



Rose Harms Legionnaire

September 2013

FISH BOIL

Friday, October 4th

BEER TASTING

Thursday, October 17th

Veterans Day Dinner

Saturday, November 9th

October 3rd	Ozaukee County Flag Retirement
October 4th	FISH BOIL
October 7th	Post Executive Committee meeting
October 8th	BINGO
October 8th	SAL meeting
October 14th	Post meeting
October 17th	BEER TASTING

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Highlights from our last meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported that Bob Eernisse has passed away. Also, that Zeke Zukaitis's daughter, Sandy, has died. George Mayer is suffering from dementia.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Nick Schanen reported that the firing squad performed at Bob Eernisse's funeral and that there was a great turnout. Even though he was not member, a moment of silence was observed for Paul Gardner, age 93, a US Navy veteran who lived near the Post.

Hall Report: Al Richards reported that Bob Eernisse's family has offered a free drink to honor Bob with one last toast.

Las Vegas Night: Our Post's annual fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, February 15, 2014.

Bingo: Tom Peterson reported Bingo begins a new season on September 10th. Help on Bingo Nights is needed and would be greatly appreciated.

Camp American Legion: Dick Lallensack reported his appointment as Camp American Legion Committee Chair. The Camp had an unofficial great season with stats coming later. A reminder Camp closing begins September 30th and continues for 2 weeks. Several crews from the Post will be going up.

Old Business: Marty displayed the Post logo shirts and jackets that are for sale.

New Business:

Lori Schwalbe, from the Auxiliary, spoke to the membership regarding their Marcus Entertainment Fundraiser redeemable at Marcus theaters and other entertainment venues.



Packer Tickets were won by Frank Balistreri

Executive Committee Recommendations that were passed by the floor:

- To donate \$200 to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative.
- Also, to place a container in the front hall to collect any drop offs.
- To purchase 10 new 8 foot long tables for the Post tent program at approximately \$70 each.

Good of the Legion:

- The Military Historians present US Army veteran, POW and Honor Flight spokesman, Joseph Demler. Joe was in the 35th Infantry Division WWII and will speak at the Post on Monday, September 16th.
- The Post needs a new Service Officer as Ken Brown has moved to Florida. Ron Kuta has graciously accepted the office to complete Ken's term.
- The Post will host a Packer Party on September 22nd with doors opening at 11:00 am. Pot Luck style food will be available.
- 2nd District's POW Silent March will be at Horicon on September 14th. The parade will start downtown at 10:30 am, followed by a ceremony and lunch at the Horicon Post.
- This year's Ozaukee County flag retirement will be held at the Port Washington Post on Thursday, October 3rd.

CALENDAR RAFFLE

\$50 – BOB CARLSON
\$30 – ROSS BARBIERI
\$25 – RON WICKE
\$20 – DEANE LEDERER
\$15 – CHRIS SALAMONE
\$10 – EARL WITTE



SAL Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2013

Treasurer's Report: Bill Riedl gave report

Membership Report: Paul Turowski gave report - 6 new members, total now at 52 members

Port Washington Legion member attended our meeting. They are interested in possibly starting an SAL chapter. He was impressed by our fund-raising efforts and what we contribute to the Legion.

Camp American Legion work week – September 30th through October 6th. Please call Bill Riedl if you are interested in helping that week. We need volunteers to help with our cabin clean up.

SAL sponsored a golf hole at this year's Legion Post Golf Outing

SAL donated \$250 to this year's Legion Auxiliary Fish Boil – October 4th

Veteran's Dinner at the Grafton Legion will be Saturday, November 9th.
Veterans eat free – SAL and Auxiliary will cover the cost of their meals.

Beer Tasting – Thursday, October 17th at Fire Ridge. Please sell your tickets, if you need additional tickets, contact Richard Rieck at 377-4190.

Legion Meal for October 14th - Bill Riedl and Paul Turowski

Legion Meal for November 11th - Larry Rieck

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m.



Legion Riders next meeting will be on October 5th at the Allenton Post

Starting time is 10:00 am

We will stop for lunch after



Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary September 2013 Newsletter

It was wonderful to have such a great turnout of members at the September 17th Auxiliary meeting! Thank you to all who attended. Let's continue to make our Unit strong!

President Sue Turowski welcomed Navy Lieutenant Ed Garza, of the Cedarburg Post as our special guest. Ed is also the Grafton High School football coach and he shared information with us about the upcoming Veteran's Appreciate Night which will take place Friday, October 18th at the Grafton High School home football game. The event will kick-off with a tailgate party in the high school cafeteria from 4:30-6:30 p.m. The cost of admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for kids (under 10) or free with one non-perishable food item per person for veterans in need. There will also be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. You will want to stay for the game, as during half time there will be a veteran's presentation of a giant American flag, the singing of the National Anthem and ceremonial coin toss by a Camp Hometown Heroes camper, and much more! All proceeds will benefit Camp Hometown Heroes. Please contact President Sue at 262-389-4644 if you are interested in participating in this wonderful event.

Membership chair Renata Quillen reminded everyone that it is now time to renew our memberships. Department has mailed the official renewal forms. If you have not received a renewal in the mail, please contact Renata at 262-377-0370. The goal is for our Unit to be 100% renewed by December 31st. Help us reach our goal by renewing your membership now!

Chaplain Linda Brown reported that she and Judy Kuta visited a few of our Auxiliary homebound members. A fruit basket was given to each of them along with paper leaves with "thinking of you" messages from our members written on them. Linda reported the women were so happy to have the visit and will enjoy the fruit and notes. If you know of a homebound or shut-in member please contact Linda Brown at 262-268-8296.

