

Rose Harms Legionnaire



The 32nd annual Las Vegas Night will be taking place on February 20th 2016.

Games begin that night at 7:00 to 11:00.

Doors will open at 6:30 with free beer begin served from 6:30 to 7:30.

Please try to sell the raffle tickets that were enclosed in your December newsletter as this is a huge part of our profits for the night. Tickets stubs and money can be placed in the mail slot at the front of the post or be mailed back to the post. If you are need of more tickets you can call the post at 377-8887 and we'll see that you get more tickets.

Steve Shock is handling the Blackjack and Texas Hold'em tables and can use some extra help dealing cards that evening. Steve can be reached at 377-3728. Kevin Dressel is also looking for help with the roulette wheel an the craps tables. You can reach Kevin at 375-1283 if you can lend him a hand with the wheel and tables.

Let your family and friends know to come out for an evening of fun and games on Saturday, February 20th and make this event another successful evening for Post 355.

Butch Paegelow can be contacted at 377-9596 with any new ideas or questions about this annual event.

Upcoming Dates

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| January 4th | Executive Committee meeting |
| January 7th | County Oratorical Contest and meeting at 7:00 pm |
| January 11th | Post general meeting at 7:00 pm |
| January 12th | BINGO |
| January 12th | SAL meeting at 6:30 pm - lower hall |
| January 18th | Military Historians Club at 6:00 pm |
| January 18th | Card Club - lower hall - everyone welcome |
| January 23rd | Post's Annual Bowling Outing - sponsored by the SAL At Circle B Bowling - registration at 11:00 am |

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to legion members and their families. Our country appreciates your service and thanks you for helping to keep us safe. Christmas is a time that we celebrate the season with our family and friends. Many men and women serving in our armed forces can't be home for the holidays. Let's pray for them and thank them for their service.

Marcia Gorra-Patek, Grafton High School teacher, began a project for making holiday cards. GHOST, the high school Art Club, intended to send these cards to active military men and women deployed overseas or bases in the states. Thank you to Sue Turowski who assisted Marcia with addresses of these military men and women.

Each year Lee Wiskirchen takes the lead and works with Grafton High School to encourage students to participate in the American Legion Oratorical Scholarship Contest. It's "A Constitutional Speech Contest" and presents an academic speaking challenge for high school students. An excellent opportunity is given for teaching leadership qualities and the history of our nation's laws.

This year student participants were as follows: Katie Lamb, Abbey Valerius, Monica Geiser. Their topic of choice was the 2nd Amendment. I want to thank all three for a job well done. As voted by our judges Katie Lamb was the winner and will represent Post 355 at the next level.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

Operation Comfort Warriors is a program dedicated to meeting the needs of wounded, injured or ill military personnel by providing them with comfort items not usually supplied by the government. OCW helps patients at U.S. military hospitals and warrior transition units.

Consider donating to this organization.

Again this year on November 28, our Legion Post participated in Grafton's Christmas parade. This 36th annual salute to Christmas attracted more than 10,000 thousand spectators for this colorful downtown procession. The event, presented by the Grafton Area Chamber of Commerce, featured marching bands, drill teams, floats, civic groups, and a special appearance by Santa Claus on his sleigh. Pictured in a Model A Ford driven by Marc Eernisse, SAL Commander is a handsome veteran that Bev Kasprzak has been married to for 49 years. Seriously, it was a fun time.

Post parade we were greeted by Tom Stanton at the Bridge Inn. Tom and his Mel's Pig Roast staff provided a delicious lunch to us. A warm thank you to Mel's Pig Roast. Recently I met with Tom and Jim Kaysen, a Post member, to discuss how we can partner with Mel's Pig Roast who raises funds special needs organizations, high school scholarships, and human service groups. Our participation would provide an opportunity for funds back to the Post

CORRESPONDENCE

Consider volunteering with Habitat in Ozaukee County. A current building site is just west of Sendik's Grafton. Contact Judy Allen, Volunteer Coordinator, cell phone 414-313-7864 or call me 262-618-4925. They like to work with groups of 10-15.

