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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

December 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.

Post 245 Sick Call

Chaplain Tim Engling

Paul Dull – Nursing Home

Ralph Schulenberg – Home

Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

Dennis Powell – Home

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

Upcoming Events:

December 01 Lions Club

15 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg

27 Model T Club

January 05 Lions Club

07 County Oratorical Contest

19 Legion mtg

31 Model T Club

Need to include something in the Newsletter? Email Carol Yttri at 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. Look for updated information coming to www.americanlegioncp.org soon.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplain Tim Engling at 312-317-0034 or e-mail 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

Commander's Message

Steve Zanon

Greetings Auxiliary, Sons, and Legionnaires;

If you missed the November dinner and meeting, you missed a good one. We were privileged to host local World War II veterans who after a terrific Turkey dinner prepared by our SAL, introduced themselves and described their time in the 1940s when they served. It was a rare and wonderful experience.

During the November post meeting our Adjutant Dennis Heiliger was presented a plaque honoring his selection as American Legionnaire of the year for his service and commitment. Well done Dennis and thank you!

Multiple members who had their furnaces checked and serviced in October through the Heats On program voiced their appreciation to the technicians who provided this. Joe Hodgins was kind enough to draft a letter of thanks from us which was sent to MSC & Steamfitters local #601, 5940 Seminole Center Ct #102, Madison, WI 53711. Address is provided in case you were served and wanted to thank them individually as well.

There will be no meeting in December but there will be a holiday dinner potluck which promises to be a fun, festive time. Please bring guests and a dish to pass. I'll probably wear trousers with elastic waistband for obvious reasons.

I failed to mention during last month's letter that among the five honorees flown to Washington DC memorial was our own Brian Kobinsky. Very sorry or the omission Brian.

Thank you to Rodney Esser, Bill Statz, and the team of honor guard who presented the flag tribute during the November Molly B Concert. It was a well-received example of our values, and relevance as an organization in the community.

The Midwinter Conference weekend of January 12th is taking form, but they are still taking reservations at the Radisson to attend. There is a growing list of classes and fun events. Please see the American Legion homepage for more information.

There is need I am told to deliver Christmas Fruit baskets on December 10th at 0900. Kevin Boehman of the SAL should have more to say on this and is your point of contact.

That's all I have for now, see you at the potluck!
Steve Z, Commander, Post 245

Chaplain's message:

Tim Engling

We thanked and honored five World War 2 era vets at our last meeting.

We received a note that member Lorraine "Connie" Allord recently passed away. She was 102 years old when she passed on November 15, 2022. She joined the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1943, and became an air traffic controller until 1945 as a staff sergeant. Connie became the first woman in Wisconsin to earn her pilot's license using the G.I. Bill. Condolences to her family and friends.

While some members asked to not be listed here, we still send our best wishes. Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, blessed, and happy Christmas and holiday season!

Caring Tree

Thursday, November 17th, the SAL did another outstanding pre-Thanksgiving meal for the monthly meeting. Thank you!

Another outstanding job was done by Dan Cady in which \$312 was given towards the Cross Plains Caring Tree Fund administered by Post 245. Thank you Dan and all those who donated.

If anyone would still like to make a donation, please send to American Legion Post 24 Caring Tree, PO Box 188, Cross Plains, WI 53528.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause.
Barb Schutz, Co-ordinator of Caring Tree

Fruit Baskets – Sheila Schultz

The date for the 2022 Fruit Basket & Poinsettia Project is Saturday, December 10. There are 71 deliveries as of 11/28/22. And drivers assigned to each route so far. I'd like to thank each of our drivers and Barb Schutz for all her help collecting addresses and information

Breakfast will be read at the Legion at 8:00am (until 9:00am) **compliments of Whitey!**

Wish a very merry to all 
Sheila Schultz

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 17, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Commander Zanon at 8:29pm.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the 245er newsletter was made by Joe, seconded by Dave and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to accept the Executive meeting minutes as read by the Adjutant by Gary, seconded by Pat and the motion carried.

Jerry Hook the 3rd district commander was a special guest tonight to participate in honoring our WW 2 Vets and attending our meeting.

