

Rose Harms Legionnaire

February 2015

Celebrate The American Legion's 96th Birthday

Saturday, March 14th

**Come and help honor our Post's
Legionnaire of the Year**

Also our Firefighter, EMT and Police Officer of the Year

Up Coming Events

March 2nd	Executive Committee meeting
March 9th	Post General meeting - 7:00 pm
March 10th	BINGO
March 10th	SAL meeting 6:30 pm - lower hall
March 14th	St. Patty's Day dinner
March 17th	Military Historian Club
March 17th	Card Club - lower hall

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Rose Harms Post 355



Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Report: Les Williams reported Post member Alfred Schanen, who resided in Florida, has died.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa reported on one gratis funeral for firing squad.

Americanism: Bill Clayton reported Badger Boys information has been provided to GHS Principal, Ken McCormick.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reminded the membership of the County Bowling Tournament to be held on the 7th and 8th of March. Important note: contestants must be part of the legion family for participation.

Hall Report: Beer and soda for the evening was on Nick Schanen in honor of his uncle, Post member Alfred who had just died.

Al reminded to check the newsletter for information on celebrating The American Legion's 96th birthday with our St. Patty's Day dinner.

Bingo: Tom Peterson reported that Bingo was gaining in attendance.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen reported post oratorical contest winner, Maddie Weskiewicz, won at District and will move on to State and Regional contests.

Publicity: Ron Kuta reported that a photo and information on Post Oratorical Contest winner was in the local newspaper.

Blood Drive(s): Mike Knoppa reported a blood drive at St. Pauls in Grafton on February 16th.

Executive Committee Recommendation Passed
To continue the Post's support of the Grafton Little League Team for the next three years. Support revenue to come from Bingo Fund.

New Business: Auxiliary President, Sue Turowski, spoke to Post members on the Camp Hometown Heroes benefit, The Grand Slam Charity Jam, on Friday, March 6th. Volunteers are also needed for set up on Thursday. In addition 10 active duty servicemen may join the event if Post donates \$100.00 to defray the cost of a table. A motion to do so was tendered and seconded. The motion was passed unanimously. Sue also reminded everyone of the Auxiliary's Sunday Champagne Brunch on Sunday, February 15th.

Good of the Legion: On Monday, March 16th, The Metropolitan Milwaukee Military Historians will present a panel of Vietnam War combat pilots.

Al thanked all who assisted in the installation of the new overhead fans; Nick Shanen, Jim Stencel, Mike Knoppa and Commander Jim Arentz.

Correspondence: Commander Jim Arentz read the following:

- A thank you card and a check for \$50.00 from Sandy Patterson for the kindness Nick Shanen and Mike Knoppa showed to her in proper folding of the memorial flag from her husband's funeral.
- A thank you card from the Don Proefrock family for the fruit basket.
- A thank you card from the Harley Pals Family for the military honors conducted by the Post at his funeral.
- A thank you card from the Elroy Scheer Family for Post honors rendered at Elroy's funeral.
- A thank you letter from "Camp Hometown Heroes at Sea" for the Post's Honor Guard send off at the airport.
- A thank you letter from Grafton Area Live Arts (GALA) for Post support through the past year.

Calendar Raffle:

\$50.00 – Cindy Wollner

\$30.00 – Diana Nawrocki

\$25.00 – Dorothy Andrews

\$20.00 – Linda Fass

\$15.00 – Megan Monarski

\$10.00 – Frank Haupt



A special "Thanks" to everyone who helped make this years Las Vegas Night another huge success. Whether you worked on the gaming tables, dealing cards, selling tickets, serving drinks or just running around all night helping where it was needed. We couldn't have done it without you!

Camp Lease Renewed Thru 2024

Possible Expansion of Land in Process

On December 22nd, Department Commander Robert Shappell, Judge Advocate G. Steven Kaminski and Adjutant David Kurtz met with officials of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and finalized details of a new lease for Camp American Legion which runs for 10 years. The new lease is the latest in a series of agreements between the State of Wisconsin and the Legion dating back to 1925. During the negotiations on the new lease it was revealed that Camp American Legion has encompassed different areas of State-owned lands at different times during Camp's 90 year history. With this information, the Department Executive Committee determined at the Midwinter meetings that the Legion will pursue the opportunity to restore the historic boundaries of Camp to provide more rehabilitation and recreational opportunities for Wisconsin military service members, veterans and their families.

