



Rose Harms Legionnaire

November 2016



Up Coming Events at the Post

Thursday, November 3rd	Ozaukee County meeting at our Post, 7:00 pm
Monday, November 7th	Post Executive Committee meeting, 7:00 pm
Tuesday, November 8th	BINGO
Friday, November 11th	8:00 am at GHS for our annual program. 10:30 am - march to Veterans Park 11:00 am Veterans Day ceremony Return to Post for open house.
Saturday, November 12th	Veterans Day Dinner
Monday, November 14th	Post's general meeting
Monday, November 21st	Military Historians Club Card Party—lower level—everyone welcome
Saturday, November 26th	Grafton's Christmas Parade

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Rose Harms Post 355

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



My picture brings back pleasant memories from a 2011 trip to Paris with my wife. I had just completed the inaugural Eiffel Tower 10km run. Finished in first place since it was my route and I was the only runner. Bev was the best travel companion. It was a glorious day in May. What a fantastic memory from one of our many travels to Europe.

American Legion National Commander, Charlie Schmidt, was disappointed that the presidential candidates did not allocate debate time to address Veterans health care.

Legion outlines expectation for respect of

U.S. flag. The Legion's National Executive Committee adopted a resolution at its recent Fall Meetings. Resolution 16 was brought forth by the Americanism Commission. As stated, The American Legion expects participants of its programs to show proper respect to the U.S. flag at all times, including during the national anthem. It recommends for department and post leaders of all Legion programs to clearly state to individuals about the organization's expectations. If a participant involved in any Legion program "cannot or will not" show respect to the flag, the resolution states that "the individual should not be a participant".

Veterans Day Dinner----Saturday, November 12. Great food and entertainment awaits your registration.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

Veterans Day—Friday, November 11. Come join your fellow Legionnaires.

Meet at Grafton High School Auditorium for our annual program. Arrive no later than 8:10am. Students honor veterans for their service. Gary Gilstrap and I will address the students and faculty.

We then return to the Post and line up at 10:15am for the march to Veterans Park. Lunch to follow at the Post. Again this year we give a sincere thanks to the Auxiliary ladies for a delicious meal.

"Flag Retirement Ceremony" at Fredonia Post 410 was well attended. Thank you to our color guard for participating.

37th Annual Grafton Community Christmas Parade, November 26, 11am start time. New this year----All Color Guards and Legionnaires from area Posts will march together as one unit. A good change as discussed with Post Commanders from Cedarburg and Saukville.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A thank you note from Donna Howarth and Dianne Dyer for the opportunity to speak at our September meeting. They presented information about "All My Friends Playground" as a community project. The funds raised from "Sweetest Day Dinner" on October 15 were donated to help build an all-inclusive playground for children of all abilities.

Thank you to our Legion Family volunteers who helped at the "Sweetest Day" dinner. Al Richards, Joe Salamone, and myself served as waiters. Perhaps we discovered a potential part-time job at a local restaurant. Cathy and Jim Brunnquell manned the kitchen and plated the food.

On October 7th at the Grafton High School football game, Veterans were honored prior to kickoff. The football players, coaches, Nick Schanen, Larry Engle, Ken Nawrocki, and myself carried the American Flag to midfield and the national anthem was played. Thank you school staff and students for this tribute to all Veterans.

Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Tom Peterson

\$30 – Susan Zellner

\$25 – John Faas

\$20 –Allison Suber

\$15 – Dorothy Lucht

\$10 –Arlene Kaul

Highlights From Our Last Post Meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported that fruit baskets will be distributed shortly, and if you have an individual in mind see Les Al Kohlway is ill and Jim Hall is now at the Hamburg House.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported that the Post has 224 paid up members, so far. Jim Niswonger and Wayne Herder were new members welcomed aboard.

Americanism: Bill Clayton said he had a meeting with Amy Luft discussing voting for new Badger Boys and Girls State. GHS's Guidance Office has a program to help youth register to vote.

Children & Youth: Doug Arendt reported that the John Long Musical is *Beauty and the Beast* to be held on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of November.

Athletic: Doug Arendt said everyone seemed to have a great time at the Post's golf outing. A profit of \$663.97 was made.

