Meeting: 5/12/26 @ 6:30pm



★ PLEASE JOIN US FOR A ★

GOLF *Outing*

★ A FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING LOCAL VETERANS,
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES ★

— Saturday, —
JUNE 6TH, 2026



REGISTRATION BEGINS
8:00AM



SHOTGUN START
9:00AM



EDGEWATER GOLF COURSE

1300 12TH AVE, GRAFTON, WI 53024



\$55
PER GOLFER

OR

\$45
FOR VETERANS



★ INCLUDES: ★
10 HOLES OF GOLF WITH A CART • LUNCH INCLUDED

★ *Thank you for supporting those who serve!* ★

To register or for more information:
contact Richard Rieck at (414)526-6409



ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
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Thank you to all who helped with the Las Vegas Nite! Your efforts were greatly appreciated!

Our Membership Chair, Lora Linder, reports that we are currently 92% membership with 142 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** (amyluft@gmail.com). To register: **sweat4vetswi.com**.

Our election will be at our May 19th Unit Meeting 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](mailto:kkbrost@gmail.com) or 414-477-9220) and **Beth Dressel** (beffhenckel@gmail.com or 262-327-2203) or **Coleen Steffen** (coleen.steffen@sbcglobal.net or 414-254-4951).

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!



Poppy Distribution is May 22 & 23 at all our regular places from 8 – 4:00 daily.

Please reach out to our Poppy Chair **Cathy Brunnquell (262-424-7692)** if you can help!

We will be hosting a luncheon on **Memorial Day** for our Veterans and our Community on **Monday May 25th immediately following the parade**. If you are available to help please contact our Memorial Day Chair, **Mary Arvai (262-685-7757)**.

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. 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. If you are interested in getting a **FREE** flag please stop in at the Post on **Flag Day June 14th from 1-3:00 pm** and **June 18th from 5-7:00 pm**.

OUR MARCH 2026 VETERAN OF THE MONTH IS: MR. ROBERT WRECZA
Unfortunately he has been in and out of the hospital and as soon as he is home we will be celebrating him.



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OUR APRIL 2026 VETERAN OF THE MONTH IS: LEE WISKIRCHEN

Lee served in the United States Navy from 1966 - 1968.

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



UP COMING EVENTS:

May 5 – Auxiliary Exec Board Meeting

May 16 – Sweat 4 Vets

May 19 – Auxiliary Unit Meeting

May 25 – Memorial Day Parade & Luncheon

June 2 – Auxiliary Exec Board Meeting

June 14 – Flag Day {Operation Old Glory} 1st Day to pick up

Your free flag from the Post 1 – 3:00 pm

June 16 – Auxiliary Banquet

June 18 – Operation Old Glory 2nd change to pick up your free

Flag from the Post 5 – 7 pm

Happy Birthday to all members with May Birthdays!

Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary





A 2.5 Mile Walk Benefiting: Camp American Legion

Saturday, May 16 at 10am



Walk Begins at Cedarburg American Legion Post
& Ends at Grafton American Legion Post

Shuttle Service Will Be Available



Register at sweat4vetswi.com

Registration & Pre-Registered Packet Pickup:

Friday, May 15 at Grafton American Legion 4-6pm

Registration Day of Event: Cedarburg American Legion 9am



Aurora Medical
Center Grafton
Medical Staff



Cedarburg American Legion Post 288
Grafton Sons of the American Legion Squadron 355

Camp American Legion

Mission... Helping to Heal -
those who served, continue to serve, and their families
through Wisconsin's North Woods experience.

Vision... Giving Wisconsin Veterans
the pathway to quality of life.

Values... honor and Stewardship



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GIVE BACK NIGHT
For Sweat4Vets

Treat Yourself
and
**SUPPORT
OUR VETERANS**

Enjoy a great meal and
make a difference!



Wednesday, May 6th
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



15% of sales (5-8pm)
15% of gift card sales throughout day
will go towards Sweat4Vets!



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Join us on May 16th as we walk in support of those who've served.

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