FINANCE: Lee passed the monthly finance report and went over income and expenses by line. He also mentioned the bar is showing a profit of a little over \$ 1100.00. A motion was made to audit the report by Dan and seconded by Marty with the motion passing.

CHAPLIN: Ed Pelowsky is home recovering from recent back surgery.

1st VICE: Emily brought us up to date with membership, we have 131 pd for 79%. She also has a new member, Fred Hammersley from Monona.

3rd VICE: Dan got a repairman out to work on our upstairs furnace. We needed to order a new blower motor and pressure switch which is on order now. Also, he mentioned the Executive committee approved buying a paver for \$ 500.00 for the Mt Horeb veterans memorial.

SAL: Kevin mentioned some of the functions they have recently been involved in. They did the motor cross cooking, last man club cooking, they participate in the Gift baskets on Dec 10th, they will be a sponsor for Badger girls state and cooking again for the District 3 meal on Feb 3rd.

AMERICANISM: There is no report since Fred Urban is on sick call.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Dave wants to thank everyone who donates to our metal recycling program. We have recycled around \$ 13000.00 so far this year.

POST SERVICE OFFICER: Joe has the forms for anyone who wants VA health benefits and/or becoming a member of the VA.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Bill Diebold has been getting our legion mentioned in the Times Tribune frequently lately. Article about our Quilts of Value, interviewing 5 Honor flight members, article mentioning all the programs our post is doing.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: Gary presented a plaque for the Legionnaire of the year to our Adjutant Dennis Heiliger. We will also be delivering fruit baskets and poinsettias on Dec 10. Dennis made a motion to find a new nativity scene, seconded by Dick and the motion carried. Also, there will not be a meeting in Dec, rather a potluck with the sons making ham and everyone is invited along with spouses. We ask that you bring a dish to pass. The date for this will be Dec 15th

KITTY: NO WINNER

50/50 Gary Itten

BRANDY: Dave Vidlock

A motion to adjourn was made by Pat and seconded by Bill with the motion passing.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Debby Niebuhr

Hi! November mtg: The SAL Thanksgiving meal was awesome. They always make it a special treat. Thanks to the Auxiliary members who helped with the desserts and drinks. There was a variety of wonderful desserts. We were also honored with the WWII guests and enjoyed their stories of their time in service. It was an honor to have them attend this November celebration.

December's Christmas celebration ~ Dec 15th, Potluck ~ Meat is provided, we have potatoes and green beans being added to the menu so that leaves salads, desserts and any other goodies you wish to bring to share and round out the meal.

FEBRUARY 18 ~ Our Post 245 is **hosting** the District 3 Holiday Party w/meeting. The Auxiliary is providing the cookies, muffins or coffee cake for their Breakfast and the SAL is providing the lunch and we'd like to have the Auxiliary also provide desserts for their noon meal. We should have a count for how many will be attending by January 28th. So, look for an email from me asking for your help.

The next meeting for the **Auxiliary** will be in **March** to work on April's **Purple Up** project.

We had a great turn out at the Dane County Airport welcoming home the Badger Honor Flight Vets on Saturday, October 29th. Bill Diebold, Wayne Dosch, Fred Hammersley and Gary Itten. It was also a night to honor one of our Past Commanders, Richard (Dick) Hinrichs as a **FALLEN HERO**. He passed away unexpectedly before being able to take his scheduled Badger Honor Flight in the fall of 2019. They had a private ceremony for Richard's family at the airport and they were able to walk in the **WELCOM HOME PARADE** holding his military banner to honor him and his service in Viet Nam. It was very touching.

KIMBERLY CLARK has a program where they donate products to Veterans and their families in need of things like Depends. We will have a sign up at the Legion by the Office door across from the kitchen. If you could put what you want, size and your name and a good phone # to reach you at. Filling our order will depend on what's

in stock at the West Allis warehouse. All we can do is ask and see what happens. This is a new project for our Unit, so be patient with us. If it's easier for you to email me with your request, please feel free to.

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Scholarships ~ Take a look at this website: www.amlegionauxwi.org for the National/State Scholarships. When you go to this website click on "More" in the top right-hand corner and then click on Scholarships. These scholarships are for \$5,000. The DEADLINE is MARCH 1st, so if you get started now, you should have time to do the paperwork, complete the essay and turn it in. GOOD LUCK!

