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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

Kerl-Endres-Brannan

Post 245

February 2021

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 Pat Andreoni

Paul Dull – Nursing Home
Tom Foseid – VA Hospital

Herbert Niebuhr - Home
Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

Sam Dalio – Waunakee Nursing Home

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

Upcoming Events:

Need to include something in the Newsletter? Please email Carol Yttri at 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

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Gary Itten	608-225-4722
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Karen Runk	608-415-2001
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 5:15pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message

Gary Itten

I hope everyone is staying safe, healthy, and warm during our Wisconsin winter.

Veterans wondering about getting the COVID 19 vaccine, go to the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital website to check on when they are available to you. You can also sign up to get email updates.

The Midwinter Conference was cancelled in January and has been rescheduled for May 6th-9th at Ho-Chunk Casino, Wis. Dells.

Emery Engling, Post 245, was the contestant and winner of the Dane County Oratorical contest which was held at Post 245. He went on to the regional contest in Barneveld and was runner up there. I would like to thank Emery and also Joe Hodgson for taking care of this program.

We are still looking for someone to be in charge of the hospital rehab equipment and someone to snow blow the sidewalks at the legion hall.

Remember to get your dues into Bill Stats, 7780 Martinsville Rd., Cross Plains, WI 53528. Let's keep Post 245 and the American Legion strong.

There will be an Executive Board meeting, Feb. 18th, 2021, starting at 6:30 P.M.

Stay Safe and Healthy
Gary Itten, Commander, Post 245

Note from Dan Cady:

Dear Comrades:

Happy New Year hope all is well with you and your family.

I want to thank Jeff Bell for replacing transformer and getting a spare for Memorial light.

As of now I think we are still looking for a leader of Hospital Equipment. Please come forward and we can explain what you would be asked to do.

Is there anyone that would take over the job of putting up and taking down Nativity Scene? It is probably a four (4) hour job /year. It may be a nice job for a younger vet to bring along their children.

If you run into Dave Vidlock, which if you are ever around the Legion he is probably there working in the shed, thank him for all the hours spent on the recycling of metal because of all his work we have some money to put back in the community, Badger Camp, Camp American Legion etc. Also helps pay the Utilities etc. being as the rentals are on hold at this time.

Also if you are able to be part of our firing squad at funerals please call Dick Zwettler 798 2338.

Stay safe and maybe soon we will be able to socialize together.
Yours in Comradeship
Dan 608 438 2987

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.

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Karen Runk

We are better together! Our efforts in serving veterans is making a difference in those that we are sending encouraging mail, coupons, supporting families and each other. I encourage you to continue the good fight to bring hope to those that are isolated or who are struggling to exist in this COVID19 season. I am hopeful that our BUTTERFLIES haven't grown weary of calling and connecting with 245 members. It is important that we stick together, cuz it isn't over yet. Contact me if you are not receiving phone calls and would like to. Some members are just getting their appointments for vaccination, which is very encouraging!! If you are having trouble getting vaccine information or have questions reach out to us!! We have numerous healthcare professionals in our unit.

March 2021

We will have a virtual meeting in March when we can discuss spring plans and wrap up 2020 reporting of hours, donations and miles. Please submit your 2020/21 volunteer and donation information to Kate Walsh-Bratton. Department will need the reports complete & submitted by April 15th. Also in March, we will be accepting nominations for unit officers. If you are interested in being an officer or have a nomination for office, please let me know before the March meeting. The plan is to receive officer nominations in March/April, then vote and install officers no later than our May meeting.

Still Clipp'n those Coupons

We are doing fantastic with this project!! I picked up several bags of coupons last weekend and I am so impressed with the quantity and sorting of the coupons. We are still collecting at Ann Eicher's house (2004 Julius Street)!! Please continue to separate product coupons into food and non-food, and seal them in a plastic bag to keep them dry. Coupons can be expired up to 6 months. No store coupons can be sent. My plan is to mail them in March & again in May.