Camp American Legion: Dick Lallensack gave a report on the closing of Camp American Legion last weekend by Ozaukee County workers.

Executive Committee Recommendation; The Post will donate \$1,000 to the All My Friends Playground Fundraising Program.

New Business:

- The 2nd District Conference is Saturday, October 29th in Columbus
- The Ozaukee County meeting is at our Post on November 3rd.
- Grafton's Christmas Parade is on November 26th. Anyone interested in marching should meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot at Recognition Specialists.
- Guests: Kathy Brunnquell spoke to membership regarding "Sweetest Day" event here at the Post on Saturday, October 15th. The event is to benefit the All My Friends Playground project.
- Bill Reidl spoke to the membership about the beer tasting event at Fire Ridge on October 27th. \$25 cost for the event, and

Bill also spoke regarding the Veterans Day Dinner on November 12th with doors opening at the Post at 5:00 pm

- Brad Diamond spoke about the Cub Scout's annual popcorn fundraiser.
- 2nd District Vice Commander Greg Eirich spoke regarding membership, the 2nd District Facebook Page and the Wisconsin Legion College.

Good of the Legion:

- Congratulations were given to Sandra Krzewinski on her recent marriage.
- The Grafton High School's program for Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th will start at 8:00 am.
- Beer and soda after the meeting were compliments of Jim Hilgart, Gary Gilstrap, Frank Balestreri, and Jim Hall for their birthdays.
- Military Historians Club will have Silver Star recipient from the Vietnam War as a speaker at the Post on November 21st.



Post member Al Richards was honored by Secretary of Veterans Affairs John Scocos, for his years of service on the Wisconsin Board of Veterans Affairs at meeting held at the Veterans Home in Union Grove.

SAL Minutes – October 2016

Meeting began approx. 6:35pm

Treasurer: Bill reported \$2,600 balance after paying for the Brick Memorial.

Membership: Renewal time again. Please contact Paul Turowski to renew SAL membership. State Vice Commander contacted Paul to ask if someone could look at the SAL Post 355 information on their new website to make sure it is current. Craig volunteered to review the site and follow-up. The Vice Commander asked if we would be willing to donate anything towards the cost of the state's website. No one had any idea of the needs so Paul said he would check back and find out.

Memorial Brick Project: Ken informed Marc that the Legion will provide reimbursement to SAL to cover our costs for the memorial's construction materials. Additional bricks are also being requested. Two donated benches are still outstanding. The benches and the additional bricks will be done in the spring along with a final seal. SAL will purchase plastic shovels for snow removal.

Camp American Legion: No additional cabin work could be arranged at this time. The pier was removed and the cabin was secured for the winter. We will arrange a time in the spring for any remaining work such as gutter guards.

Auxiliary Sweetest Day Dinner is Oct 15th. Tickets \$15 can be obtained at Cornerstone Bank and the Post.

SAL Clothing: Brian announced that if he could order 5 or more coats, there would be a \$10 savings. Additional members requested coats so the total is now over 5.

Memorial Day Flags: Brian discussed ideas to retrofit the existing flag poles to accommodate the larger size flags. A suggestion was made to contact Eder Mfg. to see what they might have to offer. Brian will make a prototype using PVC and an existing pole to be displayed at a future meeting.

Beer Tasting: Volunteers to man eight stations needed. Food pairing will be done with food made available on the buffet instead of a presentation. There will be three small presentations. Questions came up about the cost of purchasing excess beer at the end of the event. It was determined that the cost will remain at \$5.00 per six pack.

New Business:

Tim Hansen's son is in the process of finalizing the construction of a wall hanging US metal artwork. He asked about the possibilities of making these for fundraising. Not sure of the cost yet and will report back with more information next month.



Veteran's Day Dinner: Doors open at 5pm. Registrations are due by November 7th.

Meeting closed at approx. 7:35pm

To order SAL clothing: Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465

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

Nov 14 – Bob and Smitty

Dec – No Volunteers needed

Jan 9 – Dick

Feb 13 – Neal

March – No Volunteers needed

Apr 10 - Kim

Upcoming Events

Oct 27 – 7th Annual Oktoberfest Beer Tasting

Nov 8 – SAL November meeting @ 6:30pm

*Auxiliary President
Cathy's Thoughts*



I hope everyone is enjoying the fall season. The changing colors are taking a while but eventually it will all be beautiful. Fall is my favorite time of the year! I came across a nice poem that I thought was good to share. I wish every one of you a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving with your family and loved ones.

