

***The 245er***  
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**the CROSS PLAINS & MIDDLETON COMMUNITIES**

**CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION**

**Kerl-Endres-Brannan**

**Post 245**

**August 2022**

**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.

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**Post 245 Sick Call**

**Chaplain Tim Engling**

Paul Dull – Nursing Home  
Dennis Powell – Home

Ralph Schulenberg – Home  
Nathan Gerath

Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

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

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**Upcoming Events:**

**August**      04 Lions Club  
                  18 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg  
                  30 Model T Club

**September** 01 Lions Club  
                  15 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg  
                  27 Model T Club

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Need to include something in the Newsletter? Email Carol Yttri at [carolyttri@gmail.com](mailto:carolyttri@gmail.com) or call 608-516-5970.

HALL RENTAL: Notice to all members. There is a special rental rate for the use of the building to members. If you would like to inquire about renting the hall, please contact Katy Ripp at [americanlegioncp@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegioncp@gmail.com). Look for updated information coming to [www.americanlegioncp.org](http://www.americanlegioncp.org) soon.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplin Tim Engling at 312-317-0034 or e-mail [timengling@gmail.com](mailto:timengling@gmail.com)

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Steve Zanon	608-213-9530
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Deb Niebuhr	608-445-6590
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 5:30pm.

**Website: [www.americanlegioncp.org](http://www.americanlegioncp.org)**

## **Commander's Message**

And just like that it is August!

**Steve Zanon**

Greetings AL members, Sons, and Auxiliary;

Hope you are having an enjoyable summer, and are able to take a moment from time to time to breathe in the fresh air and sunshine, and reflect on the peace we enjoy and the lush green landscape of this area that is fleeting and will soon need to be shoveled (sorry about that).

Post 245 members have been busy taking care of Legion business. Representing our post at the State Convention in July were Joe Hodgson, Bill Stats and Emily Cash who helped elect Julia Muelley as State Chairperson as well as other hard working volunteers.

Dan Cady and Gary Itten, who do so much to keep our facility and grounds mowed and looking ship shape, arranged a small working party with legion members from Middleton to replace fascia, pressure wash the building and fix some woodwork on the play area. Thank you all.

We have a need for someone to help trim weeds from time to time as well. Gary is lead on this ongoing task and if someone, especially local, has some time, Gary could use a hand.

The Iron Horse Cornet Band put on a terrific concert this month at the Cross Plains Post 245 Veterans Park pavilion. This has been an annual event and featured our very own Carol Ytri on trombone and bell choir. Masterfully conducted, they performed songs of tributes to military as well as a medley from Les Miserables.

Well done and thank you!

Welcome Back to our own Major Brad Smith who has returned home from deployment in Saudi Arabia. We look forward to seeing you, and of course thank you for your service.

That is all I have for now, please reach out to myself or other officers if you have suggestions, needs, or matters that you would like addressed by the group

See you all soon,  
Steve Z, Commander, Post 245

## **Chaplain's message:**

**Tim Engling**

Military Honors were conducted on July 16, 2022 for an out-of-state fallen comrade who was buried back in Wisconsin.

## **Special Note from Joe Hodgson:**

Nathan Gerath is working through some health issues. He is the former VA Hospital Director in Madison (23 years) then was Director at Hines in Chicago. He is a Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL) member of 245.

## **HALL RENTAL**

Want to make sure everyone knows that Katy Ripp has taken over managing rentals for the Legion from Pat Andreoni. You can contact Katy at [americanlegioncp@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegioncp@gmail.com). Look for updated information coming to [www.americanlegioncp.org](http://www.americanlegioncp.org) soon. This information is also kept at the beginning of the newsletter.

## **Note from Gary Itten for 100 year celebration:**

Post 245 100th Anniversary Committee will hold their next meeting Monday August 22nd at 6:30 PM at the Legion Hall.

Gary Itten, Chairman.

**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 July 21, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Zanon at 7:12 pm.

A motion to accept the Executive minutes as read by the Adjutant was made by Ralph, seconded by Phil and the motion carried

A motion to accept the minutes as posted in the 245er newsletter was made by Ed, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

Welcome back to Tyson Hall as a visiting member of post 245.

FINANCE: Lee passed out the finance report and went over expenses and revenue for the period. A motion to accept the report pending audit was made by Joe with a second from Gary and the motion passed.

