



Rose Harms Legionnaire

June 2017

Up Coming Events



10:00 am Parade from the Post
10:30 Ceremonies at Veterans Park
Open House and Lunch at the Post to follow



June 3rd	SAL Golf Outing at Fire Ridge
June 5th	Post Executive Committee meeting
June 11th	Rev's Run for the Legacy Scholarship
June 12th	Post General meeting
June 13th	Sons of the American Legion Meeting
June 14th	Flag Day
June 18th	Fathers Day
June 19th	Post's Card Party
June 30th	Installation of Ozaukee County and Post Officers at the Saukville Post



Highlights from our last Post meeting

Chaplain Report: Les Williams reported: Stan Takus in rough shape. Wonderful to have Norb Studelska and Frank Balestreri back and looking good. Les presented Harold Walsh's 50-year continuous Legion membership award to him. Jim Hall is doing better. Les advised membership about the bronze plaques for veteran's graves.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Mike Knoppa reported that the Post did one funeral for a Veteran, but not a member, last month.

Bingo: Tom Peterson said he is still looking for help at our Bingo tent for Graf-ton's Holidaze event, on Friday, July 1st and Saturday, July 2nd.

New Business:

- The Outstanding 8th grade award winners were present to accept their awards including, Morgan McKinnis from John Long Middle School, Emma Schulz from St. Paul's Lutheran School, Emma Thistle from Our Savior Lutheran School, and Noah Bulgrin From St. Joseph's parish School.
- A motion was made from the floor to donate \$500 to "Rev's Run" for the Legacy Scholarship fund. It was seconded and passed unanimously.
- The Post election for the 2017-2018 year was conducted by Steve Shock and the results were:

Commander, Ken Kasprzak
1st Vice-Commander, Gary Gilstrap
2nd Vice-Commander, Kevin Dressel
Finance Officer, Ralph Beck
Historian, Al Richards
Chaplain, Les Williams
Sgt.-at-Arms, Mike Knoppa
Sgt.-at-Arms, Nick Schanen
Service Officer, Ron Kuta
Judge Advocate, Lee Wiskirchen
3 Year Committee, Steve Shock
2 Year Committee, Dick Lallensack
1 Year Committee, Jim Hilgart

Executive Committee Recommendations that were passed;

- Should the Post cabin refrigerator prove faulty as suspected, a new one will be purchased locally.
- Provide a \$100 stipend to each of the Post's "Badger Boys State" representatives.
- To donate \$250 to the Kings Veterans Home in Waupaca.

Good of the Legion:

- The Military Historians will present Cold War Duty in Germany featuring speaker and Post member, Ken Grigas at their monthly meeting at the Post which will resume in September.
- A "concealed carry" class will be held at the Post on June 1st, with Post members receiving instruction free of charge.
- The traditional Flag Day Celebration will be held June 10th, in Waubeka.
- Representatives from Red's Bowling Tournament were present to award the Post a check for \$4,800. Proceeds were from the tournament to continue service work in the community.

Correspondence:

- A thank-you card from Adolph Schroeder for his 50-year continuous membership award.
- A thank-you card (with a donation for the Post) from the family of Wendell Smith for the Honor Guard's renderings at his funeral.

Calendar Raffle:

\$50 - Steve Shock

\$30 - Gordon Lueder

\$25 - Colten Schmitt

\$20 - Jon Fass

\$15 - Tim Paegelow

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



LEGION JACKETS.

At our May Executive Committee meeting, members clarified the following statement: Effective April 3, approval granted to begin purchasing Legion jackets from Silk Screen Specialists. *Correction is as follows:*

Members may purchase their Post Legion Jackets from the vendor of their choosing, including ordering through Marty.

That being said, let me comment about the Jacket pictured above, purchased by me at Silk Screen Specialists. Embroidered Post name is on the back. Front has my name with American Legion Logo, also embroidered. I went to store and tried on two jackets for sizing. "Holloway" brand name. Excellent customer service from Sarah. Paid for jacket at a cost of \$65. Silk Screen Jackets are also available.

On 05/23/2017 Gift Bricks delivered our brick order for the "equivalent" of 55, 4x8 bricks. SAL members will complete the install prior to Memorial Day.



The march to Veterans Park is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am at our Post.

Ceremonies at the Park will begin at 10:30 am.

Open house and lunch at the Post to follow.

