

# Rose Harms Legionnaire

May 2016



## Upcoming events

Monday, May 2nd	Post Executive Committee meeting
Thursday, May 5th	Ozaukee County Meeting
Friday, May 6th	Poppy Distribution
Saturday, May 7th	Poppy Distribution
Monday, May 9th	Post general meeting
Tuesday, May 10th	BINGO
Tuesday, May 10th	Sons of the American Legion meeting
Monday, May 16th	Military Historians at the Post
Monday, May 16th	Card Party lower level
Saturday, May 21st	SWEAT4VETS walk
Wednesday, May 25th	Badger Boys State Orientation at the Post
Monday, May 30th	Memorial Day



**Memorial**  
**Day**  
*Never Forget*  
*Ever Honor*

### Calendar Raffle Winners

\$50 – Helen Barlow

\$30 – Robert Wrecza

\$25 – Ron Stifta

\$20 – Tom Peterson

\$15 – Julie Gramoll

\$10 – James Krzoska

## **COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak**



Our Memorial Day Ceremony planning has commenced. As I described last month, our goal is to focus this day and program in honor of veterans who died serving our country. I'm working on an address which will give my thoughts on the importance of Memorial Day.

As a reminder the Germantown American Legion Post 1 will host the Vietnam Moving Wall from Sept. 1-5, Labor Day weekend.

**MEMORIAL BRICK UPDATE.** On April 4, our engraved brick order was placed at giftbricks.com. Proofs were approved and our order is in production as follows:

- a) 109 Bricks 4x8.
- b) 74 Bricks 8x8.
- c) 325 Blank Bricks 4x8.

Installation continues to be planned for May/June. Our committee is reviewing acceptance of additional orders. Contact: Amy Luft, Bill Riedl, Ralph Beck, Neil Mertz, or me at phone number---262-618-4925.

### **GOOD OF THE LEGION.**

- **Membership.** As last reported, we are at 304 paid members. All of us have a responsibility to promote membership within the legion family. Our Post is at 81% membership renewals. This number could be improved if we work together and encourage our members to pay their 2016 dues. Wisconsin has 1500 less members than last year and Ozaukee County is 765 short but have 199 new members. Within the 2nd District, Ozaukee County is in 2nd place at 92.71% member renewals. As a reminder, the 2nd District Spring Conference on April 30 will be held in Sheboygan. Anyone interested in attending give me a call.
- The 48th Session of the Ozaukee County Youth in Government Day was again successful. A total of 80 students attended and 15 of those were from Grafton High School.

- Flag Day and Parade is scheduled for Sunday, June 12 in Waubeka at the Americanism Center. Our Post is encouraged to participate. See Mike Knoppa with questions and interest.
- Elections of Officers for year beginning July 1 will take place at our May meeting. A slate was approved but nominations will be accepted at this meeting.
- Our Post's Bingo on April 12, we held a food drive to benefit the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Initiative. Neal Traxel was very thankful to our bingo participants for a very successful food collection. We plan to continue this event again in the future.
- At our May meeting, we plan to honor 8th grade students and family. Students will represent four schools; St. John's, St. Paul's, John Long, and Savior Lutheran.

**The Rand Corporation** has released the results of a study focused on how the U.S. military is treating PTSD and depression among its personnel. Among the conclusions are notably the following:

1. Service members with PTSD have complex service needs.
2. Improvement in psychotherapy is needed. Medication management is continuing to improve.
3. Administrative database quality measures are good but some areas need improvement.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Sweats4Vets Walk is Saturday, May 21.

Mel's Pig Roast is known for its events to raise dollars for funding special needs organizations, high school scholarships, and human service groups. On the evenings of May 6 and 7, they are hosting Casino Night at the Cedars in Cedarburg. \$20 per person so come and help raise money for a worthy cause.

Thank you for our support of the Disabled Vets Fish Outing. This year's outing will be on Wednesday, June 12.

Thank You to Butch Paeglow and Nick Schanen for excellent work at replacing our Office Door at the Post. Also, for getting needed air and heat to this room.

