

Rose Harms Legionnaire

December 2013

Happy New Year

**A new membership
year is here!**

If your card still says 2013,
you need to send in your
dues for 2014
NOW!

Upcoming Events

January 2nd

County Council - Fredonia

County Oratorical contest

January 6th

Executive Committee

January 7th

BINGO

January 7th

SAL meeting

January 13th

Post meeting

January 17th - 19th

Mid-Winter conference at

The Ho Chunk Casino

January 20st

Post card party

January 25th

Post Bowling Party

February 15th

Las Vegas Night



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Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported that fellow Post member James Joyce had passed away.

Due to severe back pain Neil Mertz will be cane bound for awhile.

Once again, fruit baskets to be distributed by the Post during the Holiday Season.



We need you !

Membership Chairman, Gary Gilstrap, reminded members that their 2013 membership card expires after December 31st.

Thank you to all of you who have paid your 2014 dues, already. You are the reason why the Rose Harms Post is the best darn Post in the Wisconsin American Legion. Without you, we couldn't do all we do to support our active duty soldiers and their families, our fellow Veterans and to promote Americanism in our community.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa reported that we had 3 funerals this past month.

Mike thanked the Post members for the great turnout for Grafton's annual Christmas Parade. The weather was just right for the parade and everyone had a wonderful time.

There will be taps after the meeting this evening for James Joyce.

Blood Drive Chairman Mike Knoppa thanked the 34 donors for the Post blood drive with special thanks to Renata Quillen, who has been faithful in supporting the event for many years.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported the SAL Bowling Outing will be on January 25th.

Hall Report: Al Richards reported on the Hall business and, although we had a lot of expensive hits this month, (like compressor repair, sodas carbonator replacement and a new water softener) we are still in good shape.

Bingo: Tom Peterson reported November bingo had 87 players which enhanced pull tab and bar business, but overall bingo receipts were in the red because of an unusual array of circumstances.

Oratorical Chairman Lee Wiskirchen had three Grafton High School students participate in the Post's level of the Oratorical Contest. The winner was Mark Morse, who now moves on to the County Oratorical Contest on January 2nd in Fredonia.

New Business: A motion was made to donate \$100 to the Special Olympics in the name of Dustin Scott. It was seconded and passed.

Good of the Legion: The Metropolitan Military Historian's Club will present the sister of "Medal of Honor" recipient Lance Sijan along with fellow Hanoi Hilton prisoner Guy Gruters.

Correspondence: was read by Commander Jim Arentz.

- A donation to the Post in the amount of \$25 from Pam Dobberpuhl in memory of her Aunt, Beverly Proefrock.
- A thank you letter from Trees From Home Inc. for the Post donation of \$250.
- A thank you letter from the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative for the Post's donation of \$100 and other needed goods.



Calendar Raffle

\$50 — Butch Paegelow

\$30 — Marty Wegner

\$25 — Susan Zellner

\$20 — Thomas Kuentler

\$15 — Greg Holcomb

\$10 — Steven "Doc" Klotz

Just a few highlights from this year, that your membership made possible.

A bus transported 60 people from the Post to the Marcus Theater in Saukville to watch a special presentation of the "Honor Flight Movie." Due to generous donations from several sources, the bus and admission were totally free.



The Post helped pay for the 105th Cavalry flag and banner with the Post 355's name on it. 105th Cavalry rode in President Obama's inaugural parade in Washington, DC and carried this flag.

Post members help serve food to the troops after a weekend of training at Fort McCoy.



The hat was passed at the meeting for Teddy, a Vietnam Vet with head wounds. His house was gutted by fire while he was at the VA Hospital receiving treatment for migraines. We delivered a \$250 Walmart gift card and a \$150 Piggly Wiggly gift card. Teddy has soldiers with PTSD from the 105 Cavalry work with the horses he boards.



The Post held a Family Sharing event and collected a bountiful amount of food. We filled 7 of their barrels plus several extra boxes.

Post members volunteered their time for the third annual VA Picnic at the Post for patients from the Zablocki VA Hospital.

The Legion Family attended the Grafton High School football game honoring local Veteran's.

The Post Legion Family decorates a Christmas Tree in the village plaza.

Post members delivered Christmas presents and food gift cards to three different soldiers families who were in need during this Holiday Season from Ozaukee and Sheboygan County.



Just a few of the donations you made possible.

Donated \$200 to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative and placed a container in the front hall to collect any drop offs.

