

CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

Kerl-Endres-Brannan

Post 245

February 2012

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.

Chaplain's Corner

Pat Andreoni

The month of February is Americanism month for the American Legion. The month starts with the first Sunday being Four Chaplain Sunday. This is the story of the Four Chaplains who gave their lives so others could live. This is a tribute to the veterans and to clergy, an appropriate opening to the Legion's annual observance of Religious Emphasis Week. It is a celebration of and a testimony to, the rich, varied and shared religious heritage of our people.

I ask everyone to please remember our members who are hospitalized, homebound or in nursing homes at this time. Keep them in your prayers and hopes for a quick recovery. If you know of any member that is sick please contact me at 798-3844.

I have been asked to remind you that if you have any hospital equipment that you no longer need to please remember that our post can always use it in our hospital Equipment program you can contact Peter Cerniglia at 798-4180 or Richard Cashwell at 798-2747. They will make arrangement to take it off your hands.

Mark February 12 on your calendar, that Sunday will be our annual Spaghetti Dinner serving from 11am – 1:30pm and 4pm – 6pm. Bring an appetite and if you would like to help we never turn you down. Have a great month.

Upcoming Events:

February 02 Lion's Club
12 Spaghetti Dinner
13 Mike Schutz
14 Boy Scouts
16 Legion Meeting
17 Girl Scouts
19 Girl Scouts

February 25 Texas Hold Em
27 Executive Meeting
28 Model A Club
29 Childrens Dance
March 01 Lion's Club
07 Childrens Dance

HALL RENTAL: Notice to all members. There is a special rental rate for the use of the building to members. Contact Diane Krieger at 798-0130 or by e-mail dianekrieger@charter.net

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER DAN CADY 798-2352
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT JOAN RUNK 798-1416
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: Last Monday of Month 6:00pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

OUR THANKS TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER, ASSIST AND SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISERS

Commander's Message

Dan Cady

Dear Comrades

Hi from California, Had a great trip here the temp is in the 70's in the days, this morning it was 39. The Casinos are on and off, but having fun.

Please call John Hill or Lee Mayrack if something is needed to be addressed immediately. My phone is always on and e-mail is good also and I will be glad to address any concerns. 608 438 2987.

Please support the Spaghetti dinner coming up and then the St Pats Pancake, French toast breakfast.

I hate to keep addressing this issue of Membership, but please take care of it if you haven't for 2012. We need your support to have clout on Veterans Benefits.

If you are looking for a place to have a function please consider the hall and park. Please call Diane Krieger at 608 798 0130 for rental info. This is the best deal in the area.

Yours in Comradeship
Dan

REGULAR MEETING, January 19, 2012

1st Vice John Hill called the meeting to order at 7:42 P.M. Adjutant Bob Hutchings called roll of officers. Cmdr Dan Cady, Sgt of Arms Norm Esser, Jr., Service Officer Ed Hilgendorf and Immediate Past Cmdr Bill Statz were absent. Motion was made, 2nd and unanimously passed to accept minutes of the December 2011 regular meeting as printed in the 245er Newsletter. Adjutant Bob Hutchings then read minutes of the November 28, 2011 Executive Board Meeting. Motion was made, 2nd and unanimously passed to accept the minutes as read. There was no guests or new members to be introduced.

FINANCE: Lee Mayrack distributed copies of the November 2011, December 2011 and January 2012 finance reports for review and discussion. It was noted that the post currently had \$55,908.66 in funds available as of January 2012. Also, the Memorial Fund balance to repay the general fund was \$2,496.45 and that the balance in the post Morgan Stanley Investment Fund was currently \$23,805.26. Motion was made, 2nd and unanimously passed to accept the finance reports subject to audit.

CHAPLAIN: Pat Andreoni gave a rundown of members that were ill and requested that he be advised of any members who become ill or are in the hospital.

1ST VICE: John Hill reported that the going was slow getting remaining members to pay their 2012 membership dues. Currently, 216 of 268 members have paid.

2nd VICE: It was noted that John Kreiger recently agreed to assume the responsibilities of 2nd Vice while Dave Vidlock is being treated for throat cancer. John noted that the Valley Archers have rented the post for a January 28th event. The membership thanked John for stepping up to assume this important role.

