



Rose Harms Legionnaire

March 2017

Happy 98th Birthday American Legion

**Come and help honor our Post's
Legionnaire of the Year**



**Also our Firefighter, EMT and
Police Officer of the Year,
On Saturday, March 18th**



Other Up Coming Events

Monday, March 6th

Executive Committee meeting

Monday, March 13th

Post General meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 14th

BINGO

Saturday, March 18th

American Legion Birthday (St. Patty's) dinner

Monday, March 20th

Military Historian Club

Monday, March 20th

Card Club - lower hall

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



The 2017 US Bank "Fight For Air" Climb is scheduled for March 18. As pictured, this will be my 4th year as a participant in this American Lung Association fundraiser. Note that I will climb 1,034 steps to the top of the US Bank Building in Milwaukee. With me will be 3,000 climbers in this challenging event.

This year I will be thinking of my wife and her struggle to breathe during her illness and passing. The American Lung Association fights lung disease through education, community services, public policy and research. Founded in 1904, it is the oldest nationwide voluntary health agency in the U.S. It works to help those who suffer from lung disease today and to stop the spread tomorrow. All climbers raise a minimum of \$100 prior to the event.

MEMORIAL BRICK PROJECT UPDATE.

Our current brick orders total the "equivalent" of 31, 4x8 bricks. At our last Executive Committee meeting, it was announced that April 1 continues to be the deadline for accepting brick orders. Gift Bricks will then begin work on these additions. Anyone contemplating a memorial brick as a way to honor a veteran should order before the deadline. You can contact me at 262-618-4925.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

- Bill Clayton and I have completed our interviews of Grafton high school students who submitted applications to attend Badger Boys State. Three of them were selected as primary delegates and one as an alternate. We congratulated them and presented a letter with instructions about what's next. On June 10 close to 900 young men will attend Badger Boys State. Bill Clayton did a great job as our Post representative.
- 2nd District Spring Conference, April 29, Horicon. Contact Jim Lee, 262-617-5236.
- American Legion Department Convention will be on July 13-16, at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, in Appleton.
- AED Training. An Automated External Defibrillator machine was recently donated to our Post. The Grafton Fire Department is planning a training session for the Legion family

on March 25. More details to follow at our March meeting. Questions contact myself or Cathy Brunnquell.

- Note that our Ladies Auxiliary has graciously offered to serve a potluck dinner on the night of our March 13 meeting. Plan to attend and enjoy a wonderful meal.

CORRESPONDENCE

The family of Claude Wollner gave a Memorial Donation to our Post. A note from his daughter, Cindy Wollner. "Dad truly enjoyed going to meetings and events at the "Legion Club House" as dad called it. Attending events with him these past years really showed to us, his kid's, the friendliness of member's to dad, especially since the loss of mom 4 years ago. The Post helped to fill that void. Dad's memorable trip on an Honor Flight made him a very happy person. Dad was always a humble man; seldom spoke of his service in the Korean War. When he arrived back in Milwaukee, the pride in his face as people applauded him and fellow veterans was something burned in my heart forever. Such a proud moment for him. We thank the members of Rose-Harms Post 355 for service to our country and community. The Family of Claude Wollner---Mike, Gary, Cindy, Scott, Ron, and Rob.

A sincere Thank You to the George Zajdel family for a donation to our Post in his memory. A portion of the dollars used to purchase "Funeral Shell Casing Presentation Bags".

Note from Patty Conklin, Vice Chair of Veterans Trek. Looking for a volunteer to help veterans that are suffering from PTSD. A few donated hours per week to get veterans into nature, which is therapeutic and healing. Contact Patty at 262-224-1191 or veteranstrek.org. 02/24/2017

Calendar Raffle winners

\$50.00 – Sara Wilde

\$30.00 – Steffy Emmer

\$25.00 – Sue Heniadis

\$20.00 – Steve Shock

\$15.00 – Laverne Kuentler

\$10.00 –Abbry Buske

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported;

The death of Post member, George Zajdel. Milton Reinke has had a heart bypass operation. Norb Studelska had a pacemaker installed. Frank Balestreri has had a stroke and now recovering in rehab.

Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported that membership is at 287.

