



# Rose Harms Legionnaire

## March 2018

**LOOK AHEAD**

Thursday, March 1st	Ozaukee County meeting - Belgium Post
Monday, March 5th	Post Executive Committee meeting
Saturday, March 10th	American Legion Birthday Dinner
Monday, March 12th	Post General Meeting
	Auxiliary will host Dinner at 5:30 pm
	Auxiliary meeting to follow
Tuesday, March 13th	BINGO
	SAL Meeting - lower hall
Monday, March 19th	Military Historians Club
	Card Club - lower hall
Saturday, April 21st	4th Annual Wine Tasting



# RoseHarmsPost

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



It's been a February winter in Wisconsin with snow and cold temperatures. Have enjoyed my outdoor running but hopefully warmer temps are coming so I can transition to shorts for both biking and running.

Letters were again mailed to members who have outstanding 2018 dues. The reminder letter sent in December was a success since many members renewed before January 1. The Post goal is 317 paid members.

34<sup>th</sup> Las Vegas night was a fun event. All members and guests had a great time and contributed to our major fundraiser. A special thanks to Butch Paegelow and his staff for all their hard work.

### **GOOD OF THE LEGION.**

Great Pains---A sharp rise in painkiller use has experts concerned. Between 1999 and 2015, sales of opioids in the U.S. have tripled and there was a parallel increase in opioid addiction and overdose. Medicare patients---nearly one in three---received an Rx for an opioid painkiller (i.e. Oxycodone/Oxycontin and Hydrocodone APAP/Vicodin). Note that opioids are more potent in older people and their effects last longer, largely because the liver and kidneys metabolize and excrete drugs less efficiently. Sedation and confusion are common opioid side effects. We really need to completely rethink how we can help older adults who are struggling with pain. Ozaukee County Youth Government Day, March 21, 0830. Questions call Veterans Service at 262-284-8326.

Family Sharing Fundraiser, February thru March

31. Drop off non-perishable food and personal care items at pink grocery cart, Post front entrance.

Bill Clayton, Americanism Chairperson, and myself presented Delegate Cards to Grafton High School students for attendance at 77th Annual Badger Boys State, June 9-16. Congratulations to Alec Davis, Carter Day, Daniel Prohuska, and Zander Lichosik. 2nd District Spring Conference. April 28, West Bend. Contact Greg Eirich---920-226-0951.

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Note from 2nd District Commander Greg Eirich, Thank you for hosting the 4-Chaplains Dinner on February 3. Many positive comments about this event and food was excellent.

At our February meeting, members voted to donate \$300 to Grafton High School's

A Capella vocal group "Graftonics". At ICHSA (International Competition of High School A Capella) Midwest Quarterfinal held on January 27, 2018. Graftonics

was one of two groups chosen to move on to the Semifinals.

On March 10, at DeKalb, Illinois, Graftonics will compete for a spot in the ICHSA Finals at Lincoln Center, New York City. Congratulations on a job well done.

Pictured are Choir Director Maggie Condon and Band Director, Kathryn Hardt,.



# Highlights from our last Post meeting

**Chaplain Report:** Les Williams reported: Taps following the meeting for Post members Don Franzen and Jim Hall.

**Americanism:** Bill Clayton and Commander Ken met with prospective Badger Boys State selections and alternates at GHS.

**Athletic:** Doug Arendt reported that the County Bowling Tournament is scheduled for March 10th & 11th, at the Harbor Hills Bowling Center in Port Washington.

**Hall Report:** Al Richards handed out the balance sheet for the Hall for end of the year. Over all a good year!

A very successful 4 Chaplains dinner was held at the Post.

National Commander has expressed a desire to visit the Post in August, hopefully on the 4<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon or evening meal.

Thanks from the Legion Riders to those who attended their Chili Cook-off and supported the bakery auction.

**Bingo:** Jim Arentz asked for help with setup following tonight's meeting. If you would like to help with Bingo, just show up and we will find you a job.

**POW/MIA:** Jim Stencel reported on a soldier from the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry who was laid to rest with full military honors in Mt. Pleasant, Wisconsin last December. Cpl. Donald Baerber, MIA for 67 years, whose remains were found buried in South Korea and was then reburied in Hawaii. His body was finally identified using family DNA and repatriated to Mt. Pleasant for burial.

