



Happy 97th Birthday

Come and help honor our Post's
Legionnaire of the Year
Also our Firefighter, EMT and
Police Officer of the Year



Saturday, March 12

Other Up Coming Events

Thursday, March 3rd	County Council meeting at Fredonia Post 410
Sunday, March 6th	Legion Jam / Mel's Pig Roast at our Post
Monday, March 7th	Executive Committee meeting
Tuesday, March 8th	BINGO
Saturday, March 12th	American Legion Birthday (St. Patty's) dinner
Monday, March 16th	Post General meeting - 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 19th	Riders Annual Chili Cook-off at Saukville Post
Monday, March 24th	Military Historian Club
Monday, March 24th	Card Club - lower hall

Rose Harms Legionnaire - March 2016

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



As I look forward to events in March, I remember the 2015 US Bank "Fight For Air" Climb. As pictured, I was a participant in this American Lung Association fundraiser. On March 19, I again will climb the 1,034 steps to the top of Milwaukee's US Bank Building. As I take each step, I reflect on two things im-

portant to us all. Family or friend who passed away due to lung disease. In my case, my father who had COPD. Veterans who sacrificed their lives to insure our freedom. My climbing 47 floors is minor compared to the obstacles that they faced during war-time conflicts.

MEMORIAL BRICK PROJECT UPDATE.

Our current brick orders total the "equivalent" of 91, 4x8 bricks. At a recent committee meeting, the following was discussed:

- ♦ A pre-order form will be submitted to "Gift Bricks" located in Sturtevant WI.
- ♦ Formatting orders in a word document has begun and will be completed by end of March.
- ♦ Tentative date of April 1 for submission of our initial order to Gift Bricks.
- ♦ Anyone contemplating a memorial brick as a way to honor a veteran should try to order during March.
- ♦ Dedication of our Brick Memorial tentatively scheduled for June 12.

Committee members as follows: Amy Luft, Bill Riedl, Ralph Beck, and Neil Mertz. You can contact me at 262-618-4925.

SECURITY CAMERAS and office monitor are now operational. Our first step at attempting to make our building impervious to theft and vandalism.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

Bill Clayton and I met with six Grafton high school students who submitted applications to attend Badger Boys State. Three of them were selected as a primary delegate and three alternates. We congratulated them and presented a letter with instructions about what's next. Approximately 885 young men will attend Badger Boys State.

Bill Clayton did a great job as our Post representative.

All of us have been in some type of "Race" during our lives. But a special movie "RACE" to be released depicts an athlete's life in history that transcends color, creed, society, and time. The story of Jesse Owens, who won four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics as the clouds of World War II were gathering. This movie captures the battles Owens confronted on many levels to show the world that athletic success wasn't a matter of race, but of talent and determination. A great film that depicts racism in the United States being largely overshadowed by the deadly conduct of Nazi Germany.

A senior enlisted SEAL will be the first sailor in a decade to receive the Medal of Honor, for a mission to rescue an American civilian hostage in Afghanistan in 2012. Navy SEAL Edward Byers's actions were clearly beyond expectation but will be classified. More than 70 years after he stormed the beaches of Iwo Jima, a Medal of Honor recipient had a Naval Support Base ship named after him. "USNS Herschel Woody Williams" The Navy is expected to put the 784-foot-long vessel with a 52,000 sq. ft. flight deck into duty in 2018.

CORRESPONDENCE

A thank you from Portal, Inc. for our \$250 donation, which will be used to address the needs of individuals with disabilities. Thus helping them to be an integral part of their community.

A thank you from Fisher House of Wisconsin for our \$250 donation in support of veterans for treatment at the Milwaukee VA Spinal Cord Injury Treatment Center.

Mel's Pig Roast for a FREE Music Event.

Legion Jam at Rose-Harms Post 355.

Music by Ozaukee County Jam Band.

Date---March 6th.

Doors open at 1pm.

Performance at 2pm.

Cash Bar,

Mel's famous pulled pork



Great Times for Great Causes.

Proceeds go to Mel's Pig Roast and Post 355.

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported that Jim Hall is home from heritage Nursing Home and Romie Monarski is doing well after his knee replacement. Gerald Cook is moving on to radiation treatment for his cancer. Please keep them all in our prayers!

Americanism: Bill Clayton reported that this year's Badger Boys have been selected by the Post rather than the GHS Principal. Badger Girls are chosen by the Auxiliary.

Athletic Chairman Doug Arendt: The State Bowling Tournament is scheduled for April 2nd through May 3rd.

The County Tournament will be held at the Cedars on April 2nd & 3rd.

Reds Bowling Tournament with proceeds targeted to the Grafton and Cedarburg Posts is scheduled for April 23rd.

Hall Report: Al Richards said that the Post received many accolades from the Legion Riders on its "ship shape" looks and condition.

