



December 2014

Rose Harms Legionnaire

Upcoming Events at our Post

January 5th	Post Executive Committee meeting
January 12th	General Post meeting - 7:00 pm
January 13th	SAL meeting - 6:30 pm
January 19th	Card Club
January 19th	Military Historians Club
January 31st	Post Bowling tournament
January 31st	Riders fundraiser for Wisconsin's candidate for National Commander, Denise Rohan, at the Saukville Post

We need you!



Look at your current membership card.

Does it still say 2014 on top?

Then time is running out.

You need to send in your membership for 2015 as soon as possible.

Just drop off your \$30 at the Post or mail to;

Rose Harms Post 355
1540 13th Ave.
Grafton, WI 53024

You can even pay online.

Just go to - www.legion.org/members

grafftonlegion.org



Rose Harms Post 355

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Report: Les Williams reported on the Post member Marceline Paulin funeral. He further reported on Harold Walsh who is coming home Friday after successful knee operation. Post member input on fruit baskets to Post members was also solicited . . .

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa reported the Post participation in the Grafton Christmas parade went very well.

Blood drive: Mike Knoppa thanked the 42 who came forward to donate blood for the Post Drive. A special thanks to Renata Quillen for her loyal and steadfast assistance at all Post blood drives since their inception.



Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen conducted the Post Contest before the start of the Post meeting. Four contestants from the Grafton High School competed in the contest including, (left to right) Madeline Weskiewicz, Tori Alexander, Sara Dieringer, and Ben Bates.

All of the speakers were well prepared and gave very fine presentations. The judges decided the best of the four was Madeline Weskiewicz. She will now move to the County contest in January. Special thanks to the judges, Ralph Beck, Gary Gilstrap, and Al Richards for their valuable and well-measured service.

Athletic Chairman: Commander Jim Arenz reported the County Bowling Tournament hosted by the Rose-Harms Post is a work in progress.

Executive Committee Recommendations passed by the membership;

- To donate \$500 to Wisconsin's candidate for National Commander, Denise Rohan.
- To donate \$500 to Family Sharing of Grafton.

Good of the Legion:

- On January 19th, the Metropolitan Milwaukee Military Historians present Battle of the Bulge, part 2. The Malmsey Massacre was on December 17, 1944, when 80 US Army POWs were murdered by SS Troops. You will be able to listen to an interview with the last survivor from that day.
- Beer and soda for the evening compliments of Ed Gnutu and Brian Hadler.

Commander Jim Arentz read the following correspondence:

- A thank you card from the Grafton Chamber of Commerce for the Post's support of their Grand Night Out.
- A thank you card from the Post Auxiliary for assistance with the KAPCO party.
- A thank you letter from St. Paul's school for the donation of an American Flag.
- A thank you letter from the Grafton High School Athletic Booster Club for Post assistance in their Club Corn Roast.
- A card with a donation, to the Post, in the name of Lillian Schreiner.

Taps was played at the end of the meeting for Marceline Paulin.

Calendar Raffle:

- \$50 – Pete Gramoll
- \$30 – Thomas Peterson
- \$25 – Tom Mathews
- \$20 – Margaret Hubacek
- \$15 – Karen Behrens
- \$10 – Janice Bould



February 21, 2015 is the night of the Post's 31st annual Las Vegas Night

Doors open at 6:30 gaming starts at 7:00 to 11:00.

Free beer will be served from 6:30 to 7:30.

You should have received your raffle tickets that were enclosed in your last month's newsletter. Selling your raffle tickets is a huge part of the profits for the evening so please try to sell your tickets. Tickets stubs and money can be mailed back to the post or can be placed in the mail slot next to the front doors at the Post. If you are in need of more tickets you can call the post at 377-8887 and we will see that you get more tickets to sell.



We also are in need of more volunteers to help with the gaming tables that evening. Contact Steve Shock at 377-3728 if you can help deal blackjack or Texas Hold'em.

Kevin Dressel is also looking for help for the craps tables and roulette wheel. If you can help him out give him a call at 375-1283.

Contact Butch Paegelow at 377-9596 with any questions or any ideas you may have to make this a successful evening.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 21st and support Rose Harms Post 355 at their 31st annual LAS VEGAS NIGHT fundraiser.

Post Members

In our November newsletter, we all received our Las Vegas Night raffle tickets. For those of you who have returned the purchase of them, the Post "thanks you." For those of you who are still considering whether or not to purchase some or all of your raffle tickets please consider the following for doing so.

