

AUGUST

2026



Monday, August 3rd

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Rose Harms Post 355 Annual Post Cookout Monday, August 10th 5:30 pm Start

Post Executive Committee Meeting

No meeting because of our

Annual Cookout and Corn Roast

Polka Music Included!

5:30 pm Start



Looking Ahead...

Saturday, September 12th

Rose-Harms Post 33rd Annual Golf Outing.

Open to all Legion Family members and friends.

Your chance to Tee off with The Gator!

Sign up form is included with this newsletter.



 **AMERICAN
LEGION**

Rose-Harms 33rd Annual Golf Outing

(A golf scramble open to all Legion Family members and friends)

Edgewater Golf Club
Saturday, September 12, 2026
1:00pm Shotgun Start
Dinner @ Edgewater Golf Club
(served at 4:30pm)
Beer & Soda on Course



Golf, Dinner and prizes: \$45 (cart included for outing)

Golf and prizes only: \$25 (cart included for outing)

(Note: no price reduction for Edgewater members and NO carry-in beverages allowed)

Dinner Only: \$20 (gratuuity included)

Name(s)	Golf and Dinner \$45	Golf Only \$25	Dinner Only \$20	Total
Total Amount Enclosed (checks made payable to Rose-Harms Post)				

Have form WITH PAYMENT to the Post by Wednesday, Sep. 2, 2026

Return with payment to:

Rose-Harms Post #355
Attn: Golf Outing
1540 13th Avenue
Grafton, WI 53024

A good time is always had by all at our golf outing. Our raffle table will be well stocked as usual. Come and have some fun with your legion friends!

Doug Arendt,
Outing chairperson

Chaplain Report: Dan Pals reported Judy Kuta, Auxiliary member, and wife of Post member Ron Kuta, has passed away.

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

Americanism: Ken Kasprzak reported that the Badger Boys State Program has been completed for this year. The Post has received "Thank You" letters from our sponsored young men. They will attend the September Post meeting to share their experiences.

Ken provided a storied history and worthiness account of Post Member, Jim Arentz, who has been nominated by the Post for the Ozaukee County Legionnaire of the Year Award.

Scouts: Jim's grandson, Xavier Lundgren will soon be receiving his Eagle Scout rank.

Athletic Chairman: Doug Arendt gave a reminder of the Post Golf Outing on Saturday, September 12th at Edgewater Golf Course with a shotgun-start at 1:00 pm.

K-Komfort is this year's event major sponsor. A reminder of the Marty Wegner Memorial Hole. New this year, is a long-putt contest that will be sponsored by Butch Paegelow's family.

Hall Report: Al Richards reported beer and soda for this evening are compliments of Post members, John Meyer, Kevin Dressel and Mike Belgiamo.

Al reminded everyone of the Post Cookout and Corn Roast that will be held on Monday, August 10th beginning at 5:30 pm.

Lee Wiskirchen said that he will make his yearly canvas of the neighborhood and invite them to our Post Picnic.

There will be no Post meeting that night.

Grounds: Ed Polgar reported that the dead trees on the hillside at the rear of the Post will be cut down this October, plus others will be trimmed to provide a more majestic view.

POW/MIA: Ken Klein reported a remarkably interesting account of the identification of the remains of a 15-year-old boy who was a member of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. 14 other such soldiers await identification.

Recommendations: Passed

- The Post will donate \$250 to the Wisconsin American Legion's "250 Project" honoring our Counties anniversary. Proceeds to support our Americanism Programs.
- The Post will donate \$250 to Grafton's Family Sharing for their promotional sponsorship flyers to be put in all their shopping carts.

Good of the Legion:

- Doug Arendt will make available his annual Packer Pool for signup at our Post Cookout.
- Linda Kozak and Ken Michaud attended the Suicide Prevention Program Workshop and said it was both informative and timely.
- Chaplain, Dan Pals, talked about his giving the invocation at the departure of the two Stars and Stripes Honor Flights.
- We received a thank you letter from the John Long Middle School for our donation to their eighth-grade class trip to Washington D. C.



Monthly Calendar Raffle Winner Were:

\$50 – Ken Kasprzak
\$30 – Marlene Donahue
\$25 – Emily Adams
\$20 – Sherrie Pals
\$15 – Amy Luft
\$10 – Lynne Klimek



At the Wisconsin American Legion state convention held in Appleton, Al Richards presented Camp Director Jim Klement a donation of \$875 in memory of Post member Art Alber. At Art's funeral, his family requested that, in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the Camp American Legion.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!