A Thanksgiving Garden

*Plant three rows of Peas:
Peace in our hearts
Peace in our school
Peace in our World*



*Plant four rows of squash:
Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness*

*Plant four rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be honest
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really be kind to one another*

*No garden should be without turnips:
Turnip for lessons
Turnip on time
Turnip to really help one another*

*Water freely with patience: cultivate with love.
There is abundance in your garden
Because you reap what you sow*

*To conclude our garden, we must have thyme:
Thyme for one another
Thyme for friends
Thyme for family*



Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary

November 2016 Newsletter

Our members welcomed guest speaker, Megan Beine, from Interfaith Caregivers of Ozaukee County at our October meeting. Megan shared the mission of Interfaith and how they impact our community. We also enjoyed a wonderful presentation from our Badger Girl, Zainab Manzoor. Have you renewed your Auxiliary membership? Please help us save time and money by renewing your membership now. Contact membership chair Renata Quillen at 262-377-0370 for renewal information.

President Cathy Brunnquell reported the Sweetest Day Dinner on October 15th turned out to be a smaller crowd but everything was great. Ferrante's donated the catering. We heard all good comments about the food. The Vegetable Lasagna was a great hit also. Al Richards, Joe Salamone and Ken Kasprzak were our waiters with class. Al helped with his talents of music and played Italian dinner music that set the mood just right. All in all we hope to have the event again!

Veteran's Day events include a parade, service and luncheon at the Post on **Friday, November 11**. Auxiliary members are encouraged to march in the parade, and should be at the Post no later than 10:00 am. The service at Veteran's Park will begin at 11:00 am. with a luncheon served by the Auxiliary following the parade. The luncheon is open to the public. Auxiliary members should have their food items to the Post by 9:00 am. Contact Linda Brown (262-268-8296) for luncheon information.

The annual Veteran's Day Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, will be held on **Saturday, November 12** at the Post. Doors open at 5:00 pm with dinner served at 6:00 pm. Veterans eat for free! Please see attached invitation. Reservations are due November 7.

American Legion Family Christmas Tree decorating at the Paramount Plaza will be held on **Wednesday, November 16**. Interested members should meet the plaza by 5:30 pm. This is a great Legion Family event...all are welcomed!

The Grafton Christmas parade will take place on **Saturday, November 26**. Members interested in marching should meet at 10:00 am at Recognition Specialists. The parade is well attended by the community, so let's have a big presence!

When's the last time you went to a pajama party? Save the date for our Auxiliary Christmas Party on **Thursday, December 8**. More details to come!

Chaplin, Linda Brown, is requesting prayers from our members for our Unit Chaplin Prayer book. Prayers should be written on 8 ½ x 11 heavier stock paper and brought to our Unit meetings. 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 catheter 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. Please continue to cut coupons for our military families. Remember that the coupons should not be store specific and not expired. Please bring your coupons to our monthly meetings or contact Linda Brown (262-268-8296) for assistance.

Marcus Movie tickets are on sale now! These make great holiday gifts and a percentage goes back to the Auxiliary. To place your order contact Laurie Schwalbe at 414-659-6951.

Veterans Day Dinner

Saturday, November 12

Doors open at 5:00 pm. Dinner served at 6:00 pm.

Evening includes; guest speaker, live music & dancing



Veterans of the Rose-Harms Post whose memberships are paid by Veterans Day receive a **Free Dinner compliments of the Sons of the American Legion and the Auxiliary. Everyone is welcome!**

Non-Veteran Name	Cost	Veteran Name	Cost
	\$15		FREE
	\$15		FREE
	\$15		FREE
	\$15		FREE
	\$15		FREE
	\$15		FREE
	\$15		FREE
	\$15		FREE
Total Enclosed			

Reservations due by November 7. Payment must be received prior to the event.

Make checks payable to Veteran Dinner Dance.

**Mail to: Veteran Dinner Dance
Rose-Harms Post 355
1540 13th Ave.**