

Rose Harms Legionnaire

March 2015



Nick Schanen receives the Rose Harms Post's Legionnaire of the Year.

This "Paid Up for Life" award is the highest honor that any member can receive from the Post.

Chairman Ralph Beck, Nick Schanen and Commander Jim Arentz



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THANK YOU !

A special thanks goes out to members and friends who help make this Las Vegas Nite a huge success. Many thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and to the Sons of the American Legion for all their help with the evenings activities. To the people behind the scenes who help gather prizes, set up and tear down tables, work gaming tables and sell raffle tickets and whatever jobs needed to be done a huge thank you to you all.

Las Vegas Night winners:

John Keller was the winner of the \$500.00, Donn Broich was a \$200.00 winner.

Hundred dollars winners were James Malkowski, David Viesselmann and Curt Schultz.

Winners of the \$50.00 were Dennis McGrew, Scott Tate, Jim Murphy and Jerry Cook.

Thank you all for selling raffle tickets this year. Sorry you all couldn't be winners.

Joe Ciardo was the winner of the 50/50 drawing this year and took home \$706.00

High roller for the evening was Mike Bublit.

Again a huge THANK YOU to all who help work and to those who attended.

Chairman Butch Paegelow

Darren Werner has six years of experience as a firefighter with the Grafton Fire Department. In 2008, he attended the Grafton Citizens Police and Fire Academy. As a result, he decided that volunteering for the Fire Department would be a great way to serve his community and neighbors. Darren is an Oshkosh native. After high school, he was awarded a Bachelors degree from Concordia University. He then received his Chiropractic degree from Palmer College. Currently, Dr. Werner treats patients at the Grafton Chiropractic Center. As a Fire Department Engineer, he is qualified as a driver and operator of all mechanical equipment. Darren is certified as a Firefighter I & II, Driver Operator Pumper, and Driver Operator Aerial. He recently completed the National Fire Academy Incident Safety Officer Program. He has extensive knowledge of fire equipment and procedures through many hours of station duties, fire education, and experience. Darren is married to Ali and has two daughters. He is a member of St. Paul's Church and the Grafton Chamber of Commerce. Darren Werner is Firefighter who can fill any department role, including Driver and Officer. A focused distinction of his service is the time commitment he gives to training and responding to calls. He is calm and well respected at emergencies and deserves the **Firefighter of the Year Award**.



Public Safety Chairman Ken Kasprzak, Darren Werner, Eric Sutherland, Ken Lamas and Post Commander Jim Arentz.

Eric Sutherland has over 19 years experience with the Grafton Police Department. He began his career in 1995 as a Police Officer and was the first officer assigned to the department's investigator position. He also served as a field-training officer and was a member of the Ozaukee County Special Response Team. Then in 2007 he was promoted to Sergeant and is responsible for supervising the activities of a patrol shift. He serves as firearms, active shooter, and Taser instructor. Eric was a Sergeant in the Marines from 1987 to 1995 and served in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has a Bachelors Degree from the University of LaCrosse and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from University of Colorado. He has attended the FBI Law Enforcement Development Program and Supervisor Training for Criminal Justice personnel from Northwestern University and UW Platteville. Sergeant Sutherland is the recipient of numerous letters of commendation for his outstanding performance as a Grafton Police Officer. He is married to Jennifer, has 2 daughters and is a member of St. Joseph Church. He is a volunteer and supporter of the Wounded Warrior Project. Finally, Eric Sutherland is a police officer that serves his community with distinction, applicable skills, and diverse knowledge. Therefore, he is an excellent person to receive the **Police Officer of the Year Award**.

Each year the Grafton Fire Department hosts a Fire Prevention Education Program. **Kenny Lamas** attended this event with his two sons and was immediately interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Technician in his Grafton community. Currently Kenny is licensed and certified as an EMT-I. Last year, he also was awarded certification as a Firefighter I. Kenny is originally from Kansas City, Kansas where he attended high school. He is a U.S. Army Infantry veteran who served from 1994 to 1997 and had EMS experience and training at Fort Campbell. He was stationed in South Korea and is an American Legion member. After his army service, Kenny attended the University of Kansas and received a Bachelors Degree in Engineering. After working at a nuclear power plant, Kenny came to the Milwaukee area to accept a position as a Manufacturing Engineer at GE Health Care. He is married to Heather, a former Grafton Fire Department EMT. Kenny Lamas is a tremendous asset to the Grafton EMS program. He brings a calm, intelligent, and reassuring manner to his position of EMT-I. He is extremely dedicated and reliable as indicated by his availability to respond to Emergency calls. Not only does he take more than his share of EMS calls, but also as a Firefighter. He enjoys attending EMS and Fire education classes and programs. His future goal is to become a Paramedic. Kenny Lamas is dedicated to providing the best medical care to his patients and is the **Emergency Medical Technician of the Year Awardee**.