115th Fighter Wing Mail Call

Our 115th Fighter Wing has deployed 100 airguards to international locations. Jerry Hook has communicated the request for mail for the deployed. Approximate length of deployment is 6 to 9 months. So let's try to write to our airguards over these months. Letters, drawings and WI postcards are welcome. Children, grandchildren, Legionnaires, all are encouraged to participate. Mail call to deployed military is priceless for the recipients. Please join me in writing to our brave airguards!! Mail to the address below or seal cards in a plastic bag and drop in the coupon basket at Ann Eicher's house for me to pick up (2004 Julius Street).

115th FW AFRPM
3110 Mitchell Street
Madison, WI 53704

Tomah VA Medical Center Wish List

The VA facility in Tomah, has requested a stop to mail call. Thanks to all who supported this effort to bring cheer to the long term residents of Tomah VA. Tomah has a wish list that contains hot chocolate; cheddar and mozzarella sticks; beef sticks (not jerky); mini fruit pies; small bags of chips; full size candy bars; and large cans of regular coffee. Individuals can order on Amazon, write a short note indicating your unit/name and have items shipped free with prime membership to:

Tomah VA Medical Center
500 E Veterans Street
Tomah, WI 54660

For any questions, please call Voluntary Services at 608-372-1727 or email VHATOMVoluntaryService@va.gov

Link to view information:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.tomah.va.gov/giving/VS_Current_needs_List_122020.pdf;!!NH_hVA4!sTodw-lkUu0AXFsqjhrqLZAYGvKXoilUi2fAME7hw_B2MdM7IEWi9jLDGs9\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.tomah.va.gov/giving/VS_Current_needs_List_122020.pdf;!!NH_hVA4!sTodw-lkUu0AXFsqjhrqLZAYGvKXoilUi2fAME7hw_B2MdM7IEWi9jLDGs9$)

FEBRUARY EVENTS & REMINDERS
NO ALA 245 or DANE COUNTY FEBRUARY MEETING

MID WINTER @ HO-CHUNK: Postponed until May 2021

REMINDER1: Submit your department and national scholarship applications to Karen Runk via mail or email by MARCH 1st. Call me for more details as needed.

REMINDER2: Submit your Virginia Faust scholarship applications to Sandra Faust. If you need an address or email to send your application call Sandra or myself.

Auxiliary scholarship:

We are proud to offer a scholarship for 2021 that is newly named the Ginny Faust Scholarship for the Auxiliary Unit 245 in Cross Plains. To request a scholarship application, please contact Sandra Faust at wbushma@gmail.com or you can call or text 608-219-7644. All scholarship applications need to be received by May 1st, 2021. You can also send information to Sandra Faust, 1613 Main St, Cross Plains, WI 53528.

Eligibility requirements are:

The recipient must be a son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, grandchild or step-grandchild, niece or nephew of a member of the Kerl-Endres-Brannan Unit 245 American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin. The applicant must be a senior in high school or homeschooled with a 3.0 (or higher) grade point average (G.P.A.) on a 4.0 G.P.A. base.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be canceled because of Covid-19.

Dues

I would like to thank everyone for getting their 2021 dues paid for this year. We are always looking for new members. Dues are \$15.00 a year or 5 years paid for \$60.00.

Currently we have two members that are outstanding. Those members are David J Eversoll and Jonathon L Eversoll from Platteville Wisconsin. If anyone knows them if you can do me a favor and remind them to send their dues to:

Kevin Boehnen
Attn: SAL
3123 Melody Pkwy
Cross Plains WI 53528

Ray Faust Scholarship

The Sons of the American Legion Post 245 annually gives out a scholarship in memory of Ray Faust. Everyone in the surrounding area is eligible to apply for this scholarship. As always, we encourage sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members to apply. If you know any good candidates from the surrounding communities also encourage them to apply.

If you are interested in applying for the Ray Faust SAL Scholarship of \$500.00 please contact Ron Faust at 2129 Caesar St Cross Plains, WI 53528, 608 225 7281 or by e-mail ronaldfaust@reagan.com. We would like all applications turned in by May 1st.

Flags

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