



# Rose Harms Legionnaire

## November 2104



## Soggy and cold Veterans Day



### Upcoming Events

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| Dec 1st  | Executive Committee   |
| Dec 6th  | Legion Riders meeting |
| Dec 8th  | Post meeting          |
| Dec 9th  | SAL meeting           |
| Dec 9th  | BINGO                 |
| Dec 14th | Packer Party          |
| Dec 15th | Military Historians   |
| Dec 15th | Card Club             |
| Dec 25th | MERRY CHRISTMAS!      |

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**Rose Harms Post 355**



Post members who where on the "Honor Flight" to Washington, D.C. were Art Viesselmann, Amy Luft, Anton Fatla, and Herb Mentzel

# Highlights from our last meeting

**Chaplain Les Williams** read the names inscribed on the memorial at Veteran's Park this year. They were John Klas, Delvin Koopman, James Joyce, Georgia Eernisse, Ralph Horner, Eldrid Eichers, Norbert Stern, Henry Klapproth and Eugene Hadler.

**Harold Walsh** is at Heritage Nursing Home recovering from a hip operation with a pair of knees on deck. Also an update on **Dan Czerwinski** indicated surgery for torn ligaments in his shoulder was performed.

**Sergeant-at-Arms, Mike Knoppa**, reported the Grafton Christmas Parade is on November 29th and marchers are to muster at Leroy Paulin's, on the corner of 6th and Washington at 10:30 am.

**The Post's Blood Drive** will be on Wednesday, December 3rd from 2:30 to 6:30 pm.

**Bingo:** Tom Peterson reported on a good crowd. Next BINGO will be on December 9.

**The Oratorical Contest:** Lee Wiskirchen said that after meeting with Zach Gaeske, GHS Oratorical Coordinator, it appears that we will have 4 contestants. The contest will start before our next meeting on December 8th, at 7:00 pm. No will be allowed entrance while the students are speaking, so get there early.

**POW/MIA:** Last Oct 31st, the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office announced that the remains of Staff Sgt. James L. Van Bendegom, were returned home to his family in Kenosha, Wisconsin. He will be buried with full military honors on this Veterans Day. There are still over 82,000 missing or unaccounted for from all the wars. May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.

## New Business:

- New Post member, Nick Fath, was recognized and spoke to the membership about his service.
- County Commander Joe Schneider, spoke to the members about a membership drive to be held in Horicon.
- Joe also spoke of the need for candidates for office at the County level.

## Good of the Legion:

- The Military Historians meeting at the Post will have a survivor from the Battle of the Bugle from the 82nd Airborne.
- On Dec 7th, Pearl Harbor Day, there will be a Veterans Recognition Event at Circle "B" from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Items for the home and for personal hygiene will be collected for homeless veterans.

- Sue Turowski provided a picture of the memorial block that the Post donated at the Veteran's Dry Hootch in Milwaukee.



- Refreshments after the meeting were on Ken Kasprzak (celebrating 72 years) and Ron Yokes.

Correspondence: Commander Jim Arentz read a letter of thanks from Celebrate Grafton for Post's support of their activities.



The cold and the wind couldn't stop a good turn out by the American Legion Family to help decorate our Christmas Tree in the Plaza. Thanks to the SAL and Auxiliary for the warm-up refreshments

## Calendar Raffle:

\$50 - John Blunk  
\$30 - Bill O'Sullivan  
\$25 - Claude Wollner  
\$20 - Earl Witte  
\$15 - Gary Lallensack  
\$10 - Ron Stifter



# Time again for Rose-Harms annual Las Vegas Night.

This is the 31st year for this event which has been a very successful fund raiser for Post 355. This event takes many hard working volunteers to make this a success. We hope we can count on everyone again this year to make it successful and make it fun for everybody.



Enclosed with your newsletter you will find 4 packs of raffle tickets for the Las Vegas drawing to be held the night of Las Vegas Nite on February 21st 2015. Tickets are \$1.00 each or a pack of 6 for \$5.00. If you are in need of more tickets please call the post at 377-8887 and we will see that you get more tickets. Tickets sales are a huge part of the profits for the evening. Ticket stubs can be mailed back to the post or placed in the mail slot at the front of the post.

