

Rose Harms Legionnaire

30th Annual Las Vegas Night

February 15, 2014

Doors open at 6:30

Games begin at 7:00 to 11:00

Free beer from 6:30 to 7:30

Contact Butch Paegelow at 377-9596 if you have any questions or can lend a hand that evening.

More help is always needed. You can contact Steve Shock at 377-3728 if you can help him out with card dealing.

Please sell your raffle tickets that were enclosed in your December newsletter as this is a large part of the evening's profits.

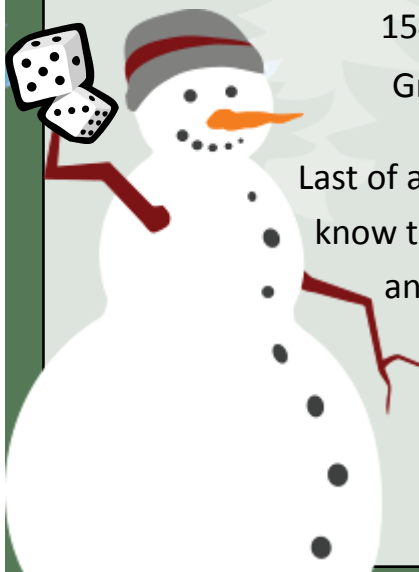
If you need more tickets you can call the post at 377-8887 and we'll see you get more tickets. Tickets stubs and money can be placed in the mail slot at the front of the post or be mailed back to the post at ;

Rose harms Post 355

1540 13th Avenue

Grafton, WI 53024

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



January 2014

Upcoming Dates

Feb 3rd	Exec Committee
Feb 6th	County meeting
Feb 10th	Post meeting
Feb 11th	BINGO
Feb 11th	SAL meeting
Feb 15th	Las Vegas Night
March 15th	St. Patty's Dinner Celebrating the American Legions 95th birthday

Who cares ?

Who Cares about Americanism, Veterans or Our Soldiers and their Families? We do!

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 Wal-mart gift card and a \$150 Piggly Wiggly gift card. Teddy has soldiers with PTSD work with the horses he boards.

The Post donated \$200 to the Brown Bag Dinner for the 32nd National Guard unit that was activated for training for Afghanistan. Members helped assemble and hand out the bags at Camp Douglas.



Post members camped out at Fort McCoy and helped serve food to the troops out in the field, after a long weekend of training.

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



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

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

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

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.



We gave \$250 to the "Trees from Home" Program, that sends Christmas Trees to our soldiers overseas. We donated \$450 in tent rental and cash to the Disabled Veterans Fish Outing and a \$100 to the National Veterans Wheelchair Games.

Who cares? The American Legion Does!



Naima Adedapo thanks Jim Stencel and Commander Jim Arentz for helping with the fundraising at her concert for Camp Hometown Heroes. Naima is a singer, songwriter, dancer and actress from Milwaukee who placed in the top 11 on the popular TV show "American Idol".

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported that 8 fruit baskets were delivered during the Christmas holidays. Post members Georgia Eernisse and Ralph Horner have passed away.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap welcomed three new members to the Post; Gerald Gierock USAF, Roger Tellier USMC and Peter Brunnquell USA. Peter is currently serving at Fort Knox.

Americanism: Bill Clayton reported the Post will sponsor 3 Badger Boys for the upcoming summer session at Ripon College. Orientation will be held at the Saukville Post on May 5th at 8:00 pm.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported on upcoming bowling events;

- County bowling tournament will be held in Belgium on February 22nd and 23rd.
- District bowling will be held in Watertown on March 15th to the 27th
- State in Marshfield March 8th and 9th
- Originally the Post golf outing was going to be cancelled because of the Post sponsoring the District golf outing, but it was voted to keep them as separate outings.

Bingo: Tom Peterson due to bad weather, Bingo will be cancelled for January.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen Post winner, Mark Morse has won County and will compete at District level.

POW/MIA: Jim Stencel reported on Captain Lance P. Sijan, USAF Medal of Honor recipient a Bay View resident who was shot down over North Vietnam, and despite horrific injuries was able to evade capture for 46 days, and once captured escaped and was recaptured. He died in the notorious Hanoi Hilton prison camp and was awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously. His sister will speak at the January Military Historians Club held at our Post.

Good of the Legion:

- **Auxiliary President, Sue Turowski**, addressed the membership on the Naima Concert for Camp Hometown Heroes.
- **County Commander, Joe Schneider**, spoke to members on membership for the County.
- **2nd District Vice Commander, Jim Lee**, also spoke on membership and reported Ozaukee County was a miniscule .01% out of 1st place.
- **Ken Nawrocki** graciously thanked all who supported him during his battle with his recent medical issues. Ken will relinquish his leadership position as the Imperial Turtle at this Mid-winter Conference.
- **Ken Grigas** reported the Military Historians Club will present a history of the Civil Wars "Iron Brigade" on Monday, February 17th.

Commander Jim Arentz read;

- A thank you card from the Auxiliary for our help with their Packer party.
- A thank you letter from Grafton Sings the Blues for our Post donation.
- A thank you card from Brian and Janice Bould for assistance on their 50th Anniversary party.
- Beer and soda for the evening are compliments of Bill Sullivan to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Calendar Raffle

- \$50 – Chris Lundberg
- \$30 – David Flower
- \$25 – Fred Theis
- \$20 – Steve Shock
- \$15 – Nancy Mertz
- \$10 – Ronald Pugh



SAL Meeting Minutes - January 14, 2014

Treasurer's Report: Bill Riedl gave report that our funds are in good shape.

