

*The 245er*  
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the CROSS PLAINS & MIDDLETON COMMUNITIES**

**CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION**

**Kerl-Endres-Brannan**

**Post 245**

**July 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.

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**Post 245 Sick Call**

**Chaplain Pat Andreoni**

Paul Dull – Nursing Home

John Hill – Home

Sam Daleo – Waunakee Nursing Home

Ralph Schulenberg – Home

Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

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

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**Upcoming Events:**

**July**

- 01 Lions Club
- 10 Cheryl Kelter
- 15 Legion, SAL Mtg
- 17 Meier Celebration of Life
- 25 Sandy Stoecker
- 27 Model T Club
- 30 Pertzborn Graduation
- 31 Michael Kamara

**August**

- 05 Lions Club
- 06 Spike Rett
- 07 Meier Reunion
- 15 Danz Reunion
- 19 Legion, SAL Mtg
- 21 Elizabeth Curran
- 28 Lynette Passini
- 31 Model T Club

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Need to include something in the Newsletter? Email Carol Yttri at [carolyttri@gmail.com](mailto:carolyttri@gmail.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](mailto:jpandreo@aol.com)

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Pat Andreoni at 798-3844 or e-mail [jpandreo@aol.com](mailto:jpandreo@aol.com)

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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](http://www.americanlegioncp.org)**

## Commander's Message

Gary Itten

Hi Everyone, I hope everyone had a great Independence day July 4th..

It is great to see the turn out for our meetings the last couple of months. But, we always have room for more. It is a great time to meet our new members and to socialize with everyone.

Like I said at the last meeting, we could always use help on different groups. Doug and Judy Deaton are looking for help in the kitchen to prepare the meals. If interested give me a call and I will pass it on to them. If interested in helping out on the firing squad for Military funerals contact Dick Zwettler at 798-2338. Also, Dan Cady is looking for a few people to sub on flag routes when needed, call him at 608-438-2987.

The Third District is having a Golf Outing July 25th at the Deer Valley Golf Course in Barneveld. Anyone interested in golfing or helping out contact Dennis Wood 608-767-3665.

I received an email that the VA will begin implementing provisions of the William M. Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for the Fiscal Year 2021, adding three conditions to the list of those presumptively associated with exposure to herbicide agents, more commonly known as Agent Orange. Those conditions are bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and Parkinsonism. I will have a couple of copies of the whole email at the next meeting for anyone wanting to look at it. If you can't be at the next meeting give me a call and I can email you or send a copy to you.

The State Convention will be held in Middleton at the Marriot West July 15th-18th.

Stay Safe & Healthy  
Gary Itten, Commander, Post 245

### **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.

### **Thank you from Dan Cady**

Hi Comrades:

A big Thank you to all volunteers for our golf outing, you made this the best fund raiser yet. Whitey and Crew for a fabulous meal. Beau Bratton, Arlene Dahmen, Marilyn Sagemoen, Cathy Bertin, Carol Zwettler, Mary Jo Diebold, Lee Mayrack, Dave Vidlock, Kristen Clary, Deb Niebuhr and my wife Pat Cady. If I missed anyone I apologize. Thank you.

A Special Thanks from the Golfers for the Desserts to Carol Zwettler, Kathy Bertin, Lorie Ballweg, Todd & Maureen Duquette and Pat Cady.

113 Golfers; a group of 32 from US Bank, nice support from Black Earth American Legion, Middleton VFW. Thank you to all the Businesses in CP that supported us with golfers, hole sponsors and door prizes. Past SAL Commander: Jeff Cady brought a group of 26 on a bus and 6 individuals for a total of 32.

Cross Plains American Legion is alive and well.  
Dan

### **Volunteers needed**

Needed volunteers: Firing Squad for Funerals; contact Dick Zwettler 608 798 2338

Flag crew routes for holidays, If you would be interested call me 608 438 2987

People to help with metal recycling: usually about an hour of your time a couple of times/month in warmer months. Call Dave Vidlock For more info 608 843 6968.

Please Step forward  
Dan

### **Note – new email address for Carol Yttri:**

Please note that I have retired which means you'll now want to contact me via email using [carolyttri@gmail.com](mailto:carolyttri@gmail.com). I also changed it at the beginning of the newsletter so you can always find it there.

## **REGULAR MEETING June 17, 2021**

Meeting was called to order by Commander Itten at 7:35pm.

First order of business was to present Keith Faust with his 75 years continuous membership award. It was presented by Commander Itten. Next "CROWBAIT" presented the Legion a \$ 1000.00 check for the use of our facilities for their meeting.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted in the 245er by Dan, second was Dick motion passed by vote. A motion was then made to accept the Executive meeting minutes as read by Joe, second was Pat and motion passed by vote.

We have 3 new guests at the meeting tonight and they were, William Fass who is a Navy veteran, Tim England, and Mark Richardson.

FINANCE: Lee passed out his financial report and went over income and expenses. A motion to accept the report pending audit was made by Bill, second was Dave and the motion passed.

1<sup>st</sup> VICE: Emily brought us up to date on membership, currently we have 190 paid and 16 not paid with 5 new members.

2<sup>nd</sup> VICE: Pat has been busy with hall and shelter rentals. He has the hall fully rented thru the summer and getting some Christmas requests already.

3<sup>rd</sup> VICE: Dan mentioned playground equipment needs repairs, we need to order 4 new pavers, and the urinal has been replaced. The new seeding is doing well, and grub spraying will begin.

POST SERVICE OFFICE: Joe explained what the 4 volunteers from our post do at the hospital. They work 4 hour shifts and it is all voluntary.

