

# Rose Harms Legionnaire

December 2017

Thank you to Associated Bank for honoring all Veterans  
with a great display from our Post on Veterans Day.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4th

Post Executive Committee meeting

December 11th

Post's Oratorical Contest starts at 7:00 pm  
followed by our general meeting

December 12th

BINGO

SAL meeting in the lower hall 6:30 pm

December 18th

Military Historians Club 5:00 pm

December 25th

*Merry Christmas*

December 31st

Your Rose Harms Post membership expires !

Renew online at [www.legion.org/renew](http://www.legion.org/renew) or mail to ;

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



## **COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak**



Yes, that's me after completing the Marine Corps Marathon, late October 2014, Washington D.C. It is a great memory of Bev and myself touring our nations capital prior to Veterans Day.

### **-- NOTE --**

For our Post meeting on Monday, December 11, the Holiday social and drinks will be held upstairs.

### **VETERANS DAY MEANING IN A FEW WORDS!**

"With Gratitude; Respect and Honor; Thank You For Your Service". American Flag Post Card given to me at GHS by Jamie Kretlow, Art Student.

### **GOOD OF THE LEGION**

- Veterans Day celebration at Grafton High School was a huge success. Students greeted us with respect and thanked us for our service. Thank you Gary Gilstrap and GHS faculty.
- Veterans Day "Host a Hero for Lunch" at Concordia University. Poem written by HOPE Fidelis Elementary School students. "We're inspired to be much more like you, To be courageous an honorable, In all that we do, You protect us with bravery, Shield us from harm, Are quick to action, In the face of alarm, Your integrity inspires us, Your justice endears, You strengthen our faith, And diminish our fears, You are humble patriots, To whom we must say, Thank you for your service, In our little way"!!!
- Legion Christmas Tree Decorating, Grafton Plaza, November 15, was completed. Nutcracker ornaments used to enhance this year theme, "We've got that Christmas Feeling". Thank you to the following Legion Family Members who participated with me: Brian and Janice Bould,

Ron and Judy Kuta, Maria Keegan, Sue and Paul Turowski, Crystal, Lindsay, and Lincoln Greicar.

- Reminder Grafton Annual Christmas Parade Saturday, November 25, 11am. Our Post will march with invited Legionnaires from Ozaukee County. Post parade at Bridge Inn.
- Plans to upgrade our Post sign adjacent to upper parking lot continues.
- Midwinter Conference at Ho-Chunk Convention Center. January 19-21, 2018.

### **LIVING WELL.....STROKE EDUCATION.**

A stroke occurs when blood supply and oxygen is cut off from the brain. Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death and the leading cause of disability in the U.S. A stroke can happen to anyone at anytime.

Types of Strokes:

ISCHEMIC---arteries blocked by blood clots.

TIA---mini stroke cause by a temporary clot.

HEMORRHAGIC---blood vessel bursts and leaks blood.

MANY RISK FACTORS.

Age---Risk doubles for each decade of life after age 55; Family History; Heart Disease; Diabetes, Obesity; High cholesterol; High blood pressure; Smoking; Prior mini stroke.

WARNING SIGNS.

Sudden confusion or trouble understanding.

Sudden numbness/weakness of leg, arm, face.

Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.

Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination. CALL 911.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A sincere Thank You to Post 355 Auxiliary, SAL, and Home Town Heroes Foundation for great dinner and refreshments at our annual Veterans Day event, November 11.

Congratulations to Ladies Auxiliary for being chosen as Grafton's Outstanding Community Group. Award presentation November 19, prior to Tree Lightning. KK11-17-17.

## Highlights From Our Last Post Meeting

### Chaplain Les Williams:

Christmas fruit baskets will be dispersed again this holiday season. If you have any suggestions for recipients please contact Les.

Hilgendorf's have repaired the Post Memorial Stone at Veterans Park and these names will be inscribed: Claude Wollner, George Zajdel, Dick Verhey, John Teuscher, Kenneth Schanen, Kenneth Trost, Frank Nierode, Melvin Bucholz, Mildred Brown, and Alfred Kohlwey.

