

The 245er
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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

April 2019

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

Chaplain Pat Andreoni

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| Richard Williamson – Home | Paul Dull – Home | Dan Meier – Home |
| Allen Rip – Home | Sam Dalio – Home | John Helleckson – Home |
| Bob Luhman – Home | Albert Oleson – Nursing Home | Dick Zwettler – Home |
| Frank Bayer – Home | | |

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems. 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:

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| April | 04 Lions Club | May | 02 Lions Club |
| | 06 Sattersten Rental | | 11 Brunner event |
| | 13 CP Riders Event | | 16 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg |
| | 18 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg | | 18 LePage Rental |
| | 21 Yeager Event | | 28 Model T Club |
| | 30 Model T Club | | |

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

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| 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

Dan Cady will be handling the meeting for me in April.

March 29th was Viet Nam Veterans Day. A big Thank you to all who served during this conflict.

I hope everyone will have a Joyous and Happy Easter.

Officer Scot Kroetz from the Cross Plains Police Department will give a presentation on Identity Theft, Fraud and Phone Scams at our April 18th meeting. He will do his presentation to both the Legion and the Auxiliary right after our evening meal and before we break up for our individual meetings.

Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Note from Tom Foseid:

I would like to extend a "thank-you" to all of the volunteers who helped work at the last Pancake Breakfast. I was told we served food to about 250 folks; without losing.....anybody. It was a great event to see all those happy faces. So, please thank these folks when you see them: Lorin Sarbacker, Steve Sarbacker, "Rock" Sarbacker, Noel Sarbacker, Sheilla Luman, "Peanuts" Esser, Dick & Carol Zwettler, Carol Yttri, Mike and Chris Shanahan (they also donated the table flowers), Deb Wipperfurth, Kevin & Jerry Boehnen, Ed Pelowsky, Pat Andreoni, Matt Olson & Flad Architects, Eddie Zander, Joyce Philips, Rodney Faust, Todd & Maureen Duquette, Penny Dischler, Karen Runk, Joe & Carol Hodgson, and all the people that helped set-up and remove tables and chairs; that I know exist.

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 21, 2019

Meeting was called to order by Commander Pelowsky at 7:38 P.M. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the 245er made by Kevin, second was Frank passed by vote.

A motion was made to accept the executive minutes as read made by Frank, second was Howard and it passed by vote.

Lee passed out the financial report and went over expenses and income. A motion to accept pending audit was made by Emily, second was Joe and motion passed by vote.

CHAPLIN: Pat went over deaths and illnesses recently and asked if anyone knows more please contact him.

1st VICE: Bill mentioned we need 20 more members to pay up and how he will attempt to get them to do it. He also had a 50-year membership plaque for Norm Bradford and ones for Dan Cady and Mike Schutz that will be presented at next meeting.

2nd VICE: Howie says he has been getting lots of rentals for the summer, and at the May meeting the drinks will be free.

3rd VICE: Ted brought us up to date on plumbing, stump removal and drive way work to be done. Also, the gutter and internet items are still being worked out.

SAL: Kevin said the membership is at 100%. The SAL had 8-10 volunteers at the pancake breakfast and the May steak meal will be done by the SAL. He wants to be sure the scholarship application information gets in the paper since the SAL also gives out a scholarship.

AMERICANISM: It was noted that the high school has made their Badger Boys state selections for the year.

CHILDREN and YOUTH: Kelly and Joe are going to work on creating a movie night for kids at the legion. We will do a test run and see how it goes over and what we can improve on. It may help bring attention to the legion and new members.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: This week's metal recycles amounted to \$190.80 and we will take more in next week

POST SERVICE OFFICER: Joe mentioned there will be a meeting the VA for all veterans. It is a National event and some of the MY LIFE MY STORY interviews will be read.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The post will be giving out scholarship's again this year so we will be putting application information in the local paper. Deadline is 4/30/2019.

NEW BUSINESS: Ed mentioned he will not be here for the April meeting but the police dept will come and do a short program on ID theft, scams and frauds.

Kevin brought in some girl scout cookies for member to take home.

