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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

April 2018

Lest-We-Forget

Let us pause and remember those Legionnaires, Auxiliary and Sons of American Legion that have gone on to their reward and may our thoughts and prayers rekindle their souls with our heavenly Father.

Post 245 Sick Call

Chaplin Pat Andreoni

Richard Williamson – Home	Carl Lochner – Home	Paul Dull – Home
Dan Meier – Home	Allen Ripp – Home	Sam Dalio – Home
John Helleckson – Home	Bob Luhman – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
Joe Hogdson – Home	Richard Brill – Waunakee	Norbert Statz – Fountainhead Homes
Mark Pertzborn – Florida Manor	Tom Stout – Home	

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems as we go thru these summer months. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers as you go thru your day. If you know of anyone that is having health problems please give me a call.

Upcoming Events:

April	01 Yeager Easter	May	03 Lions Club
	05 Lions Club		03 Women’s Self Defense Class
	14 CP Riders		17 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg
	19 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg		19 Kuehn Rental
	24 Model T Club		29 Model T Club
	27 Rodney Faust		
	29 Private event		

Need to include something in the Newsletter? Please email Carol Yttri at cyttri@amfam.com or call 798-4950.

HALL RENTAL: Notice to all members. There is a special rental rate for the use of the building to members. Contact Howard Hill at 608-977-2105 or email hillrdkng2112@hotmail.com

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Pat Andreoni at 798-3844 or e-mail jpandreo@aol.com

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Ed Pelowsky	798-4253
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Carol Yttri	798-4950
S.A.L. COMMANDER	Kevin Boehnen	798-2113

Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L meetings: Dinner 6:30pm; Meetings 7:30pm; Third Thursday of Month
Executive Board Meeting: Third Thursday of the Month 5:15pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message**Ed Pelowsky**

First I want to give a big thanks to all of the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members for all the help given at the Pancake Breakfast. A thanks to Mike Shannahan and his wife for the fine table decorations. A special thanks to Tom Fosied for being the lead on this fund raiser.

At our April meeting we will start the process of nominating members for various officer positions with election to take place at the May meeting. If you have an interest in any officer position, let me or Bill Statz know. Any member whose dues is paid up is eligible to become an officer.

To all those that do things around the Post. Thanks. Our Post works because of you.

Think Spring.
Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Thanks to those that helped with Pancake Breakfast

We all had an enjoyable time at the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday, 3-18-18. I would like to give some recognition to the folks that helped produce it. They are: Jeff Davis, the Sarbacker clan (Noel, Lorin, Steven, & "Rock"), "Peanuts" Esser, LuAnn Foseid, Dick & Carol Zwettler, Carol Yttri, Mike & Carol Shanahan (they also donated the shamrock, table center pieces), Deb Whipperfurth, Flo Bayer, Jerry & Kevin Boehnen, Ed & Carol Pelowski, Pat Andreoni, Matt Olson, Eddie Zander, and Todd & Maureen Duquette. If I missed anybody, please step forward and we can discuss it, in great detail, down at the Bowling Alley....I'll buy.

It was also nice to be working along side of the Lions Club bake sale. "Doc" Esser and his volunteer staff, provided some very delicious food. I hope to see everyone again, next year.

Tom Foseid

Metal drop off:

If you have metal to recycle, you can drop off at the legion or give Dan Cady a call and we will pick up. 608 438 2987 or 608 798 2352. You can also call Dave Vidlock 608 798 3087 or 608 843 6968.

REGULAR MEETING March 15, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:26 by Commander Pelkowsky.

A motion was made to accept the Executive meeting minutes as read by Howard and second was Brian. We had a new member who transferred into our legion from Florida. His name is Larry White and we are very happy to have him.

FINANCE: Lee went over the report line by line with explanations where needed. A motion to accept the report as read pending audit was made by Brian and second was Howard, motion approved.

CHAPLIN: Pat went over sick call and conditions. He also mentioned Joe Hodgson is now walking at home with a walker.

1st VICE: Bill stated we have 2 new members and we are at 197 paid.

2nd VICE: Howie stated the hall rentals are picking up again. He made a motion to upgrade and centralize our WIFI, second was Brian with motion passing vote. Howie is also going to check out our Spectrum cost for cable T.V. and internet compared to TDS who we have now.

P/R: Ed mentioned we have recently had two articles in the local papers about our post and the scholarship's.

OLD BUS: N/A

NEW BUS: Our 3rd scholarship from the flag routes will be issued by the post itself. We have an application that included some questions to qualify. We will also try to change the format of the other two given out at the high school.