Les also reminded the membership that in order to have a military funeral the DD-214 form is required. He suggests one register it with the County Veterans Service Officer.

**Sergeant@Arms Mike Knoppa** thanked everyone for the great participation in the Veterans Day Parade. Christmas Parade participants are to muster in front of the K-Comfort driveway by 10:45 am. The parade is scheduled to begin at 11:00 am. All marching Posts will be grouped together led by the color guard.

**Reminder;** the Post Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 29th from 2:30 to 6:30 pm.

**Americanism: Bill Clayton** reported that the selection process for Post's representatives for Badger Boys State has begun.

**Lee Wiskirchen;** the Post's American Legion Constitution Oratorical Contest has at the present time, 6 GHS students who have indicated plans to participate on Dec. 11th, at 7:00 pm.

**POW/MIA: Jim Stencel** gave information on a Wisconsin soldier, Donald L. Baer, from Mt. Pleasant who was first identified MIA, then KIA and whose remains were found buried in Korea was repatriated and buried with full military honors in Mt. Pleasant.

### New Business:

County Commander, Jim Johnson, was a guest at this evening's meeting and spoke to the membership. He also spoke about a new American Legion program, the Law Enforcement Academy to be held at Fort McCoy this June.

Jim reported on the sorry state of the brick wall at the Ozaukee County's Veterans Memorial in front of the Justice Center.

**Good of the Legion:** Commander Ken Kasprzak read a child's moving poem about Veterans Day and said that the GHS Veterans Day event went very well as students were highly respectful and appreciative.

The Veteran's Day dinner and drinks were compliments of the SAL, the Auxiliary and Camp Hometown Heroes (Kapco Manufacturing.)

The Military Historians Club will feature WWII Holocaust Survivor, Dr. Werner Richheimer at their meeting on Monday, December 18th.

A Christmas at the Legion event at the Saukville Post will be held on December 2nd at 3:00 pm and on the 3rd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. They will be featuring cookies, bakery and a sandwich lunch will be put on by the Saukville Auxiliary.

**Correspondence:** Commander Ken read a thank you letter from 2nd District Commander, Greg Eirich, for the great job the Post did hosting of the 2nd District Fall Conference. Below is special guest speaker, Wisconsin's Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Dan Zimmermann



### Calendar Raffle:

- \$50 – Gary Dowe**
- \$30 – Christine Salamone**
- \$25 – Jack Bublitz**
- \$20 – Lisa Mueller**
- \$15 – Steff Emmer**
- \$10 – Diane Richards**





**Time again for the Rose Harms annual LAS VEGAS NIGHT  
on Saturday February 17, 2018.**

This is the 34th year for this event which has been a very successful fund raiser for Post 355. Enclosed with your newsletter you will find 4 packs of tickets for the drawing to be held that evening. Tickets are \$1.00 each or a pack of 6 for \$5.00



If you are in need of more tickets please call the post at 377-8887 and we will see that you receive additional tickets. Ticket sales are a huge part of the profits for the evening so please try to sell your tickets. Ticket stubs can be mailed back to the post or placed in the mail slot at the front of the post. You need not be present to win any of the cash prizes given that evening.

Many volunteers are needed that evening to help make this a successful evening. Contact Steve Shock at 377-3728 if you can help out dealing cards. Doug Arendt is also looking for help with the roulette wheel and craps tables and can be reached at 617-9737.

Butch Paegelow is available to answer any questions or if you have ideas to make this 34th annual LAS VEGAS NIGHT a success this year. Butch can be reached at 377-9596.

Mark your calendar now for February 17, 2018 to come for the annual LAS VEGAS NIGHT. Be sure to invite friends and family to this annual event at Post 355.



