



Rose Harms Legionnaire

April 2017



"All I can say is Wow!"
Mike Knoppa receives the
Rose Harms Post 355
"Legionnaire of the Year"
from Butch Paegelow and
Commander Ken Kasprzak.



Looking Ahead

Monday, April 3rd	Post Executive Committee
Saturday, April 8th	Wine Tasting
Monday, April 10th	Post General Meeting
Tuesday, April 11th	BINGO
Tuesday, April 11th	SAL meeting in lower hall
Sunday, April 16th	Easter
Monday, April 17th	Military Historians
Monday, April 17th	Card Club in lower hall
Saturday, April 29th	Legion Riders 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off at the Saukville Post



Due to a Snow Storm, our last post meeting was a little shorter.



Chaplain Report: Les Williams reported that 2 Post members have passed away, Dick Verhey and John Tauscher. Also, Al Kohway's wife, had passed. Les reminisced about being honorably discharged this date circa 1954. Then, 2 years later he joined the American Legion in North Dakota followed by a move to Wisconsin and joining the Rose-Harms Post.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Knoppa reported that the Honor Guard did 3 funerals for the month including 2 Post members and a Veteran who was not.

Children & Youth Chairman Doug Arendt reported that the winners of the Drawing and Essay Contest will be at April Post meeting.

Hall Report: Al Richards said that he already had 120 reservations for American Legion's Birthday dinner, sometimes know as St. Patty's Day dinner.

Vegas Night: Butch Paegelow reported that all loose ends have been tied up for the Post's Las Vegas Night 2017 He thanked all who helped make it the best fundraiser ever.

Camp American Legion: Dick Lallensack reported: April 18-30 is Ozaukee County's opening time slot for Camp American Legion and cleaning up the Post's cabin.

Unfinished Business:

Commander Ken Kasprzak reported 50 years continuous members have been notified and invited to the St. Pat's Day event.

Executive Committee Recommendation Passed — The Post will cover the cost of 2 new banners for the Sweat4Vets Walk, which will be from our Post to Cedarburg's post on May 20th.

Good of the Legion:

The Metro-Milwaukee Military Historians Club will feature an Iraq Veteran. Commander Ken and Public Safety Chair



Sandra Kraswinski award EMT Matthew Flatley, Police Officer Glenn Goodearle and David Malkowski, Firefighter of the Year.



Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Alison Suber

\$30 – Diane Nawrocki

\$25 – Jean Beck

\$20 - Jim Stencel

\$15 – Susan Zellner

\$10 – Gail Taylor



COMMANDER'S CORNER

Ken Kasprzak

American Lung Association fundraiser

on March 18. My picture at the top of the US Bank "Fight For Air"

Climb. Again for the 4th year, I met

my finishing time goal and did not stop till I completed the 1,034 steps. I keep telling myself that "Age is Just a Number".



Memorial Brick Project Update.

Our current brick orders total the "equivalent" of 40, 4x8 bricks. Deadline is April 1 for accepting brick orders. Questions, contact me at 262-618-4925.

Election of Post 355 Officers for 2017-18.

Nominations will be accepted at or prior to our April meeting. Please see Jim Arentz, Ken Nawrocki, or Kevin Dressel if interested in being an Officer.

NEWS FLASH! Congratulations Mike Knoppa,

"Legionnaire of the Year" for 2017. Thanks for being a loyal Legion member and for your dedication to Rose-Harms Post 355 over many years.

Continuous Membership Certificates were awarded at our Legion Birthday dinner on March 18 to:

Paul Hollrith----60 Years.

Harold Walsh----60 Years.

Adolph Schroeder----50 Years.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

- 2nd District Spring Conference, April 29, Horicon. Contact Jim Lee, 262-617-5236.
- American Legion Department Convention, July 13-16, Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton.

AED Training. An Automated External Defibrillator machine was donated to our Post. The Grafton Fire Department is planning a training session for the Legion family. More details to follow at our April meeting. Questions contact myself or Cathy Brunquell, Auxiliary President.

Our Ladies Auxiliary potluck dinner at our March 13 meeting was canceled due to a snowstorm. Most likely, we will have to wait till next year to enjoy a wonderful meal as part of the Legion Birthday celebration.

Bingo----April 11, Tuesday.

Workers needed for all Bingo events. Contact Tom Peterson at 377-5429 if you can help.

Disabled Veterans Fish Outing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21. Questions---Contact Mary Schuknecht at 920-918-9144.

Wittenberg Floor Covering located in Cedarburg will be replacing our carpeting, upper and lower levels in the next several months.

Parking in the back of our Post building. Fire and Safety regulations prevent cars, trucks, or vans from parking side of building, lower level, facing south or north. You will be asked to move your vehicle if you violate this rule.

