



happy new year 2018



IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 1st

Tuesday, January 2nd

Monday, January 8th

Tuesday, January 9th

Monday, January 15th

Saturday, January 27th

New Years Day

Executive Committee meeting

Post General Meeting

BINGO

Sons of the American Legion

Military Historians Club

Card Party - lower level

Post Family Bowling at Circle B

Calendar Raffle

\$50 – Ken Wegner

\$30 – LaVonne Eischen

\$25 – Greg Holcomb

\$20 – Steve Shock

\$15 – Joseph Barbieri

\$10 – Pat Deuster

THANK YOU

Thank you to the entire Legion Family for your show of support following my mother, Martha Schanen's death. Special thanks to Sue and Maria for their readings.

Nick Schanen

COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



Mel's Charities sponsored a float in Grafton's annual Christmas parade on November 25th.

Tom "Mel" Stanton (as pictured) contacted me with a request to have Post Veterans Larry Engel, Romain Monarski, and myself ride on the float as a way to honor and thank us for our service. Also, Mel's Charities again treated us to a meal and dessert at the Bridge Inn after the Christmas parade. A sincere thank you to Tom Stanton and Mel's Charities.

In Ozaukee County, Mel's funds special needs organizations, high school scholarships in memory of individuals who have passed, and human service organizations. i.e. "Great Times for Great Causes". Mel's Charities in part funded our Post security cameras.

Since 1999 over \$850,000 in grants have been dispersed. Yes, Volunteers do all charity work. When all is said and done, Mel's Charities captures the spirit in all who feel truly blessed to be living, working and playing in Ozaukee County. As an organization Mel's shares that blessing and impacts lives.

DEMENTIA.

Dementia has a range of causes, the most common being Alzheimer's disease. Note that 5.5 million people in the U.S. have Alzheimer's and it is the sixth leading cause of death. Studies are ongoing to identify preventive factors. Improving cardio health with physical activity has been shown to have a direct relation to reduced risk of dementia. Therefore, lower physical activity is closely related to a higher risk. If you get your heart working more efficiently, it can pump more oxygen and nutrients to the brain.

Diet also contributes to a healthy lifestyle, which lowers risk of dementia. In other words diet and exercise can modify the memory-loss factor as we age. Contact your physician if you experience regular memory loss because many causes of dementia are reversible if treated in time.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

- ♦ Midwinter Conference at Ho-Chunk Convention Center. January 19-21, 2018.
- ♦ Legion Jacket and Post logo polo shirts order information. A reminder that Silk Screen Specialists is an option for members. Embroidered as well as silkscreen Post 355 printing.
- ♦ Executive Committee Meeting for January to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd.
- ♦ Again for 2018 Bill Clayton and I will select interested students for attendance at the Badger Boys State. A meeting at the high school on January 6 will begin the process.
- ♦ Second District, Four Chaplains Observance, is scheduled for Saturday, February 3. Dinner and program to be held at our Post. More info at our January meeting.
- ♦ Wisconsin American Legion College. A basic course to be held at Cedarburg Post 288 on January 13. Register online at wilegion.org. or day of event at 8am. Program begins at 9am.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you for the fruit basket and Happy Holidays from Donald and Anita Franzen.
- Membership letter sent to Legionnaires who need to meet the December 31 deadline for 2018 dues payment. Membership is important not only to our post but also to the state and national organizations. Please send a \$35 check or renew online.
- Thank you to Lee Wiskirchen, Post Adjutant, for all you do each year to make certain that GHS Oratorical participants have a positive experience. At our December meeting presenters were Brandon Stearns, Ruta Kumbhami, and Julianna Melchor. Winner was Julianna who moves to County Oratorical finals. KK12-26-17

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Nick Schanen, standing in for Chaplain Les Williams, reported that Jim Hall has pneumonia. Nick also asked for any other thoughts for recipients for a Post Christmas Fruit Basket.

