



The Rose Harms Legionnaire

**December
2015**



State Commander Dale Oatman and Post Commander Ken Kasprzak present Al Kohwey with his 70 year membership certificate .

On the right
Marty Wegner
receives his 50
year membership
certificate



Diane Riedl, Auxiliary
Jim Arentz, Legion
And Bob Rieck, SAL
receive a plaque from
Camp Hometown Heroes



Up Coming Events

December 2nd	Post Blood Drive	2:30 to 6:30 pm
December 7th	Post Executive Committee meeting	7:00 pm
December 8th	BINGO	
December 8th	SAL -	6:30 pm
December 14th	Post meeting and	
	Oratorical Contest on the Constitution -	7:00 pm
December 15th	Auxiliary Christmas Party	
December 21st	Military Historians -	doors open at 5:00 pm

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COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



About 150 veterans, family, and friends attended our annual dinner on November 14. Thanks to the Auxiliary and SAL for a great meal and program. Highlights of the evening included the following:

Continuous Membership Certificates were awarded to Al Kohlwey—70 years; Gene Proefrock—60 years; Robert Hubacek—60 years; Marty Wegner—50 years; and Ronald Bertling—50 years. Your American Legion very much appreciates their continuing participation and support.

Memorial Day and Veterans Day are two holidays in which we honor and remember men and women who have served our country in times of war. Rose-Harms Post Brick Memorial Project was promoted as a way for friends and families to continue honoring veterans. Engraved bricks with veteran names can be purchased. Order forms were distributed. Note that we have received several orders and are excited that more are on the way. Dedication and installation is scheduled for the spring of 2016. Committee members as follows: Amy Luft, Bill Riedl, Ralph Beck, and Neil Mertz. My Contact phone number. Phone---262-618-4925.

Dale Oatman, Wisconsin American Legion State Commander, and George Buchanan, Historian, were in attendance. Commander Oatman presented an informative program related to State of Wisconsin Legion activities.

All of the veterans received "Mail Call" envelopes as we arrived for dinner. Local elementary students wrote all mail. One letter to me was written as follows: "Thank you for everything you did for us. I hope you know we are happy for your service because you made us so happy and thankful." Caitlin.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

On Veterans Day our Post was well represented at

several community events in celebration of this day to honor our veterans.

Grafton High School. Thank you to the Administrative staff and students for honoring us with a program that included a standing ovation as we stood on the Auditorium stage. Gary Gilstrap did another fine job of organizing this event with the high school. I was honored to be the guest speaker.

Both Kennedy and Oriole Elementary Schools celebrated Veterans Day by having our Post members attend their programs. At Oriole School, veterans in attendance were presented with a "Quilt of Thanks" from the School House Quilters of Cedarburg.

A special Thank you to our Post members who participated.

Heartland Hospice of Milwaukee cares for veterans who are near the end of life in our community. Sometimes, it takes the presence of another Veteran in order for a Veteran who is a patient to unburden himself or herself and have someone who understands what they went through. Volunteers are needed to help patients in facilities and in their homes. If you have questions about this volunteer opportunity, contact Paul Dohearty 414-944-2048

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you from the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative for making our Post Hall available on November 8. Our community donated a collection of various household items and clothing on that day. At the conclusion, Neil Traxel and members of this Veterans organization conducted an informational program with refreshments.

Thank you to Mel's Pig Roast for a \$1000 donation to help fund a security camera system for our Post. Tom Stanton and this organization have raised \$582,000 since 1999. They specialize in funding special needs organizations, high school scholarships, and human service groups.

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Les Williams: These names have been inscribed on the Post Memorial Stone: Marceline Paulin, Elroy Scheer, Harley Pals, Alfred Schanen, George Holtrith, Ralph Barth, Leroy Paulin, James Gehr and Glenn Goethel. Jim Boehnlein is back at home. Harold Walsh always likes visitors to talk to. Names for Fruit baskets are being sought.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa reported:

- One gratis funeral for the month of October.
- November 28th is the Grafton Christmas Parade with staging in Leroy Paulin's parking lot by 10:30.
- Post Blood Drive will be on December 2nd from 2:30 to 6:30 pm.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported that he has the American Legion Bowling Tournament forms. See him for details. The County Bowling Tournament is being hosted by Cedarburg this year.

Oratorical Chairman Lee Wiskirchen:

The Post Oratorical Contest will be held at our next Post meeting on December 14th. Post members need to be there at the beginning, 7:00 pm. Sergeant-at-Arms is instructed not to allow entry while the contestants are speaking.

Unfinished Business: The Memorial Brick Project is underway with 3 orders pending.

Recommendations Passed

- The Post will purchase and have installed an 8 channel 6 camera security system.
- The Post will donate the budgeted amount of \$500 to Family Sharing of Grafton.

