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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

July 2026

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 Bill Herriges

Paul Dull – Nursing Home

Ralph Schulenberg – Home

Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

Dennis Jones – Home

Joanne Dodge – Nursing Home

Russell Bradford – VA

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

Upcoming Events

July

02 Lions Club

16 Legion, SAL meeting

28 Model T Club

August

02 Lions Club

20 Legion, SAL, Aux meeting

25 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.

ADDRESS CHANGE OR REMOVAL for newsletter: If you are moving or would like to be removed from the mailing list for the newsletter contact Gary Itten at gijacondo@gmail.com, or 608-225-4722, or Flo Bayer at thebayes1@gmail.com or 608-798-4671.

HALL RENTAL: There is a special rental rate for members to use the building. If you would like to inquire about renting the hall, please contact Debby Niebuhr at americanlegioncp@gmail.com or 608-445-6590.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: If you are in need of medical equipment, the Legion has some on hand. Please contact Dennis Heiliger at 608-798-2301. Leave message if no answer and he'll get back to you.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplain Tim Engling at 312-371-0034 or e-mail timengling@gmail.com

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
S.A.L. COMMANDER

Steve Zanon	608-213-9530
Katrina McKee	608-217-2023
Kevin Boehnen	608-798-2113

Post, Auxiliary & S.A.L meetings Third Thursday of month: Social hour 6pm; Dinner 6:30pm; Meeting 7:30pm
Executive Board Meeting: Third Thursday of the Month 5:30pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message

Steve Zanon

Greetings Post 245;

Our post has been busy during June with our best volunteerism on display. Our meeting featured excellent fallin-off-the-bone spareribs prepared by Doug and Judy Deaton, and Debbie Niebuhr. We recognized Orville Kerl and Jay Moretti for fifty years of continuous membership, and Kieth Faust was there to receive his eighty year certificate.

We lost a long-standing member Norman Bradford this month, and funeral honors were done in Waunakee, as that is where he lived, and the funeral home didn't notify us to help perform honors.

We performed funeral honors for Navy veteran Herman J Herkert on the 27th of June.

In mid-June, we enjoyed music by the Iron Horse Coronet band, featuring our own Carol Yttri.

Joe Hodgson and Mike Ripp showed up mid-month and did the annual cleaning of our M1 ceremony rifles. Thank you, gents.

On the 30th of June multiple volunteers showed up to load Whitey Hillenbrand's trailer full of scrap metal which yielded \$350 dollars. The most recent, but not the only load taken during June. Thank you, Kevin Boehnen and all the volunteers.

I was able to attend the Dane County Legion meeting on the 25th, and handed in the cash and stubs for all fifty of the department raffle tickets I have been hawking for months. Now I can finally SHUT-UP about them for another year. Thanks to all of you who bought the tickets, they will be drawn at the department convention in mid-July in Appleton. Good Luck!

Leadership for the county were installed at the meeting and include County Commander Virgil Smith, currently Department Chaplain. The outgoing County Commander Scott Klassey is now the third District Commander.

Dane County government day is scheduled for this next April 5th thanks to Second Vice commander Sean Patchin who volunteered to breathe new life into the program.

If memory serves, only 245 members and Sons will be meeting in July, and dinner will be take-out Pizza, which is always pretty good.

Hope to see you all soon,
Steve Zanon, Commander, Post 245

Notes from Dan Cady:

Dear Comrades: Info.

If interested in purchasing a Paver to be installed at Our Vets Memorial, we have forms available. We install all new pavers in May before Memorial Day and Before Veterans Day in November. Sizes are 6X6 at \$100.00. 6X12 @ \$300.00. 12X12 @ \$500.00. Some areas of Memorial are mostly taken but other areas have more room.

We have items for sale if interested:

Caps, Legion & Baseball, Shirts, Jackets, and Sweatshirts.

If interested send me an email; dcady2030@gmail.com or call 608 438 2987.

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. You can also call Dave Vidlock 608 798 3087 or 608 843 6968.

REGULAR MEETING June 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Commander Zanon at 7:37pm.

A motion was made to accept the minutes printed in the 245r by Dennis H, second was Bill H and the motion was carried. A motion was made by Dan Cady to accept the minutes of the executive meeting as read by the Adjutant seconded by Jay M.

