



Rose Harms Legionnaire

October 2016



October 3rd

Post Executive Committee

October 6th

Ozaukee County Flag Retirement—Fredonia Post

October 10th

Post meeting

October 11th

BINGO

SAL meeting—lower hall

October 15th

Sweetest Day Dinner

October 17th

Military Historians Club

October 18th

Post Auxiliary meeting



**Veterans
Day**

Veterans Day is rapidly approaching and the Rose Harms Post will hold its annual Veterans Day Dinner on Saturday , November 12th.

If you look at your American Legion membership card and it says 2016, then your membership will run out on December 31st.

What does this have to do with Veterans Day?

Well, if you send in your 2017 dues before November 11th, you will receive a FREE delicious dinner and refreshments on the 12th.

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Rose Harms Post 355

Highlights of Our Last Post Meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported that Neil Traxel is well, Bob Hubacek is back home and Ron Yokes has moved to the Lincoln facility in Port Washington..

Sergeant-at-Arms Nick Schanen reported that taps will be played for Don Proefrock at end of meeting. The 9/11 memoriam at St. Joes was a stirring event.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reminded everyone that the Post golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th with a scramble format.

Chairman Butch Paegelow reported that Las Vegas Night 2017 is scheduled for February 18.

Scouts: Steve Shock reported that Troop 840 has 3 Eagle Scout hopefuls.

Tom Peterson announced that BINGO will begin on Tuesday, September 13th.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen reported that he will contact Zach Gaeske, the high school oratorical coordinator in early October regarding the Contest.

POW/MIA: Jim Stencel reported that the following serviceman from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam have been identified and repatriated for burial with full military honors:

Army Private Virgil B. Adkins, Korea
Navy Fireman 1st Class Jim H. Johnston WWII
Seaman 1st Class Murray R. Cargile WWII
Marine Private Frank F. Penna WWII
Army Corporal Larry M. Dunn Korea
Air Force Major Dean A. Klenda Vietnam
Pfc. Nicholas J. Cancilla WWII
Marine pfc. James S. Smith WWII
Army Corporal Vernon D. Presswood WWII
Marine Pfc. John W. McDonald WWII
Marine Sgt. James J. Hubert WWII
Navy Water Tender 1st Class Walter J. Sollie WWII
Army Cpl. Curtis J. Wells Korea

Camp American Legion: Dick Lallensack reported: the Legion Riders will be at Camp this weekend, and that camp closing is the week of October 3rd.

New Business: Jim Niswonger, prospective new member, was introduced at the meeting.

Dean Proefrock spoke to membership thanking them for the support at father's funeral. He presented a check for \$595 to Post as a donation representing donated memorials in his father's honor.

Donna Howarth and Diane Deyer spoke to membership regarding plans to build a new playground at Centennial Park. This will be an all-inclusive playground for children of all abilities to come and play together in a safe and fun playground. More info can be obtained at www.allmyfriendsplayground.org.



Good of the Legion:

- The Rose Harms Legion Family announced that all proceeds from their "Sweetest Day Dinner" on Saturday, October 15th will go to help support the "All My Friends Playground." Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained at Cornerstone Bank and the Post. Looking for waiters to help serve the dinner. Please contact Al if you can help.
- The Military Historians monthly meeting at the Post on October 17th, will be about the USS Pueblo that was pirated by North Korea in 1968.
- Ozaukee County Flag retirement and Council meeting will be on Thursday, October 6th. It will be sponsored by the Fredonia Post at the Waubeka Flag Center.

Refreshments following the meeting were compliments of Dick Lallensack for his birthday.

Post's Monthly Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Ken Gundrum

\$30 – June Shock

\$25 – Marlene Wegner

\$20 – Helen Barlow

\$15 – Les Williams

\$10 – Gordy Lueder

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



Fall is upon us and winter is coming soon. I participated in our 23rd Annual Post Golf Outing with 68 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary, members and friends. A great turnout for this fun day at Edgewater Golf Course. Thanks to Doug Arendt for again organizing, managing the event, and for great raffle prizes including the team low score award.

Also, for the volunteers who assisted Doug with making golf fun and a success. The weather was fantastic for September, the food was great, and the beer cart made bad golf shots look good.

At our September meeting, Donna Howarth gave a presentation about "All My Friends Playground" planned for Grafton's Centennial Park. This all-inclusive playground will be for children of all abilities to come and play together in a safe environment. An explanation was given on how we can donate to this "all encompassing" worthwhile cause.

