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the CROSS PLAINS & MIDDLETON COMMUNITIES**

CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

Kerl-Endres-Brannan

Post 245

January 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.

Post 245 Sick Call

Chaplin Pat Andreoni

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| Richard Williamson – Home | Paul Dull – Home | Dan Meier – Home |
| Allen Rip – Home | Sam Dalio – Home | John Helleckson – Home |
| Bob Luhman – Home | Albert Oleson – Nursing Home | Dick Zwettler – Home |
| Frank Bayer – 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:

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| January | 03 Lions Club | February | 07 Lions Club |
| | 17 Legion, SAL Mtg | | 21 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg |
| | 19 Thornton Family Holiday | | 26 Model T Club |
| | 26 Valley Archers Game Feed | | |
| | 29 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 Howard Hill at 608-977-2105 or email hillrdkng2112@hotmail.com

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

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| 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

Here we are starting a new year already. A little history first. In 1919 the Legion was founded and in September 1919 it was chartered by Congress. In February 1928 Post 245 was chartered. So Post 245 is in its 91st year. To keep us moving forward we need our young members to step up and get involved. I do realize this is a volunteer organization and Families, Job and personal lives come first. But any help you can give will definitely help us going in a forward direction. We always need help with our fund raisers, help with our flag program and of course becoming Officers. We also need your ideas on which direction the Post should be going. To those already involved, Thanks.

To all, have a safe and Happy New Year,
Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Fruit Basket Delivery was 12/15 – Note from Sheila Schultz

There were 14 routes, delivering to a total of 96 grateful recipients; 69 fruit baskets and 27 poinsettia plants. Thank you to those who showed up to deliver, some volunteered to take two routes since we were a little short on volunteers this year. But all were delivered with much thanks to Barb Schutz for providing the names all year long and for seeing that all were delivered. Many thanks to Whitey Hellenbrand for the wonderful luncheon afterwards!

Community Caring Tree

Anyone who would still like to contribute to the Community Caring Tree Fund can still do so by sending cash or check to Lee Mayrack, C/O Post 245, PO Box 188, Cross Plains WI, 53528. No collections was taken at the November meeting or at the Christmas Party.

Thank you to those who have donated to the Caring Tree Fund. This year we delivered a total of 96 fruit baskets and poinsettia plants. Almost a record number. The delivery people that went to 11 different facilities. This year we had 24 names submitted for a total of 69 people in our village who were in need of assistance. Some of these people were flood victims. The recipients who receive funds are so thankful and can't believe what a giving community they live in.

Thank you again for supporting the Community Caring Tree Fund.
Barb Schutz, Program Coordinator

Note from Dan Cady

Dear Comrades:

Happy New Year have a healthy 2019. Thanks to 2 members that have stepped forward and volunteered. 1 for Sargent at Arms and 1 to lead Flag route.

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

Whew. I feel like I'm getting back to my routine after the holidays. I had 6 days in a row of celebrating the holiday season starting with our Legion Christmas party on Thursday, 12/20. I was so tired; it was actually a relief to get back to work on Wednesday, 12/26. The Legion Christmas party was a really nice get together. I love the relaxed atmosphere and the camaraderie of the evening. We don't always get a chance to stop and talk with each other that much. Thanks to everyone that chipped in and helped and/or brought food.

Now that we've started a new year – I want to take a moment to reflect and thank everyone for everything they did to contribute to our mission of supporting the Legion and community. I decided to take a look back at the things we did during 2018. We really did accomplish a lot. You'll see that I put names in where people led an event because it takes extra effort to get an event going and organized and I wanted to recognize people for their

leadership. Also, all of you that helped are just as important to these events and thank you so very much for always being willing to help out. Here's what we accomplished in 2018. Hope I didn't forget anything.

- Helping with the Spaghetti Dinner (help was organized by Carol Zwettler)
- Leadership Workshop Training event (led by Karen Runk)
- Badger Honor Flight (Cheryl Kelter works with this group)
- Helping with the Pancake Breakfast (many of us!!)
- Women's Self Defense class (led by Kate Walsh-Bratton)
- Memorial Day event (many of us!!!)
- Poppy distribution (led by Sheila Luhman)
- Dane County meeting in May (many of us!!!!)
- Badger Girls State (led by Flo Bayer)
- Helping with the Legion Golf Outing (several of you!)
- Scholarship program (led by Sandra Faust)
- Attending funerals throughout the year (led by Pat Cady)
- Selling brats, burgers and hotdogs at the Cross Plains Farmers Market on 3 occasions (several of us!)
- Hill and Valley bake sale (many of us!!!!)
- Veteran's Day at Calvary Gospel Church (led by Karla Krajewski)
- Fruit baskets (Sheila Schultz and Barb Schutz)
- Community Caring Tree (led by Barb Schutz)

And of course, thanks to all the officers and chair people for holding us all together. We don't exist without your leadership and commitment.

The Spaghetti Dinner will be Sunday, January 27th. I sure hope the people that helped last year will help again this year. Would be nice to get a few new faces helping as well. If you can't help, please come and support the Legion by stopping by to get something to eat. It really is a delicious meal.

Remember, the Auxiliary does NOT meet in January. Hope to see you in February.

MEMBERSHIP: Due to a computer error, you may receive a 2nd notice for your dues that have been paid; please disregard this notice

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 17th

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 2019 and making it a very prosperous year.

Spaghetti Dinner

Will be Sunday, January 27th, please volunteer to help cook and serve those who come to eat. If interested see Pat, Whitey or myself. Pat is finalizing the date please look in this newsletter for the date of the event.

Flags

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

Thank you to those who helped deliver Fruit Baskets

This event was successful because of the volunteers. Special thank you to Ed Zander and Steve Hillebrand who prepared and served lunch after the event.

SAL Dues

Officially we are at 112 members as of the end of December. We still have 6 members to follow up and collect their dues. We are always looking for new members if you know anyone who is interested. If you have not paid your dues please double check your mail and get them to me as I did mail out on last reminder in December.

Send your dues to: Kevin Boehnen
 Attn SAL Dues
 3123 Melody Pkwy Cross Plains WI 53528



23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Sponsored by
American Legion Post 245
Serving Cross Plains/Middleton Communities
2217 American Legion Drive
Cross Plains, WI 53528

Sunday, January 27, 2019
Includes salad, garlic bread, all you can eat

Serving 11AM to 1:30 PM
And
4PM to 6PM

For Carry Outs Call 798 – 3291
Cost: \$9.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children