



Rose Harms Legionnaire

November 2015

Send in your dues now !

**National will increase our dues after January 1st
So, save \$5.00, plus get a free dinner**

Looking Ahead

Monday, Nov. 2nd	Post Executive Committee meeting
Thursday, Nov. 5th	SAL Beer Tasting
	Ozaukee County Council meeting at Grafton
Monday, Nov. 9th	Post general meeting at 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 11th	BINGO
	SAL meeting at 6:30 pm
Wednesday, Nov. 11	8:15 am Veterans Day ceremonies at GHS
	10:30 am march from the Post to the park
	11:00 am Veterans Day ceremonies at the park
	11:30 am Open house and lunch at the Post
Saturday, Nov. 14th	Veterans Day Dinner at the Post
	Legion Riders meeting - lower hall
Monday, Nov 16th	Military Historians - Medal of Honor recipient
	Card party—Lower hall
Wednesday, Nov. 18th	Post Christmas tree decoration in the plaza
Saturday, Nov. 28th	Grafton's Christmas Parade
Wednesday, Dec. 2nd	Post Blood Drive - 2:00 to 6:30 pm

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COMMANDER'S CORNER

Ken Kasprzak



On July 11, Veterans from the Zablocki VA attended the annual Auxiliary picnic at our Post. Legionnaires and Auxiliary members visited with the vets and made sure they had an enjoyable day.

With this event in mind, Amy Luft, Bill Riedl, and myself brainstormed ways that we can continue to honor and remember veterans who have served our country. Little did I know that from our discussions I would announce the approval of the Grafton American Legion Brick Memorial. This project will be done in cooperation with our Legionnaires, SAL, and the Auxiliary. Memorial engraved bricks will be located in the area around the flagpoles. Commemorative bricks will be similar to those at the World War II Memorial at Coal Dock Park in Port Washington. In addition to acknowledging the men and women who have served our country in times of war, this will also be a Post fundraiser.

Included in this newsletter is an order form with instructions on how to place an order for a Memorial Engraved Brick. Expected date that bricks will be installed is spring of 2016. All veterans and their families can purchase an engraved brick.

At our Veterans Day Dinner on November 14, more information will be available for attendees. Also, Wisconsin American Legion Commander, Dale Oatman, will be in attendance. SAL Commander Marc Eernisse notified me that its members would perform the install work after the bricks are purchased and engraved. Any questions about this project or how to purchase a brick contact a committee member. Committee members as follows: Myself, Amy Luft, Bill Riedl, Ralph Beck, and Neil Mertz. My Contact phone number. Phone----262-618-4925.

Good of the Legion.

At our October meeting, Neil Traxel announced an event to benefit the Milwaukee Veterans Initiative. At our Post on November 8 from 12pm to 5pm, a collection drive will take place. Household items of any variety and food items are most needed.

The Homeless Veterans Initiative began in 2008 when Veterans of Peace members, Mark Foreman and Dennis Johnson, began interviewing veterans at a daytime

shelter to find out what kinds of help they needed. The program grew rapidly and is meeting the needs of 200 to 300 homeless veterans in Milwaukee and another 5,500 identified as at-risk. Current programs are as follows:

- Outreach----Visiting homeless veterans to find out their needs. Food, clothing, toiletries, and blankets are offered.
- Home Support----Helping veterans into living spaces and providing basic household items and furniture.
- Wellness Assessment----Follow-up to mentor their health and well-being.
- Emergency Food----stocking the pantry.
- WOVIN----Founded by women veterans to help their comrades.
- Bikes for Stripes----donating bikes to veterans as a means of transportation.

Any questions about homeless veterans needs:

Email----info@mkehomelessvets.org

Phone----414-763-5596

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank You Auxiliary for the new curtains at the Post. On October 18, volunteers ironed and hung the curtains----Linda Brown, Mary Molaski, Janice and Taylor Bould, Sue and Paul Turowski.
- Thank You Nick Schanen and Butch Paegelow for installing our new ice machine.
- Thank You to Window Washing Crew----Marty Wegner, Bill O'Sullivan, Robert Wrecza, Ron Kuta, Jim Arentz, Dave Wegner, and myself.
- Thank you to the 21 Legionnaires from our Post who assisted with the Fall Closing of Camp American Legion.
- Between the 2nd District golfing that the Post ran and our Post golf outing, we made \$700. Big thanks to Marty Wegner for soliciting and Al Richards for his efforts to assist the outings.