American Legion Family and Friends,

We have an opportunity to usher in an era of sweeping legislation that will positively impact the lives of veterans and their families for generations to come. But we need your support — now is the time to make your voice heard! Tell your senators to pass the Take Care of America's Veterans Act via our website VoterVoice portal.

The House paused a vote on TCAVA last week. So now the Senate is considering this legislation that incorporates 62 veteran-friendly bills, including ones The American Legion has testified on in recent years including the Major Richard Star Act, Love Lives On Act and more. This is our best opportunity to pass this critical legislation.

The clear majority of direct feedback from our members has been strongly supportive of this legislation. I encourage you to visit our special webpage to familiarize yourself with TCAVA, what the legislation does and what it does not do. As you process the facts, ask yourself — will this massive package of legislation have a positive impact on the lives of veterans and their loved ones? And can I justify depriving future veterans of these benefits?

This is our moment to use our collective voices as the 1.4-million member strong American Legion to lead from the front, enact sweeping legislation and do what is right for the veterans of today and tomorrow.

The American Legion
National Commander Dan Wiley



Contact your Members of Congress today and urge them to support the Take Care of America's Veterans Act. This is not a drill. We either pass this legislation, or we lose critical funding that our nation's veterans have earned and depend on.

E-mail is the most efficient and common method for written communication. While there are no central, public lists of direct email addresses, every senator's official website features "Contact" pages with webforms for constituents to submit messages.

Tammy Baldwin - Email: tammy.baldwin.senate.gov

Ron Johnson - Email: ron.johnson.senate.gov

Glenn Grothman - Email: glenn.grothman.house.gov



TAKE CARE OF AMERICA'S VETERANS ACT

The *Take Care of America's Veterans Act* (S. 4744, H.R. 9237) is supported by over 20 veteran and military service organizations, and includes more than 60 bipartisan provisions supporting veterans, caregivers, survivors, and military families. This will be the most important vote on veterans' policy in the 119th Congress.

MAJOR RICHARD STAR ACT

(SECT. 101) (S. 1032, H.R. 2102)

Finally addresses the wounded veteran tax for more than **59,000** veterans with combat-related injuries retired under Chapter 61, allowing them to receive both full military retirement pay and Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation.

SHARRI BRILEY AND ERIC EDMUNDSON BENEFITS EXPANSION ACT

(SECT. 104) (H.R. 6047)

Provides additional financial support for nearly **8,000** of the most injured warriors receiving Special Monthly Compensation based on needs for aid and attendance, and more than **600,000** surviving family members receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

LOVE LIVES ON ACT

(SECT. 102) (S. 410, H.R. 1004)

Approximately **35,000** surviving spouses under the age of 55 would be able to retain benefits if they choose to remarry, helping provide greater financial stability and peace of mind for military and veteran families.

VETERANS ACCESS ACT

(SECT. 601) (S. 745, H.R. 740)

Faster access to VA's Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program (RRTP), used by more than **30,000** veterans per year with mental health and substance use disorders, including more than **4,500** referred for community-based care in 2025 when VA was unable to provide timely access.

VETERAN CAREGIVER REEDUCATION, REEMPLOYMENT, & RETIREMENT ACT

(SECT. 302) (S. 879, H.R. 2148)

In 2025, VA supported more than **65,000** caregivers through its Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers. As caregivers transition out of the program and into new chapters of life, more than **53,000** may benefit from extended health care coverage and professional certification support over the next decade.

DISABLED VETERANS DIGNITY ACT

(SECT. 332) (S. 3647)

VA provides heightened care for up to **27,000** veterans with spinal cord injuries and disorders. This provision ensures the availability of specialized bowel and bladder care for those who develop neurogenic bladder dysfunction.

SERVICEWOMEN AND VETERANS MENOPAUSE RESEARCH ACT

(SECT. 324) (S. 1320)

Advances research into menopause and mid-life health for approximately **930,000** women veterans enrolled in VA health care, including approximately **650,000** who currently receive VA care.

COORDINATING CARE FOR SENIOR VETERANS & WOUNDED WARRIORS ACT

(SECT. 301) (S. 506, H.R. 668)

Approximately **6,000,000** veterans are enrolled in both VA health care and Medicare. This provision launches a pilot program to improve coordination between those two systems, making it easier for veterans to navigate and manage their care.

