



2026

Saturday, July 4th

Wednesday, July 8th

Monday, July 6th

Monday, July 13th

Tuesday, July 14th

Friday, July 16th

Sunday, July 18th

Happy Independence Day

Be The One training at Cedarburg Post

Post Executive Committee meeting

Post General Meeting at 7:00 pm

No BINGO until September

NO SAL Meetings until September

Start of State Convention in Appleton

State Convention ends



Rose Harms Post Annual
Cook out and Corn Roast.
Monday, August 10, 2026



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Chaplain Dan Pals informed everyone that there would be taps for 75 year Post member, Art Albers following the meeting.

Membership: Ken Kasprzak reported at the close of this year the Post membership was 263 which represents a 102.33% total for last year's membership.

Six graduating GHS seniors will be sent a letter regarding the Post's membership. Active-duty military members receive a free Post membership for their first three years.

Two veterans, Al Depies (USMC) and Mike Simonson (USN), were present and scouting out the Post with interest in membership.

Children & Youth: Doug Arendt said that the student, who had joined the Marines and was wishing to wear his active-duty dress uniform at graduation, was allowed to do so.

Doug also said that Saturday, September 12th will be the Annual Post Golf Outing. Signup sheets along with more information will be at our July Post meeting.

Al Richards reported that the Post's American Legion Baseball Team has been forced to disband because all other Ozaukee County teams have disbanded, leaving no one to play.

Hall Report: The Post suffered an air-conditioner breakdown again. It was decided not to put anymore repairs into this old style unit. So, K-Komfort was hired to installed a whole new system.

Post Grounds: Ed Polgar reported that the area below the post along the river is in the process of being cleaned up.

The Boy Scouts have completed their work repairing the picnic table down by the river.

Camp American Legion: Bill Vorac reported that a volunteer Post crew traveled to Camp on May 18th to help open Camp for the summer.

Working to get our sponsored cabin ready for the year, unfortunately found that the cabin furnace was inoperable. Quality Heating will survey the situation and report back. Camp has opened and maintains its full-speed ahead posture.

FYI – our cabin is used every week of the Camp season and the Post's SAL sponsored year round cabin is ready to go for Gold-Star families.

Tent Rental Program; Tom Grabow reported that fourteen jobs are on the calendar for this season already.

Old Business:

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa/Nick Schanen spoke on the Post's Memorial Day event this year and how well everything went.

The Post's Honor Guard performed one gratis funeral (a Veteran, but not a Post member) last month.

New Business:

Dr. Whittle and Psychologist, Zeno Franco, from the VA Medical Center spoke at our meeting regarding a program they wish to hold at a Post, which will be funded by the State of Wisconsin.

The program involves veterans with mental health issues for whatever reason and any veterans who would step forward to be trained by Dr. Whittle and Zeno. Then with those attendant skills gained, assist in the identification of veterans in need of assistance. This position would be referred to as a Post Navigator.

Good of the Legion:

The Wisconsin American Legion is proposing a program to honor the 250 Year US Anniversary whereby donations to the State would create an endowment to be used to our Children and Youth programs, such as Badger Boys State and the Oratorical Contest on the Constitution.

Beer and soda for the evening were compliments of Brent and Linda Kozak.

Post Monthly Calendar Raffle Winners:

\$50 – Jordan Berendt

\$30 – Chris Wegner

\$25 – Harrison Arentz

\$20 – Brandon Kelling

\$15 – Gary Fatla

\$10 – Bob Januchowski



July 2026 SAL News



Membership: At the June meeting, Paul reported that our roster continues to include 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.

SAL Golf Outing: The event took place on Saturday, June 6th at Edgewater Golf Course. We had 20 foursomes and beautiful weather! Our net profit on the event was about \$3,100. We had positive feedback on the 9-hole format and Edgewater Golf Course, so we'll likely return there next year.

New Officer Slate: The motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers as presented at the May meeting. The following is our list of officers for the 2026-2027 year.

Commander – Corey Esselmann
Treasurer – Chris Wegner
Membership/2nd Vice Commander – Paul Turowski
Adjutant – Ken Kasprzak
1st Vice Commander – Kurt Sutinen
Sergeant at Arms – Ken Konicek
2nd Sergeant at Arms – Brian Hadler
Chaplain – Dan Pals



250 Club: This is a Wisconsin American Legion project where they are asking each club to donate \$250 to set up an endowment fund to be used for Badger Boys State and other projects. It was moved (Chris) and seconded (Brian) that we donate \$250 towards this project. Approved by unanimous vote.

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 week end 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.

