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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

August 2024

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 Tim Engling

Paul Dull – Nursing Home Dennis Powell – Hospital / Home Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
Ralph Schulenberg – Home

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

Upcoming Events:

August	01 Lions Club	September	05 Lions Club
	08 100 Year Anniversary meeting		12 100 Year Anniversary meeting
	15 Legion, SAL, Aux meeting		19 Legion, SAL, Aux meeting
	27 Model T Club		21 100 th Anniversary celebration
			22 100 th Anniversary celebration
			24 Model T Club

Need to include something in the Newsletter? Email Carol Yttri at carolyttri@gmail.com or call 608-516-5970. Please get information to me before the 1st of the month.

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 Debby Niebuhr at americanlegioncp@gmail.com or 608-445-6590.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: If you are in need of medical equipment, the Legion has some on hand. Please contact Dennis Heiliger at 608-798-2301. Leave message if no answer and he'll get back to you.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplain Tim Engling at 312-371-0034 or e-mail timengling@gmail.com

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Steve Zanon	608-213-9530
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Flo Bayer	608-444-8199
S.A.L. COMMANDER	Kevin Boehnen	608-798-2113

Post, Auxiliary & S.A.L meetings Third Thursday of month: Social hour 6pm; Dinner 6:30pm; Meeting 7:30pm
Executive Board Meeting: Third Thursday of the Month 5:30pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message**Steve Zanon**

Greetings Legionnaires and family,

Our meeting on the 18th of July was a good one, though we missed the company of our Auxiliary, and we ate take-out pizza and petrified ice cream.

We are working on having an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) installed in our hall upstairs in case of emergency, and we are arranging some brief training to help all of us be better prepared for a lifesaving emergency.

Gary Itten is breathing new life into our efforts to purchase and install playground equipment to replace our aging set up. He has formed a committee.

We will be nominating members for Legionnaire of the year in August. If you think of someone who has gone above and beyond, please write up something brief and quantifiable, and submit this to someone on the executive committee: Gary Itten, Dan Cady, Dave Vidlock, Lee Mayrack, Debby Neibuhr, Lee Mayrack or myself.

Bill Statz lets us know that on August 25th at noon, we will once again be joining the Middleton VFW to march in the Good neighbor parade. This was a fun outing last year, and Bill has arranged a trailer to carry persons who are unable to march the route. Looks like we are meeting at the VFW on Century avenue in Middleton around 1100am to hydrate prior to the march (fluids are so important!).

It is almost time for our 100th anniversary celebration of American Legion in Cross Plains. This will take place September 21st and 22nd. Saturday and Sunday. Invitations and RSVP are attached and have gone out to county and district members as well. RSVPs are due by September 9th.

At our August 15th meeting we will be joined by the Badger Boys State and Girls for presentations of their summer stay, and also Lisa Laschinger of the Lion's club Legacy project. Should be a great meeting, hope to see you all there.

Thanks,
Steve Zanon, Commander, Post 245

Chaplain's message:**Tim Engling**

Consider doing a Buddy Check with someone you have not seen in a while. Let's care for each other. It is an important part of the Be the One Suicide Prevention program. If more interested in that, the American Legion is partnering with Columbia University on suicide prevention training. There are good resources, podcasts, and articles on the American Legion site or feel free to call me with any issues or problems. No stigma in calling me at 312-371-0034 or emailing at timengling@gmail.com.

Note from Dan Cady:

Dear Comrades

We are fast approaching our celebration of 100 years as Post 245 Of the American Legion – Saturday, September 21, 2024 @ 5:00 pm. We would like to invite you to help us celebrate. There will be cocktails @ 5:00pm Then a supper served by our SAL and a message from a State Officer. After message there will be entertainment. We need RSVP (by September 9th) from you as a member of Legion, Aux. And SAL for Saturday @ \$25.00/including 1 drink. Help us celebrate your organization serving Community, State and Nation for 100 years in Cross Plains and the surrounding area. See end of newsletter for RSVP form.

Starting at 11:00 AM on Sunday September 22, 2024, we are planning entertainment for the day from 11-7. There will be several groups performing under the shelter (weather permitting). Included entertainment for children, young adults and adults. There will be food sold by Lions Club, A Bar set up by Legion.

We also would like to invite area Legion, Aux, and SAL to join us for the meal on Saturday RSVP by 9/9/2024 and Sunday from 11-7. Let's enjoy each others company. The Committee has been putting in a lot of time to make this a special event for all the American Legion family and the Communities of Cross Plains/Middleton and surrounding area.

