

Rose Harms Legionnaire

July 2013



State Commander Wayne Jensen presents Rose Harms Post Commander Jim Arnetz with the Post Excellence Award at the 2013 State Convention. National Vice Commander Dave Hall looks on.



Commander Jim is congratulated by Governor Scott Walker

Calendar Raffle

\$50 – Joe Barbieri
\$30 – June Shock
\$25 – Isabelle Hilgart
\$20 – Fred Theis
\$15 – Kathy Hilgart
\$10 – Pat Douster

Upcoming Events

August 5th	Post Executive Committee
August 12th	Post Meeting & Cookout
August 17th	Card Party—Everyone Welcome
September 14th	Post Golf Outing



Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported Dave Colette has broken his hip and that George Meier has Alzheimer's. Jim Joyce suffers from breathing problems and Georgia Eernisse doing OK at LaSata.

Historian Al Richards reported the Post's History Book received a 2nd Place Award in State Competition.

Service Officer Ken Brown informed the Post that this would be his last meeting before his move to Florida.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported on two upcoming golf outings: the Veterans Wheelchair Outing on August 3rd and our Post Outing which will be on September 14th.

Hall Report: Al Richards said June was a good month for business, but July is not. Beer and soda for the evening compliments of Steve Shock and Al Richards for their birthdays. Les Williams said it was also his birthday July 5th and would chip in.

Scouts: Steve Shock reported the Scouts have completed rehabbing the post picnic tables and now they look brand new.

Bingo Chairman, Tom Peterson, reported on a successful Holiday/Grilling in Grafton event. Marty Wegner was recognized for organizing and running Bingo.

POW/MIA: Jim Stencil reported that the remains of a soldier who died in a helicopter crash near the Cambodian border in 1970 were laid to rest at Arlington. He was the crew chief of the helicopter and the remains of 2 of his crew were interred with him.

Executive Committee Recommendations Passed:

- Donate \$100 to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.
- Donate \$100 to the Grafton Gladiators Football Program.
- Donate \$200 to the Brown Bag Dinner for the 32nd National Guard unit that was activated for

training for Afghanistan ... pictured below.



Correspondence: Commander Jim Arentz read:

- A thank you letter from Mitchell Del Kamp for the Post prize for the Drawing and Essay Contest.
- A thank you letter from the Disabled Veterans Fish Outing for Post donation.
- Thank you letters from the 3 Badger Boys State students the Post sponsored : Zachary Greenwood, Alex Eichman, and Kevin Taylor .

Good of the Legion:

The Legion Tent will be at the County Fair again this year, with Friday being our Post's responsibility to man the tent.

The hat was passed at the meeting for a Vietnam Vet with head wounds. His house was gutted by fire while he was at the VA Hospital receiving treatment for migraines. 2nd District Riders President Al Richards and SSgt. Canada delivered a \$250 Walmart gift card and a \$150 Piggly Wiggly gift card. Teddy (right) has soldiers with PTSD from the 105 Cavalry work with the horses he boards.



Rose Harms Post Annual Corn Roast & Cookout



Monday, August 12th
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
Serving at 6:00 pm

2013 Annual Salute to Veterans Badger Football

Saturday, August 31
Wisconsin vs. UMass

Lottery for free tickets for military members
and veterans runs July 1 to July 31 at:
<https://applications.dva.wisconsin.gov/badgertickets>



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Dear Fellow Veteran:

I would like to invite you to join the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs at the Wisconsin State Fair Military and Veterans Recognition Day ceremony on Sunday, August 11 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cousins Amphitheatre Stage.

The ceremony this year will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War and our keynote speaker will be Lt. Governor Kleefisch and our featured speaker will be Richard Lindbeck, President of the Vietnam Veterans of America Wisconsin State Council. As part of this, the Lt. Governor and I will also be honoring those groups and individuals who have partnered with the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs on veterans various initiatives. **Veterans, military personnel and their families will receive free admission to the Fair on Sunday, August 11** from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. In addition to the Recognition Day ceremony, there will be a Recognition Day parade and a resource fair in Central Park. Again, I hope you can join us and allow us to thank you for your service and sacrifice.