VA & R chair Mel Nowak, asked members to please bring dry soup mixes (not Ramen noodles) and cheese and crackers (individual size packages) or cookies (individual size packages) to the October meeting. They will be packaged as Halloween gift bags after our October meeting. A special thank you also went out to Ruth Czerwinski's knitting group for the 17 scarves that they knit. The scarves will be donated to the VA.

VA & R District Chair Linda Faas reported that we would again be taking homemade cookies to the Poppy Shop at Zablocki. Please bring your cookies to the October meeting. Make sure to include the estimated price of making them and your time involved.

Stars and Stripes Honor Flight board member Amy Luft will host a special field trip to the Coal Dock Park in Port Washington to see the Wisconsin Pillar and the bricks of remembrance on Saturday October 12th. A bus will pick up at the Grafton Post at 9:45 a.m. This event is free to all Post members. Please contact Amy at 414-651-7300 if you are interested in participating.

A reminder to all members to please sign-up and volunteer at this year's Fish Boil, which will take place on Friday, October 4 at the Post. Help is still need for preparation and clean up. Please contact Diane Riedl at 377-6249.

Please join us in Madison **on November 8th** for a special event honoring the **50th anniversary of the Vietnam War**. Transportation will be provided along with a box lunch – a bus will leave the Park-n-Ride on highway C (Pioneer Road, Cedarburg Exit) at 9:00 a.m. and return home at approximately 6:00 p.m. Members should be at the park and ride by 8:30 a.m. This is a **FREE** event for the Veteran there is a \$10.00 charge for non-veterans. **Sign up is First Come First Serve**. Please contact Sue Turowski at 262-389-4644 if you are interested in participating.

Please mark your calendars for the Ozaukee County meeting on Wednesday, October 16th sponsored by Mequon-Thiensville Auxiliary. The event will be held at the Grafton Post due to the construction at the Mequon Post. Cocktails and registration start at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:00. Please contact Sue Turowski (262-389-4644) by October 9th if you are interested in attending.

The next Honor Flight will take place on Saturday, November 2nd. This will be a double flight with one plane complete with Korean veterans and a second plane with WWII veterans.

The Veteran's Day Dinner/Dance will be at our Post on Saturday, November 9th. Watch for more details soon.

Our next Auxiliary meeting on Tuesday, October 15th in which our Auxiliary Member of the Year will be announced. Please come early for a special dinner provided by President Sue Turowski at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events

October 4 – Grafton Auxiliary Fish Boil
October 16 – Ozaukee County Meeting – Grafton Post
October 5 – Dance of Decades - Cedarburg Post
October 17 – SAL Beer Tasting – Fire ridge
October 8 - Mandatory Executive Board Meeting 7:00 at Post
October 12 – Coal Dock Park Field Trip - Port Washington
October 15 – Auxiliary Meeting
November 2 – Stars & Stripes Honor Flight
November 9 - Veteran's Day Dinner/Dance – Grafton Post

American Legion Auxiliary Mission: *In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.*



AUXILIARY AWARENESS

Hello American Legion Family,

Oh Boy, do I have a lot to tell you!

On August 28, eight of our Legion Riders from District 2 as well as eight Riders from other districts were included in the Honor Guard for the House of Harley, Fisher House Parade. What an honor for my Husband, Son and I. There were many other Legion Riders from District 2 (including several from our Post) as well as from all over the state, along with 1000 other bikes. We rode to raise money for the Fisher House. There was a beautiful ceremony at Our National Cemetery then we rode past where the Fisher House is going to be built. *Veterans, I cannot Thank you enough for your service.*

On September 11, Commander Jim, Nick Schanen, Paul and I were the Honor Guard along with two Fire Fighters for the September 11 Memorial Program at St. Joe's Church here in Grafton. There were several members of our Post in this program; I have to tell you that if you have never been there, please go next year. I was so proud of all of you that participated in that program it was amazing!

On September 13, Paul and I rode up to Post 93 in Tomahawk to help them with their biggest fundraiser of the year. We had a blast and worked very hard selling Hog's on a stick (grilled pork loin), brats w/ kraut, stuffed baked potatoes, pudding shots and jello shots. Paul was actually their bar back and was on the run constantly. Why did we go do that, because they needed the help! In the American Legion I have learned that it is all for one and one for all!

September 14, took us to Camp American Legion! That was the Legion Riders ride to Camp fund raiser for their Chapel. We Legion Riders raised **that day** almost \$13,000.00. Another great time had by all working hard and raising money for our Veterans.

Now you all might be wondering why on earth, I just used up space in our news letter to tell you all about the running's around of my family and I!

I just want those of you who really are not active right now, for whatever your personal reasons are, to know that there is more to belonging to the American Legion than going to meetings and paying your dues.

There really *is* more that Our American Legion Family has to offer. Knowledge is power and the more our communities know about what we do and what we can do, the more fun we will all have and the more folks will want to join our organization. Please share with me your all of your American Legion experiences, so I can share with others and **together** we all will continue to build a Stronger American Legion Family!

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

Veterans Day Dinner

November 9th

Post Veterans Dinner Is Free !

**Compliments of the
Sons of the American Legion
And the Rose Harms Auxiliary**

Everyone is Welcome

**Dinner will be only \$15
Live Music to Follow**

Limited Seating

So please RSVP by November 1st

Veterans Day Dinner



If you want to reserve a table, please list all the people you want to at your table.

Non-Veterans _____ x \$15 = Total enclosed \$ _____

Please mark down if you are a Post Veteran

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

Name

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