Las Vegas Night is the Post's biggest fundraiser of the year. The proceeds support both veterans and community organizations, school scholarship programs, Badger Boy's State and other groups. In addition, it goes to support the everyday costs of "your Post." The Post's insurance alone is almost \$6000 per year. Simply put, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your Post & your Post needs your support. Please consider supporting your Post's 31st annual Las Vegas Night thru the raffle ticket sales. Thank You! Post Treasurer Ralph Beck



Post members Nick, Larry and Commander Jim got to help Governor Scott Walker and General Dunbar welcome home soldiers from the 32nd Division. Santa and Elf Al handed out presents to the families as they waited for their loved ones to arrive.

AUXILIARY AWARENESS

Happy New Year to our American Legion Family,

Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Party in December,
A great time was had by all!



Special Thanks to the Christmas Party Committee for all of your efforts!

Ladies,

Please start recording your hours and list what your donations (monitory and in-kind) were for 2014. We will be passing out the Annual Report forms at our January meeting.

Our official meeting will be short and sweet this month as we have a "special member" who will be teaching us to ARM KNIT. We will all be making scarves and you may decide to keep it or donate it whatever you would like. The scarves take 2 skeins of yarn and I will be providing the yarn for each of you. If you would prefer a specific color or type of yarn, feel free to bring that with you to our meeting.

The District 2 Legion Riders are sponsoring a fundraiser for Denise Rohan our states future National Commander on January 31, 2015 at the Saukville Post. I am the chair of the "Pie Raffle" and will be passing around a signup sheet at our meeting asking for volunteers to donate a pie, Thank you so much in advance for your consideration of a pie donation. In addition, on January 31 the SAL will be hosting their annual bowling event, who wants to bowl?

Let's support our SAL.

Until we meet again, Serving Veterans,
Their Families and Our Communities,
Sue

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Meeting Notes

Members enjoyed a nice food spread provided by the Legion.

Current SAL account balance is \$4,500.

2015 Membership dues are due.

Members voted to donate a new TV to the Rose Harms post for the upper hall.

Members agreed to fund the Bloody Mary bar accessories for the Packer Party & set a price of \$5.

Upcoming Legion Post Dinner Volunteers - obtain/setup reimbursable food items by 7:45pm. Jan 12 – Bob, Feb 9 – Chris & Corey, Mar 9 – tbd

Upcoming Events - See website for all Post events

http://griftonlegion.com/?page_id=2

Jan 31 – SAL 9 pin bowling tournament at Grafton Bowl with 9am check-in and 10am bowling (see flyer for signup details)

Jan 31 – Chili Challenge Fundraiser at Saukville post beginning at 4pm to benefit Denise Rohan's National Commander Candidate campaign. Enjoy food, raffles, games and Karaoke.

Feb 21 – Las Vegas Night: Raffles and games offered at this important fundraiser. Requesting SAL volunteers to work. Please contact Robert or Richard if you are not able to make a SAL meeting prior to this event.

SAL Meetings - 6:30 start; Jan 13 - Feb 10 - Mar 10



Mid-Winter Social:

February 7, 2015

Dinner will be served at 7pm, cocktails prior.
(They open at 4:30pm).



They will give us the private room at no charge.

There will be Chicken, Ham and Prime Rib plus a salad bar with all the fixin's.

Reservations are needed by January 31, 2015.

Meal will be \$20.00 per person. This includes the tax and tip for a buffet.

Send to Treasurer, Michelle Czerwinski.

An email will be sent to all members with details.

No meetings in January or February.

Our next meeting will be March 7th, at the Jefferson American Legion Post.

Saturday, January 31st, at the Saukville Post

**A fundraiser for the first Wisconsin candidate in 30 years,
for National Commander, Denise Rohan.**

**Denise would also be the first Woman to be a
National Commander of any Veterans Organization.**

Sponsored by the 2nd District Legion Riders



***Chili Cookoff
at 4:00 pm***



Bake Sale at 6:00 pm



Karaoke Contest at 7:00 pm

**Food, Prizes, Entertainment and much more.
Everyone is Welcome!**



ROSE-HARMS POST 355
7th ANNUAL BOWLING OUTING
Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion



WHEN: Saturday, January 31st
Registration at 9:00 a.m.
Bowling starts at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Grafton Bowl and Sports Bar

WHY: A fun get-together for the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and friends

COST: \$10.00 per person for 3 games of bowling

Six person mixed teams with the first 10 teams to register. Anyone can bowl, so get your team together for this fun outing. If you cannot get 6 people together to register to bowl, we will get you a team. This year's event will be a 9-pin tap tournament. Please arrive a half-hour to an hour prior to the start of bowling. Prize money will be paid out right after bowling. Please note there is only one shift of bowling this year.

TEAM LINE-UP (Please print)

Captain: 1. _____ Phone # _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

****Please return entry form by January 26 to Richard Rieck at
1321 North St, Grafton****

**If you have any questions, please call
Richard at 375-9995 (H) or 377-4190 (W).**