Ted brought up a Wounded Warrior golf outing and if we would care to sponsor a hole. It was discussed and tabled for now pending more information.

50/50 Kelly Sexton for \$ 6.00

KITTY: No winner

BRANDY: Bill Statz

Respectfully submitted
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Carol Yttri

We had a very nice March meeting. I really enjoyed it. Started out with a great corned beef and cabbage meal Tom Foseid put together. We celebrated the Legion's 100th birthday as well. I did an internet search and found some great facts about how the Legion formed in 1919. I read those at the meeting and we showed a "Legion Centennial" video Karen Runk found. I included the information I found at the end of this newsletter. You can find additional information at <https://centennial.legion.org/timeline>.

As mentioned in the March newsletter, we voted to get some new coffee carafes. Before I bought any, I swung by the Legion kitchen to see what we had and what needed replacing. We did still have some in good shape so I only bought 8 new ones (4 of them are 63 ounces and 4 of them are 50 ounces). I also cleaned the cupboard and did a little organization. Think it will stay that way for very long?? I also decided to purchase some new towels so I cleaned out that drawer as well and added the new towels. There are still some pretty shabby towels in the drawer and I think we could do with some more. I threw out some that were in pretty bad shape. Any help you can provide in keeping the areas in the kitchen clean and organized is really appreciated.

The Pancake Breakfast held on March 17th did well this year. It was truly a social event. There were quite a few people that came for breakfast and hung around for quite some time to chat with others attending the event. It was so nice to see that. That's what these events are for. We had some really great people show up to help. Penny Dischler, Carol Hodgson, Carol Zwettler and myself were there the entire time. Deb Wipperfurth and Karen Runk were there quite a while as well. Others that helped were Joyce Phillips and Susan Hutton. Sure hope I didn't miss anyone. I apologize if I did.

We started nominations for officers for the new term. Karen Runk was nominated for President, Karla Krajewski for Vice President and myself for Treasurer. We'll finish nominations in April and vote and have installation of officers in May. In our March meeting, it was suggested that we revive the 2nd Vice Presidents position. We decided to table the motion & discussion so that 2nd VP role & responsibilities could be proposed for the April meeting. No nominations have been submitted. We will finalize nominations at next month's meeting. Reinstating the 2nd VP would add another opportunity for a member to become involved in leadership. This position would also share the responsibilities of supporting our members. So let's consider the potential responsibilities for the 2ndVP. Responsibilities would be to 1) assist, mentor and promote current chairpersons; 2) act as interim as needed in the absence of the secretary, treasurer or chaplain and 3) volunteer to be chairperson for one of the ALA programs (such as youth & family, Americanism, VA&R, etc).

Karen Runk is involved with Leadership at the county level. She has been working to pull together some Presidential Round Table sessions. These sessions are open to any 3rd District members. You will receive leadership guidance and information from our Past Presidents from all levels. The first session was held March 2nd. The second is scheduled for April 6th at Girlies Manor in Mt Horeb from 10:00 to 11:30. Members and Leaders will have a chance to discuss leadership topics in small groups. These events provide for a personal experience to promote & mentor our future presidents!! Please register by contacting Karen Runk at [608-415-2001](tel:608-415-2001) or email kmrunk4@gmail.com

There is also a Leadership Training Class being held on Saturday, May 4th at Stoughton Post 59. It will run from 9:00 to 11:30 and is open to all 3rd District Members. The topic is "I'm a Member, Now What". Participants will become familiar with the ALA history, its purpose, growth, development, mission and vision. If you're interested in attending, let me know and I'll get you the information (if you don't already have it – Karen sent it out via email).

If you didn't notice in Commander Ed's message, Officer Scot from the Cross Plains police department will be doing a presentation at the April meeting which will cover fraud, identity theft and scams. He's done this for other groups and it's gotten favorable feedback.

Auxiliary scholarship:

Scholarships are available to children, step children, grandchildren, step grandchildren for Auxiliary members. Please contact Sandra Faust at wbuschma@tds.net, or call 1-608-219-7644 if you have any questions. Scholarships can be picked up, mailed or emailed to people that are interested in applying. Deadline to apply is May 1st.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on April 18th.

