

Saturday, February 3rd Monday, February 5th Friday, February 9th Saturday, February 10th Monday, February 12th Tuesday, February 13th Wednesday, February 14th Saturday, February 17th Monday, February 19th

Monday, February 19th

Tuesday, February 20th

Sunday, February 25th



Four Chaplains Dinner hosted by Grafton

Post Executive Committee meeting

GALA's live music

Legion Riders Chili Cook-off at Saukville

Post general meeting

**BINGO and SAL** 

### **Valentines Day**

Las Vegas Night

Military Historians Club

Card Club

Unit Auxiliary meeting

Legion Jam III for the Honor Flight Live Music and Mr. Tony's BBQ Free Admission! Doors open at 11:00 am



#### COMMANDER'S CORNER—Ken Kasprzak



It's January and I begin the last six months of my third term as Commander. I certainly enjoy my duties and have met great friends and family of our membership----Post, SAL, and Auxiliary.

Gary Gilstrap, Al Richards, and I have been multitasking to recruit new members and notify existing members who have not paid their dues. Progress has been made, but we could sure use your help. The Post goal is 317 paid.

#### GOOD OF THE LEGION.

STRENGTH COMES FROM MEMBERSHIP. Together, our dedication and the legion members will allow us to continue standing tall for veterans as we begin a second century of service. We will fight to ensure that veterans receive the health care they deserve, that or troops are poised to succeed, that rewarding career opportunities are available for veterans and their spouses, children are educated, and our nation's flag is treated with the respect it deserves. Family First. Denise Rohan, National Commander.

**SHINGLES**----What you should about the virus that causes this illness. Post chicken pox, the virus hangs out in your nerve cells for the rest of your life. As you age, your immunity may weaken and the virus can reerupt as shingles. Although not life-threatening it is often painful. According to the Center for Disease Control, one in every three people 60 or older will get shingles and one in six will experience severe pain. Also, many patients will develop a neuralgia type pain that can last for years. Other complications----vision loss, skin infections, and neurological problems such as encephalitis, facial paralysis, or hearing or balance problems. What to do----Boost immunity and get a shingles vaccination if 60 or older. There is no data to support re-administration of the vaccine. Contact your physician to see if the vaccine is right for you.

Bill Clayton, Americanism Chairperson, has again worked with Grafton High School to gather applicants for interviews. Bill and I plan to meet the students on January 24.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Ozaukee County Bowling Tournament. March 10 & 11, Harbor Hills Bowling Center, Port Washington. See me or call for entry form. My phone--- 812-345-4564.

**2nd District American Legion Riders**. Note from Corey Doehrmann, President. On behalf of our 113 members, it has been our honor and privilege to serve our veterans and we hope that your membership will call upon the Riders to provide escorts, honor guards or to join your local parades in 2018. Email-----ALRA.Distrct.2@gmail.com

#### Note from Rosemary Schmitt and Family.

Sincere thank you to the men and ladies of Rose-Harms Legion Post for the kindness you have shown Gene. We were so humbled at the respect so many showed Gene at the church. Family donated money in his honor.

A special thank you to our Honor Guard and Post members who attended both Herbie Menzel and Gene Schmit funeral ceremony.

Thank you to Sandra Krzewinski for completing all necessary paperwork as we plan to honor Firefighter, EMT, and Police Officer of the Year at the St. Paddy's dinner in March.

> Calendar Raffle Winners \$50 - Karen Kenner \$30 - Linda Faas \$25 - Robert Wrecza \$20 - Robert Hubacek \$15 - Marilyn Jeske \$10 - Linda Lundberg

**Chaplain Report:** Les Williams reported that 8 fruit baskets delivered over the holidays with the tireless assistance of Nick Schanen. Les enjoyed the visits with the recipients.

Taps were played for Post members Herb Menzel, Ken Martin, Jim Boehnlein, and Paul Hollrith.

**Blood Drive**—Mike reported that the Post had 31 participants at our blood drive. Special thanks to Renata Quillen and Sue Turowski from the Auxiliary for their help.

**Americanism:** Bill Clayton and Commander Ken Kasprzak went to GHS and held an informational meeting for those interested in Badger Boys State 2018.

A reminder that Youth in Government Day is scheduled for March 21st at the Ozaukee County Courthouse. Volunteers for chaperones are needed.

**Athletic:** Upcoming bowling events include the Post's SAL on January 27th, 2<sup>nd</sup> District "Fun Bowl" in Watertown on February 25th and Ozaukee County Bowling on March 10th & 11th at Port Washington Harbor Hills. See Doug for more info and registration forms. **Hall Report:** The 2nd District's 4 Chaplains Dinner will be held at the Post on Saturday, February 3rd. Doors open at 5:00 with dinner at 6:00 pm.

Refreshments after our last meeting were compliments of Don Kenner's Birthday and Amy Luft with thanks from the "Honor Flight".

**Bingo:** Jim Arentz said help is always appreciated for bingo. All you have to do is just show up.

**Oratorical Contest:** Lee Wiskirchen reported that Julie Melsheimer, the Post winner, performed well at the County Contest, but her opponent from Cedar Grove/ Belgium won the County Contest.

*New Business:* Connor Retzke, USN, was welcomed aboard.

**Good of the Legion:** The Military Historians will present Post member, Ralph Beck, speaking on the TET Offensive in Vietnam.

