

Rose Harms Legionnaire

February 2014



Happy 95th Birthday American Legion

**Saturday, March 15th
Everyone is Welcome!**

Up Coming Dates

**March 1st
March 3rd
March 10th**

March 11th

**March 15th
March 18th**

**2 District Riders meeting at the Post at 10:00 am
Executive Committee Meeting at 7:00 pm
Dinner served by the Auxiliary at 6:00 pm
Post meeting 7:00 pm
Bingo
SAL Meeting at 6:30 pm
Legion's Birthday and St. Patty's Day Dinner
Historians Club
Card Party — lower hall**

Highlights From Our Last Meeting

Chaplain Report: Les Williams reported taps will be played for Ralph Horner this evening.

Membership: Kevin Dressel standing by for Gary Gilstrap reported membership at 338 to date, and with applications to be processed, it will be 350 shortly.

Publicity: Ron Kuta reported all publicity matters completed for Vegas Night 2014.

Children & Youth: Doug Arendt reported plans for Coloring and Essay Contest are in process.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported if you are interested in any of the upcoming bowling tournaments, see Doug for the application forms.

Hall Report: Al Richards reported that reservations for the St. Pat's Day Dinner are being accepted and should be in by March 10th.

Executive Committee Recommendations Passed;

- The Post will use the Bingo Fund to donate \$500 to the sponsorship of a child for the Hometown Heroes Camp.
- The Post will also contribute from the Bingo Fund \$250 to St. Paul's for their trip to Washington D.C. this spring.
- The Post will contribute \$200 toward the support of a departure meal for a National Guard unit scheduled for deployment to Afghanistan.

New Business:

The Post welcomed new member Steve Oak to his first meeting in 2 years following his deployment in Afghanistan.

Good of the Legion:

- Beer and soda after the meeting are compliments of Frank Bey and Ron Wicke for their 75th and 70th birthdays respectively.
- Post lift pumps have been repaired, and indirect lighting on the main deck in process of replacement.
- The Metropolitan Milwaukee Military Historians will present a speaker from the 1st Cavalry Division who served in Vietnam.

Correspondence: Commander Jim Arentz read;

- A letter of thanks and a \$1,000 donation to the Post from Marc Eerinesse and family members in gratitude for the honors accorded by the Post for Georgia Eerinesse.
- A thank you letter from Family Sharing for the Post donation.

A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all Post 355 members and friends who helped make our 30th annual Las Vegas Night a very successful night. A special thanks goes out to all those who volunteered to get doors prizes, sell raffle tickets, setup and tear down, tend bar, help with silent auction, take care of advertising and the many other jobs that it takes to make this a successful evening.

A special THANK YOU goes out to the Rose Harms Ladies Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion for all their help making this night successful.

A congratulations goes out to all the raffle winners of Las Vegas Night:

John Salamone was the big winner of the \$500 prize.

\$200 winner was **Regina Potter**.

\$100 winners were **Mike Karrels, Regina Potter, and Lorraine Leland**.

\$50 winners were **Julie Carado, Don Bauer and Larry Engel**.

Post Member **Ed Gnutow** was the big winner in the 50/50 raffle, he took home \$642.

The high roller award was again presented to Mike Bublitz. Thank you to Recognition Specialists for providing the red, white and blue eagle presented for being the high roller for the evening.

Thank you again to all those who helped make this evening a fun successful night. See you next year for the 31st annual Las Vegas Night.

Calendar Raffle

\$50.00 – Don Burhop

\$30.00 – Ruby Boehnlein

\$25.00 – Art Viesselmann

\$20.00 – Sue Turowski

\$15.00 – Pat Lederer

\$10.00 – Jim Stencil



SAL Meeting Minutes - February 11, 2014

Treasurer's Report: Bill Riedl gave report

Membership Report: Paul Turowski gave report – 54 paid members and 7 not paid

Please pay your \$20 dues ASAP or call Paul if you do not plan on renewing.

SAL donated \$500 to the Military MP3 Bible Program "Faith Comes from Hearing".

SAL will donate \$1,000 for 2 scholarships to Grafton High School students.

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

Hometown Hero Concert at Potawatomi Casino on March 8th – Ushers needed, please contact Sue Turowski if you can help.