New Business:

- ♦ Ron Gomoll, USAF, and Richard Karpinski, were welcomed aboard.
- ♦ Thanks to the Auxiliary for the great window coverings and to the Post members who helped to install them.
- ♦ Neil Traxel conducted a first rate program for the Homeless Veterans Initiative.

Good of the Legion:

- Beer and soda after the Post meeting are compliments of the Scheer Family.
- Ken Grigas of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Military Historians invited all to their Monday, December 21st meeting at the Post. Karl Naggs of Cedarburg will be the speaker. He did recognizant flights over China during the Korean War.

Correspondence:

- ♦ A thank you letter from the Dean Bauer Family for Post representation at his funeral.
- ♦ A thank you letter from the Homeless Veterans Initiative for the Post's donation of \$100 and use of the hall.
- ♦ A thank you letter from the Trees From Home Inc. for the Post's donation.

Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Janice Bould
\$30 – Sue Matthaeus
\$25 – Amanda Jozwowski
\$20 – Lynne Klimek
\$15 – Gerald Beck
\$10 – Kaylee Schmitt





Time again for Rose-Harms annual Las Vegas Night. This is the 32nd year for this event, which has been a very successful fund raiser for Post 355.

Enclosed with your newsletter you will find 4 packs of raffle tickets for the Las Vegas Night drawing to be drawn on the night of February 20, 2016. Tickets are \$1.00 each or a pack of 6 for \$5.00. If you are in need of more tickets please call the post at 377-8887 and we will see that you receive more tickets. Ticket sales are a huge part of the profits for the evening so please try to sell your tickets. Ticket stubs can be mailed back to the post or placed in the mail slot at the front of the post.

This event takes many hard working volunteers to make this a success. We hope we can count on everyone again this year to make this event successful and fun for everyone.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the gaming tables. Contact Steve Shock if you can help him out dealing Blackjack or Texas Hold'em that evening. You can contact Steve at 377-3728 if you can help him out. Kevin Dressel is also looking for help with the Roulette Wheel and the Craps Tables. You can reach Kevin at 375-1283 if you can give Kevin a hand helping.

Contact Butch Paegelow at 377-9596 with any questions or with any ideas you may have to make this night a fun and successful evening for all who come out for the 32nd Las Vegas Night on February 20, 2016.

Doors will open at 6:30 with free beer from 6:30 to 7:30 that evening. Gaming will run from 7:00 to 11:00 with raffles drawings for cash prizes to follow.

CAMP AMERICAN LEGION----FALL CLOSING 2015

Submitted by Dick Lallensack

The annual Fall "work week" for closing Camp American Legion for Ozaukee County was the week of Sept 28th. There were 65+ Legionaries, SAL's, Auxiliary Members, and Volunteers from around the State to close Camp. Ozaukee County had (35) Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, and SAL.

Normal Fall jobs completed:

- ⇒ All Piers removed by one of the Grafton Groups
- ⇒ All Boats and Pontoons boats removed and stored as required.
- ⇒ Water turned off in all the Cabins, drained, etc., for winter as required by a Group from Belgium.
- ⇒ Picnic tables, chairs, and misc lawn furniture items stored in appropriate places for the winter.
- ⇒ Main Lodge "winterized" with Styrofoam and plastic sheeting over windows as required
- ⇒ All Cabins cleaned and set up for the coming winter
- ⇒ All items relating to the Craft Shack, Garden Shack, and H & W building completed as required

Some of the additional projects and items completed:

Butch and Leroy headed up a group of 5 guys from Grafton and painted and stained Cabin 17

Lots of Pressure Washing completed on the Cabins with the worst mold conditions on the roofs

Several guys went out to the Flowage and did lots of trimming and brush cutting.

As always, we had a great work week closing Camp after another very successful Season with an awful lot of things accomplished. It is all of you Legionaries, Auxiliary Members, SAL's, and Volunteers that continue to make this all a reality. A big THANKS to each and every one of you. If you have never been up for a work week consider coming up next Spring.

The final numbers for the Season were announced at the Fall Conferences. Again, a new record!! Total attendance at Camp this year----1294!! Hard to believe that 2010 had an attendance of 510. This is definitely a reflection of Dir. Kevin Moshea and the hard work he does to use Camp to the fullest!!



SAL News - November 2015

SAL's bank account remains in the black that was helped by a successful Beer Tasting event. Approximately 125 guests attended. The Beer Tasting event is one of two major fundraisers our squadron works on each year that is needed to help fund our various veteran support activities throughout the year. Our profit was about 50% of the proceeds which was helped by Fire Ridge's donation of approx. \$1800 to reduce our overhead cost.