Membership Report: Paul Turowski gave report – 54 paid members (70%)
Please pay your \$20 dues ASAP or call Paul if you do not plan on renewing.

Guest Speaker - Sue Turowski

She spoke about Hometown Heroes Concert at the Cedarburg Cultural Center on Friday, January 24th and the Hometown Heroes Concert at Potawatomi Casino on March 8th. Ushers are needed; please contact Sue if interested in volunteering.

SAL donated \$250 toward the cost of \$1,000 to help the Legion send a child to Camp Hometown Heroes next June.

SAL donated \$500 to the 32nd Division of the Wisconsin National Guard for a special dinner before their deployment.

Legion Bowling Tournament – Saturday, January 25th SAL volunteers and donations for prizes

Las Vegas Night – February 15th we will need SAL volunteers to run the paddle wheel and donations for prizes. Please meet at the Legion at 6:00 p.m.

Legion St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance – Saturday, March 15th Mark your calendars to attend.

Legion Meal for February – Richard Rieck and Neal Schuette

Legion Meal for April – Jim Proefrock

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Post Commander Jim says, "Thanks to the Sons of the American Legion for a fun day!"



AUXILIARY AWARENESS

Hello American Legion Family,

Thank you to all who participated in the Camp Hometown Heroes' Fundraiser Friday January 24, 2014.

We were able to help raise \$5,000.00! That will secure camp for 5 of the 100 children that are all ready signed up.

Another fundraiser is planned for Saturday March 8, 2014; please mark your calendars for the Grand Slam Charity Jam at Potawatomi.

You may check out the event at <http://www.grandslamcharityjam.org/>.

Should you have an interest in volunteering that evening or attending do not hesitate to give me a call (262-389-4644).

30th Anniversary Las Vegas Night:

On Saturday February 15, your Auxiliary will be selling Burgers and Brats along with other snack items as a fundraiser.

PLEASE HAVE DINNER WITH US, both our homemade burgers and brats can be as simple as a plain burger or brat or add all of your favorite condiments'. Where can you get all that for just \$5.00?

Thank you for helping us help our Veterans!

Happy St. Valentine's Day!



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



Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary January 2014 Newsletter



Happy New Year to all our Auxiliary members! We hope that our mission of *Service to Others, not Self*, will become part of your New Year's resolution as we prepare for an exciting year with our Legion Family.

President Sue Turowski, welcomed everyone to our January meeting. A special welcome to our new member, Michelle Rauth, who is transferring from the Mequon/Thiensville Unit. Welcome Michelle! We also welcomed Kevin Johnson, Ozaukee County Veteran's Service Officer as our special guest. Kevin shared important information with us about the benefits available to veterans and their families. If you have questions about veteran benefits, please contact the Veterans Service Office at 262-238-8326.

Membership Chair Renata Quillen, reported that we are off to a good start but we still have 22 members who have not yet renewed their memberships. Let's all work together to get our Unit 100% renewed by the end of this month. If you have a change in address, phone and/or email, please let us know so that we can keep our membership roster up to date. Please contact Renata (377-0370) about any changes or for any assistance with your membership.

Chaplain Linda Brown, will be creating a Prayer Book for our Unit. The Prayer Book will consist of 12 different prayers, one for each month, along with a variety of songs. If you are interested in contributing a prayer, please contact Linda at 262-268-8296.

2ND District VA & R chair Linda Faas, thanks all those who helped with the Christmas gift bags for Zablocki. A total of 170 bags were created and delivered in time for Christmas. We are still collecting items for the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. Please see the enclosed list of items needed. Contact Linda Faas (377-3970) if you would like to donate or have questions.

District President Judy Kuta, shared information with us about a special Easter basket project for Operation Homefront. The National Security Chair is asking for donations to help purchase Easter Baskets for children of military families who are dealing with difficult financial times. Our Unit will be participating by asking members to donate up to \$5 towards the purchase of Easter baskets. Please bring your donations to the February meeting.

A reminder to please continue to save box tops for our local schools. Look for the box top symbol on items such as, cereal, pasta, cleaning items, etc. Simply cut them out and place them in an envelope. Then bring them to our monthly Auxiliary meetings. Throughout the year, we will choose a different Grafton area school in which to donate the box tops to. In return, the schools receive funding towards educational items. If you are not able to attend a meeting but would like to participate, please contact Judy Kuta at 377-8613. Mark your calendars for our Post 30th annual Las Vegas Night on Saturday, February 15th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with free beer from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are still needed to sell burgers, brats and snacks. Make sure to attend our next Auxiliary meeting on February 18th to learn about the proposed revisions to our Constitution and Bylaws. These proposed revisions will be voted on at the meeting.

Upcoming Events

February 11 – Bingo

March 15 – St. Patrick's Day Party

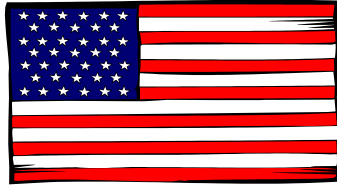
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March 18 – Auxiliary Meeting

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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.*

Saturday, March 15th



Celebrate the American Legion's Birthday



**On St. Patty's Day with
Corned Beef & Cabbage**



plus Chicken with all the Fix'ins

All for only \$15 each.

Everyone is Welcome - the Fun begins at 6:00pm

Names

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or Call 262- 377-8887