



# Memorial DAY



Sherri & Junior Poppy Princess  
Addison Pappe  
and  
Poppy Princess McKenna King

## **Kudos to all that helped with our Poppy Distribution on Friday May 9th and Saturday May 10th.**

Many people from our Legion Family helped. Ken Nawrocki, Frank Balisteri, Romie Monarski, Craig Butler, Larry Engel, Robert Wrecza, Claude & Kevin Taylor, Ken Kasprzak, Nick Schanen, Brian & Janice Bould, John Faas, Amy Luft, Renata Quillen, Sharon Kerscher, Mel Nowak, Mary Molaski, Claudia & Steve Frank, Sherry & Addison Pappe, McKenna King, Rita Liesicfsky, Katherine Burch, Tia Brown, Jim Arentz, Gordon Lueder, Ann & Kim Fields, Paul Turowski, and Bob & Richard Rieck.

These volunteers helped on either of the days and some worked on both days or a double shift. This could not have been done without all your help!

We had Grafton well covered at many locations this year. Pick-N-Save, Sendik's, Mike's CITGO, Ace Hardware, Shopko, Sweet Trio, Colectivo, Super Sales/Dairy Queen and Fire Ridge Golf Course.

A special thank you to Linda Brown for all her help making volunteer calls, Sue Turowski for helping me each day getting the volunteers set up with poppy supplies and Diane Richards for helping me each day counting the oodles and oodles of singles!

I'm ever so grateful to all the Legion Family for all your help.

Cathy Brunnquell



# Rose Harms Legionnaire

## May 2014

# ***Highlights of our last Post meeting***

**Chaplain Report:** Les Williams reported that Henry Klapproth has a broken hip.

**Membership:** Mike Furlott, US Air Force, was welcomed aboard. Also welcomed aboard was Lisa Wodman. Lisa received one of the Post's scholarships, which allowed her to attend the Coast Guard Academy. She has recently graduated and is now on active duty.

**Blood Drive:** Nick Schanen reported St. Joes and St. Francis Borgia will co-sponsor a blood drive at the St. Francis church hall on June 3rd from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm.

**Americanism:** Bill Clayton reported the registration letter for Badger Boys has been sent for the 3 boys from GHS. The outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> graders from local participating schools have been chosen.

**Athletic:** Doug Arendt reported the bid for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Golf Outing has been awarded to the Grafton Post. The outing will be at Fire Ridge Golf Course on August 9th.

The SAL Golf Outing is scheduled for June 7th at Fire Ridge, starting at 1:00 pm.

**Bingo:** Tom Peterson reported that the Bingo for Holiday will be on Friday, June 27th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and on Saturday, June 28th from noon until 9:00 pm.

**POW/MIA:** Jim Stencil reported on Melvin Wester, Ozaukee Counties only MIA who was killed in Korea. His body was never recovered.

Jim also reported the story of William Ash who died at age 96. Ash was famous for escaping from POW camps and then being recaptured.

**New Business:** Guest Joe Kapegna, USO representative, spoke to the membership about the mission of the USO in Wisconsin.

**Motions passed by the membership;**  
To donate \$200 to the USO of Wisconsin.

The State Commander's "Rhino Run" will stop at the Grafton Post on July 16th for lunch. Over 100 motorcycles are expected to make the run on this statewide fundraiser for the American Legion's "Legacy Scholarship Fund". The scholarship is for children of service members who were killed in action since 9-11. After leaving Grafton they will finish the ride in Appleton for the start of our State Convention.

## ***Post elections for 2014-2015 were conducted with the following elected;***

Commander – Jim Arentz  
1st Vice Commander – Gary Gilstrap  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander – Kevin Dressel  
Finance Officer – Ralph Beck  
Historian – Al Richardson  
Chaplain – Les Williams  
Sgts.-at-Arms – Mike Knoppa and Nick Schanen  
Service officer – Ron Kuta  
Judge Advocate – Lee Wiskirchen  
Executive-Committee – Steve Shock

**Good of the Legion:** Beer and soda for the evening compliments of Butch Paegelow, Mike Knoppa, and Don Bauer to celebrate their birthdays.