There are several Post members attending the State Convention on Saturday, July 19th, when Amy is sworn in as our new State President of the Auxiliary. The halls are booked Friday, Saturday and Sunday, so there is a special need for help. Al's 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.
July 13th – Kurt & Paul
August – Legion picnic

Do you have something that you want in the next SAL newsletter?
Contact SAL Adjutant Ken Kasprzak at kkasprzak1@icloud.com.

Next SAL Meeting: 9/8/26 @ 6:30pm



ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

July 2026 Newsletter



I missed putting this in the last newsletter and I felt terrible about that because this picture is priceless! Our President Kelly Rieck along with Poppy Princess Peyton Arvai and 2 Jr. Son's of the American Legion Jayden Behling and Asher Behling.

Thank You to all the Poppy Volunteers!

We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped us make the Grafton community aware of the Poppy. Thanks to your dedication we had a successful Poppy weekend, and the donations will help Veterans and Military families. It is nice to see the volunteers that are so dedicated, they have their family and friends join in and help.

We do have some fun information to share

Top Contenders for highest collections:

Friday- Sue Turowski and Pam Klenner at Sendiks

Saturday – Gordy Lueder at Sendiks

Best Dressed – Kevin Dressel at Collectivo, Erika Stielow at Citgo, & Lauren Stielow at Collectivo

Your uniforms help so much, and we are so proud of you and your service!

The Poppy Committee,

Lora Linder, Carolyn Knoppa and Cathy Brunnquell



"Operation Old Glory was an overwhelming success. All 250 American flag kits were distributed, including 48 kits provided to the Grafton Senior Center. Residents expressed their appreciation with comments such as, "Thank you so much for doing this," "This is awesome, you guys are fantastic," and "What a great idea!" Families, couples, and individuals visited our Post to receive their flags, creating opportunities to meet community members and introduce several prospective new American Legion Family members to our organization. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy to help paint Grafton red, white, and blue. The excitement continues as we work toward organizing a drone flyover on July 4th to capture the community's patriotic spirit and celebrate America's 250th birthday." Written by Karen Brost





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Our Membership Chair, Lora Linder, reports that we are currently 94% 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!

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

Thank you to all who attended our June Banquet! We all applaud both Joan Duffner and Mary Arvai for all of their special efforts to make this party a huge success! A special little shout out to our Poppy Princess Peyton Arvai for helping make our favor treats for the party ~ well done Peyton!

This year at the banquet our Poppy Chair Cathy Brunnquell gave each of our **Poppy Princesses, Peyton Arvai and Cass Fischer** a Thank You token for their service. Our Scholarship Chair Sue Turowski gave out our **3 Scholarships, Amelia Lundberg** our **General Auxiliary Scholarship, Khiah King** our **Junior Auxiliary Scholarship** and **Olivia Ruff** our **1st Mel Nowak Badger Girl Scholarship**. Our President Kelly Rieck gave our **Teacher of the Year Award** to **Mr. Mike Dodge** from **Grafton High School** and our **Youth Good Citizens Award** went to **Xaviar Lundberg**. Our **1st Vice Mary Arvai** gave out our **Member of the Year Award** to **Janice Bould**. Membership Chair **Lora Linder** gave out **17 Membership Awards**, listed below. And last but not least, in **Ria Marien** (our past president) absence, Sue also gave **Kelly Rieck** her **Past Presidents Pin**.

Thank you to ALL members for the years of service especially the following:

10 YEARS	15 YEARS	25 YEARS	30 YEARS	80 YEARS
Jackie Boklewski	Taylor Bould	Claudia Frank	Toni Moegenburg	ARLINE KAUL
Emily Dufner	Mary Czerwinski			
Joan Dufner	Michelle Czerwinski			
Khia King	Rylee Turowski			
McKenna King	Morgan Zais			
Jamie Reif				
Kelly Rieck				
Janet Sladky				
Kristy Turowski				

Special Congrats to our special member with the most years of service to date:
MRS. ARLINE KAUL

PICTURES OF OUR BANQUET ARE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.



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June 12 was Women Veterans Day!

The Historical Connection: *The June 12th date directly commemorates the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, signed by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948, which permitted women to serve as permanent, regular members of the military.*

OUR June 2026 VETERAN OF THE MONTH IS: MS. RENEE SCHREINER
Renee Served in the United States Army (Women's Army Corps-WAC) 1972-1975
Thank you so very much for all of your years of service Renee!

We will have the pictures of Renee and our July VOM in the August news letter.



Cathy with Cass and Peyton



Amelia Lundberg with Sue



Khiah King with Sue



Olivia Ruff with Sue



Kelly with Mr Mike Dodge



Xavier Lundberg with Kelly



Janice Bould with Mary A



President Kelly with mock pin



Ten Year Award Recipients



Fifteen Year Recipients

SAVE THE DATE:
The VA Picnic will be
Friday September 18th!
The Legion Corn Roast will be
Monday August 10th!

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