Veterans—Defense—Youth—Americanism. The Four Pillars of The American Legion can't stand without a strong membership. If you know someone who is eligible for membership, has let a membership expire or needs a nudge to renew; Have Them JOIN NOW.

Without you, we are smaller and less able to stand strong to advance the resolutions that have passed and the policies we need enacted. We are the voice of the veteran. We are the conscience of a nation that honors military service and patriotic values.

03/21/2017



Rose-Harms SAL News for April 2017

SAL currently has 79 Members. We still are missing email addresses for a few members. Paul will send out a letter to each. If you are not getting monthly SAL news emails, please contact Craig Butler via email at cabutler2@yahoo.com. Personal email addresses are not shared unless requested.

Auxiliary Vice President Sue Turowski announced the next Grand Slam Charity Jam will be held at the Wisconsin Center on April 1st, 2017. This is a major fundraising event and they need volunteers. The Commodores and other artists will be at the event. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up using the link below: <http://www.grandslamcharityjam.org/2017-volunteer-application>

Auxiliary Chaplin Linda Brown, informed our members about this year's poppy distribution that will be held on May 12 & 13. SAL member volunteers are needed to help by handing out poppies at a local business for a two hour shift. Please sign up at one of our next two meetings. Donations received during this yearly event help subsidize various Auxiliary functions and events.

SAL voted to donate \$575 to help fund Trees from Home.

Memorial Day Flags will be worked on by members after the April SAL meeting. Need to get poles before then.

Memorial Brick Project cutoff is 4/1/17. Forty additional bricks have been sold to date. Order form is still available on griftonlegion.com.

Everyone is being asked not to park along the back of the Post building due to Fire Code restrictions. Just arrive earlier to get a parking spot close by.

Vegas Night was the best night ever. Although the number of attendees were down, the amount of money spent increased. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this important fundraiser a success!

Grafton's time to work on our Cabin 22 at Camp American Legion is April 18th – 30th. Dates for volunteers to attend a clean-up session is April 26th – April 29th.

ALRA District 2 is having its yearly Chili Cook-off on April 29th at Saukville's Landt-Thiel, Inc., Post 470, 601 W Dekora St. Times will be sent to SAL members via email when known.

SAL clothing available in stock: 2 large jackets @ \$45 each; 4 hats (7 ½, 7 3/8, 7 1/8, 7 ¼) @ \$50 each and various polo golf shirts @ \$30 each. **To order any SAL clothing: Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465**

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

Apr 10 - Kim

May 8 - Cory & Chris

June 12 ?

Upcoming Events;

Saturday, April 1st – Grand Slam Charity Jam

Saturday, April 8th – *Auxiliary Wine Tasting*

Tuesday, April 11th – SAL Meeting @ 6:30pm

SAL voted to donate \$300 to help sponsor the Auxiliary's Wine Tasting event.





Soar for Our Veterans

Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary

April 2017 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.

Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate the 98th Birthday of the American Legion! Even though our Auxiliary potluck was cancelled due to weather, we made up for it on Saturday night at the Legion Birthday Dinner.



Don't forget our **"Wine Tasting"** on **Saturday, April 8th.**

The Auxiliary County Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 19** at the Port Washington Post. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm. with dinner at 6:00 pm. Registration fee is \$1. The official meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. Members are asked to bring one nice item for the raffle sale. Please contact Cathy Brunnquell (262-377-0718) if you are interested in attending.

The 2nd District Spring Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 29** in Wisconsin Dells at 9:00 am. Cost is \$2. Contact Cathy Brunnquell (262-377-0718) for more information.

Poppy Distribution will take place on **Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13.** Volunteers are needed! Please consider donating an hour or two of time towards this worthwhile cause. This is a Legion Family event – everyone is welcome to participate. Please contact Linda Brown 262-268-8296 to sign up.

Do you know someone who would like to be a Poppy Princess? Contact Cathy Brunnquell (262-377-0718) to learn more about this opportunity.

The 2nd Annual **Sweat4vets** Post-to-Post walk will take place on **Saturday, May 20.** This year's walk will benefit Stars and Stripes Honor Flight. (Stay tuned for a BIG upcoming announcement of who will be flying next!) There's a new twist on this year's walk - it's reversed! The walk will begin at the Grafton Post and end at the Cedarburg Post with a brat fry. The walk is open to all ages. Can't participate in the walk? You can pledge and sponsor a walker of your choice. The walker with the most pledges will receive a grand prize. See the attached registration form for details or sign-up on line at <http://www.sweat4vetswi.com/>. Volunteers are needed for packet pick-up on Friday, May 19 at the Grafton Post from 5 – 7 pm and for registration on Saturday morning at the Grafton Post beginning at 9 am. Other volunteer opportunities (water stations, parade route assistance) also available. Contact Amy Luft at 414-651-7300 or email at amyluft@gmail.com.