**Correspondence:** Commander Jim read thank you cards from Ellie Rittier and Caleb Kempfer for their Coloring and Essay awards.

## ***Calendar Raffle:***

**\$50 – Deb Lenz**

**\$30 – Robert Bublitz**

**\$25 – Greg Holcomb**

**\$20 – Sue Turowski**

**\$15 – Megan Monarski**

**\$10 – Tom Goldberg**

## CAMP AMERICAN LEGION---SPRING OPENING 2014

Submitted by Dick Lallensack

The annual Spring Opening for Ozaukee County was the week of April 28th. Once more, as was last year, we did not have a typical or normal opening week due to the weather. It was not too cold and the snow was pretty well gone except for piles from plowing but the Lake was still all ice. Ozaukee County had 30+ Legionnaires, SAL's, and volunteers up to open Camp. We had a total of about 140 Volunteers to open Camp over three weeks with a fair amount of them being up to Camp for the first time. Grafton had 5 + 3 SAL's, Belgium had 15, and Saukville had 5. All Sponsors but one was up to open their Cabins. Due to the weather, no piers were put in and no boats or Pontoon boats were put in. A group of 10 young men from Rawhide along with their Staff was in doing lots of raking and cleaning of the grounds. Chairs, benches, picnic tables, and so forth were all set out. Our group from Grafton that normally puts the piers in is scheduled to go up about May 14<sup>th</sup>----as of 5/12 a group of 10 will be going up.

- A few guys from Belgium cleaned all Vacuum Cleaners and all Air Conditioners in Camp.
- The "living quarters" in the Health and Wellness building has a sponsor. The living quarters will be used like a Cabin and the Sponsor is Post 124 of New Holstein.
- The new Chapel is really looking good and the final work is scheduled to be completed in early May.
- The new fountain is pretty well completed and really looking nice.
- Cabin 10 completed some roof repairs to last the summer and will install a complete new roof in fall.
- Cabin 2 put in a new shower and completely upgraded their electrical system.
- The new Generator is in the Power Shack and the final "hook up" should be done shortly. Anyone want or need an old WWII vintage Generator powered by an old Jeep "flat head" four cylinder engine?
- The DNR has asked how much water Camp uses. Rather than try to estimate we will be putting water meters on all the wells. John Jentges of Belgium has donated 4 of the required 5 thus far.

I was able to get a basic sketch of the Family Cabin and the King Cabin over on Little Lake Tomahawk and I'll be completing an AutoCad layout of both Cabins. With the assistance of a few guys from Belgium we removed one of the rollers on the Folding Wall in the Main Lodge so we can hopefully make new rollers so the wall will open and close easier---it now takes several guys to open and close it.

## Bill would ensure access to VA hospice care

*By Cristina Marcos*

Rep. Chris Collins (R-N.Y.) has introduced legislation to give all veterans access to hospice care through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

VA hospice care is not guaranteed to all veterans under current law. For instance, veterans must have received previous care in the VA system and meet certain income brackets in order to qualify for hospice care. Moreover, directives for VA hospice care can vary among individual facilities.

Collins said his bill would help provide veterans with equal access to hospice care.

"It was a shock to learn that some of our veterans who have given so much to this country were not allowed to receive VA hospice care at the end of their lives," Collins said. "Our veterans deserve so much better."

The House is expected to vote this week on five bills regarding services for veterans, including a measure that would overhaul the performance review system for VA senior executives.

Last week, the House voted 390-33 to grant the VA secretary authority to fire or demote senior executives amid allegations that several VA hospitals tried to conceal wait times for medical appointments.

# Milwaukee County Offers a 3 Day Pass to All Veterans

\*Three-day pass—the longest continuous military pass granted, allows a service member to be away for 72 consecutive hours. Often granted in recognition of special achievement or as a reward, especially as a way of granting a three-day weekend.

Identification required for entry:

For all venues EXCEPT the Zoo, present any of the following: some form of military/ veterans identification (e.g., military/military retired ID card, VA patient ID card, Purple Heart Pass, DD Form 214, NGB Form 22, American Legion/VFW/AGIF/DAV/AMVETS/etc membership card, Vet Identifier on driver's license. Spouse of deployed service member can use military dependent ID card under same rules of admission.)

