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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

Kerl-Endres-Brannan

Post 245

June 2016

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

Richard Williamson – Home

Lauri Coulson – Home

Bot Holtz – Home

Carl Lochner – Home

Dan Meier – Home

Allen Ripp – Home

Sam Dalio – Home

John Helleckson – Home

Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems at this time. 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:

June

02 Lion's Club

03 St Francis Party

04 Herkert Wedding

06 Golf Outing

06 Iron Horse Band

07 4H Club

11 Stone Graduation

12 Helmuth Graduation

16 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg

18 Lorandos Party (shelter)

18 Walgren Graduation

25 Sphan Anniversary

28 Model T Club

July

05 4H Club

07 Lion's Club

09 Hoefelder Party

10 Maier Reunion

21 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg

24 Dan Meier 90th Birthday party

26 Model T Club

28 Stingray Spaghetti Dinner

31 Stingray Conference Party

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 Diane Krieger at 608-669-4080 or by e-mail dianelkrieger@charter.net.

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

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

JOHN HILL 513-4776
JOAN RUNK 798-1416
KEVIN BOEHNEN 798-2113

Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L meetings: Dinner 6:30pm; Meetings 7:30pm; Third Thursday of Month
Executive Board Meeting: Last Monday of Month 6:00pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message

Dan Cady

I ask for your support, this next Legion year. I want to Thank John Hill for his 4 years as Commander and all those officers that are continuing to represent Post 245. 1st Vice Bill Statz, 2nd Vice Howard Hill (New at this job) Thank you John Krieger for being 2nd vice for the past 4 years or more. 3rd Vice Geno Schmitz, Geno has one of our flag routes, Chaplain Pat Andreoni, Finance Lee Mayrack, Adjutant Ed Pelowsky, Ed also has a large flag route. Tony Bayer Judge Advocate and flag route-with Dave Vidlock, Joe Hodgson Post Service Officer, Tom Foseid as Historian, Emily (Statz) Cash has come forward to be our public relations coordinator. Fred Urben has been our Americanism chair for many years. Sargent at Arms Richard (Dick) Zwettler & Brian Martens. Dick & Carol Zwettler also have a flag route. Norm Esser also does a flag route. My apologies to whomever I have missed.

I have just seen on Facebook that Dorothy Faust, has passed, our deep felt sympathy goes out to the family, Curt also passed this year, a very committed family to our post will be dearly missed.

On a high note our new 2nd vice got married this weekend, Congrats Howie

Now an update on Memorial Day

200 plus flags posted starting at 6:00 AM, thanks to all the crews, Tom Foseid & Gerry Boehnen made a great breakfast, Thanks to our fabulous always supportive, Auxiliary & SAL for joining us . Also thanks to the Cub & Boy scouts as they have for many years as we proceeded to pay tribute to our fallen Veterans at 6 grave yards. Returning to get ready for the Parade and Program, thanks to all who help set up. Then a big thanks to all who participated in the parade, and program. Great job by Chaplain Pat Andreoni.
What a great community turn out.

A BIG REQUEST TO ALL OUR MEMBERS: PLEASE SEEK OUT YOUR FELLOW NEIGHBORS THAT MAY BE VETERANS AND ASK THEM IF THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING THIS GREAT LEGION POST. WE NEED THEIR HELP TO KEEP THINGS MOVING FORWARD TO PROTECT VETERANS BENEFITS AND MAKE SURE AS THE NEED IS THERE TO IMPROVE ON THEM. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL VETERANS, YOUNG AND OLDER.

Yours in Comradeship
Commander
Dan Cady
608 438 2987

Executive Meeting Notice:

The Executive Board Meeting will be meeting the same night as the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary meeting starting in June. The meeting will start at 5:15. They will no longer meet the 4th Monday of the month.

Thank You:

Thank you to the Printing Place Co for their continued aluminum can donation. Also, thanks to everyone else that has contributed to the metals and aluminum can donations. We realize we haven't given thanks in a while.

