

Rose Harms Legionnaire

July 2017



Upcoming Events

July 1st	Bingo at Grillin' in Grafton
July 3rd	Executive Committee meeting
July 4th	Independence Day
July 10th	Post General meeting
July 12th	Chinooks Baseball Game
July 29th	Picnic for Veterans from Zablocki VA
August 5th	Auxiliary's Christmas Trees for the Troops
August 14th	Post's annual Corn Roast and cookout

All Legion Family members are invited.



COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



As I write another edition of my ongoing newsletter article, I will begin my 3rd term as Commander on July 1. On June 30, I will attend the Ozaukee County Officer Installation dinner and program at the Saukville Post. I've enjoyed all challenges as

Post Commander and am looking forward to another great year.

Memorial Day Program at Veterans Park. A beautiful day and a good turnout of Veterans, families, and friends. I received many favorable comments about our program. Memorial Day ceremonies across our nation continue to be one small way we can honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live in freedom. Thank you to Kate Hardt and the Grafton High School Band for their music. Also, to Kristin Dillahunt and the Kennedy/Woodview School choirs for their vocal performance.

After Taps by GHS bugler and Honor Guard's rifle salute, Legion members and local residents retired to our Post for a great luncheon courtesy of our Ladies Auxiliary.

Special thanks to Linda Brown who once again organized the meal preparation.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

Camp Hometown Heroes will hold two sessions this year, July 16-22 and July 23-29. Volunteers are needed as Security Guards and Life Guards. Anyone interested in helping out at Camp, please contact:

Andrew Gappa, Camp Director at
ajgappa.ag@gmail.com or 262-327-8444.
Also Sue Turowski at 262-389-4644.

SAL Golf Outing, June 3 was a success. I had a great time golfing and enjoyed a steak/chicken dinner at Fire Ridge Golf Club. SAL hopes that next year our Post will again participate except with more teams.

I screen, You Screen....When it comes to fighting cancer, nothing beats early detection. The U.S. death rate from cancer has dropped 25 percent since 1991. The decrease can be attributed to early detection efforts and a drop in smoking rates. Yet cancer remains the 2nd leading cause of death among Americans. Early-detection exams for colorectal, cervical, breast, and lung cancers are available. Check with your doctor to see what would be recommended for your age and sex.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Thank you for selecting me to attend Badger Boys State and for the \$100 stipend. I am very thrilled to be going and have been looking forward to it these past couple of weeks. Plan to attend a Legion meeting to talk about my experiences at Badger Boys. Sincerely, Matthew Fischer.

Thank you for recognizing me as the "Outstanding 8th Grade Student" at Our Savior Lutheran School. It was an honor to attend your meeting. Emma Thistle.

The Ozaukee Congregational Church has discussed with me a need for our Legion Post to help the Salvation Army raise funds. The Bell Ringing Program starts end of November until December 24. Discussion to follow at an upcoming meeting.

Thank you from Diane Schumann, 8th grade teacher at St. Paul Lutheran, for our Post donation of \$250. Money was used to assist with our class trip to Washington DC. We had the opportunity to meet the bugler at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington. We also left mementos at the Vietnam Wall. He just happened to be a former student of one of our chaperones. It's experiences like this that made our trip so rewarding.

Thank you for supporting our 2nd Annual Sweat4Vets Post to Post Walk. Your donation of event banners and tent helped make it a success. Proceeds from the walk totaled over \$16,000. It benefited Stars and Stripes Honor Flight allowing veterans to visit their memorials in Washington DC. Sandy Mack and Maggie Geiger---Post 288. Amy Luft and Carolyn Schweitzer---Post 355.

Chaplain Les Williams reported that Post member, Fred Nierode had died. Taps will be played for him at conclusion of the meeting.