PTSD---Can a service dog trained to sweep a building, turn on lights and fetch medications help veterans with PTSD? Researchers at the VA have begun a study of 220 veterans paired with a dog to gauge the affect on PTSD symptoms such as suicidal thoughts, mood disorders, substance abuse, and other issues. VA currently provides service dogs for veterans with physical disabilities but does not pay for PTSD or mental health dogs. A bill was introduced in the House of Representatives in January that would rectify this payment issue.

Camp American Legion in Tomahawk is referred to as a "diamond in Wisconsin". It has provided rest and readjustment for our state's veterans and their families since 1925. Camp director Kevin Moshea, a member of Post 318, says the camp's positive effect on the veterans who use it is why he believes in the camp is a success.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

- Sheboygan County Veterans Memorial will be dedicated on Saturday, October 15 at 1pm. A Gold Star Memorial as a tribute to families whose loved one paid the ultimate price defending our country. Contact Danie Wilson for more information, 920-207-3487.

- Charlie Schmidt was elected as American Legion National Commander at the 98th Convention in Cincinnati. He is a former Commander of Post 63, Burns, Oregon.
- "The Ozaukee County Flag Retirement Ceremony". Put this event on your calendars. October 6, at 6pm, Fredonia Post 410. Our color guard is planning to participate.
- TENT RENTAL----A special thank you to our Post's Legion members who make this service available to the community. Tom Grabow does an exceptional job of organizing the tent crew, scheduling tent setup, and overall management of this Post service. I got a glimpse of all the work that is done by assisting at tent takedown in Germantown. Three large tents were used during the "Moving Wall" event to honor the Vietnam veterans.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you note from Eric Reinecke, Lakeshore Chinooks, for attendance by our Legion Family group at a July baseball game. We hope to see you again next year.
- Note that the 2nd District Fall Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 29 at the Kestrel Ridge Golf Course, Columbus, WI. \$3 Registration Fee plus \$20 for a buffet lunch. Contact me if you plan to attend, 262-618-4925.



Our Post's Legionnaire of the Year, Larry Engel was in Washington, D.C., as a member of the Honor Flight with Amy Luft. Larry's guardian was Lucretia Limmerick, a Post Auxiliary member.



Veterans Day Dinner

November 12th

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.

5:30 p.m. Social hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Special Entertainment with Live Music to follow

Please mark down if you are a Post Veteran

Non-Veterans _____ x \$15 = Total enclosed \$ _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Make checks payable to and mail to;

**Veterans Dinner
1540 13th Ave.
Grafton, WI 53024**



Sons of the American Legion October News

By Craig Butler

Butch Paegelow provided information about a joint Legion Family fundraising opportunity for "All My Friends Playground" currently underway to get specialized playground equipment for children with all abilities to use at Centennial Park. This will be discussed at our October meeting after we get direction from what the Executive Committee decides.

Membership Chair Paul Turowski informed us that we have 78 members. E-mail addresses are being requested with the latest registration. Note: Eighteen SAL members have no email address listed.

Adjutant Craig Butler read thank you cards and letters for SAL donations, work on the Brick Memorial and the Scholarship fund.

Treasure Bill Riedl was able to purchase 100 new flags that will replace the 100 flags purchased last year that did not hold up in the outdoor elements. Any flags that haven't been damaged will be sold. We will announce more details later. Being the newer flags are larger (3x5 instead of 2x4), taller flag stands will be needed so the flags don't hit the ground. Brian Hadler is checking into what this will take.

Camp American Legion: Water will be turned off in our cabin by Oct 3rd. Bob is going to check which weekends are open to get volunteers up to the cabin to pull the new dock, do last minute fall maintenance and shut down the cabin for the winter. The two weekends being considered are Oct 1-2 and Oct 8-9. More than two or three guys are needed so please contact Bob if you can help. Rideshare is available.

Mel's pig roast is being held at Cedars on September 25 starting at 11am. Members are encouraged to stop by and participate. Tickets are \$30. Please thank them for all they do for our Legion and community. Mel's also made a sizable donation to the All My Friends Playground. www.melspigroast.com/Event_Details.htm

On October 15th, the Auxiliary is having a Sweetest Day Dinner with all proceeds going to help build the new playground. Tickets are \$15 and can be obtained at Cornerstone Bank and the Post. Looking for 4 waiters. Please contact Al if you can help.

Brian announced that SAL is invited to use the Gun Club at 4695 WI-167, Hubertus on October 1st from 10am – 4pm. Trap, Rifle and Pistol.