**American Legion's Birthday Dinner and St. Patrick's Day Party – Saturday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m.
Everyone is Welcome!**

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

Legion Meal for April – Jim Proefrock

Legion Meal for May – need a volunteer

2nd District Legion Riders



**Next meeting will be at the Grafton's
Rose Harms Post 355
on Saturday, March 1st
at 10:00 am**



Rose-Harms Unit 355
American Legion Auxiliary
February 2014 Newsletter



Our Auxiliary Unit is off to a great start this year by serving our Veterans, their families and our community!

President Sue Turowski, kicked off our February meeting by sharing some encouraging words from our Post Legion Commander and S.A.L Commander. Their hopes of sharing in future joint Legion family fundraiser are underway. Watch for more details in upcoming newsletters. Meanwhile, our Legion family has agreed to adopt and sponsor a child by the name of Dylan, for Camp Hometown Heroes. We'll be sponsoring his week at camp this June. The Grand Slam Charity event, a fundraiser for Camp Hometown Heroes, will be held on Saturday, March 8th at Potawatomi. For more information about Camp Hometown Heroes or the Grand Slam Charity event please contact Sue Turowski (262-389-4644).

A reminder that the Legion Birthday party will be held on Monday, March 10th at the Post. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Auxiliary members are asked to donate a dish towards the meal. Please have all food to the post by 4:30 p.m. if possible. Come for the meal and then stay for our monthly meeting afterwards. Please contact Sue if you are able to donate towards the meal or if you are able to assist with set-up.

Mark your calendars for our annual poppy distribution on May 9 & 10th. Please contact Cathy Brunnquell (262-377-0718) or Linda Brown (262-268-8296) if you are interested in volunteering.

Membership Chair Renata Quillen, reported that we are down to 17 outstanding renewals for our Unit. 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 President Judy Kuta, reminded members about the 2nd District Spring Conference which will be held at the Grafton Post on Saturday, April 26th at 9:00 a.m. Our Unit is in charge of the luncheon. Members are asked to please donate a salad for the event. Please contact Judy Kuta (377-8613) to sign-up.

President Judy also asked members to please consider writing letters & cards to the soldiers who are returning home from active duty thanking them for their service and welcoming them home. Please get the cards to Judy as soon as possible. Contact Judy for further information.

Don't forget to save your 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.

2nd District VA & R chair Linda Faas, reminded everyone to please donate items towards the Milwaukee Homeless Veteran's Initiative. Please contact Linda (377-3970) for the list of items to donate.

Make sure to attend our Post annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance which will be held on Saturday, March 15th.

Amy Luft of Stars & Stripes Honor Flight announced that the first 2014 spring flights will be held on Saturday, May 3 and Saturday, June 7th. If you know of any WWII, Korean, or terminally ill veteran who would be interested in a free trip to Washington D.C. to see their memorials, please contact Amy at 414-651-7300 for information on how to apply.

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,

Are you going to join us for our Legion's Birthday Dinner on Monday March 10, 2014. Doors open at 5:30 pm. This is the perfect time for you to meet our Camp Hometown Hero Dylan and his Mom Regina. Below is the letter that I received from the Grand Slam Charity Jam Team.

YOU must register yourself as directed below, please follow these simple instructions! Please be sure to mention that you are with Rose-Harms American Legion Family where it ask if there is anything else they need to know.
Thank you so much in advance for your help!!!!



Dear American Legion Friends and Supporters,

Your help is needed! Please consider volunteering at the 2014 Grand Slam Charity Jam, on March 8, 2014 at Potawatomi Casino. This event raises money for Camp Hometown Heroes, offering a summer camp experience for children and younger siblings of America's fallen Service Members.

Volunteer duties include greeting guests, directing to event locations, and helping them find their seats in the theatre. Shifts begin at 3:30 PM and go until the event closes at midnight. We will also need load-in and setup assistance on Thursday, March 6 thru Saturday morning, March 8.

If you're interested in helping, please complete the volunteer interest form online at <http://goo.gl/3l3Mt6>. We'll contact you about scheduling in the coming weeks.

Thank you so much for your support of this important event.

Kind regards,

Larissa Sevcik and Mary Hanson

Volunteer Coordinators

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

Upcoming Events

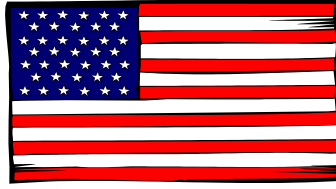
March 10 – Legion Birthday Dinner & Auxiliary meeting

March 8 – Grand Slam Charity Event

March 11 – Bingo

March 15 – St. Patrick's Day Party

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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Mail to; Rose Harms Post 355
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or Call 262- 377-8887