Again this year, we will have a parade to the park with Legion Family and Grafton High School Band. As we pause this weekend to honor and remember our fallen comrades, take time to engage potential members. Educate them on the value of being Legionnaire. Let them know that The American Legion is a perfect way for them to continue their service. Most importantly, sign them up to join The American Legion, the nation's most influential veterans service organization. It's up to us to continue what our predecessors started nearly a century ago.

GOOD OF THE LEGION.

Again this year we voted to donate \$500 to the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund. Motorcycle Ride scheduled June 9-11, Ashland to Milwaukee. Many times the forgotten heroes are the families, especially the children. These children have become innocent casualties of war. This Scholarship Fund has helped ease the burden to fund their education. It was implemented to assist with making educational opportunities affordable to over 11,000 children of our fallen and disabled veterans.

At our May meeting, we were honored to have Matt Hirst, Dan Ritter, and Jeff Raskiewicz represent the Daniel J. Nielsen "Red" Bowling Tournament held at Circle B. Proceeds in the amount of \$4,800 from this Memorial Event in "Red's" honor were donated to Grafton's Rose Harms Post 355. Thank You so much to Matt, Dan, and Jeff.

99th Annual Department Convention to be held July 12-16 in Appleton. Contact me if interested in attending.

Wittenberg Floor Covering completed the new carpet install, upper and lower levels.

Flag Day will be hosted by the Waubesa VFW Post 7037 on Saturday, June 10th . Contact Mark Lorenz for info.

Lorenz7037@yahoo.com



Rose-Harms SAL News for June 2017

Members of the Viper Ride visited us and presented a video about last year's 1st Viper Ride that provides visually impaired veterans a ride on a motorcycle, a meal and comradery with others during the event summer. Forty two vets from 15 states participated in 2016. The next Viper Ride is August 20, 2017. SAL approved a donation of \$750 to the Viper Ride. People wishing more information about volunteering or donating please visit www.theviperride.org.



SAL currently has 82 paid members. New member Dan McKelvey was introduced. Any members not getting our monthly SAL news email, please contact Craig Butler via email at cabutler2@yahoo.com.

Memorial Day Flags will be prepared on May 16th at 5:30. SAL members are needed to install flags at Veterans Park on May 25th starting at 4pm. Please come any time prior to 6:30am

Memorial Brick Project sold fifty five more bricks. Plan to install within the next week or after Craig is notified of date so he can notify the SAL members.

SAL Golf Outing is June 3rd. Please contact Dick or Bob Rieck (262) 377-4190 if you did not get the registration form in the May Post Newsletter.

A free Concealed Carry class is being offered at Rose-Harms on June 1st at 6pm for any of our Post's Legion members. Anyone wishing to register, please contact Tom Lang at 414-430-7617. Class is estimated to be 4 hours

The American Legion Camp clean-up was a success. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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

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 5 polo golf shirt sizes @ \$30 each.

Reminder: Please do not park along the back of the Post building due to Fire Code restrictions.

Upcoming Events

May 25 – Memorial Weekend Flag setup

May 29 – Memorial Day Remembrance

June 3 – SAL Golf Outing

June 13 – SAL Meeting and officer elections.

Note, people not in attendance, with their permission, can be nominated.



Soar for Our Veterans

Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary June 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.

Congratulations to junior member, Megan Klos, who received the Dela Van Deuren Memorial \$1,000 scholarship award from the Department of Wisconsin!

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Auxiliary Annual Poppy Distribution. We had a wonderful representation of our American Legion Family and great results with donations.

Make sure to wear your poppies at this year's Memorial Day events taking place on **Monday, May 29**. The day starts off with our parade stepping off at 10:00 a.m. followed by a ceremony at Veteran's Park at 10:30 a.m. Upon completion of the program a luncheon open to the community will be served by the Auxiliary at the Post. Please have all food items at the Post by 9:00 a.m. Questions regarding the luncheon contact chairperson, Linda Brown, at 262-268-8296. Auxiliary members interested in participating in the parade should be at the Post by 9:30 a.m.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the *Sweat4vets* walk on May 20. We had a great turnout from the community and even the rain held off for us! Save the date for next year's walk - May 19, 2018.

Next Stars and Stripes Honor Flight will be **Friday, June 9**. First Vietnam flight is scheduled for Saturday, September 16. WWII, Korean and Vietnam veterans are all encouraged to apply. Complete an online application at starsandstripeshonorflight.org or contact Amy Luft at 414-651-7300.