**Commander Ken read** a thank you letter from the Grafton Chamber of Commerce for the Post donation to the Christmas Parade. A thank you letter from Stanley Tackes for gift of the fruit basket during the holidays



Graton's Branch of Associated Bank won \$1,000 for the best display on Veterans Day, which they donated to the Rose Harms Post



### February SAL News

**SAL Membership:** At least 50% out of a total of 86 SAL members have paid their 2018 dues. If you have not paid, please contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645.

Pins and Patches: Pins were ordered.

**Camp American Legion:** About eight members indicated they planned to attend the American Legion Wisconsin Midwinter Conference in the Wisconsin Dells this January. The destiny of the cabin our squadron has spent time and money to retrofit for camp occupants is a topic of conversation on Friday, Jan 19th. We hope a decision will be made to save the cabin and repair the floor that is so badly decayed so our contributions are not lost.

**Annual Bowling Fundraiser:** Bowling fundraiser is planned for January 27<sup>th</sup>. Noon registration and bowling begins at 1pm. Sign-up sheets are available. Teams are still needed for the open lanes. Each team is being asked to bring potluck that will be enough for about sixteen teams at five each. Need more prizes. Individuals should bring beer and/or wine to donate for prizes.



Scholarships: Mailing going out soon. Would like recipients to attend the SAL September meeting.

**Annual Vegas Night:** Las Vegas night is planned for Feb 17. We are planning to do a Golf package and Booze Basket. Please bring ideas to the next meeting. \$500 was approved to print thirteen signs.

Flag Pole Lighting: Heat was measured to be 275<sup>0</sup>.

SAL Clothing: Contact Brian Hadler @ 262-894-7465.

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

Feb 13 – Marc Mar 13 – Auxiliary Apr 10 - Kim



### George L. Fox Alexander Goode Clark V. Poling John Washington

## In Honor of the Four Chaplains

### Everyone is Invited to

### The 2nd District's Four Chaplains Dinner

Saturday, February 3, 2018 Door Open at 5:00 pm

### Rose Harms Post 355, 1540 13th Ave., Grafton, WI 53024

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Names \_\_\_\_\_



### Cathy's Thoughts

Greetings to all members! We had a nice meeting for January despite the crazy winter weather. Is it going to snow, rain or just darn icy roads?

We have some activities coming up by helping at the Legions big event, Las Vegas Nights. As you can see we are looking for snacks, cookies and bars. The amounts are listed in the Auxiliary portion of the newsletter. The Las Vegas Night is always a fun event to attend in our community.



Please consider coming to our February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. We have fun with our "social time" before the meeting and lately some have stayed after the meeting just for fun ladies chit-chat.

We will be taking in nominations for Member of the Year at this meeting also. If you would like to participate and nominate a member that you think has been outstanding please join us.

We can always use help with other events that will be coming up in the next couple months.

Hi Cathy,

Karen told me of a Veterans family in need. This is what she e-mailed me.

Interested? Al

To follow up with the conversation regarding the soldier in need.

This is what they have replied regarding needs:

We normally get our diapers, wipes and formula at Walmart.

Parent choice diapers size 6, parent choice sensitive wipes, and parent choice sensitive formula.

For food we normally shop at Aldi and Walmart( as in need , do you mean amount or actually food needs)

Let me know if you may have resources to assist. Karen Degner

Military Family Assistance Specialist

### UNIT MEETING was held January 16th,

President Cathy Brunnquell discussed the following:

• Vegas Nights – we will have snacks and desserts this year. Please have your goodies at the Post by 5:30. Snacks of 1 cup should be packaged in a baggie; Bars should be packaged and cut into 4 by 3 pieces; and Cookies placed 3 per baggie.



- Member of the Year will be voted on at next meeting. Please attend the next meeting to submit your vote or contact Amy Luft for a ballot.
- Poppy Princess applications are being accepted for Junior Members. Please contact President Cathy Brunnquell if interested by email *cbrunnquell@wi.rr.com* Cathy can send you a list of the activities and what commitments are needed by the Poppy Princess.
- Next Year's Christmas Parade will have a float with members holding Posters of their Veteran. Stay tuned!

Membership Tammy Hadler reported we have 153 members paid to date. Please turn in your membership renewals. Please get your renewals in if you haven't already done so!

VA&R Mel Nowack once again thanked all who donated to the Christmas Gift Shop for the Vets at Zablaki. Our Units' donation valued at \$3885.00. You should all be very proud and know the Veterans were overwhelmed with appreciation!

It was announced that one of our Unit's members, Vickie Brown, had passed away. Our sympathies to Vickie's family. The draping of the Charter Ceremony was done for Vickie at our Unit meeting.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

January 27th 9am Aux Reporting Clinic Grafton Post RSVP – Amy Luft or Judy Kuta

Honor Flight Dates are 4/14, 5/5, 6/2 - Wine Tasting will be on 4/21

**Our Next Meeting**: Feb 20<sup>th</sup> Snacks at 6pm / Meeting 6:30

The 2nd District Legion Riders are having there 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook off at the Saukville American Legion Post on Saturday, February 10th.

If you are interested in helping with the Bakery Auction please contact Sue Turowski by emailing her <u>sueturowski@hotmail.com</u>

Drop off at Legion is at 4:00 pm.

It is also a fun event to go to!

All proceeds are to go to benefit Camp American Legion.





# The American Legion's 99th Birthday Saturday, March 10th Dinner For Only \$15.00 Each

# Everyone is Welcome - the Fun begins at 6:00pm

We have limited, so please RSVP ASAP

Names

Mail to; Rose Harms Post 355 1540 13th Ave. Grafton, WI 53024

or Call 262- 377-8887