Help needed for Mike Greaney family: (Flo Bayer)

As many of you know Mike Greaney passed away in April of this year. Mike was an active member of our SAL Post 245. After Mike's passing in April of this year, his son Kyle has been providing care to his mother who is wheelchair bound and currently hospitalized. He is also providing care for Candace and Arianna who are living at their home and unable to cook for themselves. We would like to give Kyle a bit of respite and provide healthy food for Mike's step-daughter and step-granddaughter. Please consider helping with a meal. You can sign up at: <https://mealtrain.com/Omlm6z>. Be sure to click on View All Details in the Recipient Info section for address, drop off time & other information.

REGULAR MEETING July 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Commander Zanon.

A motion was made by Dan Cady and seconded by Pat to accept the minutes for June 20th as printed in the 245er, motion carried. A motion by Phil and seconded by Dave to accept the minutes of Executive board minute's as read by the Adjutant, motion carried.

Finance: Dave Vidlock gave report for Lee, Joe made the motion and Dennis seconded to accept the finance report, motion carried.

1st Vice: Bill reported for Emily that we have 184 members renewed for 2024. We have started collecting dues for 2025 which are now \$45.00.

2nd Vice: Dave would like a fee of \$25.00 for ice, and a fee for \$15.00 an hr. for bartenders added on the contract for rental of the bar. Some discussion was held and it was tabled and to be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting.

3rd Vice: Dave reported we have made \$7,600 for recycling metal so far this year and prices are pretty good for this time of the year.

Americanism: Bill reported Legion baseball will start tournament play this weekend. The senior state tournament will be played at Wis. Rapids and the junior tournament at Baraboo this year. Our 3 Badger Boys State representatives, Jack Hutchinson, Anya Choudhury, and Wyatt Ehrhardt will be at our August 15th meeting to talk about their experiences at State. The draw down will be held in November.

Bill gave a report on State Convention. Jim Johnson is the new state commander and 3rd district commander Jerry Hook is a new Vice Commander. He also reported on different resolutions that passed and that are being moved onto the National level.

Bill mentioned that National Night Out will be Aug. 8th at Glacier Creek School and Phil and him will have a table set up. Anyone else that would like to help contact Bill Statz.

SAL: Kevin reported not too much going on right now. He has collected dues from 92 members out of 114, that is 81%. They will be serving food for a 50th wedding Anniversary on July 27th. They will be cooking Aug. 10th for Warren Knaub's celebration of life and for the Sept. Meeting. He also reported duo members were deleted from the SAL roster and it is being corrected. Kevin reported that 7 members of Post 245 SAL that passed away were honored at the state SAL convention memorial service.

Athletic: No Report

Post Service Officer: Joe reported he seen Dennis Powell at the VA and he is doing great.

Public Relations: Bill Diebold reported he has applications for Quilts of Valor, and for the Honor Flight

Old Business: Dennis reported the Rehab equipment can be loaned out to the public. Make sure to fill out the forms when checking them out and check in.

New Business: Gary reported that he and a committee will be looking into replacing some of the bad playground equipment. Bill Diebold and Dennis Semaru volunteered to be on the committee, looking to get a couple more. Steve reported that the 3rd District picnic will be held in Darlington Sept. 8th. The 100th Anniversary banquet will be Sat. 21st and the cost is \$25.00 per person which includes the meal and one drink. Sunday Sept. 22nd there will be music and other events going on outside.

Camp America Legion will be celebrating their 100th anniversary June 14th, 2025.

Dave made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the Lion's club for Stuff the Bus. Dan seconded it and motion carried.

Dan motioned to pay \$1,350.00 for the new AED, Dennis S. seconded it; motion carried. It will be installed soon.

Dick will need the Honor Guard for Warren Knaub burial at St. Francis on Aug. 12th, and he will be calling members for that day.

Kitty: Pete Bindl

50/50: Dave V.

Brandy: Gary, donated to golf outing

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Itten, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Flo Bayer

Hello 245'ers,

I hope you all are staying dry and enjoying the summer with family and friends. I've checked on the bur and red oak seedlings I planted by the ball diamond last fall and am happy to see that they are still alive. Hopefully they are developing deep roots and will continue to grow to provide beauty and shade for future generations.

I'm looking forward to seeing you and hearing your thoughts about how we can support our Veterans, their families and our community for the next year at our upcoming August meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and have any ideas, please give me a call or email. We will be hosting some of our Badger Girls State delegates and their families, which is always encouraging to hear from our next generation of leaders.

