



Rose Harms Legionnaire

May 2015



2nd District Riders President, Al Richards presented Sue Turowski with checks to sponsor a child for this year's Camp Hometown Heroes. Donations from the 2nd District Riders, SAL and individuals amounted to \$1,600.00



Rose Harms Post member Neil Mertz and Amy Luft in Washington, DC during their April 18th Honor Flight.

Neil was in the Air Force during the Korean War.

Upcoming Events

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| May 2nd | Wine Tasting Event at the Post |
| May 4th | Post Executive Committee meeting |
| May 8th & 9th | Poppy distributing |
| May 11th | Post meeting |
| May 12th | BINGO |
| May 12th | SAL meeting |
| May 19th | Military Historians Club |
| May 19th | Card club—lower hall |
| May 25th | Memorial Day |
| | March to Veteran's Park—10:00 am |
| | Ceremonies at 10:30 am |
| | Open House at the Post to follow |
| June 1st | SAL golf outing |



Highlights from our last meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported Post members George Holtrith and Ralph Barth have passed away. Ron Kuta still hobbling a bit but his back is improving.

Americanism: Bill Clayton reported information regarding Post school honorees for Memorial Day celebration have been disseminated to respective schools in Grafton. If you want to find out what the Badger Boys State program is all about, you can attend the Ozaukee County orientation at the Mequon Post on Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 pm.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported a golf outing in Reedsburg for Wisconsin's candidate for National Commander, Denise Rohan, will be on June 27th. The Post will be sending at least one team. Applications are at the Post.

Hall Report: Al Richards commented on a very successful St. Patty's Day event. Beer and soda for the evening compliments of Tom Brown's birthday.

Scouts: Steve Shock reported on the great leadership that the Post sponsored Cub Scout pack and Boy Scout troop have. Terry Shock, troop leader of Troop 840 received the Silver Beaver Award for his distinguished service and positive impact on his scouts' lives.

Bingo: Tom Peterson reported the last bingo for the summer is in May. But, we will be sponsoring bingo in the Grilling for Grafton event June 26th and 27th.

Executive Committee Recommendations that were passed by the membership.

- To donate a tent (30'x40') 64 chairs, and 8 tables to the All Access Packers Alumni Fishing Tournament and VIP Event. Proceeds to go to "Camp Hometown Heroes".
- To purchase 8 new aluminum folding tables to match our current tables.
- To donate budgeted \$250 in cash and \$200 in tent rental credit to the Disabled American Veterans Fish Outing.
- To sponsor a hole for \$50 for the Denise Rohan Golf Outing.
- To donate \$200 to the State Commander's "Spirit Run" for Legacy Scholarship Fund.

- Sponsor a child for the 3rd consecutive year for \$500 to Camp Hometown Heroes this summer.

Good of the Legion:

- On June 12th and 13th volunteers will be needed to help the 105th Cavalry at Fort McCoy. Details to follow.
- July 25 a Stars and Stripes Honor Flight for women is scheduled.
- The wheelchair bowling tournament held in Belgium was an excellent fundraiser for Camp American Legion. It was also a wonderful learning experience into the world of the disabled.
- A ceremony to honor the final push to victory in WWII, VE Day, is scheduled at Pioneer Village on May 6th from 10 to noon.
- The Military Historians will present an Israeli Army veteran who saw action in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.
- The Post Ladies Auxiliary wine tasting event is at the Post on Saturday, May 2nd.
- There is research ongoing how to help Family Sharing of Grafton and ways and means of assisting them in their mission.

Correspondence read by Commander Arentz

- A letter from Tony Price along with a Post Logo golf ball found in Fairfield, Texas was returned to the Post as a random act of kindness. Tony also sent a golf ball from the Fairfield Golf Course and a framed American Legion 50th Anniversary Stamp.
- A thank you letter for all of our services to the community along with a \$200 check from Dennis Leist.
- A thank you card from the John Ferguson Family for honors rendered at his funeral.
- A thank you letter from the Post Auxiliary for donation of \$1,138 raised at the Post Packer Party for the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.
- A thank you card from Ron Yokes for the fruit basket the Post sent to him.

Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Katie Jozowski
\$30 – Butch Paegelow
\$25 – Paul Turowski
\$20 – Eleanor Laydon
\$15 – Doreen Pokat
\$10 – Ron Wollner

FAMILY SHARING----VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The primary function of Family Sharing is to provide food for the needy people of Ozaukee County. In 2014 over 500,000 lbs. of food were distributed to families thru the Family Sharing Food Pantry.

Director Jorjan Loos gave me a tour of the pantry and resale marketplace. Community support is critical to their mission. There are many ways each of us can help. Donations of cash, food, and resale items are important as well as volunteering your time.

An opportunity for us as Legionnaires is coming in May. The Annual Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is May 9. Then beginning on May 18, volunteers are needed to help sorting and checking donated food items.

I would like to lead a group of Legionnaires in this effort. According to Jan, volunteers are needed for the following times:

May 18, 6pm to 8pm, May 20 3pm to 5pm, and May 20 6pm to 8pm.

Also, any time we choose can be proposed to her.

Anyone interested in helping me as a volunteer, call me or see me ASAP.

Ken Kasprzak

262-618-4925

Brewer's Sunday home games are free to military veterans



For each Sunday home game in 2015, the Brewers offer two FREE Terrace Level tickets to active, retired military personnel and veterans. The offer applies to all branches of the military service.

Active and retired military personnel must present valid military identification, veterans must present a DD-214 which entitles them to two FREE Terrace Level tickets redeemable at windows 7-12 at Miller Park on the day of game only.

Admission (2 tickets max)

This offer is based on ticket availability.

Contact the Brewer Ticket office directly at (414) 902-4000 for more information or with any questions you may have regarding this offer.

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Rose-Harms Unit 355

American Legion Auxiliary April Newsletter



Our Unit will be presenting our Badger Girls from last year, Aimee Marx and Kara Olds, with a \$250 scholarship each toward their college education. These graduating seniors represented our Unit well during their week at Badger Girls State. We wish them the best as they continue their education.

Membership chairman Renata Quillen reported that long-time member Joyce Koss is in assisted living in Slinger. If members would like to send her a card to cheer her up and to let her know we are thinking about her they may be sent to her at 1650 American Eagle Slinger, WI 53086. She would love to hear from you.

Memorial Day will be here quickly. Once again, the Auxiliary will be providing the community with a luncheon on Monday, May 25th. If you would like to help by preparing a salad or dessert, or would like to help set-up, clean-up or serve that day please call Linda Brown at 268-8296 to volunteer. We appreciate your help.

Laurie Schwalbe reports another Marcus Movie Ticket order will be placed in June. These make great graduation, confirmation and birthday gifts as well as thank you gifts or just a fun gift for a friend. Sales of the tickets help us to carry out our mission to support our veterans, military and their families and our communities. Thank you for your support.

This is just a reminder that the Unit will be collecting gift cards in denominations of \$10 or \$25 for the Christmas Gift Shop at Zablocki. Store or Gas cards will be collected at our June banquet as we have "Christmas in June". Shop early and help hospitalized veterans be able to give their loved ones a gift at Christmas. The gift shop can no longer accept the actual items, only gift cards are needed this year.

Mark your calendars:

- Wednesday, April 29th Scoops for Troops fundraiser at Post 1881 Concordia University
- Saturday, May 2nd Wine Tasting at the Post
- Tuesday, May 19th Culvers will give 20% of their sales to the Honor Flight
- Tuesday, May 19th Unit Meeting – ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- Monday, May 25th Memorial Day parade, program and luncheon
- Tuesday, June 16th June Banquet
- Saturday, June 20th Bike Races in Grafton
- June 21-26 Unit day at Camp Hometown Heroes (specific day TBD)
- Saturday, July 11th VA Picnic at the Post
- July 16-19 Department Convention, Appleton
- Saturday, July 25th Tour of Honor – Port Washington (Hometown Mini Honor Flight Day)

Watch for specific details on these events in upcoming newsletters.

Remember : "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." We are proud to have you as a member of our Legion Family. We value your membership.

