



The Rose Harms Legionnaire

December 2016



We need your support!

**Don't forget to renew
your membership in this
great Post by December 31st.**

**Legion family members decorate
our Post's Christmas Tree in the
Grafton Plaza.**

Up Coming Events

December 5th	Post Executive Committee meeting 7:00 pm
December 8th	Auxiliary Christmas Party
December 12th	Post's general meeting and Oratorical Contest on the Constitution - 7:00 pm
December 13th	BINGO
December 13th	SAL - 6:30 pm
December 19th	Military Historians - doors open at 5:00 pm



*Merry
Christmas*

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



My picture suggests that winter weather is on its way. With colder temps comes the holidays, Christmas and New Years. Enjoy time with your family and remember to say to yourself "Every Day Is A Bonus".

On Veterans Day I had the privilege of addressing the students at Grafton High School. I spoke of what Veterans Day should mean to all of us. In addition to honoring our heroes and remembering their sacrifices, it's a day to thank veterans for their service. A simple thank you to a veteran, but also by living our lives as good Americans and productive citizens.

In July 2016, the Brick Memorial at Rose-Harms Post 355 was completed and a dedication ceremony was held. It's a way for friends and families to continue honoring veterans. All veterans and their families can purchase an engraved brick. Order deadline is April 1, 2017.

Brick sizes and pricing are:

4" x 8" ---\$50.

8" x 8" ---\$100.

To order go to "graftonlegion.com" and print an order form. Also, order forms are available for pick up at Rose Harms Post 355.

Any questions about this project or how to purchase brick. Contact a committee member. Amy Luft, Bill Riedl, Ralph Beck, Neil Mertz, and myself. My Contact phone---262-618-4925.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

The 37th Annual Grafton Community Christmas Parade is on November 26. All Color Guards and Legionnaires from area Posts marched together as one unit.

Ozaukee County "Legionnaire-of-the-Year Award. An annual special recognition for outstanding service. Nominate a Post 355 member by submitting a name to me no later than January 1.

Consider a personal donation to the American Legion of Wisconsin as a way to help veterans and their families. Examples are the Camp American Legion and the Troop and Family Support Funds.

The Wisconsin American Legion Midwinter Conference will be January 17-22, at Ho-Chunk in Baraboo WI. Contact me if interested in attending. Phone---262-618-4925.

Honor Flight---Larry Engel highlighted his recent trip and noted that in the near future Vietnam Vets will be eligible. Honor Flight applications are available at our Post.

CORRESPONDENCE.

From Blaine and Kay Hilgendorf; Thank you for including us at your Veterans Day dinner. We had a great time! We're honored to take care of the Memorials at Veterans Park. Thanks to all of you for your service to our country.

The American Legion of Wisconsin---A thank you for our donation to the 2016 Run Pride to support the Legacy Scholarship Fund. We will receive a Legacy Plaque at the Midwinter Conference on January 21.

It is with sincere gratitude that the Grafton Gladiators thanked our Post for the donation made to support the 2016 football team. Over 133 kids played on the tackle and flag teams. The team schedule is posted on our website.

www.graftongladiators.com

Thank you from John Long Middle School for the new American Flag. We will fly it proudly in honor of our country and those who have and continue to protect it. *Kevin Deering, Principal*

Veterans Day Lunch on Friday and Dinner on Saturday evening-----

A sincere thank you to our Ladies Auxiliary for a fine meal and all their work to make it happen.

Also, a big thank you to Amy Luft, Bill Reidl, and Al Richards for planning a great veterans dinner program. Happy Holidays!

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported that the following names have been added to the Post Memorials at Veterans Park: George Mayer, Gerald Cook, John Clapham, Ervin Novak, and Donald Proefrock.

Post member, Claude Wollner has died and taps will be played following this meeting for him.