**For the Zoo only**, special free tickets must be picked up during the month of June at the County Veterans Service Office in your county of residence. July 4 only, Noon-3pm, free admission to military/veterans who present their military/veteran identification, and 4 family members.

**The Zoo** is a place where everyone can laugh and learn - it's a place to be amazed and inspired — a place where nature and wonder meet! July 5 only, 10am-5pm, free admission to military/veterans who present their military/veteran identification, and 5 family members.

**A Party on the Lakefront** Set on the shore of Lake Michigan at Henry Maier Festival Park, even the hottest days are cool at Summerfest. Fest-goers can enjoy music, food and fun across the 75-acre permanent setting. July 6 only, 9am-5pm, free admission to military/veterans and 9 immediate family members; must pick up tickets at county veterans service office in June.

**Where Nature and Wonder Meet** As one of the country's finest zoological attractions, the Milwaukee County Zoo will educate, entertain and inspire you! Visit over 2,000 mammals, birds, fish,

amphibians and reptiles in specialized habitats spanning 200 wooded acres. Explore educational wildlife shows, fun attractions and enticing special events.

**Discovery World** is a 120,000-square foot facility on Milwaukee's lakefront that's fun for the whole family! Experience hands-on, interactive exhibits, the Reiman Aquarium, films in our digital theater, DIY projects in the Kohl's Design It! Lab, and more. In the summer months, we're also home to the Sailing Vessel Denis Sullivan, a 137-foot replica of a 19th century Great Lakes schooner. Come aboard for a Day Sail! July 5 only, 9am-5pm, free admission to military/veterans who present their military/veteran identification, and 5 family members.

**Tour the Museum's** 150,000 square feet of exhibit space to visit Africa, stroll through the bustling Streets of Old Milwaukee of a century past, witness a modern-day powwow, and more! July 5 only, 9am-4pm, free admission to military/veterans who present their military/veteran identification, and 5 family members.

**Experience a desert oasis**, a tropical jungle and special floral gardens...all in one afternoon! The incredible diversity of plant life you will encounter reminds us all of the Earth's unique diversity of plant and animal species so very vital to our own survival. July 6 only, 10am-5pm, free admission to military/veterans and 5 family members.

**The Milwaukee Art Museum's Collection**, with a history dating back to 1888, includes nearly 25,000 works from antiquity to the present, encompassing painting, drawing, sculpture, decorative arts, prints, video art and installations, and textiles. The Museum's collections of American decorative arts, German Expressionist prints and paintings, folk and Haitian art, and American art after 1960 are among the nation's finest.



**Rose-Harms #355**  
**American Legion Auxiliary**

5/20/2014 Meeting Minutes



President Sue Turowski called our May meeting to order at: 7:00 p.m.

Sue led us in singing God Bless America and the lead with the Pledge of Allegiance. Sue then led us in reciting the Preamble and Auxiliary Mission Statement.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Diane Riedl, read the minutes from our previous meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Czerwinski and second by Ann Fields.

Diane then read the correspondence to the Unit.

Sue reported on the following items: Champaign Brunch. It was very well received by those in attendance. If continue having the Brunch Sue requested the same committee Chairs. Going forward at all events Sue requested that those who bring food items be asked before someone takes them home. Judy will be presenting speech for Memorial Day as Sue will be in Washington DC assisting with Camp Home Town Heroes promotion. The film Healing hearts will be previewed at the GI film festival. 143 children applied for camp this year. They were only able to take 103. Next year they are hoping to have 2 weeks of camp. SAL golf outing will be June 7<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made by Pam Klenner and seconded by Ann Fields. Pam will organize the basket. It will be a sports theme. Any donations can be made to Pam by calling 262-375-0085/262-960-0793. Mel made a motion to donate \$100.00 for the basket and second by Mary Czerwinski. Camp Home Town Heroes will be June 24<sup>th</sup>. Signup sheet was passed. You will need to be on the signup list to attend. State Convention is July 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> at Radisson Paper Valley Hotel. Those interested need to get their reservations in. Fall Forum – Sept 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> in Eau Claire. Unit will pay up to 3 cars.

