



Rose Harms Legionnaire

June 2014

June 27 & 28 Holidaze



**July 12th Picnic at the Post for the
Veterans from the Zablocki VA Hospital**

July 14th - Post Meeting



**Rhino's Run for the
Legacy Scholarship Fund
stops at our Post on July 16th**

Highlights from our last Post meeting

Sergeant-at-Arms Mike Knoppa reported 2 gratis funerals for the month.

The Grafton Parade is June 28th with staging at 10:30 am on the east side of Grafton High School.

The Cedarburg 4th of July parade is on the 4th. Meet at the Cedarburg Post by 9:00 am and transportation will be provided to Fireman's Park for the parade beginning.

Blood Drive: Mike reported blood drives at the Emanuel Lutheran Church on June 12th from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm and the Providence Place in Grafton on June 18th from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Athletic: Doug Arendt reported* that the 2nd District Golf Outing is at Fire Ridge on August 9th at a cost of \$70.00. Info on the Post outing in September is still to come. Doug is looking for hole sponsors and raffle donations for both outings.

Building & Grounds: Due to all the large ice dams on the roof last winter, the Post is getting estimates on repairing the attic insulation and replacing windows on the east side of the building.

Bingo: Tom Peterson reported that the May bingo posted a profit of \$120.26 from a field of 90 players. Pull tab and bar income helped bolstered the night.

Camp American Legion: Dick Lallensack reported all well at camp with Camp fountain and Chapel dedication upcoming. Tentative Camp closing for Ozaukee County is September 29th.

Executive Committee Recommendations passed by the membership were;

- Order 2 new uniforms for the firing squad.
- Donate the budgeted annual \$100 to GALA (Grafton Area Live Arts).
- Order 20 hard and 20 soft Post baseball style caps to be given to new members. Any members wishing to purchase a hat can contact Commander Jim.

New Business: Korai Kozak, prospective Eagle Scout presented his Eagle Scout Project to the Post involving a movie marathon at the Post and was hoping for Post

member volunteers in this endeavor. The marathon is planned at the Post from 1:00 to 10:00 pm on July 5th. Korai would need 2 chaperones per 2 hour shift for the duration.

Diane Reidl, Auxiliary member, spoke to the membership regarding the VA Picnic on July 12th. 25 to 30 Vets from Zablocki come to the Post for a cookout and some R&R. There exists a need for buddies to assist these vets so volunteers for this event are needed. Also we need set up help for the event.

Sue Turowski, Auxiliary President, spoke to the membership regarding the directions to Camp Home-town Heroes and an itinerary for the day of June 24th.

Good of the Legion: Al Richards alerted the membership to an article in the Badger Legionnaire praising the Rose-Harms Post for an omnipresent "Ready to Assist" mindset, and our ever-readiness to provide help where ever and whenever required.

Romie Monarski spoke to the membership about his Honor Flight experience and the poignant effect it had on him.

Correspondence: Commander Jim Arentz read the following:

- A thank you letter from the family of Arthur R. Schoefeldt for the Post's representation at his funeral.
- A thank you card from Ralph, Bob, and Richard of the Chippewa Valley VAP Veterans for their great stay in the Post's cabin #17 at Camp American Legion.

Calendar Raffle

\$50 – Chris Lundberg

\$30 – Renata Quillen

\$25 – Chuck Clark

\$20 – William Clayton

\$15 – Lois Matthaues

\$10 – Robert Wrecza

Thank You !

Chairman Gary Gilstrap thanks Post members for reaching our goal of 377 which is 100% .

The American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization, committed to mentoring youth and sponsorship of wholesome programs in our communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and veterans.

Hundreds of local American Legion programs and activities strengthen the nation one community at a time. Legionnaires' sense of obligation to community, state and nation drives an honest advocacy for veterans. The Legion stands behind the issues most important to our nation's veterans.

American Legion's success depends entirely on active membership, participation and volunteerism. The organization belongs to the people it serves and the communities in which it thrives.

Thank you for sending in your yearly dues and being part of the best Post in the State, the Rose Harms Post 355!

THE AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

State Commander Ken "Rhino" Rynes is leading the over 100 Legion Riders on a 3 day, statewide ride to raise money for the *Legacy Scholarship Fund*. The ride will start at our State Headquarters in Portage and culminate at Post No. 38 in Appleton (the host of the State Convention), for an end of run Pig Roast.