George Washington Bay View Post 180 Annual Bowling event. January 9, 2016. \$25 entry fee. Interested contact me.

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa reported that the Honor Guard did one gratis funeral for November. Mike thanked everyone for the great turnout for Grafton's annual Christmas Parade. The march and the after activities went well.

Blood Drive: Mike Knoppa reported the Post blood drive was a success with 35 donors. Auxiliary members, Renata Quillen and Sue Turowski, were a great help, with the Auxiliary providing wonderful treats for all.

Hall manager Al Richards reported that the Hall is doing great with bookings solid through February. The Post energy bill has decreased markedly since building updates for energy savings have been done.

Las Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow reminded all to make sure they sell the lottery tickets enclosed in the newsletter.

Oratorical Contest: Lee Wiskirchen reported that the three contestants for the oratorical contest gave their prepared orations superbly. The contestants from the Grafton High School included Katie Lamb, Abbie Valerius, and Monica Geiser. The contest results were close with Katie Lamb being the winner. She will now go on to the County level contest at the Mequon-Thiensville Post on Thursday, January 7th at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome.

POW/MIA: Jim Stencil reported on the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency which has announced burial dates for eight Americans who had been missing in action since WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. They all will be buried with full military honors.

Executive Committee Recommendations: None

New Business:

- Amy Luft and Bill Reidel came to accept orders for memorial bricks.
- New Post member, James Prahll was welcomed

aboard. He is currently serving in the Navy overseas.

Good of the Legion:

- Commander Ken gave special "Thanks" to all who come to the Post on early mornings and helped keep the Post in tip top shape.
- Home made sausage this evening after meeting donated by Frank Balistreri.
- Thanks also to Scott Zimmermann and his family who graciously provided the traditional meal and serving of it following the Post meeting before Christmas.
- The Metro-Milwaukee Military Historians invite you to their monthly meeting at the Post on Monday, December 21st, at 6:30 pm, to hear Cedarburg resident, Lt. Commander Karle Naggs (USN, ret.), speak on his experiences as a Cold War spy pilot.
- The speaker for January will be a Marine who was a survivor on the day the USS Liberty was attacked. The Grafton Library is named in memory of those who lost their lives that day.

Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Pat Lederer
\$30 – Sue Matthaeus
\$25 – Amanda Jozwowski
\$20 – Pete Gramoll
\$15 – Dave Tile
\$10 – Marlin Miller



Auxiliary President Cathy's Thoughts.....

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I was not able to attend our Christmas Party but do hope everyone had a good time. I found this Christmas Poem for a friend when giving her a Secret Santa gift, and it has turned into a favorite of mine. I wanted to share it with you all.



My Christmas Wish For You

*My Christmas wish for you, my friend
Is not a simple one
For I wish you hope and joy and peace
Days filled with warmth and sun*

*I wish you love and friendship too
Throughout the coming year
Lots of laughter and happiness
To fill your world with cheer*

*May you count your blessings, one by one
And when totaled by the lot
May you find all you've been given
To be more than what you sought*

*May your journeys be short, your burdens light
May your spirit never grow old
May all your clouds have silver linings
And your rainbows pots of gold*

*I wish this all and so much more
May all your dreams come true
May you have a Merry Christmas friend
And a happy New Year, too ..
by Ruth Kephart*

**Happy
New Year!**



Rose-Harms Unit 355
American Legion Auxiliary
January 2016

We rolled out the red carpet at our annual Christmas party. This year's theme, *Old Hollywood*, had everyone all dolled-up! Thank you to the Christmas party committee for hosting a wonderful evening of lights, camera and action. Two thumbs up!



Have you renewed your membership? Per ALA Unit Handbook "A member failing to pay annual dues by January 31st shall be classed as delinquent and suspended from all membership privileges which include voting on Unit business, holding office and participation in Unit activities". Don't jeopardize your membership standings – renew your membership now! You can simply renew online by visiting the national website (www.ALForVeterans.org). Go to the "Members Only" tab and create a log in ID if you don't already have one. Or, contact our Unit Membership Chair, Renata Quillen (262-377-0370) for assistance.