# Highlights of our last Post meeting

**Chaplain Report:** Les Williams reported that Post member George Mayer has died along with Jim Boehnlein's wife. Jim is now at LaSata. Gerald Koch is scheduled for cancer surgery. Claude Wollner is hanging in there. Please remember how much visits to these members help them both physically and spiritually.

**Publicity:** Ron Kuta reported: It was noted the wonderful spread the News Graphic provided on the Post Coloring and Essay Contest

**Americanism:** Bill Clayton reported: The letters to schools in the area for selection of outstanding 8th graders have been sent.

**Scouts:** Steve Shock reported: There was discussion of how to handle a trailer donation issue. It was decided to have the trailer come through the Post to the scouts thus legalizing it.

**POW/MIA:** Jim Stencel reported: The POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced the identification of remains of one sailor and two soldiers who had been missing from WWII. Navy Ensign, Lewis Stockdale who had been assigned to the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor when it was sunk on December 7, 1941. The sinking resulted in 429 casualties including Stockdale. Thirty-five sailors would be subsequently recovered and identified: the remainder would eventually be buried as unknowns in the national Cemetery of the Pacific, better known as the Punchbowl. Jim further reported on the recovery and identification of the remains of numerous WWII, Korea, and Vietnam casualties.

**Camp American Legion:** Dick Lallensack reported: Our cabin is in need of bedding, and a motion to purchase such new bedding from the general fund was tendered and seconded and passed.

## Recommendations Passed

- Donate tents, tables, chairs, etc. for the Player Alumni Resources Charity Fishing Event with proceeds to go to the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Program.

- Give a \$250 scholarship to the Post's Badger Boys State representatives.
- Donate \$500 for the Disabled Veterans Fish Outing on June 15, 2016.
- Purchased 10 tables for \$50 per table for the Post Tent Program.

**New Business:** Richard Marshall, USA, serving in Japan and Korea, along with new member Roger Wendtland, USAF 1959-62 were present at our last meeting.

April 16 & 17 is the Wheelchair Bowling Tournament in Random Lake.

## Good of the Legion:

- The new selection process has produced an outstanding group of Badger Boys for this year.
- On May 21, the Grafton and Cedarburg Auxiliaries will sponsor a "Sweat4Vets" walk with proceeds going to Camp American Legion.
- April 28, a Benefits for Veterans seminar at the Saukville Post
- April 23 the Grafton Auxiliary Wine Tasting.
- The Metro-Milwaukee Military Historians will have Capt. Jim Hintz, Copter pilot in Vietnam.
- The Post bingo audit revealed the considerable amount of work Tom Peterson performs for that program. Kudos to Tom for his efforts.
- Tom Grabow reported on the presence of Arsenic in town wells and suggested strongly testing your well for such a toxic element. The cost of such a test is \$28.
- Doug Arendt mentioned that the Post rents its gambling equipment to outside venues for their casino nights. He was approached to alter the traditional arrangement we have used. A motion to keep the traditional rental format, but at a reduced rate for selected parties, was tendered, seconded, and passed.

**George Zajel** has been a member for many years and his kids are throwing a 90th birthday party for him. You are cordially invited to an Open House in Honor of George Zajel's 90th Birthday. Sunday, June 12th, Noon to 4 PM at the Post. Light lunch and beverages will be served.



## SAL May News

We have 75 members with one new member as a transfer. We also only have email addresses for 58% of our total members. Members without valid email addresses are listed below. National is attempting to convert from sending news from snail mail to email, which is less costly.



### **SAL Members that need to register an email address.**

If you see your name, please contact Craig Butler with your email at [cabutler2@yahoo.com](mailto:cabutler2@yahoo.com).

Terry Quillen, Ian Bould, Ryan Rieck, Benjamin Damp, Tyler Rieck, Darryl Dressel, Scott Ritter, Brian Hadler, Steve Schaefer, Gary Helm, Neal Schuette, Scott Kosidowski, Steven Shock, Kirai Kozak, Dylan Simon, Christopher Lang, Steve Smith, Charles or Robert Matthaeus, Brandon Talaska, Michael Turowski, Tim Paggelow, David Wegner, Joshua Paulson, Jeffery Wegner and Jim Proefrock.