We are also in need of volunteers to help with the gaming tables. Contact Steve Shock if you can help him out dealing Black Jack or Texas Hold'em that evening. You can contact Steve at 377-3728 if you can give him a hand for all or part of the evening. Kevin Dressel is also looking for help with the roulette wheel and the craps tables that evening, Kevin can be reached at 375-1283 if you can help him out.

Contact Butch Paegelow at 377-9596 with any questions or with any ideas you may have to make this night a fun evening for all who come out for 31st annual LAS VEGAS NIGHT to be held on February 21, 2015. Mark your calendars now for a night of fun. Doors will open at 6:30 with free beer from 6:30 to 7:30 that evening. Gaming will run from 7:00 to 11:00 with raffles running the entire evening with drawings for the cash prizes held at 11:00. Lets make this another successful night for Rose Harms Post 355.



## ***Veteran Recognition and Fundraiser*** ***Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative***

The Ozaukee County Chapter of Thrivent Financial is hosting an event to honor our local veterans. Kirsten Sobieski, the Executive Director of the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative will be our keynote speaker.

Donations of non-perishable food and personal hygiene items will be collected. The Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative will have a truck on hand for donations of furniture as well. Monetary donations will be matched by Ozaukee County Chapter dollar for dollar up to a total of \$1000 through the Thrivent Care Abounds Program.

If you would like to learn more about what types of donations are appropriate please visit:  
<http://www.mkehomelessvets.org>

The event will include light refreshments.  
Please join us as we honor those who have served and help those who now need our help.

**Sunday, December 7th**  
**Circle B**  
**6251 Hwy 60**  
**Cedarburg, WI 53012**



## Sons of the American Legion November News

By Craig Butler

Membership dues are due. Fifty four out of fifty seven SAL members have paid.

Camp American Legion in Tomahawk, SAL will need volunteers to help with spring clean-up, outfit the cabin SAL sponsors with furnishings and install a new pier.

Jimmy Proefrock donated \$500 for the cabin at the camp.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest Beer Tasting, SAL's at the Fire Ridge Golf Club was a successful event. Extra beer is still available for purchase. Contact Dick (Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body) @ 377-4190 if you would like to purchase any.

SAL will donate \$300 to the Post Auxiliary for the VA for Christmas bags.

Upcoming Legion Post Dinners Volunteers to obtain and setup reimbursable food items by 7:30pm

Dec 8 – Legion provided

Jan 12 – Bob

**Upcoming Events for SAL participation** - See all Post events [http://griftonlegion.com/?page\\_id=2](http://griftonlegion.com/?page_id=2)

**Nov 19** – Grafton Post Tree Decorating (meet at the Plaza @ 6pm – drinks are included)

**Nov 29** – Grafton Christmas Parade (line up at Recognition Specialists @ 9:30am)

**Dec 3** - Post Blood Drive from 2:30pm to 6:30pm (No alcohol the day before)

**Dec 14** – Rose Harms Packer party (Open house with food and bloody mary bar)

**Upcoming SAL Meetings:**    Dec 9                      Jan 13                      Feb 10                      Mar 10



**The next Legion Riders meeting will be  
at the new Post 457 at 6006 W. Mequon Rd.  
on Saturday, December 6th at 11:00 am.**

On the agenda will be a discussion of our fundraiser for Wisconsin's candidate for National Commander, Denise Rohan. As of now, it is a karaoke contest at the Saukville post on January 31st. We could add a "Chili Cook-off" or perhaps, considering it will be in the middle of winter, a Caribbean Night with Hawaiian type shirts and Margaritas.

Also a menu was sent out for our winter social at Iron Ridge. We need to finalize that menu.

I look forward to seeing everyone there!



Rose-Harms Unit 355  
American Legion Auxiliary  
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Request came from Amy Luft National Security to make goodie bags for 22 deployed Surgical Military. This request was time sensitive and was approved and the Unit was not opposed to this decision. The SAL's donated the funds to mail them to IRAQ.