GOOD OF LEGION: If any member wants to order any hats, badges etc. he has a catalog to look at. Ed mentioned that the Madison Mallards are having a Military Appreciation night at the ballpark on 7/4/2018. Also get your nominations in next meeting since the vote will be in May. These are two-year terms. Pat made a motion to spend \$100.00 on Girl Scout cookies so we can hand them out the day of the Badger Honor flights this spring. John Hill seconded, and the motion passed.

KITTY: No winner.
50/50: Ted K.
BRANDY: Bill Statz

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Carol Yttri

April is here! Wish that meant we were getting some warmer weather. We certainly had a busy month in March – actually, it was mostly 1 weekend. We held the Auxiliary Leadership event on Saturday, March 18th. It was a very nice event and Karen Runk did a great job organizing it. There were several members that helped – from setup to cleanup. I didn't take notes so I'm going to have to do this one from memory and that isn't as good as it used to be. Karen Runk was there the entire event. Katie Runk, Debby Niebuhr and myself helped with setup. Sheila Luhman brought some yummy goodies and helped the entire event selling tickets for raffle prizes. Ann Eicher helped check people in as they arrived. Mary Jones helped with the food. Louise Powell and Cheryl Kelter helped the day of the event with anything that was needed. I had to leave early so I'm not sure who helped with cleanup. I sure hope I didn't miss anyone. Thanks so much to everyone and a special thank you to Karen for stepping up and organizing.

The next day was the pancake breakfast. Tom Foseid did a great job organizing the event. We're very lucky to have him as part of the Cross Plains Legion. Thanks Tom! My favorite part of the event is when he asks if anyone wants to join him afterwards for a drink at the bowling alley. I was the only taker this year – it was the second year in a row for me. It's always good to have a recap. I guess that's how traditions start. I also took down some good notes on what we need for helpers and shifts so next year will be a breeze. The Auxiliary people that helped this year were Deb Wipperfurth, Carol Zwettler, Flo Bayer, Lu Ann Foseid and myself. Thanks so much for coming to help. There were also some non-Auxiliary folks that showed up to help which was wonderful – we really do live in a great community. The Shanahans brought some lovely plants for table decorations. I heard so many comments from people enjoying the meal. If I missed anyone, I apologize – I wasn't there the entire time.

I've started compiling a list of what to do each month for the unit so we have a guide to use each year. It's been hard for me being new. I thought I would know more since I was involved as Treasurer. That helped but not as much as I would have liked. You could say I don't know what I don't know!

Kate Walsh-Bratton is working on bringing in a women's self-defense class. Ann Eicher and Debby Niebuhr are helping Kate. This is the sort of thing that's great for us to do within our community. This will be a joint venture between the Cross Plains Auxiliary and the Cross Plains Police Department. Here are some of the details:

- The date is Thursday, May 3rd.
- Doors will open at 5:15pm. There will be cash bar and appetizers.
- The class will start at 6:30pm and end at 8:45pm.
- Police Chief Tom Janssen will be our instructor (he's donating his time)
- This is for women only. Females age 16 and older may attend. Mothers must attend and sign permission for those that are 16 and 17.
- We are not setting a price for the class – we will be asking for a donation.
- You can register by sending an email to crossplainsaux@gmail.com.
- We will be looking for members to bring appetizers.

I received an email Andrea Stoltz, the Membership Coordinator for Wisconsin. Our unit has hit 100% membership. Debby did it!!! She was bound and determined to make it happen. Way to go Debby – you made this happen. And thanks for everything you do. Speaking of membership – this topic is on the agenda for our April meeting. We will be voting on our dues for 2019. They are increasing so if you want a voice in the decision, please attend the meeting. I'll be sure to communicate the final decision in the next newsletter.

The Dane County meeting will be in Waunakee at Post 360 in April – it will be Thursday, 4/26. Food is served at 6:30 and meetings start at 7:15.

Auxiliary scholarships:

Scholarships are available from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit Post 245. The applicants need to have a member of the Auxiliary (not the Legion) as a sponsor in good standing to apply. Deadline to apply is May 1st.

All information can be obtained by calling Sandra Faust 219-7644 or emailing at wbuschma@tds.net.

April Lunch Committee: Ann Eicher, Joyce Phillips, Connie Faust and Mary Jones

Notifications: If you have a friend / relative that has passed and was an active member of the Auxiliary, please let us know. You can contact Carol Yttri (798-4950), Pat Cady (798-2352), Sheila Luhman (798-2451) or Debby Niebuhr (798-4178). We like to know so that we honor them at one of our meetings. We will also be involved at the funeral services if the family would like.

Son's of The American Legion

No report this month.

Kevin Boehnen