The Post has received orders for 257 Memorial bricks. The dedication is rescheduled for July 10th. A new committee is needed to plan and construct the brick memorial. A few people volunteered and if anyone else is interested in helping, see Bill.

**Memorial Day** activities are being changed to focus on the reason for Memorial Day. One thing that will be included is a discussion on the meanings of each fold of the flag. SAL will plan to install all the Flags and that will be planned on the May 10th meeting. Flowers need to be installed at the Memorial. The Legion pays for the flowers. Bill did this last year and would like to have a few people help organize and plant the flowers prior to Memorial Day. More will be discussed at the May meeting.

**Sweat4Vets** Project is planned for May 21st. This is a fundraiser walk from the Peter Wollner Post in Cedarburg to the Rose-Harms Post in Grafton. Volunteers and walkers are needed to support this event. The squadron discussed the possibility of providing food at Grafton. More will be discussed at the May meeting. The cost to participate is \$20 and is open to all ages. Registration form can be found on [www.graftolegion.com](http://www.graftolegion.com).

**The American Legion National Emergency Fund** was created in response to Hurricane Hugo in 1989 and has since provided more than \$8 million in direct financial assistance to American Legion Family members and posts. By providing this emergency funding, NEF has prevented damaged posts from closing and enabled American Legion Family members to recover from tragedy. The fund provides up to \$3,000 for qualified Legion Family members and up to \$10,000 for posts. Our SAL squadron unanimously approved a \$500 donation to the American Legion National Emergency Fund.

**The Viper Ride** is a new local organization whose mission is to engage blind and visually impaired veterans from Wisconsin by providing a day of motorcycling, socializing, food and entertainment. Its first ride event will be August 21st. Volunteers and donations are needed. Our SAL squadron unanimously approved a \$500 donation to The Viper Ride. For more information see: [www.theviperride.org](http://www.theviperride.org) or search The Viper Ride on Facebook. The District 2 American Legion Riders also donated \$500 and bikes for the ride.

**The 6th Annual SAL Golf Event** is planned for June 4th at Fire Ridge. This event is open to the public. A registration sheet was passed out and is also available on the [www.graftonlegion.com](http://www.graftonlegion.com). For information contact either Richard or Robert Rieck at 262-377-4190.

Contact Ed Summers to order SAL hats, shirts, jackets, etc. at 262-721-5710 or [esummers\\_22@yahoo.com](mailto:esummers_22@yahoo.com)  
Legion Post Meeting Dinner Volunteers to obtain and setup food by 7:45pm, May 9 – Chris and Corey

### **Upcoming Events**

May 10 – SAL Meeting @ 6:30pm

June 4 - Annual SAL Golf Event





## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual SAL Golf Event at Fire Ridge Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Scramble

12:00 Noon-1:00 pm Registration & Range Access

**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.*

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

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

**5:30 p.m. Steak and Chicken Dinner**

Salad, Rolls/Butter, Parsley Potatoes, Vegetables, Steak, Lemon Pepper Chicken & Cookies

**6:30 p.m. Awards and Silent Auction**

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*Please return registration by Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>*

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Address, City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Golf and Dinner	\$ 90 X _____	= \$ _____
Hole Sponsorship	\$100 X _____	= \$ _____
Dinner Only	\$ 20 X _____	= \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

**Please send payment to: Sons of the American Legion  
c/o Heinz and Sons 57 Auto Body  
1327 Wisconsin Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024**

**For additional information contact: Richard or Robert Rieck at 262-377-4190**



## *Auxiliary President*

### *Cathy's Thoughts*



*I don't know about the rest of you ladies but to me it seems whenever we finish some type of event or project we might have a little free time.....but then one of us come up with another great idea to help our veterans. This is what makes our Auxiliary so awesome and active!*

*Judy Kuta put together all of our reports and I'm sure it was not an easy job, **this was due to how active we are.** We continually try to make the meetings shorter but we have so much to cover, **this is due to how active we are.** We have clip boards going across the room during our meetings for people to sign up and volunteer, **this is due to how active we are.***

*Our membership is doing well. Our goal is 187 members and we have 182 paid members. Share with your friends and family that you know would qualify to be an Auxiliary member and tell them about our awesome organization and the things we do....Maybe mention to them **"how active we are"***