The Auxiliary June Banquet will be held on **Tuesday, June 20** at Bunker's at Edgewater. Cocktails begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$16. For reservations are due by June 13. Contact Ann Fields 262-384-1982 or Kelly Bichanich 414-379-3389.

We are continually trying to get email addresses from members that would like information and the monthly Newsletter sent to you. If you do not receive emails from Cathy Brunnquell or Sue Turowski and would like to, please contact Cathy at 262-377-0718. Sue recently sent out details for the June 20th Banquet. Please let us know if we need your address on the list. We have at times had old email addresses that needed to be updated also.

Congratulations to the newly elected Auxiliary officers for the 2017-2018 term:

President: Cathy Brunnquell

1st Vice President: Amy Luft

2nd Vice President: Tammy Hadler

Sargent-at-Arms: Ann Fields & Mary Molaski

Treasurer: Sharon Kertscher

Chaplain: Maria Keegan

Historian: Patty Wollner

Secretary Elect: Diane Riedl



Friday, June 30.

County Installation will take place at the Saukville Post

Saturday, July 29th

VA Picnic .

If you are interested in helping call Amy Luft 414-651-7300



Cathy's Thoughts

Thank you to all our Auxiliary Members for coming to our last meeting. We had a very large crowd attend this past meeting. I know I'm always preaching each month that members should come. We have a nice social time before and after and try to make each meeting efficient and full of information. I know everyone came because of the elections, which is great. Some of you might have benefited by seeing that we are a very busy unit and may get the feeling that you should come to our meetings more often. I feel that our Unit is a very active one and we do many wonderful things for the veterans in the community.

I will continue to be President for another 2 year term and we have some new officers on the Executive Board. This means we are getting more people involved which is awesome! Having a packed room for election night was a very good thing! What kind of membership would we have if no one was interested in how our Auxiliary was run? Our reports to Department were completed and mailed in. These reports show all the things we did for the veterans this past year. Time and effort in detail about our members accomplishments. A big Thank you goes out to our member Judy Kuta. She also mailed in our reports to the National Presidents Award for Excellence. We can be proud of all the work Unit 355 has done for our Veterans and will continue to do so. It would be great to see more of you at our June 20th Banquet to celebrate all that we do.

A Patriotic Thank You!

To all Rose Harms American Legion family that participated in the 2017 poppy program, I just want to say a THANK YOU for your time for such a successful event.

Without you this would not have happened.

Again Thank-You!



AUXILIARY JUNE BANQUET

Date: June 20, 2017

Time: Cocktails 5:30 Dinner: 6:15

Place: Bunkers at Edgewater Golf Course

1762 Cedar Creek Rd, Grafton, WI 53024

Menu: Chicken Parmesan with Garlic Noodles

Broasted Chicken with choice of Baked Potato or French Fries

Beef Tenderloin Sandwich with choice of Baked Potato or French Fries.

Dinner will be \$16.00 and that includes Tax, and Gratuity.

You will pay your server that evening.

For reservations please call

Ann Fields (262-384-1982)

email aannfields@yahoo.com

or

Kelly Bichanich (414)379-3389

email kayjayic@gmail.com.

RSVP by Tues June 13th.





7th Annual SAL Golf Event at Fire Ridge

Saturday, June 3rd

1:00 p.m. Shotgun Scramble

2:00 Noon-1:00 pm Registration & Range Access

Team Cheater String \$20

Each team is allocated 6 ft. of string. Each player can move the ball on the putting green by measuring the distance moved and cutting that amount from the ball to hole out.

50/50 Raffle (\$5 - \$10 - \$20)

\$5 for 5 Tickets - \$10 for 15 Tickets - \$20 Wing Span of Tickets

Please return registration by Thursday, June 1st

Player 1 _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Player 2 _____

Player 3 _____

Player 4 _____

Golf and Dinner	\$ 90 X _____	= \$ _____
Hole Sponsorship	\$100 X _____	= \$ _____
Dinner Only	\$ 20 X _____	= \$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

Please send to: Sons of the American Legion
c/o Heinz and Sons 57 Auto Body
1327 Wisconsin Avenue, Grafton, WI 53024

For additional information contact:
Richard or Robert Rieck at 262-377-4190