**Camp American Legion:** Dick Lallensack reported: a reminder for Camp opening the week of April 23rd.

**Executive Committee Recommendation Passed;** Authorize Tom Grabow to purchase the requisite number of tables with a cost not to exceed \$2,000 to replace the less durable ones we now use for rentals.

## **New Business:**

Welcomed aboard were Tom, Paul, Jim, And Ray Rieck.

State Vice Commander, Jim Lee, was our guest speaker.

## **Good of the Legion:**

The Military Historians Club will continue with its series on the Tet Offensive during the Vietnam War. Their monthly meeting will be held at the Post on March 19th, beginning at 5:00 pm.

There was a motion presented to donate \$300.00 to the GHS Chorus to defray their cost for a National Contest on March 10<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded and passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**Correspondence:** Herbie Menzel's daughter Carrie wrote a thank you letter to the Post for our support at Herb's funeral along with a \$275 donation.



**Public Safety:** Sandra Krzewinski reported that the following Public Safety Awards will be bestowed to;

Police: Richard Aamudt,  
Firefighter: Capt. Bobby Kaslick,  
EMT: Derek Deps

Help us honor these First Responders at our Post's Birthday dinner on March 10th.

## **Calendar Raffle:**

**\$50** – Kevin Dressel  
**\$30** – Tony Moegenburg  
**\$25** – Holly Sutinen  
**\$20** – Marilyn Januchoski  
**\$15** – Colton Schmit  
**\$10** – Claude Taylor

## Thank you to all who supported the 2018 Las Vegas Night.

Special thanks goes out to all those who helped make this a huge success. To those behind the scenes who help with the sorting of money into envelopes, to stapling tickets together for all the raffles, collecting raffle prizes thank you. To those who help with selling tickets for hourly raffles, working the silent auction, to those dealing cards and working the various tables that evening would not have been this successful without your help. Special thanks to the Ladies Auxiliary and the SALS for all their help that evening.

Winners in the cash sweepstakes were:

Keith Kison took away the \$500.00 prize.

\$200.00 went to Cynthia Schaefer.

\$100.00 went to Hank Laubenheimer, Chris Lundberg and Larry Waskiewicz.

\$50.00 winners were Maureen Wiskirchen, Nola Paegelow, Tom Goldberg and Tracy Murray.

The 50/50 cash winner was Shannon Brandon who walked away with \$1325.00. The High Roller winner was Vince Anewenter. Congrats to all the winners.

Thank you again for all your help and support to make this Las Vegas Night such a huge success this year.



**5th Annual Memorial  
"Red Pin" Bowl-A-Palooza  
Saturday, April 28th  
Noon Sign Up - 1:00 pm Start  
\$25 per bowler held at Circle B**

**Last year this Fundraiser donated all its proceeds to the Rose Harms Post 355.**

### **NO COST TO YOU ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE PROTECTION GUARANTEED TO LEGIONNAIRES.**



As a member of the Legion Family, you're eligible for up to \$5,000.00 in NO COST To You coverage. But your Confirmation is REQUIRED for activation. Your beneficiary will receive a check for \$5,000.00 if you suffer a fatal covered accident while you are traveling to or from or participating in any covered event conducted for Legion business, or \$1,000.00 for all other fatal covered accidents. You pay nothing for this coverage.

Your Department of The American Legion endorses this coverage to stand by your family with benefits paid straight to your beneficiary, if you suffer a fatal covered accident at home, on the job, in your car, on vacation, while traveling, wherever you are. For more information regarding the Legionnaire NO COST AD&D insurance please visit: <https://www.thelit.com/no-cost-legioncare>

Very Respectfully,

Amber Nikolai, Department Adjutant



## March SAL News

Local founding members of Healing Patriots made a presentation about their organization. Their mission is to give injured Veterans and First Responders outdoor therapy expeditions in tranquil settings that can kick-start a path to a positive and healthy lifestyle.

See also: [www.healingpatriots.org](http://www.healingpatriots.org)



A motion was approved to provide a \$1,000 donation that will be presented for the newspaper in March.

**SAL Membership:** Five new members joined. Motion was approved for SAL to pay dues for children of active service members if the parents wish their children to join.

Note: Just over 50% of our SAL members have paid their 2018 dues. If you have not paid, please contact Paul Turowski @ 262-389-4645.