HOPE FOR HEROES ACT (S. 1139) / NO WRONG DOOR FOR VETERANS ACT

(H.R. 1969) (SECT. 306)

Extends the critical Staff Sergeant Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program, increasing authorized funding to **\$200 million** over three years. In 2025, the program provided community-based suicide prevention services to more than **17,000** veterans, Service members, and family members, including outreach to high-risk veterans not connected to VA care.

ASSIST ACT (SECT. 204) (S. 1726, H.R. 1364)

Expands access to vehicle modifications that support mobility and independence through VA's vehicle adaptive-equipment grant, used by over **3,000** veterans in 2025.



ROSE-HARMS UNIT 355 AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

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We offer a special Thank YOU to all our Purple Heart Recipients!

Our Membership Chair, Lora Linder and her team want to remind ALL Auxiliary Members that our annual membership drive will start at the Legion Corn Roast on Monday August 10th.

Please be prepared to pay your dues at that time.

***** ALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS MUST PAY YOUR DUES IN AUGUST. *****

Our Annual Legion Corn Roast is on Monday August 10th. Our Legion provides the Corn, Burgers, Brats with all the extra's along with Baked Beans. With all our new members **there are a lot of questions, such as:**

- "What is the Auxiliary responsibility?" *This is a pot-luck picnic! We ask that each Auxiliary member bring 1 item to pass. There is NO rsvp list. Ladies ~ Please just bring your favorite dish to pass, a salad or a dessert or a casserole. Again, please just bring one item to pass.*
- "What time should we have our food there?" *Please have your items to the Post by 5:00.*
- "Do we have a meeting or anything else that day?" *NO MEETINGS and YES, please be prepared to pay your dues for our annual membership drive. Other than that, there is NOTHING else that you need to worry about. Just come, eat and have fun with our membership!*



The 107th 2026 Department of Wisconsin Annual Auxiliary Convention was held in Appleton July 16 – 19, 2026.

***Congratulations
Mrs. Amy Luft
2026-2027***

Department of WI Auxiliary President



President Mary will hold our 1st Exec Board Meeting of our new year on Tuesday August 4th at 6:30 pm in the lower level of the Post.



Our annual VA Picnic will be **Friday September 18th, 2026.**

Please reach out to our Veterans Picnic Chair **Ria Marien** at **414-303-5611** or gegemarien@gmail.com to volunteer.

We need buddies for our Veteran guest and Ria needs help making favors and gift bags. Please help make this a success!

September brings the beginning of our new Auxiliary Year – Get Ready for the Excitement!



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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!



OUR July 2026 VETERANS OF THE MONTH ARE: MRS. TERI HOLLRITH & MR. SCOTT HOLLRITH
Teri Served in the United States Army Reserves 1983 – 1989
Scott Served in the United States Army 1974 – 1978
Thank you both so very much for all of your years of service!



UP COMING EVENTS:

August 4th – Auxiliary Exec Board Meeting 6:30 lower Post hall.

August 10th – The Rose-Harms Annual Corn Roast Picnic

August 11th – Primary Election Day

September 1st - Exec Board Meeting at 6:30 pm lower Post Hall

September 8th - BINGO starts back up on doors open at 6:00.

Please support our Legion and YOUR Auxiliary by eating dinner at the Post then play some Bingo!

September 11th – Patriot Day in Honor of all who lost their lives 9/11/2001

September 15th - is our First Meeting! We have dinner and fellowship at 5:45 and we start our meeting @6:30.

Happy Birthday to all members with August Birthdays, including the US Coast Guard!
Submitted by: Sue Turowski, Secretary

2026 Military/First Responders Recognition Award Nomination Form



Recognition

The honorees will be selected by our committee based upon one or all of the following criteria:

1. Service to our country and/or community. (Active or retired)
2. Dedication to assisting others.
3. Leading in our community.
4. Volunteer work in Grafton.

**The presentation of the awards will be held at half-time during the
Grafton High School Football Game on Friday, August 28, 2026.**

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL NOMINATED _____

MILITARY BRANCH AND/OR FIRST RESPONDER OCCUPATION: _____

PHONE# _____

NOMINATED BY: _____ PHONE# _____

Please comment on how this individual meets the above criteria: *(Please attach an additional sheet if needed)*

**Please send nomination papers, in print, to the Chamber office no later than
Friday, August 7, 2026.**



*If you have any questions, please contact us at
262-377-1650*

celebrate@graffton-wi.org

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 184, Grafton WI 53024