Donated \$250 to the "Trees from Home" Program, that sends Christmas Trees to our soldiers overseas.

Donated \$200 to the Brown Bag Dinner for the 32nd National Guard unit that was activated for training for Afghanistan.

Donated \$250 to the John Long Middle school for their Gettysburg/Washington D.C. trip.

Donated \$250 to St. Paul's Lutheran School for their Washington, D.C. Trip.

Donated \$450 in tent rental and cash to the Disabled Veterans Fish Outing.

Donated \$100 to the Grafton Gladiators Football Program.

Donated \$211 for Peter Brunnquell's Eagle Scout project of building unique bike racks downtown.

Donated \$100 to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

Donated \$500 to Family Sharing for the Thanksgiving season.





WATCH THE PACKERS BEAT THE BEARS

With

The Rose Harms American Legion Family

DECEMBER 29, 2013



DOORS OPEN AT NOON - GAME at 3:30 PM

\$15.00 Cover Includes:

1 Cocktail And All You Can Eat Buffet

Rose Harms Post - 1540 13th Ave.

30th Annual Las Vegas Night
February 15, 2014



Games begin that night at 7:00 to 11:00

Doors open at 6:30

Free beer from 6:30 to 7:30



Please try to sell the raffle tickets that were enclosed in your December newsletter as this is a huge part of our profit for the evening.

Tickets stubs and money can be placed in the mail slot at the front of the post or be mailed back to the post.

If you are in need of more tickets you can call the post at 377-8887 and we'll see you get more tickets.

Neil Mertz can be contacted at 377-1073 if you can lend a hand obtaining and picking up raffle and silent auction prizes.

Steve Shock is handling the Blackjack and Texas Hold'em tables and can use some hands to help deal cards that evening. Steve can be reached at 377-3728.

Contact Doug Arendt if you can help out with the craps and roulette tables that evening.

You can contact Butch Paegelow at 377-9596 if you have any questions or ideas to help make this night a success.

Last of all please let family and friends know to come out for an evening of fun and games on February 15, 2014 and make this another successful evening for Post 355.



AUXILIARY AWARENESS



Happy New Year to our American Legion Family,
Thank you to all who attended our Christmas Party in December
and to the Christmas Party Committee for all of your efforts!

What is your New Year's Resolution?

Benjamin Franklin once said:

"How few there are who have courage enough to own their faults,
or resolution enough to mend them."

I find these to be very encouraging words for 2014! What about YOU?

Ladies,

Please start recording your hours and list what your donations were for 2013. We will be passing out the Annual Report forms at our January meeting. In addition, at our January meeting we will be voting whether or not we want to hold a Fish Boil for 2014. Discussing what other Fundraisers we will be working on this coming year and we will begin making changes to our Constitution, By-Laws and Standing Rules. We had started a great trend with attendance at our meetings in 2013; I hope that continues for 2014.

If anyone would like to attend our meetings but needs a ride please call me at (262-389-4644) and we will make arrangements to pick you up!

Things to look forward to in January:

Bingo January 14, 2014

Mid Winter Conference January 16 – 19 Ho Chunk, Baraboo

Our Meeting January 20, - 7:00 at Post

Camp Hometown Heroes Fundraiser January 24, - Cedarburg Cultural Center

SAL Bowling Fundraiser January 25, - Grafton Bowl

God Bless each of you and God Bless America as we prepare to enter this New Exciting Year!

Until we meet again, Serving Veterans,

Their Families and Our Communities,

Sue





ROSE-HARMS POST 355 – 9th ANNUAL BOWLING OUTING

Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion

WHEN: Saturday, January 25th Registration at 9:00 a.m. - Bowling at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Grafton Bowl and Sports Bar

WHY: A fun get-together for the Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and friends

COST: \$10.00 per person for 3 games of bowling

Six person mixed teams with the first 10 teams to register. Anyone can bowl, so get your team together for this fun outing. If you cannot get 6 people together to register to bowl, we will get you a team. This year's event will be a 9-pin tap tournament. Please arrive a half-hour to an hour prior to the start of bowling. Prize money will be paid out right after bowling. Please note there is only one shift of bowling this year.

TEAM LINE-UP (Please print)

Captain: 1. _____ Phone # _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

****Please return entry form by January 20 to Richard Rieck at 1321 North St, Grafton****

If you have any questions, please call Richard at 375-9995 (H) or 377-4190 (W).