Highlights from our last meeting

Chaplain Report: Les Williams reported no funerals for the month. George Hollrith is in hospice care.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported membership at 301.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported the County Bowling Tournament was held on March 7th and 8th at Circle "B". The Grafton Team, Primetime, took 1st Place with Darryl Dressel bowling a 300 game. Wegner Express took 3rd Place in the event.

Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow extended deep appreciation to all who helped turn a \$10,600.00 profit for Vegas Night 2015.

Bingo: Tom Peterson reported the Bingo checkbook balance has bounced up because of the great turn-outs we have had the last two months.

POW/MIA: Jim Stencil reported on the newly established Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency and their recent attempts to retrieve the remains of 3 marines who were left behind following the final battle of the Vietnam War.

Camp American Legion: Dick Lallensack reported that April 20th is the Ozaukee County rotation for the opening of Camp.

Executive Committee Recommendation Passed.

- To donate \$250.00 to St. Pauls Grade School for their Washington D.C. trip. Monies coming from the Bingo Account.

Good of the Legion:

Belgium is hosting a wheelchair bowling outing on April 4th and 5th. See Jim Arentz for info.

March 4th was Ozaukee County's "Youth in Government Day", which was a great event.

Next month is the anniversary of the evacuation of Vietnam. The Smithsonian will televise a documentary about it.

Correspondence: The following was read by Commander Jim Arentz:

- A thank you letter from Brian & Tammy Hadler for the Post's honors rendered to Brian's father, Gene Hadler, at his funeral.
- A thank you card from Harold Walsh for the fruit basket he received from the Post.

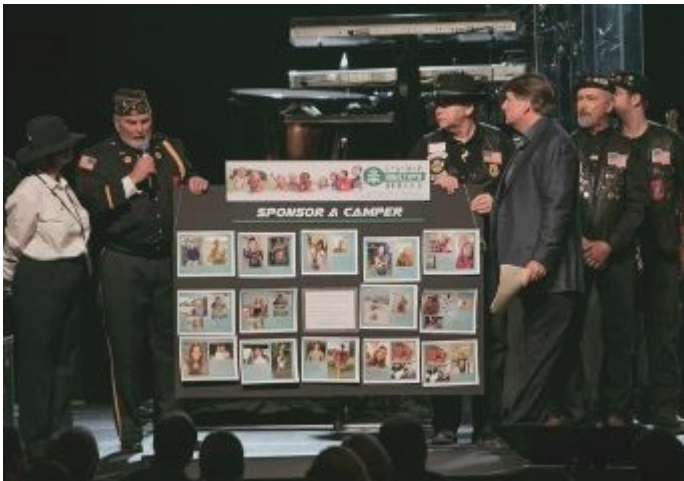
Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Cindy Wollner
\$30 – Dorothy Andrews
\$25 – Rob Wollner
\$20 – Bob Molaski
\$15 – Cheryl Detloff
\$10 – Deanne Lederer



Happy
Easter

April 6th	Executive Committee meeting
April 13th	Post General meeting
April 14th	BINGO
April 14th	SAL
April 20th	Military Historians
April 20th	Card Club



The Grand Slam Charity Jam event was held at the Wisconsin Center on March 6th.

All the proceeds from this fundraiser goes to send children, who have lost a loved one in the "War of Terror", to Camp Hometown Heroes this summer.

You may have seen the commercials on TV with Aaron Rogers.

It was a great event and the Post was well represented with volunteers, from the Legion, the Auxiliary, SAL and 2nd District Legion Riders.



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING March 10, 2015

We currently have 68 SAL members.

Current SAL account balance is \$5,588. We received \$2,001 from Las Vegas Night.

Las Vegas Night was discussed. A big thanks to all those who volunteered. Different ideas were suggested to get a better return on the paddle raffle. Additional consideration and planning will be needed in the future to prepare for next year's event.

People are investigating the options and costs of purchasing flags to recognize Grafton's 500 deceased veterans on Memorial. Initial findings put the cost too high for such an investment so the team will be looking into smaller flags and different sources. If anyone can find a place to purchase quantities of low cost small quality (stitched not stapled) flags please try to bring one for review at the next meeting.

