



Rose Harms Legionnaire

November 2014



Looking Ahead

Monday, Nov. 3rd	Post Executive Committee meeting
Thursday, Nov. 6th	Ozaukee County meeting at the new Mequon Post
Saturday, Nov. 8th	Veterans Day dinner at the Post
Monday, Nov. 10th	Post general meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 11th	8:15 am Veterans Day ceremonies at GHS 10:30 am march from the Post to the park 11:00 am Veterans Day ceremonies at the park 11:30 am Open house and lunch at the Post
Tuesday, Nov. 11th	BINGO SAL meeting at 6:30 pm
Monday, Nov 17th	Military Historians—Upper hall Card party—Lower hall
Wednesday, Nov. 19th	Post Christmas tree decoration in the plaza
Saturday, Nov. 29th	Grafton's Christmas Parade
Wednesday, Dec 3rd	Post Blood Drive
Saturday, Dec. 6th	Legion Riders meeting at Mequon Post
Sunday, Dec. 14th	Packer Party

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Rose Harms Post 355

Highlights of Our Last Post Meeting

Chaplain Les Williams reported that Dan Czerwinski had a pickup truck pull out in front of him, while he was riding his bike to work. Dan is pretty bruised up but doing fine.

Sgt. @ Arms Mike Knoppa reminded everyone that the Post's blood drive would be held on Wednesday, December 3rd.

Athletic Chairman Doug Arendt reported that the Post had a bottom line of \$623.70 after the 2nd District Golf outing and the Post's annual golf outing. Another great job by Doug!

Building; Dave Wegner has completed installing our new widows along the east side of the Post. Dave Sandlin was in and repaired the exhaust fans in the restrooms and the north side air-conditioning unit.

Cub Scout Leader Brad Diamond and his son, Harrison, gave a synopsis of Troop 3840 activities for the year. They also left a copy of their popcorn fundraiser and thanked the Post for their continuing support.



Boy Scouts from Troop 840, were also at the meeting. Each Scout took a turn telling the membership about their different travels and various adventures during this past season.

The Scout master also mentioned that they would be doing their annual Christmas wreath sales in the near future.

BINGO Chairman Tom Peterson reported that they have been getting fair turnouts so far this year.

Tom said that they are always looking for more Post members to help out.

Executive Committee Recommendations;
None

Good of the Legion;

- Al said that the free Veterans Day Dinner for all Post members was filling up fast. Please send in your reservations as soon as possible, so we can give the caterer a good count.
- The Military Historians Club will feature Jeff Edmonds from Hartland. He is a 28 year Green Beret veteran who has served in Afghanistan and Okinawa along with stateside duty.

Pot of Gold winner was Jerry Brunell

Monthly Calendar Raffle Winners;

\$50	Earl Witte
\$30	John Fass
\$25	Kevin Dressel (again)
\$20	Diane Nawrocki
\$10	Ronald Block

Green Bay Packer Tickets winner was;
SAL member - Scott Ritter

The next Packer tickets to be raffled off will be for the Nov. 16th home game against the Eagles.



CAMP AMERICAN LEGION----FALL CLOSING 2014

Submitted by Dick Lallensack

The annual Fall “work week” for closing Camp American Legion for Ozaukee County was the week of Sept 29th. Volunteers from around the State showing up at various times to close Camp. Ozaukee County had (39) Legionnaires, SAL’s, and Volunteers in Camp for the Fall Closing.

Normal Fall jobs completed:

All Piers removed by a Group from Grafton

All Boats and Pontoon boats removed and stored as required.

Water turned off in all the Cabins, drained, etc., for winter as required by a Group from Belgium.

Picnic tables, chairs, and misc lawn furniture items stored in appropriate places for the winter.

The above were the typical “closing” items. We had compiled a “work list” with about 54+ items listed and our wonderful Volunteers completed almost all of those items----THANKS A BUNCH!!

Some of the additional projects and items completed:

Dick & Bob Rieck of our SAL finally got the final coat of paint on the Propane Tank outside the Main Lodge--the weather challenged several times in the past and messed with them a bit this time too.

Butch, Leroy, and Claude T. built a roof over the “above ground gasoline tank” area.

The Major Capital Improvement completed this year was the Rebuilding and Refurbishing of Cabin 22-----sponsored by our 355 S.A.L., formally called the “King Cabin”.