The Memorial Day Luncheon will take place at the Post on Monday, May 29. Auxiliary members interested in donating a dish should contact Linda Brown 262-268-8296. Items should be brought to the Post by 9 am. Auxiliary members are encouraged to participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Please contact Ann Fields 262-384-1982 for details.

The Auxiliary will be holding elections at our May meeting. If you are interested in running for a position or would like to learn more about a specific position, please contact our Nominating Committee team: Mel Nowak 262-377-1776 or Mary Molaski 262-377-9251.



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 amyluft@gmail.com.



A Post-to-Post Walk Benefiting Stars and Stripes Honor Flight
Brought to you by the Cedarburg & Grafton American Legion Auxiliaries



Email: sweat4vetzwi@gmail.com

Phone: 920-851-3610

Saturday, May 20, 2017
2.5 Mile Walk

Registration Time: 9:00am (Light Breakfast Included)
Location Start: Grafton American Legion Post
Official Start Time: 10:00am
Ending Location: Cedarburg American Legion Post

Packet Pick-Up:
Friday, May 19th, 2017
Grafton American Legion Post
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Register by May 6th - \$20
Day of Event - \$25
Veterans - Free (Includes T-Shirt)
Kids 12 & Under - Free (\$5 for T-Shirt)
T-Shirts will be provided to all pre-paid walkers. Race day
registrants will receive t-shirts while supplies last.
Leashed Dogs Allowed

Proceeds benefiting
Stars and Stripes Honor Flight



Register online at www.sweat4vetzwi.com or complete the form below and mail w/ payment to:

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

..... Detach Here

One Form Per Participant

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Sex: M F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Veteran? ☐ Under 12? ☐ T-Shirt Size (Circle One): YS YM YL S M L XL 2XL

Entry Fee: \$ _____

Youth T-Shirt: \$ _____

Donation: \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

☐ Check payable to ALA/Sweat4vets is enclosed.

☐ Please charge the following account:

☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ AmEx

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CVC Code: _____

Name 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: _____

The American Legion Auxiliary is a 501(c)(19) charity and all donations are tax deductible.



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Email: sweat4vetzwi@gmail.com

Phone: 920-851-3610

*****Grand Prize for Largest Amount Raised!*****

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

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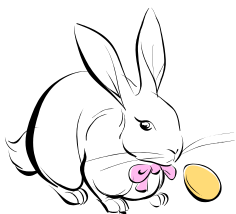
- Please make checks payable to ALA/Sweat4vets
- Donations/Pledges are due at registration or packet pick-up
- Questions? Contact Amy Luft at 414-651-7300 or amyjlufth@gmail.com

Total Donations: \$ _____

Cathy' Thoughts

Is everyone over the winter blahs and ready for spring? I know I'm tired of wearing my winter coat. We have many things happening this next couple months and I hope you are all willing and able to help! Just by attending and supporting will help.

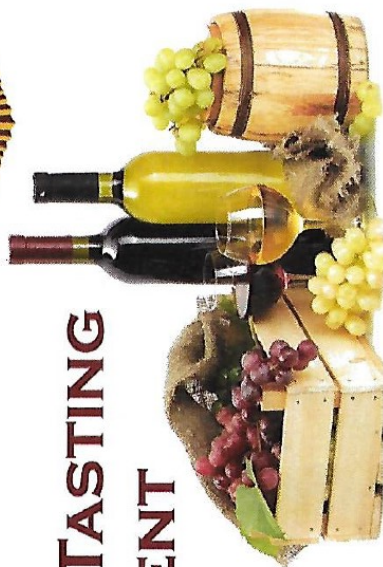
I want to make sure all of our members are aware April 8th is our Wine & Tasting Event. The ladies on this committee have been working hard on organizing and planning this awesome fundraiser. It is a great time and open to the public. Good food, Good time & Good spirits! We are trying to get the word around the community so please consider attending and help support them as they are doing this event to raise money for our Veterans and one of the programs benefiting is the Dom 43 Zablocki VA Hoptel. The Hoptel is a VA program designed to provide temporary, overnight lodging accommodations to eligible Veterans. The Hoptel provides easier access to medical care for Veterans traveling. Another great service for our Veterans in need.



I wish you and your family a Blessed Easter and enjoy the new Spring season!



**AMERICAN LEGION
AUXILIARY
GRAFTON POST 355
PRESENTS:**



**A WINE TASTING
EVENT**

TICKETS

\$25 in Advance
\$30 at the Door

Tickets Available at: Corner Stone Bank,
Fire Ridge Golf Club and American Legion Post

SATURDAY

APRIL 8, 2017 6PM

Rose-Harms American Legion Post
1540 13th Avenue, Grafton, Wisconsin

262-377-8887

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and other spirits

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THE HOPTEL
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