SAL needs 6-8 volunteers to help with clean-up and season preparation of our Camp American Legion cabin during April 20 - 26. Blinds and furniture need to be installed and tree limbs cleaned up that were cut last year. SAL will reimburse volunteers for gas and they will also be provided with lodging and food. Contact Bob Rieck by phone: 377-4190 or email: robertjrieck@gmail.com if you can help.

Scott Ritter is coordinating orders for SAL shirts and caps. Contact Scott by phone: 414-690-5156 or by email: rritter2@wi.rr.com if you need something.

Operation Finally Home has two builders who are planning to construct two homes in Jackson for veterans. More information about this will be shared when we hear more. More about this national organization can be found at: operationfinallyhome.org.

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

Apr 13 – Mike

May 12 - Neal

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

Next SAL Meetings dates :

Apr 14

May 13

Start thinking about the SALs Golf Outing!





Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary March Newsletter



Happy Birthday to the American Legion. A potluck dinner was served by our Unit in celebration of the Legion's Birthday. It was our pleasure to prepare and share dinner with the Legionnaires of Post 355. Thank you for your service!

Treasurer Pam Klenner and Chairman Janice Bould reported Las Vegas night was successful. Hamburgers and brats were sold by the Auxiliary along with all the fixin's. Renata Quillen reported popcorn was also a hot item that night. Thank you to all who worked in any capacity.

Our Unit and Legion Family worked at the Grand Slam Charity Jam for Camp Hometown Heroes. Sue Turowski reported that the Grafton Legion Family will be sponsoring 3 campers this year. Camp Hometown Heroes is a week long camp for children who lost a parent or sibling in the service of our country.

Laurie Schwalbe reminded us that the next Marcus Movie Ticket order will go in March 20th. The tickets will be back within 7 days and would make great additions for Easter Baskets. If you are interested in ordering please contact Laurie. This is a great fundraiser for our Unit.

The Christmas Gift Shop at Zablocki has moved, and there is no longer room for the usual items members supply. This year they will only be accepting gift cards or monetary donations. Members wishing to contribute may purchase gift cards in \$10 or \$25 denominations from department stores, grocery stores or gas cards. We will be collecting these at our June Banquet. Please consider purchasing gift cards for the amount you would have spent on items.

The Unit voted to donate \$50 toward goodie bags for the members of the new Post being created at Concordia University. The Unit will also donate \$25 for postage of books as part of the 2nd District National Security project.

Amy Luft reported the next Honor Flight will be on April 18th. The yearly VA picnic at the Post will be on Saturday July 11th.

In May the Unit will be electing new officers. Laurie Schwalbe, Sharon Kertcher and Mary Molaski make up the nominating committee. If you are interested in running for an office, please have them add your name to the ballot. We will be voting for President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Historian and Chaplain. There are so many past Presidents in our Unit as well as other past officers and we would be more than happy to help you with whatever office you would like to hold. We appreciate you stepping forward to become a leader in our Unit. You are an important member of our group. Thank you for considering becoming an officer.

Mary Czerwinski volunteered to chair planting and maintaining the flower bed on First Avenue. Spring must be coming if we are talking about that. We will need volunteers to help weed and water as the Spring and Summer season go along.

Poppy distribution will take place May 8th and 9th. Cathy Brunnquell is once again the chairman. She will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting. Please let Cathy know if you are available to help with this important project.

Mark your calendar for Saturday August 1st for a "Trees from Home Workshop". We will be decorating small trees to send to deployed troops. All you need is a glue gun and a smile. It will be a fun day. We hope to see you at our next meeting on April 21st.

Judy Kuta
Secretary

Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary
You are invited to..... Trees from Home Workshop

Where: Rose-Harms Legion Hall-Grafton
Upper Level

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served at 11:30

Date: Saturday, August 1st, 2015

So mark your calendars for this fun filled Auxiliary project. 124 Christmas Trees will be needed to be decorated and we will ship them to our servicemen and servicewomen who are deployed this holiday season.

If you have someone who is deployed this holiday, bring their mailing address along and your decorated tree can be sent directly to them.

So all you need to do is bring a glue gun and a smile to this workshop and help make a difference this holiday season. Do you have a glue gun? Do you have extras? Please let Linda know if you need one or can help out with extras.

Be USA Proud!

Please join in and mail your commitment and Donations By July 25th, 2015 to:

Linda Brown 1229 West Portview Dr. Port Washington, WI 53074

Questions? 262/268-8296

Name: _____

Turkey Sub _____ or Ham Sub _____

**_____ No, I can't attend but would like to donate \$ toward shipping expenses. Pay-
able to ALA Unit 355**