On Sept 11, 2001 America was thrust into a conflict that would once again test her core strength. Once again she answered the call with unwavering dedication and devotion. The core of America's strength is the fine young men and women who would sacrifice all to defend the principles on which our nation was founded. Many times, however, the forgotten heroes of this terrific sacrifice are the families - especially the children - of these great Americans. Since that fateful day in September, some 11,000 children have lost a parent in service to our country. These children are the innocent casualties of war. The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund was created to ease their burden. When Mom or Dad has given that last full measure of devotion, the children have given also, and they have no say in the circumstances that will forever impact their lives.

The total survivor benefit for children of military personnel killed on active duty is slightly more than \$26,000, to be used for a college education. In today's dollars, this benefit will pay little more than half of what a college education costs in the most affordable situation. This gap widens when considering the cost of a college education in the future. The most conservative estimate is that costs will increase by 5 percent per year, meaning that in 16 years, the most affordable college education will be over \$94,000. Military compensation will not keep up with these dramatic increases.



The American Legion's Legacy Scholarship Fund is designed to help fill the financial gap for these children.

It's the Least We Can Do!



Rose-Harms Unit 355 American Legion Auxiliary



Our June Banquet was a very enjoyable evening for all those that attended. Both our Poppy Princess, McKenna, as well as our Junior Poppy Princess, Addison, were able to join us. We also were honored to have 3 guests with us for the evening. A good time was had by all.

We do not have a meeting in July, but we do have a busy month.

Saturday, July 12th will be our annual VA picnic at the Post. About 20 veterans from the Zablocki Medical Center will arrive at the Post for a delicious luncheon of grilled hamburgers, beans and a variety of salads and desserts. Legionnaires and Auxiliary members become buddies for the day and visit with the vets, assist them in any way needed and make sure they have a fun day. They play games, are entertained by a magician and even join in karaoke. They have commented in the past that they love coming to Grafton. We have such a beautiful site, and they always feel so welcome. If you are interested in helping that day, please contact Amy Luft (414-651-7300).

On **Wednesday, July 16th** Legion Riders will be stopping at the Grafton Post for lunch as they make their way around the state on the Rhino Run. If you would like to cheer them on and welcome them to Grafton be at the Post about 11:00. They are scheduled to arrive at 11:30 am.

Have a wonderful summer and mark your calendar for our August meeting. It will be on **Monday, August 11th** following the cookout supplied by the Legion. Come for fun, visits and dinner beginning at 5:30 and stay for the ALA meeting.

See you in August.

Judy Kuta
Secretary



SAL Meeting Minutes - June 10, 2014

Treasurer's Report: Bill Riedl gave report and we are in good shape.

Membership Report: Paul Turowski gave report – 2 new members, 58 members paid

Scholarship Winners – Kevin Taylor and Ashley Tanski each received \$500.00 scholarship

Camp American Legion – help is needed in July to complete the clean-up at the cabin
Please contact Bob Rieck at 414-217-1076 if you are available to help

VA Picnic at Legion Post on July 12th – set up at 10:00 a.m., buddy help at 11:00 a.m.
SAL donated \$250.00 for this event

SAL donated \$475.00 for goodie bags at the Camp Hometown Heroes Week

“Rhino’s Run” - About 100 Legion Riders will be stopping at the Grafton Legion Post on July 16th at 11:30 am for lunch, volunteers are needed to help welcome them to our Post. SAL has generously donated \$500 to the American Legion’s “Legacy Scholarship Fund”.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Legion Meal for July 14 – Cory and Chris

Legion Meal for August 11 – Post Corn Roast and Picnic, everyone is invited

Legion Meal for September 8 – Jim Proefrock



The American Legion 2nd District

Golf Scramble

Saturday, August 9, 2014

8:00 am Shotgun Start

Registration Opens: 7:00 am

Legionnaires, S.A.L. and Auxiliary Members are eligible to golf

Hosted by Rose-Harms Post #355, Grafton, Ozaukee County



Location:

Fire Ridge Golf Course
2241 Highway W
Grafton, WI 53024
(262) 375-2252
www.fireridgegc.com

Cost:

\$70 per person (\$280 per team)
Includes 18 holes of golf, cart, prizes,
coffee & donuts before golf
and lunch after golf

Sign-up Team Below

Individuals who wish to golf may sign-up (\$70) and we will make foursomes.

Please include age as prizes are awarded in 4 age groups.

Captain/Player 1: _____ Post # _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Player 2: _____ Age: _____

Player 3: _____ Age: _____

Player 4: _____ Age: _____

Please make checks payable to: Rose Harms Post

Send to: Doug Arendt
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Cedarburg, WI 53012
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"This year's outing and raffle table will have prizes totaling well over \$800! This is a great event for golfers of all ability levels. Come see your Legion friends. A good time will be had by all."

~Doug Arendt, outing chairperson~

Sign-up Deadline: Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

There will be a charge of \$20 per team (\$5 per player) for late registrations.