Recommendations passed at our last meeting

- Post will donate \$500 to Grafton Christmas Parade
- Donate \$100 to the Homeless Veterans Initiative.
- Purchase 2 new vacuum cleaners

Calendar Raffle Winners

\$50	Tom Peterson
\$30	Doug Arendt
\$25	Elizabeth Hilgart
\$20	Dorothy Andrews
\$15	James Johnson
\$10	Brian Hadler

Packer tickets were won by Corey Esselmann



Grafton American Legion

Memorial Brick Order Form

Place your order now for the memorial engraved bricks that will be placed around the three large flags in front of the Rose-Harms American Legion Post.

These bricks, available in 2 sizes, are a perfect way to acknowledge the men & women whose sacrifices and dedication have given us the freedom we have today. The bricks, engraved with your message, will be installed in spring of 2016. Place your order by April 1, 2016 to have your brick installed for the dedication. If you'd like to present this brick as a gift, we'll have a certificate that you're able to present.

Please complete all of the following information: Date _____

Name _____ Telephone number _____

Your address: city, state and zip code: _____

Email address _____
 Email Gift Certificate. Pick up Gift Certificate at Rose-Harms Post.

For all bricks, please utilize the boxes below for your message. Please note – utilize only **one** letter/character per box. Not all boxes/rows need to be filled. If you'd like the engraving centered, please do so below. **You will not be sent a proof before your brick is engraved.** The brick will be engraved **exactly** as it appears below. Please print legibly.

For 4 x 8 bricks



Payment information is as follows:

4 x 8 Brick = \$50
 8 x 8 Brick = \$100

For 8 x 8 bricks:

Make check made payable to:
Rose-Harms Post 355
 and mail to:
Brick Memorial
Rose-Harms Post 355
1540 13th Avenue
Grafton, WI 53024

Contact Ken Kasprzak
 with questions at
 262-618-4925 or
 kkasprzak1@icloud.com



Sons of the American Legion

November 2015

By Craig Butler

SAL account balance is about \$4,400. Waiting on proceeds from 28 hole sponsors from the Golf tournament. Dave Wegner donated the food at Monday's Legion Post meeting.

Membership renewal expects 67 SAL members, out of which 24 have paid their dues. Obtaining email addresses as part of this year's registration to enhance timely communication.

Sue Turowski sent a thank you card and a check to SAL for \$305 for the time and assistance a few of our members gave helping during Kapco's picnic.

Trees from Home sent a thank you letter for our past donation with a request for another donation this year. Trees from Home provides artificial Christmas trees and other goodies to active overseas military personal. Bill indicated we donated in 2013 and not in 2014 as the letter indicated. A motion to use the funds received for the Kapco picnic as a donation to this cause was unanimously approved.

Richard and Bob did some work at our Camp American Legion cabin in September. A new 32" TV was installed with a better antenna and reworked a pathway and planted grass seed. Camp will be open until October 2. Also, help is needed to post signage along camp boundary in fall. Anyone wishing to attend or help by other means, please let Dick know. Yet to be done is investigate getting a dock, obtain red gravel for the driveway and a bunk bed. Property signs will need to be installed but no date has been defined.

Ken gave a progress update about the plans for the brick memorial at the Legion. Drawings were provided to give everyone an idea of what the memorial will look like. All committees have voted in favor of the project and only a few details remain. An announcement will be made about this at November's Veteran's Dinner. Order forms are being planned. Bricks to be engraved will cost \$50 – 4x8 or \$100 - 8x8. They can be purchased to recognize any veteran even if they are not a Legion member. No bench is planned currently.

Thank you to Brian, Kurt and Neal who took care of the flag pole maintenance at the Memorial.

Richard is going to contact Scott Ritter to see if he will continue being the order person for SAL clothing.

Bill invited everyone to Diane Riedl's birthday celebration on November 7th @ 6pm at the hall.

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

November 9 – Bob Rieck

December 14 – Al

January 11 - Kim

Upcoming Events

Oct. 31 – American Legion 2nd District Fall Conference:
Mequon Legion Post 457 at 9:00am

Nov. 5 – Beer Tasting: SAL volunteers arrange a time to man a vendor table to pour libations.

Nov. 7 - ALRA State Quarterly Meeting: Legion Post 13, 900 Flag Drive,
Richland Center at 1pm

Nov. 10 – SAL meeting

Nov. 11 – Grafton Veteran's Day Parade: Meet by 10:30 at the Post

Nov. 14 – Veteran's Day Dinner - **EVERYONE IS WELCOME !**





Rose-Harms Unit 355

American Legion Auxiliary

Auxiliary Meetings
3rd Tuesday of every

Our October meeting was full activities this month. We started with a presentation Jane Kelley from Columbia St. Mary's Hospital addressed our group in regards to breast cancer awareness. There may be a possibility to have a joint Ozaukee County breast cancer awareness event in 2016.