The County Badgers Boys State orientation will be held at our Post on May 25th. If you want to learn what the program is all about, come and listen in.

Beer and soda for the evening compliments of Commander Ken Kasprzak.

Oratorical Contest - Lee Wiskirchen reported: Post Oratorical Contest winner, Katie Lamb, finished a close 2nd place at the 2nd District finals. She thanked the Post membership for all its help and support, and is gearing up to compete again next year.

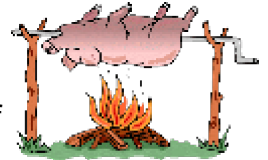
POW/MIA report - Jim Stencil: The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the identification of 4 Korean War and 1 Vietnam War soldiers who were identified, repatriated, and buried with full military honors.

Executive Committee Recommendations:
None

New Business:

Sue Turowski spoke to the membership regarding Camp Hometown Heroes big event, the Grand Slam Charity Jam, held on March 5th. Extensive assistance is required for the event, and its set up and take down. March 3rd for loading trucks and taking equipment to the event at the Wisconsin Center. March 7th will be clean up and hauling things back to Kapco.

Tom Stanton, representing Mel's Pig Roast, spoke to the membership about the history of the organization. Its mission is to raise and donate money to special needs children and other worthwhile community endeavors.



Mel's will be holding a roast and "Free Legion Jam" at our Post on Sunday, March 6th. Half of all proceeds will go back to our Rose Harms Post 355.

Mel Lightner, Grafton Public Schools Superintendent, spoke to the membership regarding the proposed Grafton School District funding referendum that is needed to repair our schools in Grafton. The vote will be on it on April 5, 2016.

Calendar Raffle winners

\$50 - Jim Malkowski

\$30 - Bob Molaski

\$25 - Steve Shock

\$20 - Joe Walsh

\$15 - Scott Wollner

\$10 - Ervin Novak

**Rose-Harms Unit 355
American Legion Auxiliary
March 2016**



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.



Happy Birthday American Legion!



Make sure to take part in the Birthday celebration by attending the potluck on **Monday, March 14** at 5:30 p.m. Auxiliary members are asked to bring a dish to pass. Please have food items to the Post by 5:00 p.m. Contact Cathy Brunnquell (262-424-7692) for details. **Note: After the potluck will be our monthly Auxiliary meeting.**

Thank you to the Grafton Lion's Club, Exacto Foundation and Turowski Healthcare Products LLC, for sponsoring the following 2016 Badger Girl's: (Delegates) Megan Klos, Madison Tomashek and Zainab Manzoor. (Alternates:) Allison Parsons & Erin Hogan.

Start collecting your loose change! Help us win the 2nd District Penny War challenge for Diane Duscheck's 2017 National President Campaign. Bring your coins to our Auxiliary meeting. The winning District will be announced at Convention!

Are you a Hidden Hero? Are you caring for a Veteran? The Military and Veteran Caregiver Network would like to identify 500 or more American Legion Auxiliary members to be trained to serve as peer mentors as many already have experience caring for service members or Veterans. For peer mentor applications or caregiver applications contact Mary Petrie, VA & R Department chair: 920-261-8161 or email: mmrtpe-trie@charter.net

The Milwaukee VA Women's Health Program is recruiting Sister Assistors. Female volunteers are needed who would be willing to meet Veteran patients at the Medical Center entrance and accompany them to their appointment. The Sister Assister would wait until the appointment is complete and then accompany the Veteran back to the Medical Center entrance. If interested, or for further information, contact Jill Feldmann, Women Veterans Program Manager, at 414-384-2000 x 41926.

Post bingo will be on **Tuesday, March 8 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.

Ozaukee County Auxiliary members are invited to a FREE tour of The War Memorial Center in Milwaukee on **Saturday, April 2** from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. A bus shuttle will depart from the Grafton Post at 8:30 a.m. The cost to ride the shuttle is \$5. To participate, please RSVP to Amy Luft (414-651-7300) or email: amyjlucht@gmail.com by March 27.

The Ozaukee County Council meeting will be held at the Grafton Post on **Wednesday, April 20**. Refreshments start at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m. with a meeting to follow. This is a great opportunity to find out what our County

Units are doing to serve our Veterans, our military and our community. Attendees are asked to bring one white elephant gift for the silent auction. Please contact Cathy Brunnquell (262-377-0718) no later than April 13th if you are interested in attending.

The Auxiliary annual Wine Tasting event will be held at the Post on **Saturday, April 23**. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 in advance/\$30 at the door. Awesome appetizers and a food will be supplied by Fire Ridge along with an evening filled with Raffles, 50/50 and karaoke! Please support the Auxiliary by attending this fundraiser. Contact Diane Riedl (262-483-8823) or Ann Fields (262-384-1982) for information.