Membership: **Gary Gilstrap** reported that the Post had 261 renew their membership so far. He reminded everyone that if your card has 2017 on it, it will expire on December 31st.

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Knoppa said that the Honor Guard had one funeral, which was for 30 year Post member, Kenneth Martin.

Hall Manager Al Richards reported that the food and social gathering at end of tonight's meeting will be held on main deck as a trial run. Reason being, to avoid the steps going downstairs, which have provided some members a handicap when ascending them.

Good of the Legion:

The Metropolitan Milwaukee Historians will feature US Army Sgt. Al Richards at their monthly meeting at the Post on Monday, January 15th. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Al served in Vietnam with Charlie Company, which is featured in the book "Boys of 67".

Subject: LAS VEGAS NIGHT 2018

WHEN - FEBRUARY 17

TIME - DOORS OPEN AT 6:30

GAMING STARTING AT 7:00 TO 11:00

FREE BEER FROM 6:30 TO 7:30

Come have an evening of fun while supporting Post 355. Please try to sell your tickets for the cash drawing that were enclosed in your December newsletter as this is a huge part of our profits for the evening. If you are in need of more tickets call the Post at 377-8887 and we will see that you get more tickets. Tickets stubs can be mailed back to the Post or placed in the mailslot at the front of the Post.

More help is needed for the evening. Steve Shock is handling the Blackjack and Texas Hold'em tables and can use help dealing that

evening. Steve can be reached at 377-3728. Contact Doug Arendt if you can help with craps table or the roulette tables that evening. Contact Doug at 617-9737. Any questions contact Butch Paegelow at 377-9596 with any ideas you may have to make this a better evening for everybody attending. Please let your family and friends know to come out for an evening of fun and games on SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17th and make this another successful evening for Post 355!



Three Grafton High School students (left to right) Julianna Melsheimer, Brandon Stern and Rutu Kumbahni, competed in the Post's Oratorical Contest.

Each student had to give a prepared 8 to 10 minute oration on some aspect of the US Constitution. They then relate a citizen's duties and responsibilities to that aspect of the Constitution.

Chairman Lee Wiskirchen announced that the winner was Julianna Melsheimer. She will now move on to the County contest to be held in January.



Rose-Harms January SAL News

SAL Membership: Only fifty SAL members out of the 85 total membership have paid their 2018 dues. Craig will send an email reminder to those outstanding where possible. If you do not have email setup as part of your SAL registration or if you want to get the information about making your \$20 dues payment direct, please contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645. Please note our squadron has already paid everyone's dues who has not indicated otherwise. Please make reimbursement arrangements before year end.

Pins and Patches: A motion was made to purchase pins for years of service with the SAL and patches for leadership positions currently held. Costs are less than \$2 each. Motion approved.

Camp American Legion: The Midwinter Conference is set for January 19th to the 21st in the Wisconsin Dells at the Ho Chunk convention center. The destiny of our cabin will be a topic of conversation between 10:00 am until noon on Friday, January 19th. Please consider attending this meeting to show your support. We need help influencing a positive outcome for the cabin we have spent so much time and funds to retrofit over the years. Here is a link to the online info about the Midwinter Conference. *The American Legion Department of Wisconsin: 2018 Midwinter Conference*. Our SAL squadron will cover the registration cost for our members. If you want to stay overnight, rooms are \$109. If you are interested, please contact Corey soon so arrangements can be made. Chris is compiling a list of what we have spent over the years. When asked, four or five members indicated they are interested in attending.

Bowling Fundraiser is planned for January 27th. Noon registration and bowling begins at 1pm. Sign-up sheets are available. Our goal is always to fill all of the lanes. Please get a team together and register. Each team is being asked to bring potluck that will be enough for about sixteen teams at five each.

Memorial Bricks: The bricks are ready to be sealed in spring.

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 are planning to do a Golf package and Booze Basket. Please bring ideas to the next meeting.