Camp American Legion's origin can be traced to the inspiration of Jim Burns, the first Department Service Officer, who as early as 1920 would make arrangements for sick or disabled veterans to go camping in northern Wisconsin to get their minds off their problems, regain health by exercise and live close to nature. In July of 1922, Mr. Burns wrote a letter to Department Commander Edward J. Barrett of Sheboygan and suggested that the Department establish a summer camp. By 1924 several possible sites for a camp were under consideration, including the Apostle Islands, Hayward, Eagle River and Antigo. In March 1925 the Department entered into a contract to purchase "Camp Minnewawa". This camp, on State owned land, was put into operation in the summer of 1925 and renamed Camp American Legion. Significant funding for the purchase was received from the State of Wisconsin through a grant from the Soldier's Rehabilitation Fund.

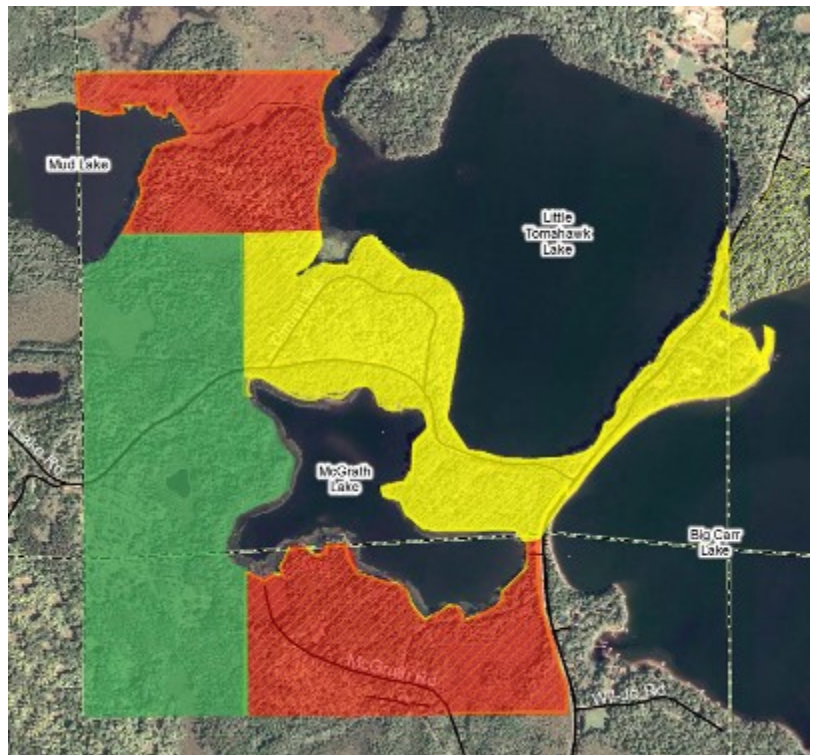
As Camp continues to grow in popularity with Wisconsin military service personnel, veterans and their families, The American Legion looks for new ways to fulfill our mission of service to Wisconsin military service members, veterans and their families. By restoring the area of land available at Camp American Legion we can provide new opportunities for rehabilitation and recreation.

Land controlled from 1927 to 1944 is shown in red on the map.

The area of land contained in the 1944 Lease is substantially larger and is shown in green.

Since 1964 the Legion has maintained the yellow area of land which is substantially smaller than any of the preceding leases.

In 1964 American Legion leadership relinquished certain lands at the request of the State Conservation Department with the understanding that this land would again be available in the future.





Sons of the American Legion News



Our 9 pin bowling event was a great success producing \$800 in additional income. Members voted to donate \$250 to the Grand Slam Charity Jam event.

Dick suggested doing something new for Memorial Day. This would involve one flag and a name on the flag to recognize Grafton's 500 deceased veterans. This would be setup in the park for one week so family members could appreciate it. Dick will be checking with the schools to see if elementary students could help with the label creation. Bill will check on the cost of flags. Al will check with the scouts supported by the Legion.

Upcoming Events - See Rose Harms website for all events http://graftonlegion.com/?page_id=2

Mar 6 – Grand Slam Charity Jam: Major Fundraiser to support Camp Hometown Heroes expenses from 5-10pm at the Wisconsin Center. Volunteers are needed on Thursday 5:00-9:30pm at KAPCO to load trucks. Meals are provided at KAPCO before loading. Volunteers are also needed for setup at the Wisconsin Center once the trucks arrive Thursday night. Volunteers will be able to get into the event and enjoy the activities and music by Kool & the Gang for FREE. See: <http://www.grandslamcharityjam.org/> Contact Sue Turowski for volunteer sign up.

