



Rose Harms Legionnaire

November 2013

Veterans Day



Upcoming Events

- November 30th Christmas Parade
- December 2nd Exec Board
- December 4th Post Blood Drive
- December 7th Riders meeting
- December 9th Post Meeting
- December 10th Bingo
- December 10th SAL
- December 16th Military Historians
- December 17th Aux Christmas Party

Plaza Tree Decorating Crew





Highlights from our last Post meeting



Chaplain Les Williams read off the names of the 12 deceased Post members who will have their names inscribed on our memorial at Veteran's Park this year:

- Elmer Livingston
- Ken Andrews
- Oliver Karrels
- Ralph Wegner
- Glen Farrel
- Seth Liebenstein
- Thomas Roy
- Clayton Leque
- Jerome Kroeger
- Gerald Herbst
- Robert Eernisse
- Delvin Koopmann.



Membership: Gary Gilstrap reported on two new members who were welcomed aboard, Henry Edmunds and Philip Monson – both Marines.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Mike Knoppa, reported staging for the Christmas Parade Saturday, November 30th will be at Leroy Paulin's garage at 10:30 am. A jeep and a car will be available for those who cannot march.

Unfinished Business: Marty Wegner reported that Legion jacket orders needed a minimum of six to achieve the discounted price.

Executive Committee Recommendations passed:

- To donate \$250 to the "Trees from Home" Program.
- Donate the budgeted \$250 to the Annual Grafton Christmas Parade.
- Donate \$500 to Family Sharing for the Thanksgiving season.

Good of the Legion:

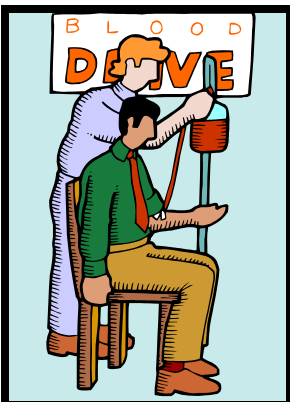
- A big thank you to the Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion for the Veterans Day Dinner.
- Thanks to Kapco president, Jim Kacmarcik, for covering the drinks at the dinner.
- Gary Gilstrap thanked the 19 members who attended the Grafton High Schools Veterans Day program.
- Beer and soda after the meeting were compliments of Tom Grabow.

The Metropolitan Military Historians will present at their Monday, December 16th, meeting (held at our Post) a panel of Vietnam Marine Veterans. Doors open at 5:30PM and the program begins at 6:30. Visitors are welcome, but reservations are required of all. Please Call Ken Grigas at (262) 284-1090 or via email at rsvp@mkemh.com

The Post Blood Drive

will be held at the Post from 2:30 until 6:30 pm on December 4th.

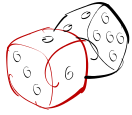
Athletic: Doug Arendt said that he is looking to finalize the Post's hosting of the 2nd District Golf Outing for 2014 at Fire Ridge Golf Course.



Lee Wiskirchen reported that we have four speakers at present, for the **Oratorical Contest** on December 9th at 7:00 pm, followed by our regular Post meeting.

Calendar Raffle

- \$50 – Megan Schwengel
- \$30 – Katie Muncy
- \$25 – Gene Ellner
- \$20 – Steve Shock
- \$15 – Jason Behrens
- \$10 –



Time again for Rose Harms annual Las Vegas Night fundraiser February 15, 2014.



This is the 30th year for this function which has been very successful thru generous donations and hard working volunteers who help out to make this the success that it is each year.

Enclosed with the newsletter you will find 4 packs of raffle tickets for the Las Vegas Night drawing to be drawn the night of February 15. Cost of the tickets are \$1.00 each or a 6 pack for \$5.00. If you are in need of more tickets call the post at 377-8887 and we will see that you receive more tickets. Tickets stubs can be mailed back to the post or can be put in the mail slot at the front of the post.

We are also looking for members to help make calls to local businesses and collect raffle prizes for the hourly raffles and the silent auction. Please contact Neil Mertz at 377-1073 if you can help him out this year. Contact Steve Shock at 377-0093 if you can help out that night to deal blackjack and Texas Hold'em.

We also are in need of workers for the roulette wheel and the craps tables that evening contact Doug Arndt if you can give him a hand.

Contact Butch Paegelow at 377-9596 with any questions or with any ideas you may have to add to the evenings activities.

Doors that evening will open at 6:30 with free beer from 6:30 to 7:30. Gaming and raffles will run from 7:00 to 11:00. Mark you calendars now for February 15, 2014 for this annual Las Vegas Night event, lets make this another successful night for Rose Harms Post 355.

Congress Passes Veterans' Cost-of-Living Increase

On November 12, 2013, the U.S. House of Representatives voted and passed Senate bill S. 893, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2013, which has now been sent to the President for his signature. This measure will increase veterans' disability compensation, survivor benefits and clothing allowances by the same percentage as Social Security benefit increases scheduled to take effect on December 1, 2013.

A cost estimate released by the Congressional Budget Office concluded the legislation would result in a 1.5 percent cost-of-living increase. As a major step forward, for the first time in almost two decades, the COLA will not be rounded down to the nearest whole dollar unless it is less than fifty cents, but will be rounded up to the nearest whole dollar if greater than fifty cents.



***The next Legion Riders meeting will be held on
Saturday, December 7th, at 10:00 am ;***

Kewashum Post 348

1538 Fond Du Lac Ave.

Kewashum, WJ 53040

Plans for our big winter social will be discussed.



Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary November 2013 Newsletter



As we approach his holiday season, we reflect on the things that we are thankful for. Your Auxiliary Executive Board is very thankful for all of you, our members, for your service to our veterans, their families and our community.

