

Rose Harms Legionnaire

August 2017



Post Cookout

August 14th

5:00 pm

Everyone is Invited!



**2nd District Golf outing on August 12th
At Sheboygan Town and Country**

**Post Golf Outing on September 9th
At the Edgewater Golf Course**

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



The 99th Annual Wisconsin Department Convention was held in Appleton, July 13-16. Several of our members attended this year and found the meetings very productive.

As the American Legion begins to celebrate its 100-year anniversary, I decided to review our emblem as pictured. "It stands for God and Country, and the highest rights of man."

Of its several parts, each has a meaning.

The rays of the sun form the background of our proud emblem and suggests the Legion's principles will dispel the darkness of violence and evil.

The wreath forms the center, in loving memory of those brave comrades who gave their lives in the service of the United States that liberty might endure.

The star, victory symbol of WWI, also symbolizes honor, glory, and constancy. The letters "U.S." leave no doubt as to the brightest star in the Legion's star.

The larger of two outer rings stands for the rehabilitation of our sick and disabled comrades. The smaller inside ring denotes the welfare of America's children.

The smaller of two inner rings set upon the star represents service to our communities, states, and the nation. The larger outer ring pledges loyalty to Americanism.

The words American Legion tie the whole together for truth, remembrance, constancy, honor, service, veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, loyalty, and Americanism.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

- Ozaukee County Fair. Rose-Harms Post 355 day at the fair is Saturday, August 2. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Post to be recognized by the community. Thank You to members who volunteered to work a shift at our booth.

- VA Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 29 at our Post. Contact Amy Luft if interested in being a buddy to the veterans from the Zablocki Medical Center.
- Our Post meeting on August 14 is our annual picnic, lower level, prior to business agenda. Marty Wegner needs volunteers to assist with peeling corn. Contact Marty or myself if you can help.

"Wisconsin & Korea's Forgotten Victory".

Gordon Faust, Waunakee Legion Post 360, has published a book and tells the stories of 850 Wisconsin soldiers who gave their lives on the Korean peninsula. Ozaukee County has a total of three who died in Korea. He began research on 2000. Gordon was stationed in Korea from 1951-53. Cost of his book is \$26.50. Contact info: agaust58@charter.net

2nd ANNUAL VIPER RIDE

There are 132,000 blind veterans nationwide. Blindness often leads to isolation, isolation frequently leads to depression, and depression can result in bad things----- 22 veterans commit suicide every day. TJ Oman, Founder and Executive Director of "The Viper Ride", attended our July Post meeting to explain the mission and purpose of the ride to be held on August 20. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, which provides a day of motorcycling, socializing, food and entertainment for the visually impaired veterans, contact: TJ Oman at 414-525-9004.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thanks to Rose-Harms Post 355 for the \$500 donation to the Viper Ride. Your interest in our mission is much appreciated.



Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Report: Les Williams asked members to try to make an effort to visit ailing vets as those vets are grateful for such visits. Two Post members, Mel Bucholtz and Mildred Brown, have died, and taps will be played for them at meeting's end this evening.

Americanism: Bill Clayton reported that the Post's Badger Boys State representatives will be at September meeting to report on their experiences at Ripon College this summer.

Athletic: Doug Arendt donated some personal golf gear for this evening's meeting raffle. The Post outing is scheduled for September 9th. The outing is the same price as the last eight years, as the purpose of the outing is enjoyment rather than fund raising. The 2nd District Outing will be held at the Town and Country course in Sheboygan on August 12th, for a cost of \$70.00 per person.

Hall Report: Al Richards reported on the upcoming Chinook's Baseball outing, and a possible repair of the south-side air-conditioner.

Bingo: Dick Lallensack reporting for Tom indicated Grillin in Grafton 4th of July netted \$2,100 with ancillaries, and thanked everyone for their help.

Camp American Legion: Dick Lallensack reported: The Vietnam/Korean War Vets Week at Camp was a great event this year. Mold has been discovered in Cabin #22 with no exact plan on what to do about it, yet.

Public Safety: Sandra Kulczyski said she will assume the responsibility of searching for AED training and placing the defibrillator in the hall.

Executive Committee Recommendation passed;

- Donate \$100 to the Grafton Gladiators Football Club with money to come from the Bingo Fund.
- Donate \$250 to the Ozaukee County Senior Baseball League to purchase an AED.
- A motion from the floor to donate \$500 to the VIPERS Program was seconded and passed.

New Business:

- T.J. Oman, a representative of the VIPERS Program spoke to the membership about the VIPER Ride (Visually Impaired Patriots Experiencing the Road) whose goal is to provide visually impaired vets with a great meal, camaraderie, and a stimulating motorcycle ride.
- Volunteers for the Auxiliary VA Picnic are to be at the Post by 10:45 am.
- Good of the Legion: It was noted the 4th of July Parade in Grafton had the entire route lined with viewers who avidly cheered veterans as they paraded past.
- Dick Lallensack has a pressure washer he wishes to give away. If interested, see Dick.
- Frank Balestreri donated two fine swords of high personal value to the Post.