Membership Gary Gilstrap reported that membership will end the year at 304. Transfer, US Army veteran Jay Jorgenson, a 40 year Legion member, was welcomed aboard.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Knoppa reported: Members wishing to march in Grafton's 4th of July Parade should meet at Grafton High School's poolside parking lot at 10:30 am on July 1st.

Athletic: Doug Arendt: The Post golf outing is scheduled for September 9th. Doug also reported on a great fishing outing in Illinois, Take a Vet Fishing. Doug donated a rod and reel he received at the outing for the raffle at the meeting's end this evening.

Hall Report: Al Richards reported: this year's Chinooks Baseball Package is \$10 and scheduled for Wednesday, July 12th, Game starts at 6:30 pm at Concordia College field.

POW/MIA: Jim Stencel reported that a Michigan soldier, Fred M. Jones, 30 years old, who died aboard the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor, was laid to rest with full military honors. Jim also read a moving poem entitled "The American Soldier."

Executive Committee Recommendations that were passed;

- The Post will donate \$500 to Camp Hometown Heroes this summer.
- The Post will donate \$100 to GALA (the Grafton Area Live Arts) for their summer concerts Thursday nights at Veterans Park.

New Business: Amy Luft spoke to the membership regarding the Post's annual picnic hosting Vets from the Zablocki VA. It will be for an afternoon at the Post on Saturday, July 29th, from 11:30 am to approximately 3:00 pm. Buddies for the visiting Veterans are needed.

This year's Sweat4Vets brought in \$16,000 for the Stars and Stripes Honor Flights. The first

flight for Vietnam Era Veterans is scheduled for September 16th.

On Wednesday, May 24th, Rose Harms Post



355, awarded scholarships to two seniors from Grafton High School.

Our Vocational scholarship was awarded to Mackenzie Dressel. She plans on attending the University of Wisconsin, Washington County, pursuing an area in the field of Education.

The Academic scholarship was awarded to Megan Kloss. (right) She plans on attending Carthage College, majoring in Biology/Pre-Dental. Megan also thanked the membership for our support for her bench project at Camp Hometown Heroes last year.

The Post scholarship awards are for \$2000, payable over two years. Ralph Beck of the Scholarship Committee presented the awards. If you know any of these individuals, please offer them your congratulations

Calendar Raffle:

\$50 – Norma Peterson

\$30 – Regina Potter

\$25 – Jim Stencel

\$20 - Ken Wegner

\$15 – Butch Paegelow

\$10 – David Krzoska



WISCONSIN COUNTY FAIR SINCE 1859

**County Fair will be August 2nd to the 6th.
Grafton's Post 355 has been assigned to
work the American Legion's booth on
Wednesday, August 2nd.
Set up is at 10:00 am**

Rose-Harms SAL News for July 2017



Amy Luft gave a big thanks to Jimmy, Corey and Chris for their work on the Memorial Project which will finally be complete after the remaining bricks are arranged under the flag pole and then everything will be sealed. Amy mentioned Sweat4Vets raised approximately \$16,000 that will go towards the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight. So far, there were approximately 700 applicants for the next group of Honor Flights that includes Vietnam Vets.

The VA Picnic is Saturday, July 29 from 11:30 – 3pm. Typically, 25-30 veterans participate. SAL approved to pay up to \$250 for entertainment. Volunteers are needed for cooking, clean-up and Vet buddies. If you can help, please contact Amy Luft: amyjlufft@gmail.com or 414-651-7300.

SAL has 82 paid members. Any SAL members not getting SAL emails, please contact Craig Butler via email at cabutler2@yahoo.com.

Memorial Day Flags were a great hit. Lots of positive comments. All Dog tags will need to be reviewed every year to ensure none were removed or lost and to add any potential new ones. Possibility of using hooks on empty flags to handle dropped dog tags.

SAL Golf Outing was June 3rd with 53 golfers and 20 sponsors. Attendance was a bit light. Next year more promotional advertising will be done.