Gary Gilstrap reported membership at 245 with 322 as a goal for the year. Thanks to Veterans who attended the GHS Veterans Day Program.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa reported that the Post's Honor Guard did a funeral for Donald Nimetz. Mike also commented on the great turnout for the Veterans Day Parade,

Blood Drive: The Post's Blood Drive is scheduled for November 30, 2016. For 2017 the date is set at November 29th.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported that the State Golf Outing is in Seymour, which is only about an hour and a half away, is scheduled for next September.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen said Zach Gaeske, GHS Oratorical Coordinator, has provided 5 names as contestants for the Post Oratorical Contest at the Post's meeting on December 12th.

POW/MIA: Jim Stencel reported: The names of 5 Korean MIA's repatriated to the United States to be buried with full military honors including Army Cpl. Joseph Trepasso, Army Pfc. Lavern C. Ullmer, Army Sgt. James E. Martin, Army Cpl. Donalds E. Matney, and Army Maj. Jack D. Griffiths . . .

Camp American Legion: Dick Lallensack reported a road was replaced at Camp, the Lodge will have all windows and doors replaced. Attendance this past summer set a record with 1,343 attendees.

A family who lost their son in Afghanistan, is interested in making a very generous donation to Camp.

Unfinished Business: An update on the proposed Legion Family donations to the All My Friends Playground Project are the following: Post - \$1,000, SAL - \$750, and Auxiliary - \$750 for a total of \$2,500.

The Memorial Brick Project proposes to add 104 new 8' x 8' engraved bricks and 104 blanks with an April 1st application deadline . . .

Executive Committee Recommendations Passed:

- Reimburse SAL \$2,666.00 for costs incurred in the building of the Post's Brick Memorial.
- Donate the budgeted amount of \$500 for the Grafton Christmas Parade.

Good of the Legion:

- Post member, Larry Engel, spoke to the membership about his wonderful and moving participation in the September Honor Flight Trip.
- Beer and soda for the evening compliments of Mike Karrel's Anniversary and Ken Kasprzak's birthday
- The Military Historians will present at their monthly meeting on Monday, December 19th, Mark Richards who flew Blackhawk missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Calendar Raffle:

\$50 Paul Holtrith

\$30 Dorthy Lucht

\$25 Bob Wrecza

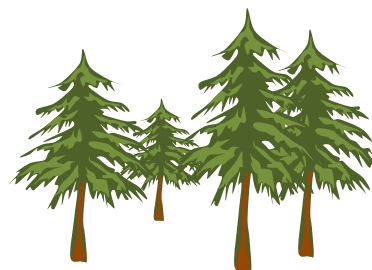
\$20 Carol Arentz

\$15 Lynn Klimek

\$10 Sue Heniadis



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Time again for Rose Harms annual LAS VEGAS Night on Saturday, February 18, 2017.



This is the 33rd year for this event which has been a very successful fund raise for Post 355. Enclosed with your newsletter you will find 4 packs of tickets for the drawing to be held on that night. 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 additional tickets. Tickets 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 successful evening. We are in need of volunteers to help with the gaming tables.

- Contact Steve Shock if you can help out dealing Blackjack or Texas Hold'em that evening. You can contact Steve at 377-3728.
- Doug Arendt is also looking for help with the Roulette wheel and the craps tables. Doug can be reached at 262-617-9737.
- Contact Butch Paegelow at 377-9596 with any ideas or questions you may have to make this a fun and successful evening for all who come to our Las Vegas Night on Saturday, February 18th.

Doors will open at 6:30 with free beer from 6:30 to 7:30. Gaming will run from 7:00 to 11:00 with drawings for cash prizes to follow. You need not to be present to claim a cash prize. Lets make this another successful night for Rose Harms Post 355 on February 18th by inviting friends and family to this annual event.

Sons of The American Legion

SAL has 78 members on our registration list. Anyone who has not paid their 2017 membership dues, please contact Paul Turowski to arrange your renewal.

Via email: turowskipaul@yahoo.com

Or by phone: 262-389-4645



The 7th Annual Oktoberfest SAL Beer Tasting was a success even though attendance was down slightly. This year we not only offered a wide array of beers, multiple auction items, games and food to help pair with the many beers, but we also had whiskey tasting. A good time was had by all.

