

*The 245er*  
**SERVING: the NATION - the VETERAN -  
the CROSS PLAINS & MIDDLETON COMMUNITIES**

**CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION**

**Kerl-Endres-Brannan**

**Post 245**

**December 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.

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**Post 245 Sick Call**

**Chaplain Pat Andreoni**

Richard Williamson – Home	Paul Dull – Home	Dan Meier – Home
Larry Hanson – Home	Sam Dalio – Home	John Helleckson – Home
Albert Oleson – Nursing Home	Francis Eisner – Home	John Hill – Home
Norm Esser – Home		

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>December</b>	05 Lions Club	<b>January</b>	02 Lions Club
	08 Jennifer Ziegler		04 Stacy McMillan
	14 Fruit basket delivery		11 Zwettler Christmas
	15 Maier Christmas		16 Legion, SAL Mtg
	19 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg		18 Thorton Family Holiday
	22 Lowenberg Christmas		18 Debra Cutler
	25 Faust Christmas		25 Valley Archers
	28 Ripp Christmas		28 Model T Club

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Need to include something in the Newsletter? Please email Carol Yttri at [cyttri@amfam.com](mailto: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](mailto:jpandreo@aol.com)

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Pat Andreoni at 798-3844 or e-mail [jpandreo@aol.com](mailto:jpandreo@aol.com)

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Ed Pelowsky	798-4253
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Karen Runk	415-2001
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](http://www.americanlegioncp.org)**

**Commander's Message****Ed Pelowsky**

First, I want to thank Whitey and the SAL for the great Dinner for our November meeting. You do a great job. Thanks.

Instead of a meeting in December we will have our annual Post Christmas Party. It is December 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be a pot luck affair with the Legion providing the meat. Things should get underway around 5:30. As usual I will be making my Dad's Tom & Jerry's.

I want to Thank Bill Statz, Dan Cady, Dave Vidlock, Pat Andreoni and Marty Keller for their part in the Molly B show at Park School. Also want to thank Bill Statz, Emily Cash and Norm Esser, Jr for helping out at Park School on Veterans Day.

Fruit basket deliveries will be on December 14th. Meet at Terry's at 8:30 AM. We can use all the help we can get.

I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Ed Pelowsky, Commander

**Caring Tree:**

The Cross Plains Community Caring Tree started many years ago. It is administered by American Legion Post 245. Its purpose is to help the less fortunate in the Village of Cross Plains.

It also acknowledges those people (adults) in the local area who have suffered an ongoing illness / major surgery, loss of spouse, local residents who are in a facility and those who reach the magic age of 90+. Post 245 Legion members also are acknowledged. These recipients are given a fruit basket or Poinsetta plant to those in a facility.

Post 245 started a monetary fund to support this worthwhile project many years ago. Anyone who would like to donate to the Community Caring Tree can send cash or check made out to Caring Tree to Lee Mayrack, c/o Post 245, PO Box 188, Cross Plains, WI 53528. Any amount helps and the fund is used mostly in December, but donations can be made at any time of the year.

**Note from Dan Cady**

Dear Comrades

I want to Thank all flag crew members that have participated this year and a Special Thank you to those that braved the weather on veteran's day by posting over 200 flags.

A big Thank You to the Auxiliary for the reception on November 10 for all veterans and their families.

A note to all members this next year is election of Officers please think about becoming an officer or giving suggestions of who would be a good choice

Thank you,  
Dan

**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 November 21, 2019**

Meeting was called to order by Commander Pelowsky at 5:31 p.m. with 12 members present.

Ed mentioned that the Aux was not getting the \$ 25.00 for each kitchen rental not a legion function. After some discussion with Karen and the executive members a motion to stop the \$ 25.00 payment to the Aux and the legion would take over stocking the kitchen was made by Dan, second was Bill and the motion passed by vote.

There will be no Dec meeting in lieu of the potluck on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>. Ed has invited Bill Siemans and his wife, Rick and Sandy Loger, Doc Esser, and Tom Hellickson as guests.

Ed suggested the legion pay \$ 1125.00 plus sales tax and the jerseys needed for the legion baseball team and the Nonn brothers will pay the other \$ 1125.00. A motion to take this to the members was made by Ed second was Joe and the motion passed by voting.

Dan brought up the flag resolution being drafted to the members for their review and suggestions before finalizing it and sending on. Once it is finalized then there are several steps it needs to go thru and get approval before it will be passed as a new standard for when the flag is flown at half-staff.

Lee brought up the elevator and the expense we have paid for it to keep running for 5 years. The elevator does not get used very often and it has turned into a money pit.

The outside doors to the rest rooms are now installed and completed.

Karen is working on the Camp American Wish List for this year, the tree decorating will be on Sat at 1 p.m. She also inquired who was going to do the concessions for the new American Legion baseball team when we have a home game. She would like the Aux to be considered for this.