Renewals of membership is now expected to be at 64. Of which, 32 have paid their dues. Still attempting to obtain email addresses to enhance more timely communication. Please contact Paul Turowski at 262-387-4645 or turowskipaul@yahoo.com if you cannot make the meeting to give him your email address. Members who have not paid their dues yet need to do so ASAP!

Trees from Home responded with a thank you letter for this year's donation.

We received a thank you card from Mel Nowak for SAL's \$100 contribution to purchase 20 plastic bins for use at the Women's Health Project Clothing Room at Zablocki VA.

Order forms for the brick memorial at the Legion have been created and are now available at the Post and on the website.

Richard made a motion to donate \$200 for the Bloody Mary bar at the upcoming Post Packer Party on November 22nd which was approved unanimously.

Tim reported on Operation Finally Home. The organization is expected to complete 77 houses this year. The Riders donated \$3,250 and Westbury Bank matched that. Work is underway on the Jackson home.

The Annual Bowling event is being coordinated and the tentative date currently is January 23, 2016. This will be confirmed at the next SAL meeting.

Ed Summers volunteered to be the point person for ordering SAL clothing. If you need hats, shirts, jackets or other, please contact Ed @ 262-721-7710 or email: esummers@yahoo.com.

Legion Post Meeting Dinners: Volunteers obtain and setup food items by 7:45pm

December 14 – Al

January 11 – Kim

February 9 - Jim

Upcoming Events

Nov. 22 – Packer Party: Game starts at @ 3:30am

Dec. 8 – SAL meeting at 6:30pm

Jan 23 – Tentative Annual Bowling at Circle B.

Feb 20 – 32nd Annual Las Vegas Night



**Rose-Harms Unit 355
American Legion Auxiliary
December 2015**



Thanks to all the members who came out on a rainy night for our November meeting. We had a night packed with lots of great information!

As part of our new Refreshment Committee, it was decided to host snacks and beverages prior to each meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. Starting in January, members can come anytime between 6:00 – 6:30 p.m. to enjoy refreshments and socialization. **Our official meetings will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.**

Thank you to all the members who assisted and volunteered for the following:

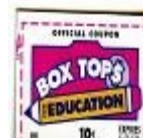
- Donating of candy and drink mix for the USO Lounge
- Assisting with the Veteran's Day luncheon
- Decorating of the American Legion Family Christmas tree at the Paramount Plaza
- Donating to the SAL Beer Tasting tool chest raffle
- Filling Christmas stockings for the Boudicca House

Please renew your membership soon! If we reach our goal of 187 members (set by Department) by December 31, our Unit will receive \$100! Recruit a new member and have a chance to win a \$25 gift card! Make sure to carry membership applications with you wherever you go and always be ready to talk about the Auxiliary membership to everyone you meet!

You can now renew your membership online! Membership dues may be paid via debit or credit card by simply visiting the national website (www.ALAforVeterans.org). Go to the "Members Only" tab and create a log in ID if you don't already have one. The pay dues option will be at the top of the screen. If you have questions about membership, please contact Membership Chair, Renata Quillen at 262-377-0370.

We still have several Unit programs and events that need chairpersons. Please consider teaming up with a partner to keep our programs active. To learn more about the Auxiliary programs and events, contact President Cathy Brunnquell at 262-377-0718.

Members are encouraged to clip box tops for education. Box tops can be found on hundreds of items are worth ten cents each for our schools. Don't toss them, clip them and bring them to our monthly meetings!



Our annual Post Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday, December 2 from 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Please consider lending a hand or better yet, an arm to this worthy benefit.

Next Post bingo will be on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. The Auxiliary will be serving food items and refreshments - please consider volunteering to assist. Contact Renata Quillen (262-377-0370) to sign-up. This is an on-going fundraiser for the Auxiliary and your assistance is appreciated.

Our Auxiliary Christmas party will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15 at the Post. This year's theme is Old Hollywood. The cost to attend is \$13 and each member is asked to bring a \$10-\$15 wrapped gift for exchange. Please contact Sue Turowski (262-389-4644) for more information.

Discounted Marcus Movie Tickets are back! Proceeds from the sales benefit our veterans and their families. Contact Laurie Schwalbe for upcoming orders: (414-659-6951)

Upcoming Events

December 2 - Post Blood Drive 2:30 - 6:30 pm.

December 14 - Post Bingo 7:00 pm.

December 15 - Auxiliary Christmas Party 6:00 p.m.

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.

"Old Hollywood" Christmas Event



*December 15, 2015
Rose Harms American Legion
6:00 pm*

*\$13.00 at the door
One New Beautifully Wrapped
minimum \$10.00 gift*

*R.S.V.P. by 12/11/15
262-389-4644*

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