It's that time of the year to get your annual 2025 dues in if you haven't already. Seniors are \$35 and Juniors \$6. You can renew by three different ways:

Phone - Call National HQ at **(317) 569-4570** with your member ID ready.

Online - Visit www.ALAforVeterans.org and click "Renew" in the top right corner.

In Person – Bring your dues to the meeting and Deb will gladly accept them.

Important Dates

8/25/24 – Middleton Good Neighbor Festival Parade – Help decorate our float and ride in it.

9/21/24 – Hill and Valley Auxiliary Bake Sale – Everyone loves our homemade pies!

9/21/24 – American Legion Post 100th Anniversary Legion Family Dinner

9/22/24 – American Legion Post 100th Anniversary Celebration – History, Music, Food, Fun



Matt Jones - VA Volunteers and Community and Relations, accepting our donations from our Sip N Serve Fundraiser.

August Lunch Committee – August lunch committee members:

Arlene Dahmen, Cookie (Lois) Conroy, Mary Dahmen, Monica Gulesserian. If you can't make it, please call Jane (608) 712-3133 or email gijacondo@gmail.com.

September Lunch Committee – September lunch committee members:

Desserts: Kathy Bertin, Barb Schutz, Jean Bolchen, Joanna Richard, Cami Hill. Carol Yttri makes meat and potatoes. Let me or Deb Niebuhr if you could make a salad. Call Jan with any questions. Jane (608) 712-3133 or email gijacondo@gmail.com.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting – Monthly meeting will be held on August 15th.

This is the annual Chicken & Sweet Corn dinner with presentations from Badger State Boys & Girls. Come and enjoy the meal and hear about where our donation to sponsor a Badger State Girl went and their experience.

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

Legion Golf Outing

Thank you to Dan and Pat Cady for organizing this event. Thank you for everyone who helped prepare, serve and clean up the dinner portion of this event. Shout out to Whitey Hillebrand, Tim Hillebrand, Ed Zander, Mike Diebold, Bill Diebold, Bert Diebold, Kevin Boehnen, Brad Niebuhr, Mary Jones, Mary Jo Diebold, Carol Zwettler, Deb Niebuhr, Kathy Pulvermacher and Karen Foye we appreciated your help.

Jim & Judy Nonn's 50th Wedding Anniversary & 70th Birthday Celebration

Thank you to Whitey and Patty Hillebrand, Tim and Donna Hillebrand, Brad Niebuhr, Tom Hellickson, Kevin Boehnen and Rod Faust for helping prepare and serve the food.

Warren Knaub's Celebration of Life - August 10th

We will be preparing and serving the food for Warren Knaub's Celebration of Life on August 10th. If you can help us out please contact Whitey or Kevin Boehnen if you can help expecting up to 500 people for this event that runs from noon to ?

Cross Plains Baseball Golf Outing - August 14th

We will be preparing and serving the food for Cross Plains Baseball Golf Outing on August 14th. If you can help us out please contact Whitey or Kevin Boehnen if you can help expecting up to 120 people for this event that runs from 4:00 to 8:00.

Recycling Efforts

Whitey, Tim Hillebrand and Rod Faust have been assisting with the Legion's recycling efforts. If you can help us out please contact Whitey for dates and times for helping out.

Future events for SAL to cook

They are as follows:

- August 10th Warren Knaub's Celebration of Life
- August 14th Cross Plains Golf Outing
- October 26th Motor Cross Dinner
- November 21st Legion Meeting – Thanksgiving Dinner

2025 Membership Dues

In July everyone received 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 received your card.

We currently have 93 out of our 112 members paid for 2025. That is 84% 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 you would like to sign up your grandsons let me know. Our goal is to have 114 members signed up for 2025.

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Come help celebrate 100 years of American Legion in Cross plains!

Post 245 Cross Plains, Middleton
2217 American Legion Dr Cross Plains, WI 53528

Saturday September 21st

Dinner and drinks starting at 5:00 pm and music following the meal.

\$25.00 includes one drink ticket and a fine meal and night out

Please send RSVP to Cross Plains-Middleton American Legion, 2217 American Legion Dr. Cross Plains, WI 53528 by September 9th.

Then on Sunday Sept 22 enjoy the day on our grounds with Food, Drinks, local musicians, Flag folding ceremony, flag burning ceremony, bouncy houses for the kids, temporary tattoos, and games. 11:00am-7:00pm

Name _____

Number of persons attending Saturday evening Dinner _____

Amount enclosed (\$25.00 x Number attending) _____