Judy Kuta
Secretary

**GRAFTON'S LADIES AUXILIARY
PRESENTS THEIR:**

WINE TASTING EVENT



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

**ROSE HARMS AMERICAN LEGION POST
1540 13TH AVE., GRAFTON
262-377-8887**

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door

**Tickets are available at;
ConrnerStone Bank
Fireridge Golf course
Rose Harms Post**

Proceeds to benefit Camp American Legion and other Veteran projects

Poppy Volunteers Wanted

**We will be distributing Poppies in Grafton on
Friday May 8th 8:00 am till 6:00 pm
Saturday May 9th 9:00 am till 3:00 pm**



**Locations this year are
Sendik's, Pick N Save, Super Sales Citgo & Dairy Queen,
Ace Hardware, Mike's Citgo, Collectivo & Sweet Trio.**

**If you can help, we would greatly appreciate it!
Please call Cathy Brunnquell 377-0718**



SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MEETING

April 2015

Meeting Notes

Current SAL account balance is \$4,061. Members discussed giving \$500 each to the spring and fall "Honor Flights".

We have 55 paid members and, although we are way over 100%, we still have 9 unpaid members that we are carrying on the books. At end of April, those who have not paid will be removed from the roster. The Squadron welcomed Larry Waskiewitz as our newest member.

It was suggested that everyone should be able to get a list of members and their contact information. Paul is going to check to see if that including email addresses can be obtained from the master list. This would also be helpful so information besides newsletters can be easily distributed to our members.

The group approved \$1,500 to be spent to create a Memorial Day display for our fallen veterans along the river at Veteran's Park. About \$1,200 will be needed for printing each veteran's name on a banner, while the remainder will go towards purchasing 2'x3' flags. We already planned to purchase a large flag for \$360.

SAL still needs 6-8 volunteers to help with clean-up and season preparation of our Camp American Legion cabin during April 20 - 26. Blinds and furniture need to be installed and leaves and tree limbs need to be cleaned up. About four to five members are planning to go on the morning of Thursday, April 23 and return at noon on Saturday, April 25.

More people are needed. Help would also be appreciated after our time slot at the cabin so if you can help, please make arrangements. SAL will reimburse gas plus lodging and food is provided by the camp. Contact Bob Rieck at: 377-4190 or email: robertjrieck@gmail.com if you can go.

Need a SAL shirt or cap? Contact Scott Ritter at 414-690-5156 or email: ritter2@wi.rr.com.

Upcoming Legion Post Dinner Volunteers - obtain/setup reimbursable food items by 7:45pm
May 12 – Neal

June 8 – Volunteer needed

Upcoming Events - See Rose Harms website for all events http://graftonlegion.com/?page_id=2

SAL Meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 pm

Next meeting is May 13th.

The June 9th meeting is when we will need to establish new SAL officers. All members are requested to attend. If you are interested in a position or want to volunteer a member for a position, please attend this meeting. Questions can be directed to Bob Rieck at: 377-4190 or email: robertjrieck@gmail.com

Golf Outing – June 6th (see flyer / sign-up sheet)

ALRA Brat Fry – June 6th. Fundraiser to be held at the Saukville Piggly Wiggly starting at 10am.

Fort McCoy – June 12-13th. Camp one night and prepare and serve food the next day. Anyone wishing to help, please contact Al Richards.

Fire Ridge Golf Club

2241 Hwy W, Grafton, WI - 262-375-2977

Itinerary

Saturday June 6th, 2015

1:00pm Shotgun Red Tee Scramble

Registration and Range Access

12Noon - 1:00pm

Golf Games and Activities

Team Cheater String \$20

Each team is allocated 6 foot of string. Each player can move the ball on the putting green by measuring the distance moved and cutting that amount from the ball to hole out. Remember to take your scissors!

50/50 Raffle (\$5 - \$10 - \$20)

*\$5 for 5 Tickets - \$10 for 15 Tickets
\$20 Wing Span of Tickets*

5:30pm Steak and Chicken Dinner

Salad, Rolls and Butter, Parsley Potatoes, Vegetables, Steak, Lemon Pepper Chicken and Cookies.

6:30pm Awards and Silent Auction

***Please Return Registration by
Monday June 1, 2015***

Player 1 _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Golf and Dinner \$ 90 X _____ = \$ _____

Hole Sponsorship \$ 100 X _____ = \$ _____

Dinner Only \$ 20 X _____ = \$ _____

Unable to attend but would like to make a contribution to the Sons of the American Legion

Legion \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please send payment to:

Sons of the American Legion

c/o Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body
1327 Wisconsin Avenue
Grafton, Wisconsin 53024

For additional Information Contact:
Richard or Robert Rieck: 262-377-4190