**GIVE BLOOD  
SAVE A LIFE**

**Wednesday, November 29th**

**2:30 pm to 6:30 pm**



## Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017



**President Cathy Brunnquell** reminded all to write your statement as to **WHY** you joined the Auxiliary. Please send her your stories or bring them to the Christmas Party the 13<sup>th</sup>! Cathy also gave an update on the Sweet Heart Dinner. Ferrante's were very generous in the donation of all of the food for the event. A total of 60 meals were sold which is almost a 50% increase over last year!!! A total of 300 pocket flags were assembled by our Unit with the help from Boy Scout Troop 840. We will find out if a company from Wisconsin will be

**Department Chaplin Judy Kuta** reported she is still waiting to receive Prayers for the Prayer book she is putting together for Department President. She would welcome any prayers at the Christmas Party the 13<sup>th</sup>!! Judy also requested for members to save their box tops so they can be donated to the local schools. You can find them on most groceries and cut out. Please bring them to our next meeting.

**Membership Tammy Hadler** reported we have 136 members paid to date. Please turn in your membership renewals. Amy Luft discussed that members could also pay up for life - Dues will be increasing next year so now would be a good time. Please talk to her or Tammy if interested. Recruiting is also important. When you have 3 recruits the National Commander will provide you with one of her Pins. Also each time you enroll 3 members your name will be put in for a drawing chance to win \$75.00.

**VA&R Mel Nowack** thanked all who donated to the Christmas Gift Shop for the Vets at Zablaki. She has received many generous donations.

It was announced that Charter Member Martha Schanen passed away. Her funeral was Wed Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our sympathies to Martha's family. President Cathy Brunnquell and Chaplain Maria Keegan did a small ceremony to drape the charter for Martha's passing. She was the last living Charter Member.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Marcus Movie Tickets:** Please see Laurie Schwalbe for your next order!

**Blood Drive:** Will be held at the Post Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 – 6:30 pm. Please bring your baked goods or Snacks by 2:00

**Auxiliary Christmas Party:** Wed. December 13<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm. Invitation were mailed out. This is more information if needed: It is at the Legion and the theme will be a Christmas Tea. Cost is \$15.00 which include your meal and a Tea Cup. Please bring a gift to exchanged valued at \$20.00 or more if you like. If you do not want to participate in the exchange you don't need to bring a gift. There will also be a cookie exchange – bring 4 dozen cookies to exchange and take 4 dozen home with you. Remember to bring a container to take your cookie home. Only those who bring cookies will be able to be in the exchange. RSVP to Sue 262-389-4644, Linda 262-268-8296, Janice 262-377-6254, or Pam 262-375-0085 by December 8<sup>th</sup>! Hope to see you all there!!!



## *Cathy's Thoughts*

*It's time for Christmas and all kinds of Holiday Cheer!*

*The Auxiliary Christmas party invitations were sent out and we have information in the newsletter as well. I hope to see many members there. It is still early as we get the December Newsletter together but it is fun to see many people driving with their Christmas trees tied on top of their cars. As most of you know we were honored with the Chamber of Commerce award for Community Organization of the year. Members had fun riding in on the trailer the Chamber of Commerce provided for us to ride in. A couple of us had large pictures made of our Veterans and it made a great statement to many. Some people stood up and clapped honoring our Veterans pictures. One man made a gesture to us by tapping on his chest by his heart and said Thank You. It was very Heart warming. Please remember during this Holiday Season that there are many soldiers not home with their families. I hope they are recipients of the Trees from Home that we helped decorate 100 trees in August. Always remember to pray for the Men and Women serving our Country. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year !*

My Christmas wish for you, my friend  
Is not a simple one  
For I wish you hope and joy and peace  
Days filled with warmth and sun

I wish you love and friendship too  
Throughout the coming year  
Lots of laughter and happiness  
To fill your world with cheer

May you count your blessings, one by one  
And when totaled by the lot  
May you find all you've been given  
To be more than what you sought

May your journeys be short,  
your burdens light  
May your spirit never grow old

May all your clouds have silver linings  
And your rainbows pots of gold

I wish this all and so much more  
May all your dreams come true  
May you have a Merry Christmas friend  
And a happy New Year, too ..

by Ruth Kephart

 Merry  
Christmas 





## Rose-Harms December SAL News

**SAL Membership:** SAL now has 85 members and only 33 members have paid. Please get your \$20 dues payment to Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645 now!