ALRA's Rev Run collected approximately \$45K and the group traveled a little over 1,000 miles total. SAL approved a \$500 donation to the Legacy Scholarship Fund that supports children of military members fallen during the war on terror.

The American Legion Camp cabin SAL sponsors has major structural issues. The floor has mold and rotten timbers that are deteriorated beyond a small scale repair. This should have been rectified before it was turned over to the SAL Post 355. The cabin is closed until all the repairs are completed. No known status on when that is expected. Dick will check to see what is planned for repairs as they will be extensive. Al will talk to the State Adjutant.

It was recommended that the local Scholarship winners for the year should be invited to attend the June SAL meeting so they can introduce themselves.

For SAL clothing, contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465. SAL clothing available in stock: 2 large jackets @ \$45 each; 4 hats (7 1/2, 7 3/8, 7 1/8, 7 1/4) @ \$50 each and 5 polo golf shirt sizes @ \$30 each.

Upcoming Events

July 29 – VA Picnic @ 11:30am-3pm

August 14 – Legion Veteran's Corn Roast dinner @ 6pm

Sept. 11 – Legion Dinner volunteer: Dick @ 7:30pm

Elected SAL Officers for 2017;

Commander: Corey Esselmann

Vice Commander: Bill Riedl

Sargent at Arms: Ken Konicek

Treasurer: Chris Wegner

Adjutant: Craig Butler

Membership Chair: Paul Turowski

Cathy's Thoughts

I hope everyone is having a great summer!

Last week we had the Auxiliary Banquet at Edgewater Golf Course. Fun was had by all. Thank you to Ann Fields and Kelly Bichanich for organizing everything. We do have a couple events this summer so please consider helping. August will be the new start for some members becoming officers and joining the Executive Board. I look forward to an exciting new year and helping more Veterans, their families and our Community. We do not have a July meeting and the next time we meet we will be having our meeting the same night as the Legion, Monday August 14th for the Corn Roast. It is always appreciated if we bring a salad or dessert to share. If you have any questions you can always email or call me 262-377-0718.

The annual Auxiliary VA Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 29 at the Post. Guest from Zablocki VA will arrive at 11:30 am., enjoy a meal from the Auxiliary and an afternoon of fun activities provided by our American Legion Family. VA patients are matched up with a buddy from our Post for the afternoon. If you are interested in being a buddy please contact Amy Luft (414-461-7300) to sign-up. Volunteer buddies should plan on arriving at the Post by 11:00 am. Activities end at 3:30 pm. Please consider assisting in this rewarding activity to make a difference in a veteran's life.

Catherine K. Brunnquell

President, Rose Harms American Legion Women's Auxiliary

<http://www.graftonlegion.com>

262-424-7692



Service to God, Our Country, Its Veterans and Military Families



President Cathy presents Department Commander Dan Seehafer with a check for the Legacy Scholarship Fund during "Rev's Run"

Legionnaires Bob Molaski and Larry Engel steam across the finish line during the "Sweat 4 Vets".



Trees from Home-2017!

Please join us for a fun filled day, decorating Christmas trees

For our troops...100 trees have been ordered.

USA PROUD!!

When: Saturday, August 5th, 2017

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Rose Harms American Legion -Unit 355

Grafton's Upper Hall

Lunch will be provided!

So, all you need is to bring your glue gun, a smile and let us get creative!

Please respond before July 29th to reserve your spot to:

Linda Brown, Unit Chaplain

1229 West Portview Drive

Port Washington, WI 53074

262-268-8296



Name: _____

_____ Yes, I'll be there!

_____ No, sorry can't attend, but I would like to make a donation towards postage!

Rose Harms Post Family Night



Wednesday,
July 12th
6:30 pm

**Reserved Grandstand Seating
Plus a Hot Dog, Chips and Soda**

All for Only \$10 a Person

Number of Tickets _____



Name _____

Name _____

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Name _____

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Name _____

Rose Harms Post, 1540 13th Ave., Grafton, WI 53024