We welcomed 3 new members that attended the meeting: Kathy Faulds, Joan Dufner, and Joyce Zirtzlaff. Mel Nowak, gave a review of the baby's shower that herself, Mary Molaski, Juniors, Jenna & Meghan Klos along with their mom Laurie Kloss organized at our September meetings. There were 27 donors who participated and a total of 99 baby outfits gifted. A total of three boxes were delivered to the VA for the women veterans.

For Veteran's Day Nancy Chin made 125 cards and they will be presented at the VA for Veteran's Day. Mel asked members to sign the cards to be presented.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for the Veteran's Day Parade & Lunch.

If you would like to bring something please call Cathy Brunnquell 262-377-0718.

Everyone who signed up to bring food should have it at the Post by 9:00 a.m.

Ann Fields has asked members to be at the Post by 10:00 a.m. if interested in marching in the parade.

Sue Turowski is working with our juniors on a project coming up in November, for Veterans Day getting the Grafton Elementary schools involved to thank our Veterans. Sue is reading books to children at the grade schools and the books will then be donated to the schools, which has already started in October. There are 17 books that will be distributed.

The juniors are setting up a display at the library in the lower level, Children library, Veteran's week local grade schools will invite veterans to come and sit in the lunch room and have lunch with the students. President Cathy reminded members that the Second District USO challenge will be the month of November. Members are asked to please bring Snicker Bars, dry Gatorade mix and other non-perishable snacks to the November meeting.

Our annual Poppy distribution will be on May 6 & 7, 2016. June Shock has volunteered to chair the Poppy distribution this year. She will be making phone calls to find volunteers for this important weekend.

A Legion Family Packer game at the Post is being organized for Sunday, November 22. It is a 12:00 noon game, Packers against Minnesota. Once all the details are settled Cathy Brunnquell will send an email and we will have further discussion organizing it at our November 17th meeting.

Amy Luft gave an update on the Rose-Harms American Legion Memorial Brick Garden. Members will be able to purchase bricks in memory or honor of a veteran starting Veteran's Day. Two sizes are available: 8x4 for \$50 and 8x8 for \$100. The bricks will be installed in the front of the Post by the three large flags the summer of 2016. More information and an order form will be available soon in the Newsletter.

Programs and events still are in need of chair persons. An updated listing will be sent out to members at our November meeting.

Upcoming Events

November 11, Veterans Day Parade & Lunch at Post

November 14, Veterans Dinner

November 17, Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 pm

Auxiliary President Cathy's Thoughts



We all love "Old Glory"

I know one thing that all of us ladies in the Auxiliary have in common, we all enjoy wearing our Red White and Blue. Whether it be our clothing or jewelry or just a pin on our collar. We are proud to show our patriotism.

I recently have read what the Red, White and Blue stand for in our flag.

Red is for valor and hardness

White to mean purity and innocence

Blue for vigilance, perseverance, and justice

I'm sharing this picture because as most of you know my son Peter is a Specialist in the United States Army. He just recently decided to re-enlist for an additional 3 years. He sent a video to my husband Jim and I of a little ceremony his company gave him last week, in which he was sworn in for his re-enlistment. There is no greater feeling than seeing your son in a uniform standing in front of the United State Flag. He put on the post "here it is in all its glory, this is for you Mom". Oh the tears when I saw this.

I can easily get emotional with the United States Flag because my father was one of the most patriotic man I knew and that is how he taught me to be. To be proud to be an American! Peter is so much like his namesake, my father, and seeing him with the Red, White and Blue, it all ties together. They serve our country because of their, valor, hardness, vigilance, perseverance and justice. All the while protecting our countries purity and innocence.

Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative Information Event Located at the Rose Harms Post 355

Sunday, November 8th, 2:00 to 6:30 pm

Some of the most needed items are as follows;

Milk crates
Clear Sterilite bins (105 qt)
Twin, full and queen sized comforters
Twin, full, and queen sheet sets and pillow cases
Blankets
Microwaves
Toasters
Coffee makers
Vacuum cleaners
Swiffer dusters
Mops and brooms
Cleaning supplies
Laundry detergent
Dryer sheets
Laundry baskets

Waste baskets and Rubbermaid garbage cans
TV converter boxes and antennas
Flashlights
First aid kits
Bikes
Bike locks and helmets
Black garbage bags
Paper towels
Toilet paper
Hand sanitizer
Furniture
Bath mats
Throw rugs
Crock pots
Irons/ironing boards



For all Post members
November 14th
Everyone is welcome!

All paid up Veterans of the Rose Harms Post get a Free Dinner,

Compliments of
The Sons of the American Legion and the Auxiliary.

6:00 p.m. Social hour
7:00 p.m. Dinner

Please mark down if you are a Post Veteran
Non-Veterans _____ x \$15 = Total enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

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Name _____

Make checks payable to and mail to;

Rose Harms Post 355
1540 13th Ave.
Grafton, WI 53024