Pancake Breakfast

Was held on March 17th and Tom and the American Legion Post 245 would like to thank Noel Sarbacker, Lorin Sarbacker, Rock Sarbacker, Steven Sarbacker, David Faust, Rod Faust, Ed Pelowsky, Mark Pelowsky and myself for helping make this event successful.

Ray Faust Scholarship

The Son's Of the American Legion Post 245 annually gives out a scholarship in memory of Ray Faust. Everyone in the surrounding area is eligible to apply for this scholarship. As always we encourage sons and

daughters and grandsons and granddaughters of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members to apply. If you know any good candidates from the surrounding communities also encourage them to apply.

If you are interested in applying for the Ray Faust SAL Scholarship of \$500.00 please contact Ron Faust at 2129 Caesar St Cross Plains, WI 53528, 608 225 7281 or by e-mail ronaldfaust@reagan.com. We would like all applications turned in by May 1st.

Flags

If you need a flag please contact Rod Faust at 608 576 4803.

Legion 100 years celebration – information from 1919; the year it was formed

Pre-March 15, 1919 activities

Early 1919, four line officer of the American Expeditionary Forces met in Paris to discuss the recent passing of former President Theodore Roosevelt along with their imminent mustering out of wartime service, morale among troops, the Bolshevik Revolution and what might happen at home when nearly 2 million newly discharge combat veterans (many disabled and shell-shocked) returned to civilian lives. The officers that met were:

- Lt Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr
- Lt Col George A White
- Lt Col William Donovan and
- Lt Col Eric Fisher Wood

Roosevelt Jr had discussed the idea of a veteran's organization with troops still stationed in Europe, whose morale was low as they awaited passage home.

20 officers gathered for dinner at the Allied Officers Club in Paris at the request of Roosevelt Jr under order from General Headquarters with approval from Gen John "Black Jack" Pershing to discuss morale and the idea of launching a new veteran's organization at home. Among those attending the dinner were future American Legion founders:

- Lt Col William Donovan
- Lt Col G Edward Buxton
- Lt Col Bennett C Clark
- Lt Col Franklin D'Olier
- Lt Col George A White
- Lt Col Eric Fisher Wood and
- Capt Ogden Mills

March 15, 1919

The American Legion formed in Paris, France at the American Officers Club and Cirque de Paris. Organizers expected around 300 hundred and were surprised when hundreds more poured in. Officially, 463 registered for the event but it's believed that more than 1,000 attended. The event was supposed to start at 10am but confusion caused it to delay until 2:55pm. A committee was created at the first meeting to come up with a name and after reviewing 12 nominations, The American Legion was selected at the second meeting on March 17, 1919.

First National Convention – Nov 10 & 11, 1919

The first American Legion national convention was held November 10, 1919 in Minneapolis. The temperatures dipped to 11 degrees and there was light snow during the convention parade. This is to blame for Minneapolis losing its bid to become National Headquarters. Indianapolis was chosen instead. Approximately 15,000 marched in this first national convention parade.

During the time of the first national convention, 4 American Legion members marching in an Armistice Day Parade in Centralia, Washington were shot to death in the streets. Blamed, arrested and convicted were members of the International Workers of the World (aka Wobblies) who were regarded as Bolshevik aligned radicals. When one of the suspects was jailed, a mob broke in, pulled him out, hauled him away and hanged him from a bridge until dead. 11 others served sentences.

December 1919 – first legislative victory

In December of 1919, The American Legion won its first legislative victory in Washington. The Commander and some others from across the country were invited to a dinner by members of the House of Representatives. The Legion, on its own, added several severely disabled veterans from Walter Reed Army Hospital to the invitation list. The disabled veterans spoke at the dinner about their conditions and scant support they received which was \$30 a month for 100 percent service-connected disabilities.

The following day, revisions are made to the Sweet Bill, increasing compensation for totally disabled veterans by \$50 a month for a total of \$80 per month. It was rushed to passage before Christmas.