Dick brought up that we can purchase pins for years of service with the SAL and for positions currently held as well as past positions. We will need to work on a list of who would get what if we are going to pursue this



**Veterans Dinner:** The Veterans Day dinner was a great success. The Post had 124 attendees which is almost max capacity for the event. A good time was had by all. The speaker from Camp American Legion was very interesting.

**Camp American Legion:** The next State meeting is set for January 19th to the 21st in the Wisconsin Dells. As a Chapter we need to start having representation at these meetings. We are one of the best SAL chapters in the State but don't follow through on the bigger picture...please think about attending the meeting in January as there will be some important topics at the meeting including the Fate of Cabin at Camp American Legion. They hope to have a final recommendation and approval for how to proceed with the cabin at this meeting,

Our representation and support can help to persuade the desired outcome and our continuing support. We will need to finalize who is going by the next meeting. If you are interested, please let Corey know and plan on attending the next chapter meeting. Chris will put together a maintenance list of what we have spent over the years to support the cabin to help present as well to show our dedication.

Currently, the cabin pier has been removed from the water, the furniture has been moved out and is in storage. The workers are removing the cabinets and paneling to try and salvage that was well.

**Bowling Fundraiser:** Bowling fundraiser was discussed at the meeting. Dick will have specific dates as well as sign-up sheets and advertising flyers by the next meeting so we can try to raise attendance over last year. Our goal is always to fill all of the lanes...start thinking about your teams.

**Metal Signage:** We had numerous positive comments about the metal signs that Chris brought to the beer tasting event as part of the raffle. Dick made a motion and Jimmy seconded it that Chris reach out and purchase more signs not to exceed \$500 for our upcoming bowling fundraiser and Vegas night. Motion carried and Chris will get an order placed

**Memorial Bricks:** Jimmy is going to replace the damaged brick this upcoming week and plans on sanding it before Thanksgiving. Depending on the weather, they will either be sealed yet this fall or in early spring.

**Flag Lighting:** Bill purchased a new light bulb for the flags at the post. This should fix the lighting issues that we have had. Not sure if this is the permanent solution or not, several members were looking into other possible options but we're not in attendance to hear about anything they found

**Legion Sign:** Doing anything about a new sign is still far off as we have to consider Village code requirements and meet the wishes of the Legion as far as location and composition...this will continue to be an ongoing discussion.

**SAL Clothing:** Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465. Currently available: 2 large jackets @ \$45 each; 5 hats @ \$50 each and 24 polo golf shirt sizes @ \$30 each.

**Vegas Night:** We need to start thinking about prizes for that evening. We want to do the Golf package and Booze Basket again and are looking for some other ideas for this year

**Josh Dogs:** Bill brought up looking into the Josh dogs program which is sponsored by SAL chapters for deploying soldiers kids...more research will be done to see if this is something we want to donate to in the future



## **ROSE-HARMS POST 355 - 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOWLING OUTING**

**Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion**

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> Registration at 12:00 p.m. Bowling at 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Circle B Bowling

**WHY:** A "fun get-together" for Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, and friends

**COST:** \$10.00 per person for 3 games of bowling and shoes

Five person mixed teams with the first 24 teams to register. Anyone can bowl, so get your team together for this fun outing. If you cannot get 5 people together to register to bowl, we will get you a team. This event will be a 9-pin tap tournament. Please arrive a half hour to an hour prior to the start of bowling. Prize money will be paid out at a later date to the top teams and bowlers. Please note there is only one shift of bowling.

**There will be 15 raffle prizes drawn throughout the day – 5 prizes per game!**

TEAM LINE-UP (Please print)

Captain 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return entry form by January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**to Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body**

**1327 Wisconsin Ave**

**Grafton, WI 53024**

**If you have questions, please call Robert or Richard Rieck**

**375-3747 (H), (414) 217-1076 (C) or 377-4190 (W)**