



JUNE

2026

Monday, June 1st
Saturday, June 6th
Monday, June 8th
Tuesday, June 9th
June 14 and 18
Friday, June 26th
Saturday, June 27th

Post Executive Committee Meeting
SAL Golf Outing 9:00 am shotgun
Post General Meeting - 7:00 pm
No BINGO until September
Hand Out Flags for Operation Old Glory
Installation Dinner at Saukville Post
Grafton's Holiday



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MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER AND HONOR

Recommendation to donate \$100 to the Grafton Gladiators Football Program was approved.

Membership. Ken Kasprzak announced that the paid members at 262. Currently, this is 101.56%.

Camp American Legion---Bill Vorac noted that Camp opening began May 9th. Bill along with several Post members plan to get our cabin ready for the season the week of May 17th.

Al reported that our American Legion baseball team, the **Grafton Patriots**, have been registered with the state and the insurance has been paid. They were all ready to go. However, team play has been canceled due to lack of the other teams in Ozaukee County this year.

Americanism---Ken Kasprzak gave an update on 8th Grade Outstanding Student Awards. School presentations and awards to begin on May 20 at Our Savior Lutheran, with other schools to follow.

Tent Crew---Tom Grabow reported on numerous jobs that are already scheduled for this summer.

Scout Troop 840---Chris Lundberg spoke on the success of recent Troop outings and upcoming Summer Camp. Thirteen new Scouts were at the crossover ceremonies, maintaining the good troop participation. A thanks from Xavier Lundberg for the help he received from our Post for his Eagle Scout project.

New Business.

Nomination and Election of Post Officers was successfully completed, which was chaired by Steve Shock. The County Meeting, dinner and Installation of all officers, will be held at the Saukville Post, on June 26th.

Good of Legion.

The social after the meeting of beer and soda was courtesy of Doug Arendt and Tom Brown.

Ed Polgar has volunteered to help with the building maintenance at the Post.

To Post, Auxiliary & SAL members

From: Ralph Beck, Finance Office.

Our Gold Package for the Packers 2026 games are as follows:

Pre-Season: Arizonia Cardinals TBD

Regular Games:

Chicago Bears, Sunday, October 11th at 3:25PM

Minnesota Vikings, Sunday, November 15th at noon.

Gold Package invoice price is \$1094

(There will be NO overbidding)

For more information regarding this change go to [Packers.com/tickets/mobile](https://packers.com/tickets/mobile) ticketing. This will hopefully answer a lot of questions as I have very little information on this. Anyone interested in purchasing the "Gold Package" contact me by e-mail at kyha1966@yahoo.com or at 262-377-8407 no later than July 1st.

If more than one person is interested, a random drawing will be held at our July Executive Committee meeting to select the recipient.

Note: Tickets are transferable between phones, therefore, if you purchase the package and cannot make it to the game you can simply sell your tickets & transfer them to person who bought them.



Monthly Post Calendar Raffle Winners Were;

Sydney Rychtik \$50.

Jordan Berendt \$30.

Julie Stiebs \$25.

Gary Fatla \$20.

Loretta Snieg \$15.

Cole Lange \$10.

Pot of Gold. Bill Klein.



June 2026 SAL News

Membership: At the May meeting, Paul reported that we just added another member, putting us at 96 members. 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 Baseball: Due to a lack of local teams, the season has been canceled.

Sweat4Vets: The event took place on Saturday, May 16th and appeared to be a great success. Several members of our SAL cooked the burgers and brats for the event.

Camp American Legion: The clean-up was completed in mid-May by Richard and Bob Rieck. The pier was also put in the water by Corey Esselmann and Jim Proefrock. We voted to spend \$1,000 to improve the steps and the landing area near the pier to make it easier to remove and store the pier.

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.

New Officer Slate:

The following nominations were made for the 2026-2027 year.

We'll be voting on the slate of officers at the June meeting.

Commander – Corey Esselmann

Treasurer – Chris Wegner

Membership/2nd Vice Commander – Paul Turowski

Adjutant – Ken Kasprzak

1st Vice Commander – Kurt Sutinen

Sargent at Arms – Ken Konicek

2nd Sargent at Arms – Brian Hadler

Chaplain – Dan Pals

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.

June 8th – Brad, Jimmy P, and Dave

July 13th – Kurt & Paul

August – Legion picnic

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

Contact Dan McKelvey at dmckelvey2038@gmail.com

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

[Operation Old Glory](#)
[American Legion Auxiliary Community Initiative](#)
[Celebrating America's 250th Anniversary](#)

[Our Mission](#)

This Fourth of July, our American Legion Auxiliary is launching **Operation Old Glory** — a community-wide initiative to encourage households throughout our area to proudly display the American flag in honor of America's 250th anniversary.

Our goal is to create a visible, unified display of patriotism while strengthening community connections and introducing more residents to the mission of the American Legion Family.

As the American Legion Auxiliary reminds us:

“American patriotism is a fundamental value of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Patriotism is learned by seeing it in action.”

[What We're Doing](#)

We will be conducting a large-scale outreach campaign throughout the community using:

- Door-to-door flyer distribution

- Weather-protected door hanger bags

- Social media promotion

- Newspaper advertising

- Press releases to local TV and radio stations

Outreach through local businesses and community partners

The first 250 residents who participate will receive a: FREE American Flag Kit

Each kit will include:

- An American flag

- Flag etiquette information

- Information about the American Legion Family

Residents will pick up their flag kits at our Legion Post, giving us an opportunity to personally welcome them and share what our organization does for veterans and the community.

