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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

June 2017

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 | 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 |
| Frank Tony Bayer – Home | John Hill – Home | |

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:

| July | | August | |
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| 01 | Andrew Diebold reception | 03 | Lion's Club |
| 06 | Lion's Club | 04 | Dan Swanson wedding |
| 08 | Brian Martens sons Grad & going to service party | 05 | Rhett Sysndome fundraiser |
| 14 | Camping for Ice Age Trail | 06 | Kerl Reunion |
| 15 | Robert Holtz Celebration of Life | 12 | Urban family picnic |
| 20 | Legion, SAL Mtg | 17 | Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg |
| 22 | Aisha family party | 26 | Board game day |
| 25 | Model T Club | 29 | Model T Club |
| 27 | Spaghetti Supper – Swim Team | | |
| 29 | John Dahlk / Class Reunion | | |
| 30 | Swim Team Celebration | | |

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

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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**

Well I've completed my first month as your Commander. Thanks to all who have helped as I learn this position.

I want to thank Torill Holm for her work at handling Hall rentals. She has had to step down from this position because of a new job. Again Thanks Torill. Dan Cady has agreed to step up and handle this for the time being. It is an important job. Dan could definitely use some help. Please contact me if you are willing to help Dan or to take over. Hall rentals help keep our finances in good shape.

Frank Kooistra will be handling the July meeting in my absence. I'll be on a trip to Canada with my wife. Always have to get my Canadian Fishing trip in each summer.

We have a great Post and that is because of its members.

Please remember those members who are currently serving.

Have a great summer.
Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Additional Notes:

- 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.
- We have access to a power lift recliner that is free to anyone interested please contact me Dan Cady 608 798 2352 or 608 438 2987. It has had new controls installed recently.

REGULAR MEETING June 15, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Commander Pelowsky at 7:28P.M.

Executive meeting minutes read and motion to accept by Geno, second by Dick.

FINANCE: Report read by Lee motion to accept by Dan and second by Geno.

CHAPLIN: Pat took time to thank everyone for their participation during the Memorial Day functions.

1ST VICE: Bill advised we are at 216 pd up to date.

2ND VICE: Howard advised the hall rental has been slow but there are several events planned and will be quite busy.

3RD VICE: No report.

SAL: Kevin advised the SAL has a balance of \$ 7279.53 in check book and if anyone wants to purchase a flag to contact Rod Faust.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: Brian Martin introduced his son Sam who will be entering the Marine Corp as an infantryman,

ATHLETICS: Our annual golf outing was again a success with a total of 97 golfers.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Dave Vidlock mentioned that we have been moving a lot of metal to the recycling plant and if anyone needs a metal pickup to call him or Dan Cady.

POST SERVICE: Joe attended the quarterly town hall meeting on May26 at the Headquarters in Portage. Ted Krajewski attended quarterly town hall at the VA on June 1. New VA director in DC is going to press VA improvements with a 5 point plan. Ted is employed in the Health Care Field. Health Care field.

PR: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: Just a reminder that the Middleton memorial celebration is July 15 thru July 22nd.

NEW BUSINESS: Pat advised that Molly B will be singing at the Park School on Nov 17 and 18.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: Asking if anyone has a working lawn mower to give to a family in need.

Dan stated the flag route has now grown to 244 flags and because of steady growth and anticipated growth we will be adding a third \$ 1000.00 scholarship to give to a Middleton high student. Motion by Ed, second by Dick Z. Passed.

Hall rental requests will be handled by Dan Cady until we can get a new person to take over this function.

Discussion on a TAKE A VET FISHING was tabled for now. It is expensive and we need more information to make a motion.

KITTY = Tyson Hall absent.
BRANDY = Don Sprague
50/50 = Chad Fuller

Our delegates for state convention will be, Emily, Bill Statz, Chad Fuller, and we still need a fourth.

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 12 PM.
Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Heiliger, adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Carol Yttri

Hi all,

As some of you know, I missed the June meeting which just happened to be the first meeting I was supposed to facilitate. Thankfully, Joan was able to step in to her former position to help me out. Thank you Joan!!! I think she secretly wanted to run 1 more meeting since she missed all of you the last couple of months of her term. My husband and I went to the U.S. Open (golf tournament). We had the tickets for 6 months – back when I didn't think I'd be president.