All attending this meeting tonight want to thank Karen and the AUX for the Vets Day events and all their work.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill, second was Ed. Motion passed by vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

### **Auxiliary Newsletter**

**President Karen Runk**

November was a month of several first times for me and our unit!! On the 9<sup>th</sup>, I was invited to work with the 115<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing family support team & the Red Cross to welcome home the 115<sup>th</sup>. The homecoming was a first for me, as my brother's arrivals were always unannounced. The 115<sup>th</sup> returned home to an airplane hangar filled with their military families. It was an amazing event that I never would have experienced if WE hadn't completed the care package project!! Thanks to y'all for the fundraising & supporting this project!!

We collaborated in delivering 300 pocket flags to an Army Major's assistant (also on the 9<sup>th</sup>), who will distribute these flags during the next deployment from Madison. The Major's assistant was very excited about the pocket flags! The packages with cards & flags looked fantastic!! Our snail mail address is on the cards, we'll see if we get written responses from the deployed soldiers! Thanks to all that supported this first, possibly last, pocket flag project.

The very first 245 Past President Parley (PPP) meeting took place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November. Past presidents worked together to propose updates to our standing rules. This was a great opportunity to mix the experiences of the past with new ideas for the future!! They invested great care in proposing updates for us to consider. My heartfelt thank you to our PPP chairman, Joyce Clampitt, and all 245 past presidents!!

It wasn't a first for me to partake in decorating the Legion Hall for Christmas this month, but it was the first time that I led the event. My first time was when I was a girl scout. Yes, some of you were Auxiliary members THEN....lol. Thanks to Ann Eicher, Deb Niebuhr and my sister Katie for helping with decorations & taking the trip down memory lane with me!!

Unit 245 Scholarship is \$1,000 now!! See our Scholarship chairman, Sandra Faust or refer to the application on our Facebook page!! Oh yes.... WE have a new Facebook page (American Legion Auxiliary Unit 245)!! Follow US!!!

ALA Badger Girls State applications are available online or refer to Flo Bayer for more information. We are sending 3 girls in addition to the 1 girl sponsored by the SAL this year! 4 girls will have a once in a lifetime experience at ALABGS!! Please consider joining Flo Bayer at the 2020 Badger Girls State!!

Ordering red shirts for the Memorial Day parade!! Please contact Karen Runk to order your size. Order will be placed in mid-January, so don't wait or you'll be too late!

### DECEMBER-JANUARY EVENTS

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** is when the Dane County Christmas party is taking place at 6:30pm at Post #501.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** is when Fruit Baskets will be delivered, meet at the CP Piggly Wiggly at 8:30am, luncheon will be served at the Legion Hall after delivery. Contact Sheila Schultz or Barb Schutz if you can deliver!! OR just show up at the Pig!!

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** is Potluck Christmas this is no fun unless you attend!!

**January 12<sup>th</sup>** District 3 Legion Oratorical contest at Barneveld Post; refer to the Legion website or Badger Legionnaire paper for more details on applications and volunteer needs.

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** Dane County meeting at Base Camp in Mazomanie at 6:30pm

**Son's of The American Legion**  
Christmas Party

**Kevin Boehnen**

Will be held on December 19th meal is potluck so bring something to share.

#### Fruit Baskets

We will be delivering fruit baskets again on Saturday December 14th. Please be at the Cross Plains Piggly Wiggly between 8:30 and 8:45 to help deliver the baskets. After delivering baskets please stop at the Legion Hall for lunch prepared by Steve Hillebrand.

#### Flags

If you need a flag, please contact Rod Faust at his new contact number 608 576 4803.

#### Thank you to those who helped serve food and clean up at the Drawdown

This event was successful because of the volunteers. Thank you to Ed Zander, Steve Hillebrand, Tim Hillebrand, Gene Stormer, Noel Sarbacker, Tom Hellickson, Kim Statz, Carol Zwettler, Doris Boehnen, Alice McGinnis, Elizabeth Boehnen, Debi Wipperfurth and myself.

#### Thank you to those who helped serve food and clean up at the November Meeting

This event was successful because of the volunteers. Thank you to Mike Diebold, Ed Zander, Steve Hillebrand, Dave Schultz, Tom Hellickson, Kim Statz, Cheryl Kelter, Joyce Phillips, Louise Powell and myself.

#### SAL Dues

Officially we are at 118 members as of the end of November. We are always looking for new members if you know anyone who is interested.

#### Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

On behalf of my family Ann, Elizabeth, Lexi and myself we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We encourage you to keep in your prayers the people who continue to serve our country and those who serve away from their families.

We are also very thankful for all of the veterans who have served our country at one time or another and wish them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We will never forget your service to our country.