First Vice President Diane Riedl welcomed everyone to our November meeting in the absence of President Sue Turowski. It was again wonderful to see such a great turnout of members attending our monthly meetings!

All members are encouraged to save box tops for our local schools to help towards educational funding. This is a fun and easy task that everyone can take part in. Look for the box top symbol on items such as, cereal, pasta, cleaning items, etc. Simply cut them out and place them in an envelope. Then bring them to our monthly Auxiliary meetings. Throughout the year, we will choose a different Grafton area school in which to donate the box tops to. In return, the schools receive funding towards educational items. If you are not able to attend a meeting but would like to participate, please contact Judy Kuta at 377-8613.

A reminder to anyone who attended the Fall Forum, please pay your registration fee to Secretary Pam Klenner as soon as possible. Contact Pam at 377-0085 with any questions.

Membership Chair Renata Quillen reported that 116 membership renewals have been received. If you have not renewed your membership please consider doing so now.

Chaplain Linda Brown announced that that she would be creating a Prayer Book for our Unit. The Prayer Book will consist of 12 different prayers, one for each month, along with a variety of songs. If you are interested in contributing a prayer, please contact Linda at 262-268-8296.

VA & R Chair Mel Nowak reported that 89 gift bags were donated to the Boudicca House, Dom 123 and the Women's Resource Center. Thank you to all the members who contributed to this special project.

2nd District VA & R chair Linda Faas, is desperately seeking donations for the homeless veteran's Christmas gift bags project. Please consider donating such things as men's gloves, socks, knit hats, gift cards to Target/Walmart, etc. Donations are being accepted now through the end of the month. Please contact Linda at 375-1833 for more information.

The Grafton Christmas parade will take place on Saturday, November 30th at 11:00 a.m. All Auxiliary members are encouraged to participate. Line-up will take place at 6th Avenue and Hwy 60 in front of Recognition Specialist at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Ann Fields at 375-9018 for further information.

Please help save a life by donating blood at our annual Post Blood drive which will be held on Wednesday, December 4th at the Post from 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. This is a community event and Auxiliary volunteers are needed to assist. Auxiliary members are also asked to donate baked goods and cookies. Please contact Amy Luft at 414-651-7300 for more information.

Make your Christmas shopping easy. Purchase Marcus Movie Tickets for all those on your gift list and at the same time help your Auxiliary raise money. Place your order by December 13 to ensure holiday delivery. Contact Laurie Schwable at 375-4191 for information.

Don't miss out on the annual Auxiliary Christmas party which will be held on Tuesday, 17th at the Post. This year's theme is *Christmas Around the World*. The meal will consist of food from four different countries. Cocktail hour is 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow. Cost is \$15 each. All members are also asked to please bring a \$10 wrapped Christmas gift to exchange. Reservations are requested by December 10th. Make your check payable to ALA Unit 355. Mail to: Mary Arvai, 1557 Parkview Ln., Port Washington, WI 53074. Or, contact Mary at 262-685-7757 to place your reservation.

GO PACK GO! Come cheer the Pack on as they take on the Bears at the Auxiliary Packer Party at the Post on Sunday, December 29th. Kick-off at noon. Come for good food, drinks and fun!

As we, approach this season of giving please consider giving the gift of life! Our State President Joyce Endres special project this year is organ donation; please begin by checking that box on the back of your driver's license.

If you are further interested in finding out more about organ donation contact Sue Turowski 262-389-4644.

Upcoming Events

November 30 – Grafton Christmas Parade

December 4 – Post Blood Drive

December 17 – Auxiliary Christmas Party

December 29 – Auxiliary Packer Party - Post

January 21 – Auxiliary Meeting

At Thanksgiving, as you consider all of the things for which you give thanks. Remember those who have given their lives for our freedoms. Please remember those who place themselves in harm's way so that we may peacefully celebrate with our families.

Pray that they are protected, safe and return home quickly. Pray for the families without their loved ones, that they remain strong and steadfast supporting their loved one while serving our country.



American Legion Auxiliary Mission: *In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad. For God and Country, we advocate for veterans, educate our citizens, mentor youth, and promote patriotism, good citizenship, peace and security.*



SAL Meeting Minutes - November 12, 2013

Treasurer's Report: Bill Riedl gave report

Membership Report: Paul Turowski gave report - 55 members (24 paid)

Please pay dues at the December 10th meeting.

SAL Beer Tasting Event profit \$1,627. The left over beer is being used in a raffle. Tickets are \$5.00 each for a canoe full of beer. The raffle winner will be chosen on December 21st. Tickets can be purchased at Fire Ridge. The raffle is open to the public.

New flag lights have been purchased, but have not been installed due to weather. The lights will be installed sometime in spring.

Camp American Legion – we will keep maintaining the bath house for one more summer. We will need volunteers this summer to help clean our assigned cabin.

Trees from Home – Al Richards gave a presentation regarding sending 12” decorated Christmas trees to overseas military. The Sons voted to donate \$250.

Grafton Christmas Parade – Saturday, November 30th at 11:00 a.m. Any SAL members who would like to march in the parade should meet at Recognition Specialists by 10:30 a.m.

Legion Bowling Tournament is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 25th, 2014

Las Vegas Night – February 15th we will need volunteers to run our paddle wheel.

Legion St. Patrick's Day Party – Saturday, March 15th Mark your calendars to attend.

Special Thank you to Jason Rieck – He donated \$3,150 to the Honor Flight from donations received at his 40th birthday party! THANK YOU JASON!

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 p.m.

The Legion will be providing a Christmas meal at our meeting.

Legion Meal for January – Larry Rieck

Legion Meal for February – Richard Rieck and Neal Schuette