OUR UNIT Scholarship ~ You can contact Sandra Faust by email: wbuschma@gmail.com. She can email the forms to you or mail them. Just let her know. The deadline is May 1st. The theme is "What does patriotism mean to you". Our scholarship is for \$1,000.

Auxiliary Scholarship – Sandra Faust

Virginia Faust Scholarship is available, please contact Sandra Faust at 608-219-7644 or email at wbuschma@gmail.com to request scholarship information. There are also scholarships available through the state, I can help if you have questions.

MEMBERSHIP: Debby Niebuhr

We have reached 100%. I WISH TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR PART IN MAKING THIS POSSIBLE. We are truly BLESSED with a wonderful UNIT.

Badger Girls State: Flo Bayer

Together our post's ALA & SAL are again sponsoring four girls to attend the ALA 78th Badger Girls State (ALABGS) Session. It is scheduled for Sunday, June 18 through Friday, June 23, 2023, at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus. It is a week-long government and leadership conference for young women in their junior year of high school. ALABGS is a practical civics conference that allows students to learn about state government by actively participating in it. Attendees of the program will learn by doing as they become citizens of a mythical fifty-first state, the state of Badger. Individuals interested in attending should speak to their high school counselor at Middleton High or Clark Street Community School. Young women who attend qualify to apply for college scholarships, learn about citizenship in a modern world and make friends from all across the State. We are always looking for counselors and helpers, please contact me if you would be interested. For more information, check out their website at <https://www.alabgs.org> or contact me. My email is: thebayes1@gmail.com.

Lunch committee: Jane Itten

There will be a Christmas party in December – no meetings. The Legion is making ham. One person is bringing some potatoes, and another is bringing a green bean dish. Everyone else can bring your favorite appetizer, salad or dessert or any other dish to share.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Christmas Party

Christmas Party will be held December 15, 2022. We hoping to get as many SAL members and their spouses to attend this year. All our welcome please bring a dish to pass.

Fruit Baskets

We will be delivering Fruit Baskets on Saturday December 10th. There will be breakfast provided by Steve (Whitey) Hillebrand before delivery of the baskets at the Legion Hall. To have a route assigned to you contact Sheila Schultz at sheschultz.2@gmail.com. Please look for further details in this newsletter.

November "Thanksgiving Dinner"

We would like to thank Mike Diebold, Steve "Whitey" & Patty Hillebrand, Paul Lochner, Tim Hillebrand, Brad Neibhur, Tom Hellickson, Ed Zander and Kevin Boehnen for preparing and serving the dinner. We served 66 people at the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 17th. We would like to thank the Auxiliary for bringing desserts and helping clean up after dinner.

Flags

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

Membership 2023

We currently have 112 members paid for 2023. If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining the SAL please let me know at kabohnen@chorus.net.

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.

Dear Comrades,

What a special time was had at the November meeting. Recognizing WWII Veterans that are still with us. We have 9 members and were able to contact and visit with six. Five and their families were able to join us and each gave us some of their experiences in the service. Keith Faust, Don Mahoney, Richard (Dick) Dahmen, Ken Goss and Herb Niebuhr were able to share stories at the meeting. (Picture 1 below.)

Robert (Bob) Shields enlightened us of stories at his home as we were able to deliver a meal to him. (Picture 2 below.) Pictured with Robert (middle) is Commander Steve Zanon (left) and Dan Cady (right).

We weren't able to meet with Lorraine Allord, former Marine living on the Westside of Madison and she has since passed (see note from Chaplain). The other Post 245 vets are Ray Bula who lives in Wauwatosa and Dan Calvin who lives in Green Bay.

3rd District Commander Jerry Hook joined us and explained that this is our family each and everyone. Thanks to Commander: Steve Zanon for meeting and talking to these Vets. Thanks to our Sons of The Legion for their total support over the years and the fabulous meal.

Dan Cady



Quilts of Valor:

A quilt of valor is awarded to a Service Member or Veteran who has been touched by war. The Quilt says unequivocally, “Thank you for your service and sacrifice in serving our nation.” Quilts were awarded to Gerald Boehnen, Tom Diebold and Fred Hammersly.

