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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

January 2023

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:

January

- 05 Lions Club
- 07 County Oratorical Contest
- 19 Legion mtg
- 31 Model T Club

February

- 02 Lions Club
- 04 Valley Archer Game Feed
- 16 Legion mtg
- 18 Third District Holiday Party
- 28 Model T Club

Need to include something in the Newsletter? Email Carol Yttri at carolyttri@gmail.com or call 608-516-5970. Please get information to me before the 1st of the month.

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
Happy 2023 Good People!

Steve Zanon

Hope you are well and full of optimism for the new year! We are trudging right through this crazy winter.

Thank you for those who attended the December Holiday party and those who were honored for their service to the post and its grounds throughout the year; it was much fun.

Thank you also to those who volunteered for the Cross Plains December food drive!

We very recently learned that the oratorical event to be held in January at Cross Plains will not occur. Scheduling conflicts preclude our sole contestant from participating in this round of this year's competition but will still move on to the next level as I understand it. Joe Hodgson or Tim Engling should have more to say on this or you can contact one of them.

Judy Deaton had the terrific suggestion of listing the next month's menu in the 245r each month. Watch for that, but since I can't see the finished newsletter, I will disclose it will be take-out pizza in January. Had it last year and really loved it.

Help!! There is need for a couple people to come forward to share in the really important but sometimes arduous task of renting out the Cross Plains Hall for events. Katy Ripp and Pat Andrioni have been doing an admirable job of this for many months,(years) and while many renters are repeat customers, the process of booking the dates on the website calendar, signing a contract, collecting the money and getting it to Lee our Finance officer can be cumbersome for working people like Pat and Katy. If you have a little extra time, are near Cross Plains and can help out we would love to hear from you. Hall rental is a great asset to people in the community and the funds go a long way to keeping our doors open, but many hands make light work, and all that.

Good stuff is going to be happening in the near future. Mid-winter Conference in Jan 12-15, District holiday party in Cross Plains 18 February, 1000-? Raise the roof y'all!

See you soon;
Steve Zanon, Commander, Post 245

Chaplain's message:

Tim Engling

Member Paul L. "Growler" Kalscheur passed on December 2, 2022. On December 18, the post celebrated his life with a gathering. After graduation from Middleton High School in 1954, he served his country as a tank mechanic in the US Army. Upon returning home he continued to serve as a member of our American Legion Post 245, a volunteer with Cross Plains-Berry Fire Department, and a member of St. Francis Xavier Church.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

Note from Dan Cady:

Dear Comrades:

First and foremost, I want to thank all of the flag crew members that helped post the flags in 2022. Next I want to apologize for mixing up 2 WWII members in the picture so I would like to correct it. From left to right: Keith Faust, Don Mahoney, Ken Goss, Dick Dahmen and Herb Niebuhr. I had Ken and Dick reversed.

Have a Happy New Year
Dan

January meal:

The Auxiliary will not be meeting. Legion will be ordering pizza.

Fruit Baskets and Caring Tree – Barb Schutz & Sheila Schultz

December, a time for giving and a time to remember. The morning of December 10th started out with a fantastic breakfast made by whitey Hillebrand and his crew. Thank you! Then volunteers delivered 54 fruit baskets and 15 poinsettia plants (9 facilities). Thank you all who helped make this possible.

This year 29 names were submitted (total of 69 people) in our village who were in need of assistance. These recipients are forever grateful for the monetary gift. Even had 2 new recipients crying after they opened their card.

Thank you for your donations and supporting the Cross Plains Caring Tree.
Barb Schutz & 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.

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Debby Niebuhr

Hi! We had a good turn out on December 15th to celebrate Christmas as a Legion Family. Good food as well as socializing with everyone. If you missed it this year, consider joining us next year.

Have you shared the available **scholarships** with your loved ones? 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.

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 their 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.

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. Dniebuhr@chourus.net or call me at (608)445-6590.

We will meet in March. We have a lot of planning to do, so please plan on attending. Your input is very important. We have the Purple Up Project to work on as we deliver them the week of April 15th. We have been very lucky the past two years. We hope to be just as successful this year. I will be calling the schools, once the children are back in school after celebrating the holidays, so we have an idea of how many bags we will need. I will probably send out an email to make sure everyone has the information needed.

Neck Pillows: Lorie Ballweg branded the neck pillows we were working on with the Black Earth Post. Carol Yttri, Mary Jones and Mary Jone’s niece have also worked on this project to make sure it was successful, and the neck pillows got to the VA as planned. THANKS FOR ALL YOUR WORK!

WI USO project: We've completed the WI USO project. Thanks to the help of Vicki Smith, we donated 2 boxes of product. We also wrote them a check for \$150 so they can purchase items they know are most needed.

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.

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

No meeting for the Auxiliary in January.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on January 19th.

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 2023 and making it a very prosperous year.

Flags

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

Thank you to those who helped deliver Fruit Baskets

This event was successful because of the volunteers distributing baskets. Thank you to Tom Hellickson, Noel Sarbacker, Dan Layton, Rod Faust and Kevin Boehnen who helped with the delivery. Special thank you to Mike Diebold, Bill Diebold, Tim Hillebrand, Ed Zander, Kevin Boehnen and Steve Hillebrand who prepared and served breakfast before the event.

SAL Dues

Officially we are at 116 members as of the end of December. We had added two new members Rob Dresen and Brett Humphrey to the SAL. We are always looking for new members if you know anyone who is interested let me know and I can send them an application. Dues are \$15.00 a year or you can pay \$60.00 for 5 years.

The State of Wisconsin SAL has challenged us to get to 122 members for this membership year. We need to find six more members to meet their challenge. If you know of anyone who is interested call me at 608 798 2113 or email me at kabohnen@chorus.net.