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.

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)

The next Post bingo will be on **Tuesday, January 12 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 next Auxiliary meeting is **Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.** Stop in early for snacks, refreshments and socialization beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Auxiliary Executive Meeting – January 9 - 8:00 a.m. @ Post

Post Bingo – January 12

Auxiliary Meeting – January 19

SAL News - November 2015

Called to order at 6:35 PM.

Moment of silence in memory of 2400 men and women who died at Pearl Harbor.

Prayer, Pledge, and SAL Preamble.

Treasurer's report by Bill Riedl. Profit from beer tasting should be around \$2632.

Membership report by Paul Turowski. Newest member Tyler King was introduced.

We have around 70 members, only half of which have paid dues so far. In order to get 100% we need to have check in by January. 1. Motion was carried to pay dues for all members who haven't paid and collect from them as we have in the past. Any that don't pay will be dropped from membership list at the end of the year.

Bill Riedl reported on the memorial brick project. Only about 10 bricks have been sold to date. Encouraged all members to participate and get brick order forms filled out and sent in with check.

Cory McCormick reported on the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans project that was tabled from the November meeting. Motion made and carried that we send \$200 to the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans project.

Al Richards reported that the County Veterans Service Office may have need for gift cards to give to veterans families during the holidays. Motion made and carried to authorize up to \$200 for gift cards to be given out by the County office if there is a need.

Bowling tournament will be late January, probably the 23rd. Date will be confirmed and announcement made in the newsletter. Help will be needed.

Veterans Day dinner went well and all had a good time.

Prizes and help needed for Casino night on Feb. 20. Next SAL meeting is Jan. 12, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Contact Ed Summers to order SAL hats, shirts, jackets, etc. at;

262-721-5710 or his email is esummers_22@yahoo.com

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

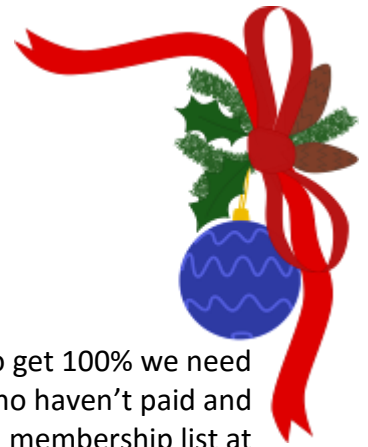
January 11 – Kim

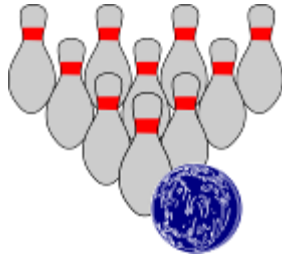
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Upcoming Events

Jan 12 – SAL Meeting starting at 6:30 pm

Feb 20 – 32nd Annual Las Vegas Night





ROSE-HARMS POST 355 - 10th ANNUAL BOWLING OUTING

Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion

WHEN: Saturday, January 23rd Registration at 11:00 a.m. Bowling at 12:00 noon

WHERE: Circle B Bowling

WHY: A “fun get-together” for Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and friends

COST: \$10.00 per person for 3 games of bowling and shoes

Five person mixed teams with the first 20 teams to register. Anyone can bowl, so get your team together for this fun outing. If you cannot get 5 people together to register to bowl, we will get you a team. This event will be a 9-pin tap tournament. Please arrive a half hour to an hour prior to the start of bowling. Prize money will be paid out at the conclusion of bowling. Please note there is only one shift of bowling.

TEAM LINE-UP (Please print)

Captain 1. _____ Telephone # _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Please return entry form by January 18th to;

Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body

1327 Wisconsin Ave

Grafton, WI 53024

If you have questions, please call Robert Rieck

375-3747 (H), (414) 217-1076 (C) or 377-4190 (W)



We Need You !

Look up in the corner of your membership card.

The membership year runs from January 1st to December 31st.

So, if your card still says 2015, your membership in The American Legion is about to run out.

Send in your dues now and save \$5.00

After January 1st, National is increasing the dues to \$35.00