Post member, Al Richards, was honored as the Ozaukee County "Legionnaire of the Year".

Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Tony Moegenburg
\$30 – LaVonne Eischen
\$25 – Doug Viesselmann
\$20 – Tom Goldberg
\$15 – Eric Barbieri
\$10 – Deane Lederer

Cathy's Thoughts



Summer time is going way to fast,

There was a handful of us at the State Convention the weekend of July 15th.

It was in Appleton and all had a good time. It is always fun to see Auxiliary members from other units, visit with them and meet new people. I was very proud to receive awards for our own Unit. President Laurel DuBois, gave our Auxiliary an American Legion Auxiliary Department of Wisconsin 2017 Department President's Award of Excellence. We received other awards that I will have at our August meeting to share with everyone. Know that Rose-Harms American Legion Auxiliary was represented well.

Our Judy Kuta is now the Department of Wisconsin Chaplain and Amy Luft is the President for Ozaukee County. We can be very proud of these ladies and all our members at Rose-Harms. As I have said many times before, that we are a very busy Auxiliary. We have great things planned for our Veterans and people know how hard we work for the Veterans and their Families.



Judy Kuta, left front, with our new State Auxiliary Officers

Upcoming Events

July 29th Saturday

Annual VA Picnic at the Post 11:00 am Contact Amy Luft 414-461-7300 for questions or if you would like to join us. It is a fun afternoon of Activities to make a difference in a veterans life

August 5th Saturday

Trees from Home at the Post 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Contact Linda Brown 262-268-8296 for questions or if you would like to join us. All you need to bring is a glue gun to help decorate the trees. All other supplies will be provided

August 5th Saturday

Our time at the Ozaukee County Fair is 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Contact Cathy Brunnquell 262-377-0718 for questions or if you are interested in working a shift. It is a information booth to get new members interested and sign up to join the Auxiliary.

August 14th Monday

Our meeting will be after the Post's Annual Corn Roast and Cookout. All Legion Family Members are invited. Doors will be open at 5:00 pm. At 7:00 pm the Legionaries will be going upstairs for their meeting and the Auxiliary will stay down stairs to have our meeting. It is tradition that the Auxiliary members bring a Salad or Dessert to go along with the cook out. It is very informal and there was no sign up sheet. Simple dishes for a cook out. We will have visitors at our meeting. The Grafton High School Students that attended the Badger Girl State week will be giving a presentation to share with us their experiences.



To All,

The VA picnic at the Post next Saturday, July 29th, is in need of 6 volunteer escorts for the veterans.

Your mission is to chat with the vet, show them around the post, and generally make them feel welcome.

These are veterans in the 90 day rehab program at the VA. The program staff says that our picnic is much appreciated by the vets and very helpful in dealing with the issues they face. Your help makes a difference.

The vets arrive at 11:30 and leave at 3:30. Please arrive before 11, if you need to leave early, no problem. I know everyone is busy, but please give this request some strong consideration.

Thanks,

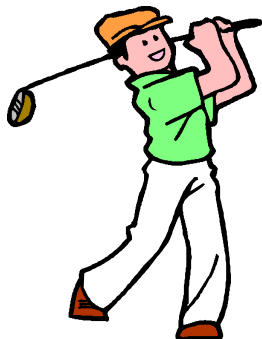
Bill Riedl



State President Al Richards, brings greeting from the American Legion Riders, to the Auxiliary at the Wisconsin convention in Appleton.

100 out of the total membership of the Riders are also Auxiliary members. 90 are also SAL members.

Rose-Harms 24rd Annual Golf Outing



Edgewater Golf Club

Saturday, September 9, 2017

1:00 pm Shotgun Start

Dinner @ Edgewater Golf Club

(served at 4:30 pm)



Golf, Dinner and prizes: \$35.00 (cart included for outing)

Golf and prizes Only: \$20.00 (cart included for outing)

Note: Edgewater members NO PRICE REDUCTION
(we are charged for every golfer for the outing)

Name (foursomes golf together, others will be made into foursomes)	Golf and Dinner \$35.00	Golf Only \$20.00	Dinner Only \$20.00	Total
Total Amount Enclosed (Checks Payable to Rose-Harms Post #355)				

Please have money and reservations to **the Post** by Friday, September 1, 2017

Return (with payment please) to:

Rose-Harms Post #355

Attn: Golf Outing

1540 13th Avenue

Grafton, WI 53024

"This year's outing raffle will have prizes totaling over \$800 worth! Our event is for golfers of all ability levels. Come see your Legion friends in a setting outside of the Post. The price is low due to our raffle successes in the past and strong corporate backing. A good time will be had by all."

Doug Arendt, outing chairperson