Joe Benson USN Active Duty, was welcomed aboard.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Knoppa reported that the Honor Guard had 3 funerals for January, which one was for Post member George Zajdel.

Americanism Chairman Bill Clayton reported the Post candidates for Badger Boys State have been selected and have been notified.

Athletic: The county bowling tournament is at the Cedars on April 8-9. If interested see Doug.

Oratorical: Lee Wiskirchen reported that Post Oratorical Contest winner, Katie Lamb performed well at the District contest and finished 2nd.

Jim Stencel reported on the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has provided the names of 34 servicemen whose remains have been found and identified from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Those remains will be returned home for burial with full military honors.

Camp American Legion: Dick Lallensack reported that the current Camp Director, Kevin, is retiring on May 30th and the new director will be, Don Grundy. A reminder that Korea/Vietnam remembrance week is scheduled for June 19-23rd and that signup sheets for Camp Opening, April 18-30, will be available in March.

Public Safety: Ken Kasprzak, standing in for Sandra, said that all the paperwork has been submitted for selectees, for Firefighter, EMT and Police Officer of the year. They have been invited to the St. Pat's Dinner.

Executive Committee Recommendations:

To donate \$250 to John Long Middle School for their trip to Washington D.C.

New Business:

- The Auxiliary will host Post members to a pot-luck dinner before our Post meeting on, Monday, March 13th.
- The Post was awarded a recognition plaque for our generosity regarding the Legion Legacy Scholarship for the children of our fallen heroes.
- Reminder the St. Pats Day Dinner is on March 18th.
- The Memorial Brick project now has the equivalent of 32 4" x 8" bricks ordered for the 2nd installation phase.

Good of the Legion:

- The Metro-Milwaukee Military Historians will presented the Siege at Khe Sanh, Vietnam, 1968, by USMC veteran, Ralph Beck. Next months meeting will feature speaker will be an expert on the Civil War.
- Mel's Charities will sponsor a concert at the Post on February 26th from noon to 5 pm featuring Serious Jones & The Ozaukee County Jam Band. The concert is to raise money for the Honor Flights.
- Take a Vet Fishing is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th at Pewaukee Lake.

Commander Ken Kasprzak read:

- A thank you note from Don and Anita Franzen for the Post fruit basket.
- A thank you note from Diane and Donna for the Legion Family donation to All My Friends Playground fundraiser.
- A thank you letter from the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight Foundation for the Post's generous donation.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported the 2017 Las Vegas Night. Special thanks goes out to all those who helped make this a huge success. To those behind the scenes who help with the sorting of money into envelopes to stapling tickets together for all the raffles, collecting raffles prizes thank you. To those who helped with selling tickets for hourly raffles, working the silent auction, to those dealing cards and working the various tables this evening would not have been this successful without your help.

The cash sweepstakes winners for the 2017 Las Vegas Night were

June Shock took away the \$500.00

\$200 went to Amanda Jozwowski

\$100 winners were Eugene Kosidowski, Marlin Miller and Julie Gramoll

\$50 winners were Deb Lenz, James Hall, Neil Mertz and Chad Andree

Congratulations to all the winners.

The 50/50 cash winner was Joseph Ciaro who walked away with \$1065.00

The High Roller winner was T.J. Reinecke

Thank you all again for your help and support to make this Las Vegas Night such a huge success.



Post members Al Richards and Ron Kuta sat down with our U.S. Representative, Glenn Grothman, to discuss the American Legion's legislative priorities during their recent trip to Washington, DC.

Sons of the American Legion

News for March 2017

Membership: We have 79 members including a new member Larry being introduced.

Five members have outstanding dues owed:

Tim Krueger
Tyler King
Cory Davidson
Steve Schaefer
David List.



Adjutant: No report.

Bowling event: Event was well received with gross income of \$2,852 and net of approximately \$2,177. Total of 13 teams which was down from last year, 50/50 raffle and better prizes were well accepted.

Memorial Brick Project: 4/1/17 cutoff for orders with 25 sold to date. Order form still available on griftonlegion.com.

Brian announced SAL clothing available in stock: 2 large & 2 extra large coats @ \$45 each, 4 hats of various sizes @ \$50 each and various polo golf shirts @ \$30 each.