The 2nd District Spring Conference will be hosted by Washington County on **Saturday, April 30** at Cedar Ridge in West Bend. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with the conference starting at 9:00 a.m. Registration fee is \$2 and lunch is \$12.50. Please contact Cathy Brunnquell (262-424-7692) to sign-up. Also call Cathy if you are interested in a car pool.

Hometown Heroes is in need of the following items for camp:

- white cotton t-shirts - mix of sizes
- rain ponchos
- bath and beach towels & washcloths
- sleeping bags

Please start collecting items now and bring them to our 2nd District Spring Conference on **Saturday, April 30**. Contact Sue Turowski at 262-389-4644 for more information.

Save the date: **Saturday, May 21** for *Sweat for a Vet* a Post-to-Post walk from Cedarburg Post to Grafton Post. More information coming soon!

Stars & Stripes Honor Flight has announced their 2016 flights: April 16 & May 14. WWII, an War, or terminally ill veterans from any era are invited to participate. Contact Amy Luft 414-651-7300 or email: amyiluft@gmail.com for further information.



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Don't forget to cut coupons and collect box tops for education. Bring them to our monthly meetings.

Please remember to check your dates. We can not send expired coupons. Your help is greatly appreciated

Make sure to like us on Facebook at our Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary page.

Upcoming Events

Post Bingo – March 9

Legion Birthday Dinner Dance – March 12

Joint Legion Family Birthday Meal & Auxiliary Meeting – March 14

Auxiliary War Memorial Field Trip – April 2

Stars & Stripes Honor Flight – April 16

Ozaukee County Council Meeting – April 20

Auxiliary Wine Tasting – April 23

2nd District Spring Conference – April 30

Auxiliary President

Cathy's Thoughts

Have you ladies read about all the great things that are happening in the next couple months?

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we are a busy Auxiliary. You should consider coming to our meetings and hearing about all the events that we are planning for this year. Our next meeting is March 14th and combined with the men. We celebrate the Legions Birthday with the Legionnaires and it is always a good time. We plan a Pot-luck Dinner and invite the men downstairs. When dinner is over and the men have their meeting upstairs, we have ours downstairs.

We have our Facebook page updated also, so there is another form of communication for our members.

Thank you to our calling committee in the past month. You may have been called and asked if you would like your newsletter emailed or sent to you by regular mail. We are trying to help defray the cost of postage. If you did get a call please call me and let me know.

I hope to see more of you at our meetings and lets all be grateful Old Man Winter is soon leaving!



March 19th 2nd Annual Bob Flynn Chili Cookoff

**Sponsored by
the 2nd District Legion Riders
at the Saukville Legion Post**



**Saturday,
March 12th**



Celebrate St. Patty's Day and The American Legion's Birthday

**with Corned Beef & Cabbage
plus Chicken with all the Fix'ins**

All for only \$15 each.

Everyone is Welcome - the Fun begins at 6:00pm

We have limited, so please RSVP ASAP

Names

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

or Call 262- 377-8887

SAL News – March 2016

- Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM.
- MIA flag is missing so the MIA ceremony will be postponed until a new flag is ordered.
- Treasurer's report by Bill Riedl. Checking account in the black.
- Bowling Tournament report. Bowling profit was \$920.00 with 95 bowlers participating. Next year price will be raised to \$15 per bowler and limit raffle prizes to 15 prizes. We need more help to run raffles. Will make effort to have members sign up for a specific time to help. Next year bowling will be January 21 with 1 PM start instead of noon.
- Thank You letter read from Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative thanking us for \$200 donation. Membership report by Paul Turowski. We paid for 73 members that included 3 new members. Only 4 members have dues that are outstanding.
- Memorial Brick project report: 85 bricks sold so far. April 1st is the deadline for ordering. Dedication will probably be in June. Brick order form is available on griftonlegion.com.
- Purchasing a pier for our cabin at Camp American Legion was discussed. Will look for something in the area of the camp and have it delivered so that we can install it.
- Paddle Prizes and help needed for our Las Vegas Night on Feb. 20. Get raffle tickets in or bring them that night.
- Help is needed at the Hometown Heroes Grand Slam Charity Jam on March 5th at the Wisconsin Center. Help also needed on March 3rd from 2:30 – 4:30 to load the truck in Cedarburg and unload at the Wisconsin Center and again on March 7th from 9-12 noon to load and take back to Cedarburg. For more information about the event: www.grandslamcharityjam.org
- Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Contact Ed Summers to order SAL hats, shirts, jackets, etc. @ 262-721-7710 or esummers@yahoo.com

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

March 19 – Auxiliary providing meal in honor of the Legion's birthday and St Patrick's Day.

April 11 – Bob Rieck

Upcoming SAL Events

- ★ **Feb 20** – 32nd Annual Las Vegas Night at the Legion @ 6:30 – 11pm
- ★ **March 8** – SAL Meeting @ 6:30pm