*Poppy time is just around the corner. On Friday May 6 & Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. we are distributing them at our usual places this year. Pick-in-Save, Mikes Citgo, Ace Hardware, Sendiks, Dairy Queen & Citgo, Sweet Trio & Colectivo. June Shock is organizing this year so you will need to contact her to find a spot and help. Her phone number is in our newsletter. Please remember to ask the people walking by you, "Would you like to wear a Poppy for a Veteran?" **We do not sell the poppies.** The entire program is to promote and make them aware the meaning of a poppy.*



**Rose-Harms Unit 355**  
**American Legion Auxiliary**  
**May 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.

Thank you to everyone who handed in reports for our year-end reporting. We are a busy Auxiliary – 109 reports were submitted to Department! Thank you to Judy Kuta for all the hard work that she put in to this task.

Auxiliary elections for next year's officers will take place at our May meeting. If you are interested in running for a Unit position please contact Diane Riedl at 262-483-8823.

Don't forget to collect 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!

Chaplain, Linda Brown, will again be making an Auxiliary Prayer Book for our Unit. Members are asked to please write one prayer for the book. Please bring two copies of your prayer to the May meeting. Contact Linda Brown at 262-268-8296 with questions.

The Auxiliary annual Poppy Distribution will take place on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7. Volunteers are needed! Please contact June Shock at 262-377-3728 to sign-up.

Post bingo will be on Tuesday, May 10 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.

Put on your walking shoes! Sweat4vets, a Post-to-Post walk from Cedarburg Post to Grafton Post, will be held on Saturday, May 21. Pre-registration is \$20 or \$25 the day of the event. Proceeds will go towards the Women's Week at Camp American Legion. This event is open to all ages. Register online at [www.sweat4vets.com](http://www.sweat4vets.com) or contact Amy Luft (414-651-7300) or Carolyn Schweitzer (920-851-3610) to sign-up. Let's get a big Rose-Harms team together and strut our stuff!

The Auxiliary will be serving the Memorial Day luncheon at the Post on Monday, May 30. Auxiliary members are asked to have their food items at the Post by 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are also needed for set-up and clean-up. Contact Linda Brown 262-268-8296 for information.

Save the date – The Auxiliary June Banquet will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at Bunker's Restaurant.

Have you ever wondered what you would do or where you would go if there was a disaster in our community? Volunteers are essential in any emergency situation, but before volunteers can lend a hand they must be screened and orientated at a Volunteer Reception Center. Rose-Harms Post has an opportunity to be a Volunteer Reception Center in times of an emergency. Learn what a Volunteer Reception Center is and how you can help by attending the FREE training session on Wednesday, June 29 at the Ozaukee County Administration Building. See the attached flyer for complete details or contact Amy Luft at 414-651-7300 for information.

Marcus Movie tickets, gift cards, and gift certificates are available through the Auxiliary at a discounted price. These items make great gifts for your family and friends! Next order due date is June 23. Contact Laurie Schwalbe at 414-659-6951 for information.

Stars & Stripes Honor Flight will have two more spring flights on May 14 & June 11. WWII, Korean War, or terminally ill veterans from any era are invited to participate. Contact Amy Luft at 414-651-7300 or email: amyluft@gmail.com for further information.

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

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



### Upcoming Events

Poppy Distribution – May 6 & 7

Post Bingo – May 10

Stars & Stripes Honor Flight – May 14

Auxiliary Meeting – May 17

Memorial Day Luncheon – May 30

## Trees from Home — 2016

Please join us for a fun filled day, decorating Christmas trees for our troops  
... 100 trees have been ordered.

**USA PROUD!!**

**When:** Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Where:** Rose Harms American Legion Hall-Unit 355



Lunch will be provided! So, all you need is to bring your glue gun and let us get creative!  
Please respond before August 13<sup>th</sup> to reserve your spot to:

**Linda Brown, Unit Chaplain**  
**1229 West Portview Drive**  
**Port Washington, WI 53074**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

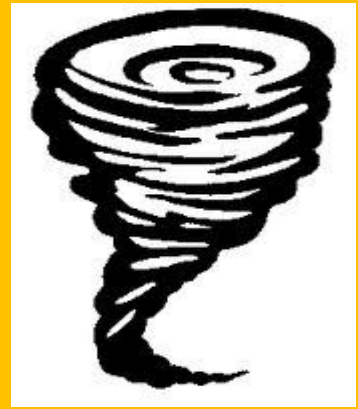
\_\_\_\_\_ yes, I'll be there!