Election of Officers was presented by Ruth Czerwinski. There being no additions to nominations the following are the Officers for the year 2014/2015. President - Sue Turowski; Secretary – Judy Kuta; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice – Diane Riedl; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice – Renatta Quillen; Treasurer – Pam Klenner; Champlain – Linda Brown; Historian – Tia Brown; Sergeant of Arms- Ann Fields.

Executive Board: Amy Luft, Janice Bould, Laurie Schwalbe.

Committee Chairs: Poppy's – Cathy Brunnquell; Badger Girls – Mel Nowak/Cathy Brunnquell; Flowers – Diane Riedl; Sunshine – Janice Bould; VA&R – Mel Nowak/Pam Klenner

District President Judy Kuta explained how Unit reports should be written. This will be her focus this year for the district. She will be using our Unit as an example. Judy discussed the Delegates for State Convention. Mel, Renata, Sue and Linda will be the 4 Delegates. Judy will be Delegate at large.

County President, Linda Faas was not in attendance. She forwarded request that signup sheet for Poppy Shop cookies will be passed around at the August meeting for September drop off. Signup sheet for Membership Tea will be passed around at the June Banquet.

Membership chair Renata Quillen reported that we are at 146 paid members. Renata also reported that Ruth Mengsol had a tumor removed in her colon and was at Lasata Rehab. She will be there 1 week. Anita Franzen was in the hospital but is now home.

President Sue Turowski informed unit that she would like whoever might be interested in being the upcoming President to let her know as she would like to begin training to help ease the new President into her position for the 2015/2016 year.

Pam Klenner gave the treasurer report. General fund - \$5224.24 Membership fund - \$283.10

Brunch - \$849.05 – expenses - \$613.23 profit \$283.82

Discussion followed regarding having another Brunch - discussed having the event 3-4 times a year. Motion was made by Ann Fiedls and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Czerwinski.

Badger Girls- Kara Olds & Aimee Marx - They will be presented at Memorial Day

Flower bed - signup sheet passed around

VA Picnic – July 12<sup>th</sup> signup sheet passed around for food and buddies

Member of Year sheets passed around for nominations

Banquet – June 17<sup>th</sup> @ Edgewater Golf Course. 5:30 cocktails/ 6:30 Dinner cost is approximately &17.17 which includes tip and tax. You will be responsible for paying that evening. If you didn't sign up please contact Diane Riedl @ 262-377-6249 by June 10<sup>th</sup>.

Bike race – June 21<sup>st</sup> Caludia & Mary showed head bands- hopefully will be at Heart of Grafton.

Grillin in Grafton- we will be runners in Bingo tent, sell pull tabs, make popcorn.

Poppy Princess – McKenna King, Junior Princess – Addison Paape

Cathy will check on having a brat fry at Pick n Save in July

Pam made a motion to invite the 2 women that sewed the headbands to be invited to the June Banquet as guests of Unit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary Molaski

Honor Flight – June 7<sup>th</sup>

SAL Golf Outting – June 7<sup>th</sup>

Riders Brat fry – June 7<sup>th</sup> Saukville Pick n Save

Motion was made by Mary Czerwinski to give magician \$50.00 as a thank-you for providing entertainment at VA picnic- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pam Klenner.

Pot of Gold - \$2.10 – Diane R Door prizes- Mary M., Cathy B., Anne

Adjourned : 9:42

Submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Diane Riedl – 5/20/14.

Thank you to all the members and guests of the Legion Family that participated in the Memorial Day remembrance and luncheon. The park was full of people who showed their gratitude for the ultimate sacrifices made by members of our U.S. military. Thank you to the Legion veterans and auxiliary members, Grafton High School band, the John Long Middle School chorale, the boy scouts and girl scouts of Grafton, the Badger Boys and Badger Girls and the school award recipients and especially to our Poppy Princess and Junior Poppy Princess. The words from the Legion and SAL commanders were touching and meaningful. The community filled the Post and shared a delicious luncheon prepared by members of the Auxiliary. It was truly a beautiful day. Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary for all your hard work and dedication to our veterans and the Grafton community on Memorial Day and every day.

Judy Kuta

Second District President

American Legion Auxiliary