Wheel chairs needed:

TO ALL LEGIONAIRES, AUXILIARY & SAL

If you have wheel chairs from the legion that are not being used, please return. If you still need them, that's fine. If you or family members have a wheel chair just being stored and would like to donate it to our rehab program, that would be great. We are low on wheel chairs and will purchase a couple if needed but thought we would ask first.

Rehab coordinators:

Pete Cerniglia – 608 798 4180

Dick Cashwell – 608 798 2747 or 608 413 0046

Thank you
Dan Cady

Camp American Legion

The Dane County cabin work party of 6 went up to camp at Lake Tomahawk on Monday and Tuesday, April 25 and 26. Windows were washed inside and out, the old TV antenna with its unworkable rotor was taken off the roof, a new flat screen TV was purchased and replaced the old non-functional one and the roof which was leaking near the corner of the porch was repaired. Earlier we had received word from Camp Director Kevin that the roof needed replacing. After an inspection it was agreed that it does need replacing.

At the Dane County Council meeting on Thursday April 25 a motion was made and seconded to begin fund raising for the replacement. Whether we go with metal or asphalt shingles is depending on the bids. A bid was received for metal and was almost \$9,000 which was too expensive for us. We received a bid for shingles from Kevin and a local contractor that does work at camp and is from Lake Tomahawk for a "lifetime guarantee" for \$3500. A motion was made and seconded to go with this contractor to get the job done.

We are calling on every post and legionnaire/friends to make your donation out to "Dane County Cabin" and send your check to County Finance Officer Geoff Shields, 612 Trotter Dr. Mt. Horeb, WI 53572

Joe Hodgson
Camp Chairman

REGULAR MEETING May 19, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Commander Hill at 7:31 PM.

Motion by Dan Cady to accept the Minutes from the April meeting as printed in the 245er. 2nd by Howard Hill.
Passed.

There was no executive meeting in April.

Finance - Handed out report. Total Funds as of May is \$112,638.40. Funds available is at \$78,828.50. Motion by Dan Cady to accept the report subject to audit. 2nd by Gene Schmits. Passed.

Chaplain – Went over the Memorial Day activities. Flags crews will be putting out flags. Breakfast at around 7 AM, then we go to the cemeteries, Parade at 11:00, followed by the program at the Memorial.

1st Vice - We're at 225. Still 12 short. If you haven't paid yet you need to by June 30th or your membership will lapse.

2nd Vice – NR

SAL – NR

Americanism – NR

Children & Youth – NR

Public Relations – NR

Athletics – The memorial Golf outing is June 6th at Deer Valley.

Community Service – We're still collecting metal.

Old Business – Dan Cady stated Dick Dahmen's wife passed away. Chaplain will send a card.

Good of the Legion – There will be a wagon for Memorial Day Parade for those who would rather ride than march in the parade. Dick Zwettler stated we will be putting flags out at the cemeteries Wed. the 25th. Meet at the Legion at 9 AM.

Installation of Officer was done by Joe Hodgson as the County Representative.

New Commander Dan Cady thanked John Hill for his service as Commander the past 4 years. Dan mentioned the County meeting will be here Thursday the 26th. Please attend if you can.

50 – 50 – Gene Schmitz

Brandy – Dave Vidlock

Kitty – Ron Laufenburg, wasn't present.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Pelowsky, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Joan Runk

Hope you had a wonderful Memorial Day! Such a beautiful day! More on that.

Poppy Days were so successful. We don't have a total yet but I know our distribution at the Pig went very well.

The Dane County meeting was very successful. We had 11 ladies at the meeting from our Unit. We had so many good comments on our food we served. So many said they have to come to Cross Plains because they know we will have a good meal. We were also chosen to have a Bake Sale to benefit Badger Girls State. We had 52 items that you ladies baked. Our unit gets to put our Unit 245 in a hat and after the next Bake Sale they will draw a Unit number. Should we win, we can either sponsor another girl or keep the money for our fund. We have a very good chance with 52 numbers of Unit #245.