During BINGO this month ham sandwiches were sold. \$91.00 was raised. Discussion followed on adding the sale of sandwiches instead of hotdogs since they were so well received.

Sue and Judy Kuta read the American White Table to St. Paul's students on Nov 13th. The book was then donated to the school.

Kaylee Quillen (Jr Auxiliary) and Ian Bould (Jr SAL) will be carrying the Rose Harms American Legion Family Banner in the Christmas Parade Nov 27th.

Riders President Al Richards, Mike Knoppa, Commander Jim Arentz, President Sue and Nick Schanen were the Honor Guards at the Airport for Camp Hometown Hero's at Sea, when Donald Driver stopped by to wish everyone well.



Linda Faas will again be Chairing the donation of the Christmas Bags to the Homeless Vet Program at Zablocki. A motion was made and approved for Unit to donate \$170.00 to this project. Sue read that all donations towards this project from our members would be greatly appreciated. Please have your donations to Linda Faas or the Post by Thanksgiving.

Sue gave the membership report in Renata's absence. There are 104 paid memberships to date. If you know of others who have not paid their dues, please remind them to get their money sent in to Renata.

Chaplain, Linda Brown reported she sent Pins and Cards to our shut ins for Veterans Day on behalf of the Unit. Reminded all that the Family Prayers are due Feb 1st. Remember to add a picture with your prayer.

Unit Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 10th. Cocktails begin at 5:30 with dinner begin served at 6pm. A short program will follow. Cost is \$15.00 per person, bring a \$10.00 gift to trade. Please contact Linda Brown @ 262-268-8296 for more information.

*VA&R - Mell Nowak thanked all for the donations made for the Creative Arts Fest. There were 465 individual snack items provided. This year the Christmas Gift Shop requested gift cards instead of gift items. Our Unit members donated \$173.00 of monetary and gift card donations. Mel did feel that the donations were down over past years. She felt this could have been due to the gift cards vs actual gifts.*

*A thank-you was read from the Women's Resource Center. They were very appreciative of the folding table/chairs and dry erase board. Badger Girl State is still in need of sponsors. Diane Riedl will remind Frank Mayer and Assoc. of request and reply decision to Mel before this Friday.*

Diane Riedl reported on the SAL Beer tasting. Attendance was up over last year. It was a very successful event for the SAL. Our Tool chest donation was greatly appreciated!

Ann Field's reported on Wine Tasting. Diane Riedl, Amy Luft and Sue Turowski will be on the committee. Currently discussing Tasting with some vendors. Event currently is scheduled for May 2nd.

Marcus Movie Ticket order are due to Laurie Schwalbe by November 21st.

Our Packer Party is December 14th. Posters were given to distribute in the community. The Packer Party will begin 1 hr before start of game. A sign-up sheet was circulated for donated snacks. Please contact Sue (262-389-4644) if you did not sign up and are willing to bring something.

Mary Arvi will chair the Presidents Day Brunch on February 15th.

National Security candy bar box will be at all meetings. Please bring candy bars for the USO reading room in the Airport.

Diane Riedl and Mary Czerwinski will carry the flags for the Christmas Parade.

**Notable Dates:**

Blood Drive - Dec. 3rd - 2:30 - 6 pm

Ozaukee County Choir - Dec 6<sup>th</sup> - 7 pm Grafton HS

Lifeline Screening - Dec 9<sup>th</sup> - 9 am at the Post cost approx \$130.00

**REMINDER**

**Please join us on Wednesday, Dec 10 for our  
Auxiliary Ugly Sweater Christmas Party!**

**Rose-Harms American Legion Post-Upper Hall**

**Cocktails: 5:30**

**Dinner: 6:00**

**Cost: \$15.00**

**Please wear your Ugliest Christmas Sweater and Jeans.**

**Don't forget your NEW \$10.00 gift - for the "pass the gift game".**

**R.S.V.P. - As Soon As Possible**

**Linda Brown - 262-268-8296 or tbrown903@wi.rr.**