Unfinished: New Post sign - Legion executive committee ok with our proposal, but we need to present a design to them.

Unfinished: Flag pole design still being worked on. We have enough flags and will need to verify if any new dog tags are needed. Sorting and makeup of the flags is planned for after the next meeting.

RED's Bowling fundraiser will be held in April at Cedars. Date yet to be determined (Al Richards).

To order 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

Upcoming Events

Feb 26 - Mel's Jam for Vets with food and music - noon to 5 PM

March 14 – SAL Meeting @ 6:30pm



Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary March 2017 Newsletter



Happy Birthday American Legion!!!

The Auxiliary will be hosting the Legion Birthday potluck on Monday, March 13. All Post members are encouraged to attend. Auxiliary members are asked to supply salads, hot dishes and desserts. Items should be at the Post by 5:00 pm. Please contact Mary Molaski (262-377-9251) for details or to volunteer.

***Important: The March Auxiliary meeting will be held after the Legion Birthday Potluck on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 pm.**

*We will be collecting the following items at our March meeting for the Craft Cart which will be used in the Art Therapy department in the Women's Resource Center at Zablocki VA:

(4) Anodized Crochet Hook Set by Loops & Threads, E-J = \$5.99

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Adult coloring books = \$4.99 - \$7.99

(4) sets of 24 or 36 colored pencils

(4) sets of 24 or 36 colored markers, thin tip

Sketchbooks – Artist's Loft 9 x12" = \$5 each (5)

Pigma Micron Fine Line Pen Assorted Tip 3 pack, Black = \$9.99 (4 sets)

Susan Bates Silvalume Circular Knotting Needle set, Medium, small and large (set of each) = \$15.99

14" straight plastic knitting needles by Loops & Threads assorted sizes and prices

Please bring your items to the March 13 meeting or contact Mel Nowak (262-377-1776) for more information.

Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend the Leadership Workshop on Saturday, March 18. Registration opens at 8:00 am. and the program will run from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. The Department Leadership team will be conducting the class. Advanced registration is required. Cost is \$5 (checks made payable to ALA Dept. of WI). Complete the attached registration form or contact Amy Luft (414-651-7300) for more information.

Celebrate the American Legion Birthday and St. Patty's Day at the Post on Saturday, March 18. Everyone is invited - \$15 per person. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Reserve your spot early – space is limited!

The Auxiliary County 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.

Stars and Stripes Honor Flight announces two spring flights: Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, May 21. WWII, Korean War and terminally ill veterans are encouraged to apply. Contact Amy Luft (414-651-7300 or email at amyluft@gmail.com for more information

Upcoming order dates for Marcus movie tickets are March 22 and June 21. To place your order contact Laurie Schwalbe at 414-659-6951.

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.



ALA Leadership Workshop

Members with a greater understanding of Auxiliary programs, a working knowledge of leadership traits, Auxiliary history, protocol and parliamentary procedures are more likely to volunteer, participate in meetings, and become engaged in activities.

Learn all this and more by attending the upcoming ALA Leadership Workshop!

When: Saturday, March 18
8:00 – 9:00 am. Registration/Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 12:30 pm. Program

Where: Grafton American Legion Post
1540 13th Avenue
Grafton

Cost: \$5 Payable to: ALA Dept. of WI
(includes all program materials)

Leadership team members, Kitty Larkin and Linda Coppock, will conduct this Leadership Workshop which is designed for any member at any level. Whether you're a new member or seasoned member, you'll come away refreshed and energized as you strengthen your membership awareness.

Space is limited. Don't wait – sign up now for this beneficial workshop!

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Unit #/City _____ District _____

Registrations due by March 10.

Mail payment & registration to:

Amy Luft
366 Indigo Drive,
Port Washington, WI 53074



**Saturday,
March 18th**



**Celebrate St. Patty's Day
and
The American Legion's Birthday**

**with Corned Beef & Cabbage
and tasty Chicken
All for only \$15 each.**

Everyone is Welcome - the Fun begins at 6:00pm

We have limited, so please RSVP ASAP

Names

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**Mail to; Rose Harms Post 355
 1540 13th Ave.
 Grafton, WI 53024**

or Call 262- 377-8887