Total attendance at Camp this year was 543 veterans---then adding in the Care Givers, family members, and the Staff members of the special groups, we end up with a total of 1129 this year compared to 1026 last year. That is a 10% increase over last year. Then, looking back to 2010---the total was 508.

As always, we a great work week closing Camp after another very successful Season with an awful lot of things accomplished. It is all of you Legionaries, SAL’s, and Volunteers that continue to make this all a reality. A big THANKS to each and every one of you. If you have never been up for a work week consider coming up next Spring.

Understanding the Veteran’s Choice Card

In August, President Obama signed into law the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 in response to mounting concerns of access barriers for veterans seeking health care.

As part of this new legislation, all veterans enrolled in the VA health care system as of Aug. 1, 2014 as well as those who served in combat will receive a “Veterans Choice Card,” but the department estimates roughly 700,000 will be allowed to use it based on the criteria.

As outlined, eligible veterans who experience time and distance delays such as being unable to obtain an appointment at a VA facility within 30 days or those living more than 40 miles from a VA facility would be given the opportunity to use the card and receive care under this program.

The guidance states all care must be pre-authorized and coordinated by VA. Any outside care providers must also meet certain requirements, including having a provider agreement with VA and Medicare certification. Certain veterans are also expected to pay private providers any previously established VA co-pays and cost-shares, deductibles and co-pays required by their private insurance.

“It’s important we educate veterans on this card so they know exactly how it is intended to be used and who is eligible to use it,” said Washington Headquarters Executive Director Garry Augustine. “We don’t want veterans to get caught in a situation where they are, once again, unable to get the care they need because of technical errors and an overburdened system.”

VA still has to issue the regulations that will further define this program, how it operates and how veterans can participate. DAV is monitoring the situation and will provide updates as they become available.



Sons of the American Legion October News

By Craig Butler

Volunteers completed the planned projects at Camp American Legion in Tomahawk. In spring the cabin will get new blinds and outdoor screens. Next year, volunteers will be needed to help with the spring clean-up.

The 5th Annual Oktoberfest Beer Tasting, SAL's primary fundraiser, is planned for October 23 at the Fire Ridge Golf Club. Food pairings presentations for beer and wine will be conducted and a Paddle Wheel raffle will be available to win prizes. Advanced tickets are \$25 or \$30 at the door. SAL members will sell tickets and people can pick up tickets at Fire Ridge or the Grafton Legion Post. SAL volunteers are needed for the event. Contact Dick (Heinz & Sons 57 Auto Body) @ 377-4190 if you can volunteer. Member note: any unsold tickets should be returned to the Post.

SAL is donating \$500 to Denise Rohan's campaign as National Commander candidate
Upcoming Legion Post Dinners - SAL volunteers to arrange and setup food by 6:30pm

Nov 10 – Kim & Craig

Dec 8 – Legion provided

Jan 12 – Bob

Events (See website Events page for more <http://grafftonlegion.com>)

October 23 - 5th Annual Oktoberfest Beer Tasting, Flannery's Bar and Restaurant @ Fire Ridge Golf Club

Nov 11 – Veterans Day March, meet @ 10am at the Post

Nov 19 – Grafton Christmas Tree Decorating

Nov 29 – Grafton Christmas Parade, line up @ 9:30

Dec 3 - Post Blood Drive from 2:30pm to 6:30pm

Dec 14 – Rose Harms Packer party (with a bloody mary bar)

SAL Meetings (second Tuesday of the month): **Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10**

Note: SAL's Facebook page has events that people can use to invite their Facebook friends to: <http://www.facebook.com/SAL.Grafton>



Food Pairing and live music were all just part of another great Oktoberfest Beer Tasting Night!





Rose-Harms Unit 355
American Legion Auxiliary
October Newsletter

Our October meeting was filled with activities, planning and decisions on activities to do for our veterans and our community. Renata Quillen, our membership chairman, has been working hard and has a good start on collecting membership dues for 2015. 90 members have already paid. Thank you to each and everyone of you faithful 90. For those of you that have not paid, would you please get your payment to Renata before December 15th? If you do that, Department will have them all processed before the end of the year. Remember if your dues are not paid by the end of December, you will not be eligible for any of the benefits ALA members are entitled to in 2015 until they are paid. Your membership is very important to us, please find it in your heart to honor the veteran in your life by paying your dues today. Thank you!