\_\_\_\_\_ no, sorry can't attend but would like to make a donation toward postage!

Any questions, please feel free to call 262/268-8296



# WHEN DISASTER STRIKES



**WHEN DISASTER STRIKES...Volunteers give help and hope.  
They rebuild neighborhoods and lives.**

**Before volunteers can lend a hand...They must be screened and  
oriented at a VOLUNTEER RECEPTION CENTER.**

**Learn what a Volunteer Reception Center is and how you can help.**

**Please join us for this FREE training.  
Lunch will be provided.**

## **Disaster Volunteer Reception Center Training Wednesday, June 29, 2016**

**Location: Ozaukee County Administration Building  
121 W. Main St.**

**Please register by June 20, 2016 by clicking on this link:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/disaster-volunteer-reception-center-training-registration-24745835460>**

**Registration 8:30 AM; Training 9:00 AM – 4:00PM**





**A 2.5 Mile Post-to-Post Walk Benefiting  
Camp American Legion**



**Saturday,  
May 21, 2016  
10:00am**

**Camp American**



**Legion**

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**Register by May 20th - \$20 (Receive Event T-Shirt)**

**Day of Event - \$25**

**Veterans - Free**

**Kids 12 & Under - Free**

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**Event Registration Opens at 9:00am**

**Walk Begins at**

**Cedarburg American Legion Post &**

**Ends at Grafton American Legion Post**

**\*\*\*Shuttle Service Will Be Available\*\*\***

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**For more information, visit [www.sweat4vets2016.com](http://www.sweat4vets2016.com). Registration forms available online & at the Cedarburg & Grafton American Legion Post.**

# sweat4vets

## A Post-to-Post Walk Benefiting Camp American Legion

Email: sweat4vets2016@gmail.com



Phone: 920-851-3610

Brought to you by the Cedarburg & Grafton American Legion Auxiliary

### Event Details:

Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
(Rain Date: Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016)  
2.5 Mile Walk

Registration Time: 9:00am  
Location Start: Cedarburg American Legion Post  
Official Start Time: 10:00am  
Ending Location: Grafton American Legion Post

Register by May 20 - \$20 (Receive Event T-shirt)  
Day of Event - \$25  
Veterans - Free  
Kids 12 & Under - Free

### Proceeds will benefit Camp American Legion.

Camp American Legion located near Big Carr Lake in, Lake Tomahawk, is a haven for veterans who are seeking physical, psychological or spiritual healing. This FREE camp is open to any veteran and active duty member from all service eras with a physician documented, physical or psychological illness, injury or disability. There are specific themed weeks, including a Women Veterans Week. Camp American Legion is funded and operated on donations. The estimated cost for one veteran to attend camp is \$300.

*The American Legion Auxiliary is a 501(3)(c) charity and all donations are tax deductible.  
Register online at [www.sweat4vets2016.com](http://www.sweat4vets2016.com) or complete the form below and mail to:*

*Peter Wollner Post 288  
W57 N481 Hilbert Avenue  
Cedarburg, WI 53012*

..... detach here .....

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size (Circle One): S M L XL 2XL

Entry Fee..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check payable to **ALA/Sweat4vets** is enclosed.

☐ Please charge the following account:

☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Disc ☐ AmEx

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as listed on card (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (invalid without signature)

**Liability and Publicity Release:** For myself and my executors and administrators, I/we hereby release the Cedarburg and Grafton American Legion Posts, any event sponsors and any event volunteers and each of their respective officers, employees, successors and assigns from any and all claims and damages arising out of any injury or condition that I/we may suffer as a result of participating in this event. Further, I/we hereby grant full permission to any and all of the foregoing to use my/our photograph or any other record of the event for legitimate purposes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature (if under 18 years old): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_