SAL: Kevin Boehnen gave a rundown of SAL activities including their support of distributing Christmas fruit baskets and preparing meals for the post. He advised that the SAL currently had a bank balance of \$3,421.67. Also, planning was underway to publish an instructions manual to operate the new audio/visual equipment that was recently installed in the post.

AMERICANISM: No report.

CHILDREN & YOUTH: No report.

ATHLETICS: Lee Mayrack advised that the Legion bowling tournament will be held in LaCrosse during the 3rd week of April and members wanting to participate should let him know.

SERVICE OFFICER: No report.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: John Kreiger asked what procedures were in effect for shoveling the front walk. It was noted that anyone with a key to the post would normally shovel when entering the building and that a snow shovel was stored in the post kitchen.

NEW BUSINESS: Pat Andreoni noted that the 16th Annual Spaghetti Dinner would be held on Sunday, February 12, 2012 and that workers to help in the event were needed. Pat also advised that tickets for the legion NASCAR Sweepstakes should be ready for sale by February 12th. The sweepstakes will comprise 17 races beginning in July. John Kreiger asked members to give him suggestions on content for the post web site and/or how it can be improved.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: John Hill reported that the post had received many thank you letters from grateful people who were given Christmas fruit baskets. Also, he advised that the Dane County Veterans Service Officer, William (BJ) Ganem will speak at the February regular meeting.

50/50: Pat Andreoni

BRANDY: Dick Zwettler

KITTY: John Hill

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Submitted by Bob Hutchings, Adjutant

February, 2012 Auxiliary Newsletter

President Joan Runk

Our Auxiliary President, Joan Runk, had back surgery. Joan's daughter, Katie, reports that she's doing well. She has been moved to the nursing home in Stoughton. Katie said if you'd like to visit Joan, contact Katie at 608 438 1895. You can also send her a card at Skaalen – Joan Runk, 400 N Morris St. Suite 6, Stoughton, WI 53589

We recognize Joan for all the work she's done for the Auxiliary. Thank you Joan! We wish Joan the best of luck with her recovery and look forward to seeing her.

Please remember there will NOT be a meeting in February for the Auxiliary.

Also, remember the Spaghetti Dinner is Sunday, February 12th. If you signed up to help, thank you. If not and you're available, please feel free to stop in to help or contact Cami Hill at 608 236 4773. It takes a lot of time and energy to pull an event like this together and all help is appreciated. Shifts are available for 11:00 to 1:30 and 4:00 to 6:00. We're also looking for kitchen cleanup helpers from 5:30 to 7:30.

An audit of our bank accounts for 2011 was conducted at the January meeting. Everything looked good. Thank you Ann Eicher, Bea Bowar and Carol Zwettler!

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

No report this month.

Community Service

Bud Schoeder

Aluminum can donors since last report:

Joe Maier, Steve Gulesarian, Dave Statz, Bill Statz, Larry Esser, Pat Andreoni, Natalie Bergum, Joyce Blair, State Bank, Plastic Ingenuity, Dick Hinrichs, Iris Brunner

Iron, Aluminum, Copper, Brass, Stainless steel, etc. donors since last report:

Steve Gulesarian, Joe Maier, Linda Roberts, Dave Statz, Dan Cady, Feiner Furniture, Dan Meier, Bob Coyle, Pat Andreoni, Joyce Blair, John Fisher, Bob and Joyce Clampitt, Barb Schutz, Fran Gorst

For the month of January we received \$100.00 from the sale of aluminum cans. A good start for 2012. Also have donations of iron, brass, copper and metals cut up and stored for the next big load. From Jan 1st to the end of 2011 we received the total of \$7,500.71 in sales of aluminum cans, iron, aluminum, copper, brass, etc. In the year 2008 we received \$5,762.49 from the same sales. From 1994 to the end of 2011 we realized \$54,952.32. We are on roll moving forward for the good of our organization. Many countless thanks to all donors and helpers.

Post 245 in action with pride.
Bud Schroeder

Post 245 Recycle Program Moving in the Right Direction.

The Dane County Veterans Service Outreach Office is open the 4th Tuesday of the month from 8-12 noon at the John Bird Accounting Office at 1116 Main St., Black Earth. Veterans Service Officer is there to serve ***ALL veterans.***