Amy Luft is the Department National Security chairman and is leading the way on a project called "Snickers for Soldiers". Our Unit will have a box available at next month's meeting to fill with candy bars and other non-perishable snacks. When the box is full Amy will deliver it to the USO Lounge at General Mitchell Airport. Military personnel and their families can rest in the Lounge and our contributions will be available to them as they wait for their flights. Amy was told the "soldiers" really seem to like Snickers, but any candy bars will be welcome. If you would like to participate, bring your candy bars and/or snacks to the November meeting. Help us fill the box for our military.

The following is a brief list of the projects we discussed at this month's meeting:
Blood Drive at the Post December 3rd. We can donate cookies and snacks. Chaplain, Linda Brown, will once again be making a Prayer Book. She would like to have at least one prayer or song for each family in our Unit. If you would like to participate put your prayer on a piece of card stock, include a picture of the ALA members in your family with their names and decorate your page however you like. She would like these by February 1st. If you have any questions call Linda at 262-268-8296.

We put together Halloween bags for Zablocki at the close of our meeting. The bags contained crackers and cheese snacks, cookies and Halloween candy. Mel Nowak always has such good ideas for remembering our veterans. It was a quick, fun activity.

Diane Riedl showed us blouses we could get to wear in parades. The Unit voted to buy one of each size to keep at the Post. Any member wanting to purchase their own blouse should contact Diane, and she will place the order. These blouses will allow us to all look uniform and help to promote our brand loyalty.

Mark your calendar for the annual ALA Christmas Party. December 10th—look for your ugliest sweater to wear.

Diane also reminded us of the SAL beer tasting on October 23rd. Diane and Ann Fields are putting the tool box together for the SAL to use as a fundraiser.

Members wishing to march in the Veterans Day parade should meet at the Post by 10:20 . **Bring your donations for the luncheon to the Post by 10:30.**

Christmas Tree Decorating on the Plaza will be on November 19th. The theme this year is "all that glitters". The Christmas parade will be on November 29th. Please let Sue know if you plan to march. Rose-Harms is being recognized as the longest participating unit in the Parade.

A Packer Party will be held on December 14th at the Post. 50/50 raffle and basket raffle proceeds will go to the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight.

We will have our second Sunday Brunch on February 15th. Mark your calendar.
Amy and Diane are working on organizing a wine tasting event for next Spring.
The Unit decided on their annual donations to Department. They also voted to promote the campaigns of Diane Duschek and Denise Rohan for National President and National Commander.

Judy Kuta, Secretary

Legend of the Ugly Sweater



There was an awful present underneath our Christmas Tree
hand sewn by Aunt Tilly and made especially for me.
The gift that ruined my childhood forced to wear it Christmas Day.
When asked if I adored it, I'd always shout "NO WAY!"
But now I wear it proudly without shame and with no fear.
Contest after contest my Ugly Sweater wins each year.

Please join us on **Wednesday December 10, 2014**
for our Auxiliary Ugly Sweater Christmas Party!
Rose-Harms American Legion Post-Upper Hall
Cocktails: 5:30
Dinner: 6:00
Cost: \$15.00

Please wear your **Ugliest Christmas Sweater and Jeans**.
Don't forget your **NEW \$10.00 gift** - for the "pass the gift
game".

R.S.V.P. - By December 3, 2014



COME HELP US CELEBRATE RENATA QUILLEN'S 80TH !!!

DATE: November 15, 2014

TIME: 3:00 – 8:00 pm

(Open House Style come when you can, leave when you need too.)
Food and Music start at 4:00 pm

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

Please R.S.V.P. by November 1st
Tammy:@262-894-3650 or Terry:@262-416-7833

We would love to Roast Renata!

If you would like to tell a story about Renata please come prepared! If you are too shy to get up and tell it, please write it down and we will be happy to read it for you.

NO GIFTS PLEASE!!!!
Your Presence is all we need.



Free Dinner
For all Post members
November 8th

Everyone is welcome!

All paid up Veterans of the Rose Harms Post get a **Free Dinner**,
 Compliments of the Sons of the American Legion and the Auxiliary.

6:00 p.m. Social hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Special Entertainment with Music and Dancing to follow

Please mark down if you are a Post Veteran

Non-Veterans _____ **x \$15 = Total enclosed \$** _____

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Make checks payable to and mail to;

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