**Camp American Legion:** Motion approved to tear down Cabin 22 at the American Legion Wisconsin Midwinter Conference and to start demolition in April. Plan is to salvage paneling, electric & plumbing fixtures. Timing of replacement will depend on available monies with a desire to begin within 1 year. The cabin replacement goal is to build a four season unit with a loft and the new structure will also require a new / separate well & septic. Don is aware that our squad wants to stay active and he will advise us of any other opportunity in the interim. The camp has an updated website. Check it out: [www.campamericanlegion.org](http://www.campamericanlegion.org)

Not confirmed as of this writing: Friends on Forest Home (Don's Brother) will have a fundraiser on March 10th with the proceeds going towards the Cabin 22 rebuild. Keep tuned to Face Book or call for more info. Website: [friendsonforesthome.com](http://friendsonforesthome.com)

**Annual Bowling Fundraiser:** Consisted of 75 bowlers. Fun was had by all with over \$900 in door prize winnings. The new addition of a Buffet lunch worked out well.

**Memorial Day Flags:** We will start evaluating flags and tags inventory in March to avoid rushes prior to Memorial Day.

**Special Visit:** American Legion Commander Denise Rohan is planning to visit our post this summer. Possible date is August 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Next Meeting:** 3/13 @ 6:30pm

**Josh Dogs:** A fundraiser bucket to be available during Las Vegas night . Every day there are many brave men and women who leave their homes to defend our country, and many of the silent victims left behind are their families. The adjustments they make while their loved one serves either here or abroad are many, and the loneliness and the unique fears they share while their loved one is away are real.

The GI Josh Project chronicles the journey Josh and Smudge make with young Cassie, whose daddy is sent abroad during our nation's military operations in the Middle East. Josh and Smudge befriend Cassie, who is lonely and heartbroken over her daddy's departure. Together they find coping tools which help Cassie during this trying and difficult time. Even though Cassie is still lonely, the love and comfort Josh and Smudge bring to her family helps them soldier through this difficult time together until her daddy's triumphal return from his deployment. To receive your GI Josh promo code, please email [info@joshandfriends.com](mailto:info@joshandfriends.com).





## UNIT MEETING was held Feb 20, 2018



Following updates were discussed:

Vegas Nights – Thank-you to all that brought treats and or volunteered. It was a last minute decision to sell some sort of sandwich so it was decided to sell Hot Dogs. They went over very well as did the popcorn. Snacks did not go over the best. Total profit after expenses was \$435.42.

Member of the Year nominations need to be handed in by March 1st. Please turn in to Amy Luft, Judy Kuta or Ann Field's

CD was renewed at BMO Harris Bank at 1.5% interest.

Unit reports are due at the March 12th meeting. Include volunteer hours and donated monies.

Next Unit meeting will be after the Legion Birthday Party on Monday March 12th. A sign up for dishes to pass was circulated. If you were unable to sign up please contact President Cathy Brunquell 377-0718. Desserts are already provided so we do not need additional desserts.

4th Annual Wine Tasting - Saturday April 21st 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Proceeds from event will be donated to Guiltars 4 Vets. Tickets \$25.00 advance/ \$30.00 at the door Grapes to Taste will be providing a wide variety of Wine for your tasting. Please join us!!

Membership Tammy Hadler reported we have 173 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 Nowak received a thank-you from Volunteer Services at the VA extending great thanks for all of our support. Badger State Girls were announced. Delegates are: Olivia Konzen, Jillian Herlinger & Payton Riddle. Alternates: Laura Stockhausen & Ashlynn Micoliczyk.

It was announced that Member's Tee Hall & Anita Franzen's husbands recently passed away. Our sympathies to both of their families.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Honor Flight Dates	4/14, 5/5, 6/2	
American Legion Birthday Party Dinner	March 10th	
Next Meeting:	March 12th	Dinner 5:30 – Meeting after Dinner
Oz. Council Spring Meeting	April 18	Belgium Post 5:30 coattails, 6:00 dinner
District Meeting	April 28th	Horicon Post
Wine Tasting Saturday	April 21st	





# *American Legion* *Happy 99th Birthday*

## **Saturday, March 10th**

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



*Due to popular demand, Corned Beef Slow roasted & hand cut.*

*Chicken Marsala in sweet marsala wine cream sauce*

### **Dinner For Only \$15.00 Each**

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