Pickup dates are June 14 and June 18. If we run out of flags Blain's Farm & Fleet has more in stock and will offer a discounted price when Operation Old Glory is mentioned.

Grafton residents will be asked for their name, address and to pledge to fly the flag July 4th.

[Why This Matters](#)

Operation Old Glory is about more than flags. This initiative helps:

Promote Patriotism

Encourages pride in our country and respect for the American flag.

Support Veterans

Introduces more people to the programs and services supported by the American Legion Family.

Build Community Connections

Creates positive interaction between the Legion Family and local residents.

Increase Visibility

Generates positive attention for our Post and Auxiliary throughout the community.

Encourage Future Growth

Creates opportunities for:

- New members
 - Community partnerships
 - Event participation
 - Hall and tent rentals
 - Increased volunteer involvement
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[Grade school students will color flag posters to be distributed to local senior living condos/apartments for their windows so everyone can participate](#)

How Auxiliary Members Can Help

We need volunteers and community ambassadors to make this successful.

[Ways You Can Help:](#)

- Help distribute flyers
- Share social media posts
- Encourage neighbors and friends to participate
- Help prepare flag kits
- Welcome visitors at the Post
- Assist during pickup events
- Suggest businesses or locations for flyer placement

Every conversation, flyer, and flag displayed helps strengthen patriotism in our community.

[Key Message](#)

Operation Old Glory is an opportunity for our Post to lead a meaningful, visible project that honors America's 250th anniversary while strengthening support for veterans and the American Legion Family. Together, we can fill our community with American flags this Fourth of July and create a lasting impact that reflects the pride, patriotism, and service our organization represents.

[Thank You](#)

Thank you for supporting Operation Old Glory and for everything you do for our veterans, our community, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

"Patriotism is learned by seeing it in action."



ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

May 2026 Newsletter



Operation Old Glory is approaching: Please be sure to read the attached information sheet. 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 Membership Chair, Lora Linder, reports that we are currently 93% membership with 144 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 was another huge success! Chairperson Amy Luft and her team want to "Thank All" who were instrumental in making this another successful fundraising event!

Congratulations to all our new officers:

President – Mary Arvai

1st Vice – Karen Brost

2nd Vice and Membership Chair – Lora Linder

Treasurer – Ria Marien

Chaplain – Janet Sladky

Historian – Diane Riedl

Sgt at Arms – Carolyn Knoppa

Asst. Sgt at Arms – Lauren Stielow

Parliamentarian – Pam Klenner

Member at Large – Janice Bould

Past President – Kelly Rieck

Secretary – Sue Turowski

All ***new officers must*** attend the Ozaukee County Installation dinner on June 26th, 2026, at:
Landt-Thiel American Legion Post 470

601 W Dekora St
Saukville, WI 53080

The cost is \$22.00 and includes dinner, coffee and dessert. RSVP: by June 22nd, to Commander Denise Jamrozy at 414-416-4401 with a verbal commitment and pay at the door OR send your check to the address above.

Thank you from our Poppy Team! ALL your efforts were so appreciated!

Memorial Day was so well attended, and our chair **Mary Arvia** says: **"THANK YOU to all who worked for such a great meal!"**

Our **June Banquet** is being held at **Bunkers Restaurant located at Edgewater Golf Course on Tuesday June 16th**. Cocktails at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:30. Please RSVP to Mary Arvai 262-685-7757 by June 9th. If you commit to the dinner and no show, you will owe the dinner cost of \$26.00. Dinner includes salad, dessert, coffee, tea or milk with tax and tip.

1. Steak Sandwich with choice of potato, baked or fries
2. Broasted Chicken with choice of potato, baked or fries
3. Chicken Alfredo



ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY May 2026 Newsletter

Our meeting this month (May) was extra special! We welcome our Badger Girl State candidates: Addison, Elizabeth, Grace, Isabella and Sydney! We presented each with a certificate of appreciation for their dedication to Badger Girl State along with a check for \$50.00 for spending money at camp and an Auxiliary Challenge Coin.



We also welcomed 8 of the Grafton High School Military Candidates. We honored them with a certificate for their Military Commitment, presented them with their Military Cords for graduation and issued their first of many challenge coins. We are so proud of each of these kids for their dedication to our country! Aiden, Evan, Jayden, Joshua, Josie, Max, Nate and Peyton.

OUR MARCH 2026 VETERAN OF THE MONTH IS: MR. ROBERT WRECZA
Robert Served in the United States Army from 1965 – 1967
Thank you so very much for all of your years of service Robert.



We are all so Happy that Robert was finally able to be recognized.
Welcome Home Sir!!!!!!



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OUR MAY 2026 VETERAN OF THE MONTH IS: Gordy Lueder
Gordy served in the United States Army from 1965 - 1967
Thank you so very much for all of your years of service Gordy!



UP COMING EVENTS:

- June 9 – Auxiliary Exec Board Meeting at La Cantina in Cedarburg 6:00 reservations
- 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 at Bunkers Restaurant
- June 18 – Operation Old Glory 2nd change to pick up your free
Flag from the Post 5 – 7 pm
- June 26, 2026 – Ozaukee Co Installation Dinner 5:00 Saukville Post

Happy Birthday to all members with June Birthdays!
Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary



Holidaze Independence Day Parade June 27th, 2026

Join us as we celebrate America's 250th! Parade will step-off at 4pm from Kennedy Elementary School. Please, plan on being in the staging lot by 3:30 pm as roads will begin to close hampering access.