Mar 7 – Ozaukee County Bowling at Circle B starting at 1pm. Only open to Legion, SAL and Aux members.

Mar 14 – St Patty's Day Party: \$15 per person

Upcoming Legion Post Dinner Volunteers - obtain/setup reimbursable food items by 7:45pm

March 9 – Legion Birthday, April 13 – Mike, May 12 - Neal

Members - Please volunteer for at least one event during the year, even if you can only spare one or two hours of time. We have 68 SAL members. Sixteen of which have not paid their dues for 2015.

Next SAL Meetings: Feb 10 - Mar 10 - Apr 14

2nd District American Legion Riders



We had a great winter social at the Iron Ridge Restaurant!

Thank you everyone that helped make our fundraiser for Wisconsin's candidate for National Commander, Denise Rohan a huge success. We will go over all the numbers at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be in Jefferson on Saturday, March 7th, at the Reinhardt-Windl Legion Post 164. Address is 321 N Main St (Business 26), Jefferson WI 53549. The new Hwy 26 bypass is complete around Jefferson, riders will want to exit at the first Jefferson exit (Business 26).

Meeting starts at 10:00 am. We will have coffee and donuts for the meeting.

Reminder - all 2D Legion Riders dues need to be paid by April 1st.



Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary February Newsletter

The February meeting of Rose-Harms Unit 355 was filled with reports, updates and fun. If you were unable to attend the meeting we hope you will join us next month.

Reports:

Sue Turowski reported the Legion Riders Fund Raiser for Denise Rohan for National Commander was very successful. \$3,500 was raised to help Denise become the first female command of the American Legion. Thank you to all the American Legion Family members who attended this event.

Judy Kuta reported the Auxiliary Bakeless Bake Sale is off to a good start. If you have not had the opportunity to make your donation yet this fundraiser continues for the entire month. Think how much you would have spent on baking for a bake sale and donate that amount. Funds received will go to support our programs for veterans, and all you have to do is write a check. Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation.

Chaplain Linda Brown reported that several members have given her pages for the prayer book she is working on. Please submit your favorite prayer along with a picture of yourself and any other family members that are members of the Auxiliary. Linda would like to have a page for each member or family. Will you consider helping with this project? If you have any questions please call Linda at 262-268-8296.

Mary Arvai reported that the brunch held on February 15th was a success. We served between 115-120 people. The final report will be ready for next month's meeting. Thank you to everyone that attended and to all the Auxiliary members who helped that day. We heard many positive comments.

Membership chairman Renata Quillen reports there are 18 members with dues still outstanding for 2015. Re-member dues for this year should have been paid before the end of December. If you are one of the 18 please send your dues in as soon as possible. We value your membership and look forward to hearing from you.

VA&R chairman Mel Nowak reported on several projects for our veterans. Dove candies were made available for 200 veterans for Dr Feldman's "Love your heart" project. "Socks of Love" were made by the group from Pilgrim United Church of Christ and were filled with personal care items, candy and jewelry. 205 bingo prizes were donated by Rick Nowak for Zablocki's Bingo in the name of our Auxiliary. Thank you Rick!

Mel also reported that 9 applications were received for Badger Girls State. The girls going from our Unit will be announced at the next meeting. We are able to send 3 girls this year. Mel also reports that scholarships will be presented to the graduating Seniors who attended Badger Girls as Juniors.

Contact Laurie Schwalbe with your Marcus Movie Ticket order ASAP so you will have them for Easter.

Updates:

Mark your calendars for the following events...

Grand Slam Charity Jam for Camp Hometown Heroes March 6th

March Auxiliary meeting **Monday, March 9th** Potluck for Legion Birthday 5:00 cocktails; 6:00 dinner; 7:00 meeting. Hope to see you all there. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert.

Saturday March 14th Legion Birthday Dinner at the Post. The fun begins at 6:00. Reservations required.

Ozaukee County Auxiliary Meeting Wednesday, April 15th in Belgium.

Second District Spring Conference, Saturday April 25th in Sheboygan Falls.

Fun:

Linda Faas and Judy Kuta led everyone in making plastic canvas patriotic hearts. A good time was had by all.

Judy Kuta
Secretary



Saturday, March 14th



Celebrate St. Patty's Day and The American Legion's Birthday



**with Corned Beef & Cabbage
plus Chicken with all the Fix'ins**



All for only \$15 each.

Everyone is Welcome - the Fun begins at 6:00pm

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