SAL will add to the Legionnaires \$1,000 donation by contributing \$750 towards the All My Friends Playground project.

The Post is accepting orders for memorial engraved bricks to be installed in 2017 at the Rose-Harms Brick Memorial. The Brick Memorial project was done in cooperation with the Legionnaires, Sons of the American Legion and the Auxiliary. 104 bricks can be sold. An announcement will be made at the Veteran's Dinner. Order forms are available on the Rose Harms web site or by contacting a committee member: Ken Kasprzak (262-618-4925), Amy Luft, Bill Riedl, Ralph Beck or Neil Mertz.

Anyone wishing to order SAL clothing, please contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465

Upcoming Legion Post Meeting Dinner Volunteers: Volunteers to serve at 7:45pm

Dec – No Volunteers needed Jan 9 – Dick R Feb 13 – Neal S.

March – No Volunteers needed Apr 10 – Kim F.

Upcoming Events; Dec 13 – SAL meeting @ 6:30pm



Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary

December 2016 Newsletter

Soar for Our Veterans

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.

As we move into our holiday season let us never forget why we are here – for our veterans, the military, their families, and our community. We have much to be thankful for.

Membership, membership, membership! We are getting close to the end of the year and all renewals are due by December 31. Please help your Unit be success with membership by renewing yours now. For questions about your membership, contact Renata Quillen at 262-377-0370.

The annual Post blood drive is on **Wednesday, November 30** from 2:30 – 6:30 pm. Why should you give blood?

- Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. More than 1.68 million people are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in 2016. Many of them will need blood, sometimes daily, during their chemotherapy treatment.
- A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood.
- Blood cannot be manufactured – it can only come from generous donors.
- It's a good thing to do!


Please consider participating in the blood drive – it's a simple thing to do that can help many.

Our Unit will be sending holiday cards with a gift card enclosed to our active duty soldiers within our American Legion Family. If you have a family member who is currently serving or know of a serving member from our Post, please forward the name and address to Cathy (262-377-0718) by **Sunday, December 4.**

Let's have a PJ party! The Auxiliary Christmas party will be held on **Thursday, December 8** at the Post. 5:30 pm. cocktails and 6:00 pm. dinner. Cost is \$10 payable at the door. Please bring a new beautifully wrapped gift to put under our Christmas tree for our gift exchange (minimum gift cost \$15). RSVP to: Lu 262-468-6587 or Sue 262-389-4644.

Chaplin, Linda Brown, is requesting prayers from our members for our Unit Chaplin Prayer book. Contact Linda Brown (262-268-8296) for further information.



Join us and play the  **Stars & Stripes** game! Help us identify local businesses that fly the American flag. We will be presenting the businesses with a certificate of appreciation from our Unit. Bring your business names to our meetings each month or forward them to Department Americanism chair, Amy Luft at 414-651-7300 or amjluft@gmail.com.

Zablocki VA is in need of cloth foley bag covers and clothing protectors for patients. Please contact Judy Kuta (262-377-8613) if you are interested in receiving a pattern or to assist with the sewing.

Marcus Movie tickets are on sale now! To place your order contact Laurie Schwalbe at 414-659-6951.



Cathy's Thoughts

Our Rose Harm American Legion was represented very well in the Grafton Christmas Parade. Joined by the Legion Riders leading the beginning of the parade and many other Legion friends from other Ozaukee County Posts walking with us. It was a fun parade as usual and definitely made you feel the Holiday Spirit.

It will be great to see Auxiliary members at our Christmas Party this year. It is Thursday December 8th at our post, starting cocktail at 5:30 pm. All the details are in our Newsletter. With a little twist this year we are dressing in PJ's. It should be a good time especially to see what other members are going to show up wearing?

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year to celebrate faith, family and traditions. I hope each of you reach out to your friends and family with the Christmas spirit.

I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!