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

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

Oct 11 – Paul and Brian

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 11 – SAL Meeting @ 6:30pm

Oct 15 - Sweetest Day Dinner

Oct 27 – 7th Annual Oktoberfest Beer Tasting



"Beer is proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy."

— Benjamin Franklin



Auxiliary President Cathy's Thoughts

This past Saturday September 24th Rose Harms American Legion hosted "ALA in the Know." It was a great informational Fall Forum. Approximately 115 Auxiliary members came to our Post.

I greeted all the ladies at the front door and many of them made comments saying what a nice area Grafton is and made nice comments about the inside of our post. It was a fun time for all. The ladies met other members as they were seated. Many ideas were shared and learned from post to post. We even had a chance to brag about all the projects we each did. It was a great educational event and learning about others was great.

I received an email from one unit president that came from Mukwonago. She thanked us for the great time they had at the forum. She also commented on the walk down to the river. It reminded her of a certain area at the Dells. The entire day was great.

I was proud as the President of Rose Harms Post and even happier hearing comments from others as I did. So know as members of our Auxiliary that we were represented very well on Saturday afternoon.

Don't forget your to get your reservations in for the Sweetest Day Dinner.

Saturday, October 15th

Serving 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

*Get a great Lasagna dinner, plus wine and dessert
all for only \$15 per ticket.*





Soar for Our Veterans

Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary October 2016 Newsletter

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.

Welcome to our newest members Jan Taylor, Lisa Schaub and PFC Haylea Holzman.

We enjoyed a special presentation at our September meeting by Diane and Donna representatives from All My Friends Playground. They shared information about the new playground being built near Centennial Park for children with disabilities.

Please renew your membership now! Help us be the first Unit in Ozaukee County to reach 100%. For questions about your membership, contact Renata Quillen at 262-377-0370.

We have many Auxiliary program events and activities that still need chairpersons. Please consider partnering with a friend to help us promote our Auxiliary. Contact Cathy Brunnquell 262-377-0718 for further information.

The annual county Flag Disposal ceremony will be held at the Americanism Museum in Waubeka on Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and witness the proper disposal of our US Flags in this humbling ceremony.

Save the date for our American Legion Family Sweetest Day Dinner

on Saturday, October 15.

The lasagna dinner will be served from 5 – 8 pm.

Cost is \$15 for advance tickets or \$20 the night of the event.

Tickets are available at Cornerstone Bank or at the Post.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to All My Friends Playground.


See attached invite. Volunteers are needed.

Please contact Cathy Brunnquell at 262-377-0718.



The Auxiliary Ozaukee County Council meeting will be held at the Mequon-Thiensville Post on Wednesday, October 19. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner served at 6:00 pm. and meeting to follow. Registration is \$1. Attendees are asked to bring a gift for the silent auction.

The Sons of the American Legion will be hosting their annual Beer Tasting at Fire Ridge on Thursday, October 27. Our Unit will be donating a tool chest filled with items for their raffle. Items for donation can be forwarded to Ann Fields (262-384-1982).

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.

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.

Our unit will be purchasing a Christmas Tree and lights for the Boudicca House, a transitional living facility for female veterans. VA & R chair, Mel Nowak, is asking members to please consider donating a Christmas ornament for the new tree. In addition, we will also be collecting cash donations for the Christmas Gift shop at Zablocki. Please bring your ornaments and/or cash donations to the November meeting or contact Mel Nowak (262-377-1776) to make arrangements.

Our Unit will be collecting items monthly for goody bags to be added with Trees From Home. Members are asked to please consider donating items such as; ball point pens, travel tissues, toothpaste, lip balm, pads of paper, etc. Items may be brought to our monthly meetings. Contact Linda Brown (262-268-8296) for further information.

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.

Stars & Stripes Honor Flight will be flying on October 15 and November 5. WWII, Korean War, or terminally ill veterans from any era are invited to participate. Contact Amy Luft at 414-651-7300 or amjluft@gmail.com for further information.

Save the date: Veteran's Dinner Dance will be on Saturday, November 12.
See attached invite for complete details.

Sweetest Day Dinner



Saturday, October 15th

*Lasagna Dinner including a Glass of Wine & Dessert
Served from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm*

Tickets are only \$15.00 each

*and can be purchased at Cornerstone Community Bank
or ordered at*

*Rose Harms Post 355
1540 13th Avenue
Grafton, WI 53024*

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____



*All proceeds go to help build an all-inclusive playground
for children of all abilities to come and play together.*