



Rose Harms Legionnaire

March 2014

Each Year, at our annual Legion's Birthday dinner, the Post honors our local community heroes. This year, Post Commander Jim Arentz and Public Safety Chair Ken Kasprzak presented



**Emergency Medical Technician
of the Year**

Karen Novinska – Kottke



**Police Officer of the Year,
Emmett A. Grissom**



**Firefighter of the Year
William Emery**





Legionaire of the Year



Chair Ralph Beck presents Commander Jim Arentz with his Life Time Membership card after he was selected the Post's Legionnaire of the Year. This is the highest honor the Post can present to one of its members.

Congratulations Commander Jim, well deserved!

Highlights from our last meeting

Special Guests for the evening were Auxiliary President Sue Turowski, Deb Paske, and Camp Hometown Heroes Mother, Regina and her son, Dillon. The Post's Legion Family was honored to be the first to see a brand new documentary on Hometown Heroes.

Chaplain Report: Les Williams reported taps will be played for "Ike". Also, Harold Walsh had the gout, but is doing better.

Membership: Kevin Dressel standing by for Gary Gilstrap reported membership at 356 to date.

Children & Youth: Doug Arendt reported plans for Coloring and Essay Contest are in process and the winner should be at our next meeting.

Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow thanked everyone for another very successful Las Vegas Night. The Post raised over \$10,000.

Bingo: Tom Peterson reported that the Bingo account would donate \$500 to help sponsor a child for "Hometown Heroes."

POW/MIA: Jim Stencel gave a report on an article that was on the front page of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel about a WWII soldier's remain coming home. The government originally thought these were the remains of a German soldier instead of a US soldier.

Camp American Legion: Ozaukee County's work week at Camp will be the week of April 28th.

Public Safety: Our 3 honorees will be attending the Post's upcoming dinner.

Entertainment: The American Legion's Birthday (and St. Patty's) dinner is already over booked. Great turned out!

Good of the Legion: Gary Gilstrap displayed a poster featuring his son and the University of Wisconsin Singers, who will perform on April 6th at the Grafton High School.



Reminder!
SAL Golf Outing is coming up
Saturday, June 7th

From left to right; Nick Schanen, (Representing the SAL) Richard Rieck, Ken Nawrocki, (Representing the Legion Riders) Michelle Czerwinski, Al and Diane Richards, Kurt Sutinen and Commander Jim Arentz. They were all presented with plaques of appreciation for their personal and monetary efforts in supporting the soldiers and the soldier's families in the Wisconsin National Guard and 105th Cavalry. The National Guards FRG (Family Readiness Group) Leader Mike Rohan and Past State Commander Denise Rohan did the presentation.



From right to left; Post Commander Jim Arentz presents the owners of ARZ Machining, Inc. owners, Tim Paegelow and Ken Bosch with a "Certificate of Apperception" for their efforts with the "Red Arrow" bottle opener fundraiser for the Wisconsin National Guard.

Upcoming Events

April 7th	Post Executive meeting
April 8th	BINGO
April 14th	Post Meeting

Calendar Raffle

- \$50 – Betsy Torbeck
- \$30 – Lois Matthaesus
- \$25 – Mike Scheer
- \$20 – Francis Wollner
- \$15 – Dougger Arendt
- \$10 – Lillian Schreiner



Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary March 2014 Newsletter



Happy Birthday to the American Legion! Thank you to all the Auxiliary members who helped with our annual Legion Birthday meal. It was great to have our Legion Family come together for this important celebration.

President Sue Turowski, welcomed everyone to our March 18th meeting. She thanked all those who helped at the Grand Slam Charity event, a fundraiser for Camp Hometown Heroes, which was held on Saturday, March 8th at Potawatomi. There was a great show of support from our Legion Family! She also announced that our Legion Family was officially adopting and sponsoring Dylan Simon for this year's camp which will take place the week of June 22 -28. **ROSE-HARMS DAY AT CAMP HOMETOWN HEROES' IS TUESDAY JUNE 24TH, PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS'**. For more information about Camp Hometown Heroes event please contact Sue Turowski (389-4644).

The next Ozaukee **County meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 16th at the Port Washington Post**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Members are asked to stay for the meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. and to bring a White Elephant gift for exchange. Please contact Linda Faas (375-1833) if you are interested in attending.

