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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

Kerl-Endres-Brannan

Post 245

April 2021

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

Paul Dull – Nursing Home	John Hill – Home	Sam Dalio – Waunakee Nursing Home
Ralph Schulenbert – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home	

Please keep all these members in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recover from their conditions.

Upcoming Events:

April	01 Lions Club	May	06 Lions Club
	15 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg		20 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg
	24 Bridal Shower		22 Sharpe - Wedding
	27 Model T Club		25 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 Pat Andreoni at 798-3844 or email at jpandreo@aol.com

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Gary Itten	608-225-4722
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Karen Runk	608-415-2001
S.A.L. COMMANDER	Kevin Boehnen	608-798-2113

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

Gary Itten

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. It looks like spring is on its way and we will be enjoying warm weather soon.

A new law was signed that the VA can vaccinate all Veterans. This includes Veterans not enrolled in VA Healthcare. The one caution is that it might take some time to get enough vaccines. I would urge veterans to call the VA to find out if they can get it. The Vaccination number to call in Madison is 608-280-2160.

Dennis Heiliger (608) 712-4173 is the new chairman of the hospital rehab equipment. He will be assisted by Rodney (Peanuts) Esser (608) 516-6756, and Ed Pelowsky (608) 333-4725). If anyone needs any kind of equipment please call the individuals above or me at 608-225-4722.

The Verona group of quilters would like to give to any veteran a Quilt of Valor. If anyone is interested in receiving a quilt, please give me a call at the number above and I will give you more information on this project.

On May 8th, 10:30 A.M. there will be a graveside service for Geno Schmitz at St Mary's cemetery in Pine Bluff. After that 11:30 A.M to 1:30 P.M. there will be a gathering at the Red Mouse.

There will be an Executive board mtg at 5:30 P.M. and a regular mtg. at 6:30 P.M. April 15th. The meetings will be in the basement as the Auxiliary is planning on having an in person meeting that evening upstairs.

Stay Safe & Healthy

Gary Itten, Commander, Post 245

Note from Pat Andreoni regarding Memorial Day

We will be discussing what we're going to do and how to handle it at our May meeting.

American Legion Post 245 Flag Scholarship

American Legion Post 245 has decided to add 2 more scholarships from its Flag program. These scholarships will be for \$1,000 and will go to any student that meets certain requirements. The student can be looking to attend a 4 year or 2 year college.

You may contact Ed Pelowski at 608-798-4253 or Pat Andreoni at 608-798-3844 to get an application form. If no answer, please leave your name and number and someone will get back to you. This is open to everyone in the surrounding area to apply. We will be accepting applications till Tuesday, May 1, 2021.

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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.

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Karen Runk

Spring has sprung and we are ready for a NEW beginning!! Not only will we be meeting in-person for the first time since February 2020, we will be electing a NEW President and Vice President. The NEW President will select a NEW secretary to assist in recording Unit meetings and year-end reporting. No worries, past officers will be a resource for the incoming officers. The plan is to take nominations for these offices at our April meeting and finish election/installation in May. Please step forward with your interest or nominations at our April meeting. It is important to continue forward with NEW blood, NEW ideas and NEW energy for the 2021/23 officer term.

Please join me in thanking Kate Walsh-Bratton for her years of commitment in serving as our secretary. Kate has done a wonderful job in supporting several Presidents over the years, her knowledge and experience is invaluable to our unit. We also want to thank Karla Krajewski for her service as 2019-21 Vice President. Thanks for stepping up!! The plan is to receive officer nominations in March/April, then vote and install officers no later than our May meeting.

PURPLE UP! FOR MILITARY CHILDREN APRIL 16TH!!

We had a fantastic time packing activity packs for our 245, active duty military children!! 17 Purple Up! backpacks were assembled, delivered and shipped out!! Members were VERY generous in donating all kinds of fun books, coloring books, crafts, games, and so much more!! A sincere THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED, CRAFTED, SHOPPED AND ASSEMBLED THESE ACTIVITY PACKS!! Many hands made this so easy and so fun to do.....well done ya'll.

Still Clipp'n those Coupons

Wonderful job here!! We mailed 9 pounds of coupons out in March.... WOW! That doubled the previous shipment!! Keep Clipp'n, we are still collecting at Ann Eicher's house (2004 Julius Street)!! Please continue to separate product coupons into food and non-food, and seal them in a plastic bag to keep them dry. Coupons can be expired up to 6 months. No store coupons can be sent. My plan is to mail them in JULY.

115th Fighter Wing WELCOME HOME!

Jerry Hook is so pleased with our efforts to support the Fighter Wing, they are very appreciative!! Now Jerry has asked if we can write Welcome Home letters and cards for our 115th FW. 115th members will be coming home from various locations on the globe and at varying dates. Children, grandchildren, Legionnaires, all are encouraged to participate. Coming Home is important and can make a big difference to our brave airguards!! Seal cards in a plastic bag and drop in the coupon basket at Ann Eicher's house for me to pick up (2004 Julius Street).

APRIL EVENTS & REMINDERS

REPORT TIME... We need to wrap up 2020/21 reporting of hours, donations and miles by EASTER. Officers need time to compile all this information the week after Easter. Please submit your 2020/21 volunteer and donation information to Kate Walsh-Bratton by 4/3.

APRIL 15TH – UNIT 245 MEETING @ 6:30PM (IN PERSON)

APRIL 22ND – NO ALA DANE COUNTY MEETING

APRIL 24TH – 3RD DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE

MAY 8TH - MID WINTER @ HO-CHUNK BARABOO

Lunch Committee: No lunch committee duties at this point in time.

Membership:

Auxiliary membership dues are the same as last year: \$30/SR(18+) AND JR \$6. (0-17)

We will start collecting in June and July. Our goal will be to have as many as possible paid by the end of July to qualify for the contests. Last year we won \$100. Start thinking about new members that can be signed up; wives, sisters, daughters and grand daughters are eligible. There are contests for the members who sign up new members as well. Last year it was \$75.00

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Debby Niebuhr
Membership Chair

Auxiliary scholarship:

We are proud to offer a scholarship for 2021 that is newly named the Ginny Faust Scholarship for the Auxiliary Unit 245 in Cross Plains. To request a scholarship application, please contact Sandra Faust at wbuschma@gmail.com or you can call or text 608-219-7644. All scholarship applications need to be received by May 1st, 2021. You can also send information to Sandra Faust, 1613 Main St, Cross Plains, WI 53528.

Eligibility requirements are:

The recipient must be a son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, grandchild or step-grandchild, niece or nephew of a member of the Kerl-Endres-Brannan Unit 245 American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin.

The applicant must be a senior in high school or homeschooled with a 3.0 (or higher) grade point average (G.P.A.) on a 4.0 G.P.A. base.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held with Legion Meeting on April 15th.

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.