CHAPLIN: Tim went over those on the sick call list including Nathan Geraths who is a member of the post and VA director for 23 years. Tim also mentioned we had three funerals since we last met.

3<sup>rd</sup> VICE: Dan mentioned several maintenance items at the post that need repair. We need someone to use our new battery trimmer to help Gary out with the lawn work. It would only involve 1-2 hours a week so please help and call Gary or Dan to let them know you can do it. He also mentioned that the VA will replace old headstones at cemeteries back to WW1. The families will be responsible for the information needed and the installation fees.

POST SERVICE OFFICER: Joe mentioned we have a new state commander in Julie Muehle. He also mentioned that the Iron Horse coronet band will be using our shelter on 7/25/2022 between 7-8:30 for a concert.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Ed announced that he will have to step down for family reasons from this position and Bill Diebold will take the position over. Thanks to Bill for doing this for his post.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: Commander Steve suggested we form a group of volunteers for a “work party” on a given Saturday and attend to some of the maintenance items we need to tackle. We are not asking you to give up a whole day but a few hours in the morning. Donating some time and effort is a way to ensure the legion remains one of the best in the state.

KITTY: Bill Diebold = \$ 85.45  
50/50: Tom Brunner

Respectfully Submitted:  
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

**Auxiliary Newsletter**

Hi everyone! Hope you enjoyed your month of July off.

**President Debby Niebuhr**

At our August 18<sup>th</sup> meeting we will be discussing the meal we will be providing for the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will be looking for side dishes to go with the main meal that Carol Yttri will supervise. We will have a sign-up sheet to pass around. The September lunch committee will provide the deserts.

We will also have a sign-up sheet for the Hill & Valley Car Show on Sept. 17th at Baer Park. We have been providing pies/deserts to sell at the food stand. We will need workers as well. I believe we've been doing this from 11-2 over the lunch hour. I'm guessing with set up the shift might start at 10:30am. The actual Car show starts at 7am and is usually done by 3pm. Another organization does the breakfast.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the August meeting. Come and enjoy the BBQ chicken and hopefully the corn on the cob.

#### MEMBERSHIP: Debby Niebuhr

We are off to a good start. We have over half of the dues collected. We hope to be finished by our August meeting. If you have paid your dues by August 18<sup>th</sup>, you will be entered into a drawing for a free 2024 Membership. Hope everyone will be eligible to win. The dues are \$30 for Seniors (18+) and \$6 for Juniors (0-17). You can mail them to: Debby Niebuhr PO BOX 3 Cross Plains, WI 53528. MAKE THE CHECK OUT TO "UNIT 245". Or you can PAY with your CREDIT CARD by calling 1-317-569-4570 Monday – Friday 7am-3pm and talk to a real person. When you call you can pay for more than one member. If you prefer to do it ON-LINE just go to [www.alaforveterans.org](http://www.alaforveterans.org) With the on-line version you can only pay for one member. Remember paying our dues shows support for our Veterans and their families.

#### Lunch committee: Jane Itten

Arlene Dahmen, Julie Dahmen, Cookie (Lois) Conroy, Mary Dahmen, Monia Gulesian. Any questions/problems or need help, call Jane Itten (608) 712-3133.

#### **Son's of The American Legion**

**Kevin Boehnen**

#### Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on August 18th.

#### Flags

If you need a flag you can give Rod Faust a call at 608 576 4803.

#### Recycling Efforts

Tim Hillebrand, Mike Diebold and Whitey have been representing the SAL. If anyone else is interested in helping talked to Whitey and he can share what they do and how often.

#### 2023 Membership Dues

In August everyone will receive their Membership Cards and a notice to pay your dues \$15.00 for one year or \$60.00 for five years. If you have prepaid your dues you will be receiving your card.

We currently have 76 out of our 111 members paid for 2023. That is 68% of our members are prepaid please consider the \$60.00 for five year options as it helps when trying to collect membership dues each year.

If you know someone is interested, I have applications to join or if you would like to sign up your grandsons let me know.

#### Baseball Dinner

Newly formed Cross Plains Baseball organization will have their first golf outing on August 17th. After they will have a dinner at the American Legion Hall. If anyone would like to help serve food and clean up please let Steve (Whitey) Hillebrand know.