Miscellaneous: A motion was made and approved to purchase ten squares from the leftover beer tasting raffle board for a total of \$50. (Al won!)

Legion Post Meeting Dinner Volunteers to serve at 7:45pm

Jan 8 – Bob Feb 9 - Marc

Josh Dogs: A motion was made and approved to allow purchasing up to ten GI Josh Dog kits at the Midwinter Conference for a cost of \$400 if needed.

The GI Josh dog is a stuffed animal wearing a camouflage bandana, meant to comfort the child of a deployed service member. Each dog comes with a book titled "I'll Be OK."

Like the ones that were given to children of the West Bend National Guard when they deployed earlier this year.



Camp American Legion News

The following is a description of the current issues discovered while doing the interior demolition of the director's quarters.

While doing the originally approved demolition at the director's quarters several issues were discovered. We found significant structural issues due to poor construction, moldy and rotten wood on the exterior walls and roof joists, and mouse infestation causing an unhealthy living conditions. There is insufficient and non-compliant building code issue in the following areas: Roof structure support, load-bearing headers and walls, electrical, plumbing, and building insulation heat loss factors. We had four contractors look at the structure and evaluate the structure for safety and code compliance issues. All of the contractors suggested that we demolish the structure down to the main floor deck, level the main deck as best as possible, and rebuild the structure using 2x6 construction and clear span trusses. One builder, (Wausau Homes) suggested we demolish the entire structure, pour a new foundation and rebuild the entire house. However, the costs of doing this would be nearly \$75,000 more than the cost to rebuild from the main level deck up.

Some of the materials have been removed to be re-purposed. All but one of the kitchen cabinets will be used in the craft shop. One cabinet had significant black mold from water leaking thru the roof. The water heater will be re-installed in the house. The steel roofing will be removed and saved for the cabin 22 rebuilding project. The boiler will be saved and sold or re-used in cabin 21 when it is rebuilt. All the copper piping will be scraped for salvage pricing.

We have looked at options for rebuilding completely vs. remodeling considering the budgetary impacts and the building life cycle longevity. These issues have set us back 2 weeks so far. I feel the attached proposed estimate is very reasonable. Again, we have myself and our staff that will be doing labor on this project to offset the labor costs.

State Commander Clewell has called an electronic meeting of the Department Executive Committee regarding immediate needs at Camp American Legion. I have attached the minutes of this meeting for your review. The items that they were asked to consider were:

1. Approval to reallocate \$14,200 from the woman's quarters renovation project to the Director's quarters. We have donor who has pledged to fund the woman's quarter's renovation project.
2. Approval to reallocate \$6,500 from the generator/building siding project to the Camp Director quarters. This project is mainly cosmetic – not urgent.
3. Approval to over-spend the \$75,000 Camp Director quarters budget.
(Budget Overage is \$22, 350) In terms of the budget overage of \$22,350 please be advised Camp American Legion received an estate on 11/07/2017 in the amount of \$21,613 to help offset the overage. This estate of \$21,613 has been earmarked for Camp American Legion.

We continue to receive sizable donations / estates earmarked for Camp American Legion due to the efforts of the Camp and Headquarters staff (marketing / fundraising efforts).

North Shore Embroidery is the official supplier of our Auxiliary apparel. Kelly Bichanich, Auxiliary member, would be pleased to help all Post members (Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL) with their apparel needs. Whether it's jackets, shirts, hats or even some other clothing item, Kelly can help you out. Purchase items through her large selection of brand names or, shop at your favorite store and have Kelly add our Legion Family logo to your purchased items. Supporting our Legion Family for over 25 years, North Shore Embroidery has been a proud supporter of the Rose-Harms Post.

Contact Kelly Bichanich at 414-379-3389 or email at knorthshore@att.net to place your order.



ROSE-HARMS POST 355 - 12th ANNUAL BOWLING OUTING

Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion

WHEN: Saturday, January 27th 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 22nd
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)