NEW BUSINESS: We have picked the 4 delegates to attend the state convention in Middleton this July. They will be Joe Hodgson, Bill Statz, Dan Cady and Gary Itten. We donated \$150.00 to the campaign of Daniel Seehafer who is running for National Commander.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: There will be a gathering at Montag's for Norm Esser from 1-5 on 6/26/2021. We are also looking for a few more people who would help cook for a few legion meetings, also for the firing squad, flag route help, and during metal recycling days. Dave brought us up to date on the recycling. We have turned in approximately 70,000 lbs. so far.

KITTY: There was no winner.

50/50 : Warren Knaub

BRANDY: Warren Knaub

Meeting was adjourned at 8:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

### **Auxiliary Newsletter**

**President Karen Runk**

Our June meeting was a lively one, we covered a lot of territory. If you missed it, you will want to read your email and attend the September meeting!! Department convention is July 15-18th, thus far we will have 2 in attendance and partake in the National President's parade of checks benefiting the ALA Foundation. Deb Niebuhr is collecting 2022 membership dues in anticipation of the August 4th incentive drawing. All officers & 25% of members are required to submit their 2022 dues in order to make 245 eligible for this drawing. Please help us meet our goals by submitting dues to Deb or pay online in mid-July. Our Unit will need 5 new members to meet the 100% goal, do your magic!!

We will NOT meet in July or August, however, the August lunch committee will still be needed in August! Please work with Deb to coordinate desserts and clean up. Lunch committees are so important, thank you for the SWEETS and HOSPITALITY!

Poppies: Another successful poppy campaign was completed. Thanks to Sheila Luhman for coordinating the campaign and all the volunteers who distributed poppies!! Veteran programs and facilities are anxiously waiting for our support and re-opening to volunteers later this year. We will be able to increase our annual donations for veterans using our poppy funds!

Hospice Neck Pillows: We are donating 10 neck pillows to a hospice center in Madison who serve the public as well as veterans. A nice project for us to participate in, thanks to Mary Jones and Lorie Ballweg for their shopping and ALA branding. Hospice patients will know where the pillows came from.

FUNdraiser: Mark your calendars... We are moving forward with the "Taste of Freedom" FUNdraiser planned for September 11th. The committee, Sheila Luhman; Carol Yttri; Lorie Ballweg & Luann Foseid are doing a great job!! Mary Jones has created a patriotic quilt for this event. It will be on display and raffled as part of this event. Please join me in thanking them for their efforts when you see them.

**Dane County Legion Family Membership Workshop:** DCC Legion & Auxiliary are working together to plan & conduct a membership workshop on September 23rd. The goal is to help each other increase DCC membership across the LEGION FAMILY organization. The format will allow breakout sessions, round table discussions, shared best practices, increase shared knowledge of TAL, ALA, SAL & Rider member eligibility and more!! Keep watching for workshop updates in this newsletter & emails.

**Dane County Diaper Party for Middleton VA Hospital:** Here is something that the whole LEGION FAMILY can participate in TOGETHER! Dane County will be holding a diaper drive during the September meeting where units (or Posts) are encouraged to bring donations, packages of diapers or baby items from the wish list below. Donations can be individual OR we can simply discuss a monetary donation as a unit at our 245 September meeting.

**MIDDLETON VA HOSPITAL DIAPER/BABY SHOWER ITEMS:**

Collect these baby wish list items to bring to the September meeting or arrange for a drop off at the Middleton VA by calling: Su Timmerman 608-513-8675 or emailing Su at [stimmerman@charter.net](mailto:stimmerman@charter.net)

Needed items include: diapers size 1 newborn; baby wipes; Onesies, pants & shirts in neutral colors (yellow, green, purple, tan, etc.) in sizes 0-3; 3-6; 6-9 months. Cash donations for NEW car seats, pack-n-play and strollers are encouraged. With cash donations, these larger ticket items can be shared expensed and easier to meet safety requirements. No blankets are needed at this time.

The state of Wisconsin has formed a task force to assist military personnel transitioning to civilian life. The VetsNet organization is teaming with the Wisconsin task force to pair transitioning military service members with trained volunteer sponsors/mentors who will take the journey with the veteran. The purpose is to ensure that the veteran is supported through this critical life transition. If you are interested in being a sponsor/mentor or want to learn more, go to [etssponsorship.com](http://etssponsorship.com). Assisting veterans in transition is a critical need, and possibly a lifesaving campaign. Please contact me if you need further assistance to this website.

**JULY & AUGUST EVENTS & REMINDERS**

JULY & AUGUST– No 245 UNIT MEETING

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REMINDER1: Please send your June hours, dollars and miles to [kmrunk4@gmail.com](mailto:kmrunk4@gmail.com)

REMINDER2: Still Clipp'n those Coupons – Mailing at the end of JULY. Coordinate July coupon drop offs with Karen via email or text.

Membership Chair message: Debby Niebuhr

Membership: dues are \$30.00/Sr (18+) and Jr (0-17) \$6.00 payable to "UNIT 245"; you can mail it to: Debby Niebuhr PO BOX 3 Cross Plains, WI 53528 We are trying to get as many in by the end of July in hopes of being eligible for the first Contest. We cannot process new members until Sept 1st, 2021.

August Lunch Committee – Will be looking for Arlene Dahmen's group but will confirm in the August newsletter. (Arlene, Cookie, Monica Gulesserian and Mary Dahmen).

While there will not be an Auxiliary meeting in August, there is still a meeting for the guys and the executive board. We appreciate the dedication of all our Lunch committees ;-)

Thanks for all you do and your continued support!

**Son's of The American Legion**

No Report this month.

**Kevin Boehnen**