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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

January 2018

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

Chaplin Pat Andreoni

Richard Williamson – Home	Carl Lochner – Home	Paul Dull – Home
Dan Meier – Home	Allen Ripp – Home	Sam Dalio – Home
John Helleckson – Home	Bob Luhman – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
Joe Hodgson – Home	John Hill – Home	

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems as we go thru these summer months. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers as you go thru your day. If you know of anyone that is having health problems please give me a call.

Upcoming Events:

January	04 Lions Club	February	01 Lions Club
	07 Charlotte Kerl		15 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg
	13 Deb Cutler Board Game		27 Model T Club
	18 Legion, SAL Mtg		
	20 Thornton Family Holiday party		
	21 Baby Shower		
	27 Wild Game Feed		
	30 Model T Club		

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 Dan Cady at 608-798-2352 (Home) / 608-438-2987 (Cell) / dcady@c21affiliated.com (email).

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Ed Pelowsky	798-4253
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Carol Yttri	798-4950
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

Commander's Message**Ed Pelowsky**

I sure hope everyone who attended the Christmas Party had a good time and that Santa brought you all the gifts you had wished for on Christmas Day.

Thanks to all those that brought food and goodies for the party. It was quite the feast.

We have gotten a bid to refinish the upstairs Hall floor. If approved at our January meeting the work would start either the 2nd to last week in February or the last week of February. We will not be able to use the Hall for at least 8 days from the start of the work. I will give you more details in the February newsletter.

I hope everyone had a Happy and safe New Years celebration.

Ed Pelowsky, Commander

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 Carol Yttri**

Well, the Holidays are past us again. I hosted Christmas for my side of the family and had about 50 people at my house. Got through it just great but I was exhausted on the 26th. The Christmas party at the post on December 21st was very nice. I know I had a good time. Thanks to everyone that chipped in and helped and/or brought food. It's always great to see that we have such a committed group of members.

Kevin Boehnen contacted me at the beginning of December to ask if the Auxiliary would be interested in joining the Legion and SAL in donating towards an opportunity to send items to the Army National Guard unit (Det 1 CO 8 248th ASB) that was deployed to an undisclosed location. I had one day to make the decision because it needed to be shipped by December 8th so it could get to them before Christmas. I contacted our Vice President, Karen Runk, and we decided to donate \$150. Kevin showed me a picture of all the items they shipped. Wow, it was impressive. Be sure to read the Son's portion of the newsletter for more information. And, thanks Kevin organizing and including the Auxiliary for this opportunity to help out those that couldn't be home for the holidays.

Fruit baskets were delivered on Saturday December 16th. I wasn't able to help out but I did run in to some of the gals afterwards and they all said it was a wonderful event. Thanks to everyone that helped out with that – I always hear such great feedback for the generosity and the time people take out of their busy schedules.

The 2018 Department Convention Will be held July 12-15 in Oshkosh. If anyone is interested in going, let me know. I have the registration forms. I'll be sure to bring it up at our meetings as well.

The Spaghetti Dinner will be coming up in February. Please consider helping out. I'll be sure to share the details when I learn more.

REMINDER: No meeting in January for the Auxiliary.

Auxiliary scholarships:

Scholarships are available from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit Post 245. The applicants need to have a member of the Auxiliary (not the Legion) as a sponsor in good standing to apply. Deadline to apply is May 1st.

There are also scholarships available on the state level for Children of Warriors, Non-Traditional Students and to high school seniors going on to college. Deadline to apply for these is March 1st.

All information can be obtained by calling Sandra Faust 219-7644 or emailing at wbuschma@tds.net.

January Lunch Committee: Auxiliary does not meet in January

Notifications: If you have a friend / relative that has passed and was an active member of the Auxiliary, please let us know. You can contact Carol Yttri (798-4950), Pat Cady (798-2352), Sheila Luhman (798-2451) or Debby Niebuhr (798-4178). We like to know so that we honor them at one of our meetings. We will also be involved at the funeral services if the family would like.

Son's of The American Legion**Kevin Boehnen****Monthly Meeting**

Monthly meeting will be held on January 18th.

Holiday Wishes

We hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We thank everyone for their work in serving our Veteran's, our Post and our community. We look forward to 2018 and making it a very prosperous year.

Fruit Baskets

Thank you to Rock Sarbacker, Mike Greaney, Rod Faust, Dave Maier, Tom Hellickson and Kevin Boehnen who helped deliver fruit baskets. Also to those who helped prepare the lunch with Whitey Hillebrand.

Thank You for helping in the Kitchen

During the last three months we have been busy serving food. Thank you to everyone who helped out at the following events Motor Cross Dinner, American Legion Drawdown, Thanksgiving Dinner and lunch for those who delivered the fruit baskets.

2018 SAL Dues

We currently have five members who have not paid their dues for 2018. If you could please respond to the letters that I have sent out and send your dues to me I would appreciate it at:

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

Spaghetti Dinner

Will be coming up soon, please volunteer to help cook and serve those who come to eat. If interested see Pat, Whitey or myself.

Flags

If you need a flag you can give Rod Faust a call at 798-3535.

American Legion Post 245, Auxiliary, SAL and TDS send packages to the Troops

TDS currently has a Patriot's group of Veterans and employees who are concerned with Veteran issues. Recently they became aware of a Wisconsin Army National Guard Unit B Company 248th that were not scheduled to receive any Christmas Packages while they were overseas.

Once I heard about it I contacted Ed Pelowsky and Carol Yttri and we decided that we would work with the TDS Patriot's group and we would donate \$650.00 towards the items that were suggested that they needed.

With the money I went shopping and we contributed signed Christmas Cards and the following items:

Decks of Cards	Beef Jerky	Cans of Soup	Summer Sausage
Cookies	Nuts	Popcorn	Energy Additives

On Friday December 8th I was invited to the TDS Patriot's meeting where I presented the \$650.00 of items on behalf of our Post 245. I encouraged the group if there is anything we could do to assist them to let our Post know. While also letting them know if they were interested we would be honored to have them consider joining our Post.

On Tuesday December 12th there were 31 boxes of donated items to ship from the Madison Post Office. When we arrived there were 20 people in line, so we jumped in line for a spot and the rest of the group started to bring in the other boxes. We noticed that the line behind us started to grow as we waited. Now we started to worry that people would get irritated about the number of boxes we had. But quite the opposite happened.

Instead people started to hold the door as we brought in boxes. One person saw the labels and asked about the troops we were sending them to. Then people started to come up to our group and donate money for shipping the items. Forty five minutes went by and the Post Office attendant announced that he was done processing the boxes and stated that the boxes were going to the Military on behalf of TDS and others who had donated. Then all of a sudden people in line started clapping, cheering and asking questions about the troops.

Not only did this make us proud of our members of the Military, but also of the amazing generous people who donated from TDS, American Legion Post 2415, their Auxiliary and Son's of The American Legion.

One week after Christmas, we received a thank you note:

"Thank you so much for reaching out to others and helping make Christmas special for us Soldiers. Especially TDS, American Legion Post 245, their Auxiliary and Son's of the American Legion. We were amazed at how much everyone cared enough to take the time and put this together. We thank you for making our Christmas so special and wish everyone a Happy New Year."

(See next page for a couple of pictures.)