FINANCE: Bill handed out his financial report and went over the expenses and income. Some upcoming expenses we will incur and need to prepare for are paving the parking lot and shelter, a new water fountain out front, a new computer and printer for the office. Bill will also check into the legion obtaining a Bingo license. A motion to accept the report pending audit was made by Joe and seconded by Brian. The motion carried.

CHAPLAIN: Bill stated Dave Vidlocks wife is in the hospital, Norm Bradford is at home with hospice care. It was brought up that we have a new chaplain and we need to get him some get well cards and a current list of members with addresses to help him out.

3rd VICE: Mike mentioned he needs a key to the building so he can do maintenance and look after things.

POST SERVICE OFFICER: Joe has three boys again this year we will be sending to Badger Boys state. The total this year has gone up for the state to 720 boys committed to going. These same boys will be joining us at our August meeting and telling us about their experience. Joe has applications for VA care if anyone needs one, and also there will be a rifle cleaning day on Tues at the legion starting at 12:30pm.

ATHLETIC: There will be a golf outing for homeless vets in Dane County. This event is scheduled for 8-8-2026 and more four sums are needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill received a check for \$100.00 donation from Catholic Financial Life. Steve made a motion for the legion to purchase the remaining three raffle tickets; second was Dan and the motion carried. Steve read the thank you mail we received.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: Dan replaced the battery in our forklift. He also suggested the legion consider painting a mural on the side of the building depicting the history of wars starting with 1812 up to current time. He will check with the high school CAD class and instructors to see if they would consider helping do this. Joe will get us a quote to reseal the parking lot and the shelter.

50/50: Bill H \$4.00

BRANDY: Will be donated to the drawdown

KITTY: No winner

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Heiliger, sitting in for Adjutant Gary Itten

Auxiliary Newsletter

Committee reports

We did well on the poppy sales! Thank you, Shelia, for running this program.

Membership reminder- the online portal will open mid-July but you can send your dues to Deb Niebur any time.

Service Opportunities

Middleton Culver's Share Night is July 6th from 5-8pm. This is a good fundraiser for us, stop out to help serve food or to dine. Money we raise from this goes towards Badger Girls and our Scholarships.

President Katrina McKee

Middleton Good Neighbor Fest - Wednesday August 26th is set up. We need a few more people to help with the Fish Fry. We also need 2 volunteers to help with the parade on Sunday. Let Flo or JoAnna know if you can help out so we can get you on the list.

Lunch Committee – Jane Itten

No meeting in July.

Membership – Debby Niebuhr

We'll be collecting dues, need them by the end of July; if you want to pay in June to beat the rush feel free to mail your check to me at PO BOX 3 CP; otherwise if you want to use your credit card, we'll let you know when they open up the phone lines or website, usually mid July. Dues are the same this year \$35. for Seniors (18+) and juniors (0-17) are \$6.00.

Sons of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Joint meeting with the Legion will be on July 16th this month.

Flags

If you need a flag please contact Rod Faust at 608 576 4803. Reminder we can order special flags, poles, etc. This last month we ordered a 15 ft by 25 ft flag that will be flying on the new work shop on the Kalscheur Farm in Pine Bluff. Thank you to Tom and Kory Kalscheur for reaching out to the SAL. Check it out around the 4th of July.

We also put a flag up for Jay Moretti at the Attic Angel complex in Verona. We had three people stop to admire the flag before we left. Thank you to Jay for reaching out to us.

Recyclable Run

On June 9th and the 16th the Sons of the American Legion worked on clearing out Recyclable area.

Would like to thank Steve (Whitey) Hillebrand and Tom Helleckson for helping load the trailer to take items to recyclable center.

SAL Dues

We are still at 112 members as of the end of June. 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. If you know of anyone who is interested call me at 608 798 2113 or email me at kabohnen@chorus.net.

New Sons of The American Legion Shirts and Hats

We now have new shirts and hats for the Son's of The American Legion as of Memorial Day. If you are interested in purchasing a shirt and hat the cost is \$40.00. Just let me know and I will get them for you. I will be ordering more shirts with the sizes for small and medium.

Up Coming Events

Recyclable Run - Will text volunteers when they are happening

August 15th - SAL is cooking for the Boehnen Family Reunion at the Legion

August 19th - SAL is cooking for the Cross Plains Baseball Golf Outing