I did touch base with Joan after the meeting. She reported that Dan Cady presented the Auxiliary with a check for \$365 for helping the Legion at events over the years (golf outing, spaghetti dinner, pancake breakfast). Thank you to the Legion for recognizing our efforts.

I wanted to mention a couple of things about Memorial Day. I play for the Iron Horse Cornet Band out of Mazo. We always play at 9:45am for their Memorial event. This year was my first year going to the cemeteries. I really enjoyed it and was so impressed at how many Auxiliary members attended as well. That is really the true spirit of honoring all those who served. I had to duck out before the last 2 so I could get to Mazo. Their Memorial Day event was very nice too.

Flo Bayer purchased a few things to hand out prior to the Memorial Day parade (little flags, etc). What a great idea Flo! Thank you very much.

The Iron Horse Cornet Band played at the Legion Park shelter on June 12th. We had some interesting weather that evening. Joe Hodgson has always been the Legion person that gets us chairs, makes sure we have beverages for purchase and puts everything away. Thanks Joe! Joe's brother Ben also plays in the band. We also played in Black Earth as part of their summer concert series the next evening (Tuesday, June 13th). It was a fundraiser for the Black Earth Legion. After the concert, the Legion had a ceremony for retiring flags. Everyone in the park stayed. I thought that was very respectful. As part of retiring the flags, they invited the public to help with burning the flags. It was all very interesting. I hadn't see that before.

Sincere sympathies to Dan and Pat Cady and family. So sad to hear of the passing of Dan's mother, Helen on Thursday, June 27th. She was a member or our Auxiliary.

We did not have any applicants for our unit's scholarship. We will have a discussion about this at our August meeting.

Did you know?

I was reading the June 2017 eNews & eBulletin and learned we can use AmazonSmile to support the ALA Foundation when shopping online! Take just 10 seconds to sign in to Amazon through this special AmazonSmile link, select the [American Legion Auxiliary Foundation](#), and every purchase you make generates a 0.5 percent donation to the ALA Foundation. No added cost to you. No added fee. No catch. Just log in to your Amazon account through the link, and you're now supporting the ALA. Nothing could be easier!

Quilts of Valor:

Karen Runk attended the District 3 meeting and brought back some information regarding Quilts of Valor Foundation. Their mission is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. There are many groups in Wisconsin that get together to make these quilts (e.g. Waunakee, Verona). You can help by joining or donating. Learn more by visiting the website: www.QOVF.org. Or feel free to contact Karen Runk or myself.

Lastly, I would personally like to thank Ginny Faust for coming to the Dane County meeting in May to swear in the officers. Very much appreciated. It was also great to see you!

REMINDER: There will not be a meeting for the Auxiliary in July. I will see all of you in August.

Membership

We will start collecting dues at our August meeting; look for the national notice probably the middle to end of September....the dues are still \$22 for seniors (17+) and \$ 3 for juniors (0-17).

You can also pay on-line; hopefully the instructions will be on your notice. Or, send your dues to:

Deborah A Niebuhr ~ Debby
Membership Chair
PO BOX 3
Cross Plains, WI 53528

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR UNIT!

Upcoming event at ALA Unit 481

ALA Unit 481 will be hosting their Annual .01k marathon. Yes – that’s correct, .01k. It will be held on August 26th. It starts at 2pm with the race at 3pm. Dogs will race at 3:30. There will also be other food and fun. Race entry is \$15 and includes a T-shirt. All proceeds go to Wisconsin Veterans Programs. Music will be by Bird Trax. Unit 481 is located at 5337 W River Rd, Waunakee, WI.

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 Joan Runk (798-1416), 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 July 20th.

From the Kitchen

I would like to thank everyone who helped prepare and serve the food for the May meeting as well as everyone who helped with the annual golf outing meal.

Ray Faust Scholarship

The Son’s Of the American Legion Post 245 annually gives out a scholarship in memory of Ray Faust. There were no applicants this year.

Memorial Day

Would like to thank everyone who went to the cemeteries, marched in the parade and participated in ceremony at the Legion Hall.

Flags

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