SUBJECT: Veterans Affairs Provisions in Budget Bill

On June 30, Governor Walker signed the 2013–2015 biennial budget into law. His budget reflects his understanding of the needs of Wisconsin's veterans and the ever-changing nature of how we as an agency provide for veterans. Below you will find a summary of the Governor's budget initiatives as they relate to veterans.

The following are a few of the key veteran's items from the budget:

- Extends the Veterans and Surviving Spouse Property Tax Credit to unremarried surviving spouses whose husband or wife died of a service-connected disability.
- Improves the Veterans Trust Fund long-term solvency by adding an additional \$5.3 million of state taxpayer resources.
- Improves the Wisconsin GI Bill by eliminating the arbitrary time limit for veterans with at least 5 years of residency.
- Adds more than 100 new full-time direct care staff at our Veterans' homes to ensure our aging heroes and their families receive the care they need and deserve.
- Exempts our state veterans' homes from the nursing home bed tax, which saves our homes an estimated \$4 million over the biennium.
- Makes funds for Military Funeral Honors sum sufficient to ensure resources are available now and into the future.
- Ensures affordable access to the state's natural resources by building on existing programs, which provide low-cost or free hunting and fishing licenses to disabled veterans and active duty service members on leave. Additionally, the Governor's budget waives state park and trail admission fees for all veterans on Memorial Day and Veterans Day weekends.
- Increases funding to Camp American Legion to continue to provide free services to military members and their families suffering from physical or psychological conditions.
- Increasing funding to our state veteran service organizations that provide assistance to veterans and their families.

Sincerely,
JOHN A. SCOCOS, Secretary

AUXILIARY AWARENESS

Hello American Legion Family,

Who other than Mrs. Martha Schanen and her family remembered the Auxiliary's 68th Birthday. Mrs. Shannon along with the other wife's of 1945 determined that they should form an Auxiliary to join with our Legion Post. Our Charter was established 68 years ago on July 17, 1945 and luck alee for all of us at Rose Harms Unit 355 she is still here to tell the story.

The Auxiliary thanks you Mrs. Schanen for being our Charter Member. Your patriotism shines along with that of your entire family; you are all amazing role models for our Rose-Harms American Legion Family!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 27th – Please support our District 2 Legion Riders at Brady Street Days. We are raising money for the Dry Hootch. We will be in front of the Dry Hootch at 1030 Brady Street from 11:00 am – until we run out of Brats! See you there.

August 2nd – Rose Harms Day at County Fair. Please come and see us anytime from 10:00 am – 8:00 pm. Find out ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING you did not know or maybe you have forgotten about OUR American Legion Family!

August 6th – Ladies Night Out in Grafton Our Auxiliary will have a booth from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Stop by and see us, put your name in for our basket raffle and pick up a little "Special" treat. Bring a friend, sign her up as an Auxiliary member and receive a little gift just for you!

August 11th – The First Ozaukee County American Legion Auxiliary Afternoon Tea will be held at the American Legion Hall Saukville Unit #470 601 West Dekora St. Saukville, WI 53080 Time: 2:00 pm. This is a special tribute to Ruth Mengsol and our first countywide membership drive. Wear your hat and gloves grab your favorite teacup and please join us for a delightful afternoon with the best women's group in the whole wide world!

Our Linda Faas is the new County President – Let's all show up and make her proud of us! **Please RSVP to Carol Paul by Wednesday August 7th, ph# 262-284-3439.**

August 12th – Our first meeting of the new Auxiliary year will be the same night at the Legion's meeting and we will all party together for our Annual Legion Corn Roast. Ladies **DON'T FORGET YOUR DESSERTS!**

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