The 2nd District Spring Conference will take place 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. Cost is \$12 to attend. Please contact Judy Kuta (377-8613) to sign-up. **The SAL will be running a shuttle from Grafton to Saukville starting at 8:00 – 9:30 then again from 2:30 – 3:30. For both the men and women.**

Our Unit will be hosting a **Champaign Brunch fundraiser at the Post on Sunday, May 4th**. Watch for more details in next month's newsletter.

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

Unit elections will take place in May. Make sure to attend our May meeting to place your vote!

Membership Chair Renata Quillen, reported that we only have a few outstanding renewals remaining. 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, would like to be notified about any member who is homebound. Please contact Linda at 262-268-8296.

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 or bring them to the 2nd District meeting.

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.

Upcoming Events

April 16 – Ozaukee County Meeting – Port Washington

April 22 – Auxiliary Meeting

April 26 – 2nd District Auxiliary Meeting – Grafton

May 3 – Stars & Stripes Honor Flight

May 9 & 10 – Auxiliary Poppy Distribution

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

THANK YOU TO OUR AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY AND TO THE GRAFTON COMMUNITY

for your support of our Auxiliary as we supplied the following units at Zablocki during National Hospital Week in February 2014. The Hospice Unit, Nursing Home Unit and the Woman's Shelter.

I received these two thank you notes and was asked to share with our Legion Family.

Dear Rose-Harms Detachment,

We are so grateful for your willingness to support Dylan as a camper at Camp Hometown Heroes this year. Thank you for allowing us to share our loss and our camp experience with all of you.

Thankfully, we are healing and able to give back because of organizations filled with people just like you.

*All my best,
Regina*

Dear American Legion,

I just wanted to say thank you for sponsoring me for Camp Hometown Heroes, it is an honor to be a part of such a well-put organization. How many kids my age can be sponsored by such an amazing group of men and women who served fighting for our country? NONE, ZILCH, ZERO! I'm pretty sure that out of all of my friends from school and church that I am the only one being sponsored by anything, and being a teenager with such an awesome group is AWESOME! It's cool knowing a bunch of military people got my back in all situations.

Once again thank you and God Bless.

*Your Adopted Son,
Dylan Simon*

Thank you for all you have done to support Camp Hometown Heroes!

Rose-Harms Day at Camp is Tuesday June 24. Please contact Commander Jim, Commander Bob or myself if you are interested in joining us at camp by June 1, 2014

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



SAL Meeting Minutes - March 11, 2014

Treasurer's Report: Bill Riedl gave report

Membership Report: Paul Turowski gave report – 58 members all paid

Added 3 New members: Rick, Greg, Chris

Las Vegas Night February 15th – \$1,775.00 profit (thank you Paul for all your help)

Camp American Legion week of April 28th – volunteers are needed

Poppy Sales May 9th & 10th – volunteers are needed

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

Legion Meal for April 14 – Tim & Mike

Legion Meal for May 12 – Jim Proefrock

2nd District Riders

Just a reminder that membership renewals are due April 1st. Please either mail to me this week or bring to our meeting on Saturday April 5th @ 11:00am.

Make sure to have a copy of your current Legion or Auxiliary card - I cannot process to the State without this.

PLEASE NOTE: Your membership renewal (due April 1st) is good through April 2015. I need the attached form completed and signed, along with a photocopy of your current Legion/Auxiliary/SAL membership card and payment of \$30.00 to ALRW District 2. Once received, I will send out your 2014 ALRA card. Make sure to note any changes in emails, addresses, phone numbers, etc. Email is the best way for me to communicate with you! If you are a PUFL, I still need the application filled out and signed. There are no exceptions as every form is sent to the State ALRA.

As an organized District, 2/3 of your renewal goes to support our District and 1/3 is sent to the State Treasurer. I am looking forward to your continued membership as a Rider!

NEXT MEETING is scheduled for April 5th and we have a twist to it! It will be at 11:00am (instead of our usual 10:00am) and hosted by our fellow member Brad Bice and his wife, Susan at her very own place:

Sweetheart Cakes

211 Franklin Street

Port Washington

You are welcome to bring your application and payment at the meeting and I look forward to seeing you then!

Michelle