On Saturday, 5/28/16, my daughters, Karen & Katie and I visited Joyce Clampitt at Ingleside in Mt Horeb. We took her some red, white and blue flowers and a flag. She was happy to see us. She got the card that we passed around at the meeting that all that were there signed. She was very pleased to get the words of encouragement. She had knee surgery and it is healing well. She is at Ingleside for therapy, then she will return to Girlies Manor in Mt Horeb. While we were there visiting Joyce's friend from Girlies Manor rode her scooter from the manor to Ingleside! I thought she did very well to do that!

Memorial Day went very well. I saw most of you there at the cemeteries, parade & ceremonies at the Post. What a crowd! I think it was the largest crowd ever.

I have some sad news. Our Auxiliary member, Dorothy Faust, passed on Memorial Day evening. Her husband, Curt Faust, passed just 3 months ago. Their daughters, Kathy, Jill & Heidi belong to our Auxiliary. Rodney, her son, is an SAL member. Just a year ago Curt rode in the Hack with me on Memorial Day and Dorothy rode in one of the cars. We will miss them. Our sympathy to the family.

Leora Richgels also passed this past month.

I started reading to the youngsters this past Tuesday, May 31st. Carol Yttri will read on June 2nd. I will again on June 7th and Deb Niebuhr on June 9th. It is such fun! A good project.

World's Fair is our next project. Please help all you can. It will be June 25th & 25th. You should have received your ticket. There was an Early Bird drawing on Memorial Day.

State Convention is July at the Marriott in Middleton. Details at June meeting.

Thanks to Ann Eicher for providing the beautiful plants at the May meeting. I was lucky enough to win one! Thank you Ann for drawing my name. They looked so pretty on the tables when you walked in the hall. It certainly caught your eye.

Do read the articles in the ALA Magazine Ginny wrote about last month.

One last bit of information – y son Michael Serg. Major, marched at Charlotte North Carolina at the Nascar race. He took 200 guys with him. They had a good time.

Do remember our mem & women srving our country.

P.S. I rode on the wagon provided by Bill Statz and the Legion. Very nice! Thanks Bill!

We also have a new Auxiliary member. Bill Statz's sister, mary from Texas. She was at the Parade.

June Lunch Committee: Sheila Luhman, Dodo Capel, Betty Mielke and Janel Kruchten

2017 Membership Dues:

We will start collecting membership dues at the June meeting – June 16th and hope to be done by October 20th. Thanking everyone in advance for their loyal support! Auxiliary membership dues are: Seniors (17+) - \$22, Juniors (0-17) - \$3.

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 June 16th.

From the Kitchen

I would like to thank everyone who helped prepare and service the food for the May meeting as well as everyone who helped with the annual golf outing meal on June 6th.

The Last World's Fair

This will be the Last World's Fair and it will be a two day event Saturday June 25th and Sunday June 26th. Please help out by working a shift. If you cannot work on the weekend they are looking for help on Wednesday and Thursday at 5:00 PM at Baer Park for set up. Or on June 27th at 8:00 AM to noon or after 5:00 PM for clean up.

Note in the summer of 2017 Church Street will be closed for repairs from Main Street to St Francis and they will be developing the Buechner Farm land. The event may come back in 2018 under a different name and format.

Ray Faust Scholarship

The Son's Of the American Legion Post 245 annually gives out a scholarship in memory of Ray Faust. This year's winner is Mackenzie Zwettler a Middleton High Senior and she is the daughter of Brian & Jenny Zwettler. She is also the granddaughter of Dick and Carol Zwettler.

Sympathies to the Dorothy Faust Family

Dorothy Faust passed away on May 30th. Dorothy was long time member of our post and active with the Auxiliary program. We will miss her along with her loving husband Curt who passed away February 29th of this year. Our sympathies go out to Kathy, Jill, Heidi and Rod along with all their family members.

Flags

June 14th is Flag Day. If you need a flag you can give Rod Faust a call at 798-3535.