

*The 245er*  
**SERVING: the NATION - the VETERAN -  
the CROSS PLAINS & MIDDLETON COMMUNITIES**

**CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION**

**Kerl-Endres-Brannan**

**Post 245**

**June 2022**

**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

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:**

**June**

02 Lions Club

16 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg

28 Model T Club

**July**

07 Lions Club

21 Legion, SAL Mtg

26 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 608-516-5970.

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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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Deb Neibuhr	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](http://www.americanlegioncp.org)**

**Commander's Message**

**Steve Zanon**

Greetings American Legion, Auxiliary, and SAL members.

Firstly thank you for electing me Commander of this post, it is a great honor and I will give it my best effort. I am still a little amped up from Memorial Day; it was a wonderful, jam-packed day that I think really lived up to its purpose. There were so many people putting in such effort before and during that I don't yet even know who to publicly recognize. Thank you!

Many of you don't know me at all; it seems fitting to at least introduce myself here. Please say hello and introduce yourself if you get a chance if it isn't already obvious and know that I am pretty bad with names. I have lived in Middleton since 1992, though I was originally from Milwaukee. I am retired Navy since 2006 when I left Navy Marine Corps Reserve Center Madison after a pretty long stretch of active and reserve duty. I am a Nurse in Madison but looking to retire this next winter. Please don't make me look at your rash (kidding obviously). I live in Middleton with my wife Christie and my youngest son Elliot. Christie has already been targeted by Karen so we may be seeing her at the auxiliary meetings. Elliot is 21 and works a lot doing concrete work so is a little scarcer. My oldest son Andrew is away in a Navy school and soon to be the navigator on a Destroyer. I do some camping and wooden boat building when time permits, but I'm pretty slow at both. My Email is [szanon2019@gmail.com](mailto:szanon2019@gmail.com).

For a time last year, I attended only funeral honors when Dick or Dan Cady would call, but then Memorial day 2021 was truly an eye opener for me. I hadn't before then spent much time in Cross Plains so to see how the American Legion performs the cemetery gun salutes, the parade, scholarship presentation, yard flags and fundraising... What all this post does is truly impressive. Even a casual outsider's view of the nicely kept post grounds and its artful war memorial speaks clearly that this post is a prominent part of the community, and marching down the street in formation, it was pretty clear that Cross Plains loves this American Legion post. All of it makes this a genuinely nice place to be.

I look forward to getting to know all of you; please contact me or the other officers if you feel there is something that needs attention or improvement.

See you all soon,  
Steve Z, Commander, Post 245

### **Past Commander's Message**

**Gary Itten**

It has been a great pleasure to serve as your commander for the last two years, and a great experience to lead such a great veteran's organization as Post 245. I won't name any names because I probably will miss some people, but I do want to thank the members and the executive board of the Legion. I also want to thank the ladies Auxiliary and SAL also for their support.

My next endeavor with Post 245 is chairman of the 100th anniversary committee. The legion will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2024. We will have our first meeting June 9th, at 6:30 pm at the legion hall. Member's of the committee are as follows: Emily Cash, Kelly Sexton, Ed Pelowshy, Dave Vidlock, Dan Cady, Phil Vallojos, Bob Saeman, and Mike Schutz. If there is anyone else that would like to be on the committee, please feel free to attend and if you can't be there please contact me at 608-225-4722 or [gijacondo@gmail.com](mailto:gijacondo@gmail.com) with contact information.

Gary Itten  
Past Commander

### Cross Plains/Middleton Legion Baseball games in Cross Plains.

Post 245 sponsors the Cross Plains/Middleton Legion Baseball team. They will be having games at BAER Park this summer. The Junior team will be having a double header on Tuesday June 21<sup>st</sup>. They will play Edgwood and the first game starts a 5 PM.

The Senior team will have a game on Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> against Ft. Atkinson. That game will start at 6:30 PM.

### 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.

### **REGULAR MEETING May 19, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Commander Itten at 7:25pm.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the 245r was made by Marty, seconded by Warren motion carried.

A motion to accept the executive meeting minutes as read by the Adjutant was made by Dick, seconded by Joanne and the motion carried.

FINANCE: Lee went over the report explaining income and expense for the period. A motion to accept the report pending audit was made by Dan, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

CHAPLIN: Pat went over the events and times of the activities on Memorial Day. Everything we used to do on this day will once again be back this year. Dan had a politician ask if he could be in our parade and after some discussion it was decided that they can be in our parade. Historically this has happened, and other communities allow it also.

3<sup>rd</sup> VICE: Dan presented an option to buy a range for our kitchen directly ourselves. To purchase it locally would cost around \$ 6800.00 with freight and connectors. If we purchase the range ourselves and have it shipped to the post no freight, we will pay \$ 5134.00, and Dan will do the hook up. A motion to go ahead with the purchase was made by Dan, seconded by Pat and the membership passed the motion.

SAL: Kevin brought us up to date with the SAL activities. Rod Faust has been selling many flags, the SAL is helping send a girl to Badger Girls state, members help with the recycling program and flag routes and will be cooking for the golf outing. Kevin and his wife made up three new wreaths to use at wakes and funerals and to share the expense the legion, AUX, and SAL will all contribute \$ 45.00.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Dave brought us up to date with the recycling program. We have taken in approx. 30,000 lbs. and paid about \$ 6,000.00.

POST SERVICE OFFICER: Joe has applications for any veteran who has not signed up for medical care. See Joe for the paperwork if you need to.

NEW BUSINESS: Gary went over the letters, donations, and thank you cards we received in the mail. He also mentioned we need help to put out the flags in the cemeteries. Please be at the legion at 9:00 am Tues the 24<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned the County meeting will be here on the 26<sup>th</sup> and there will be a 100-year anniversary committee meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

All nominations were called in by Commander Itten and all received motions and seconded and were then elected accordingly. Post Service Officer Joe Hodgson then swore in the officers.

We then chose 3 delegates to attend the state meetings on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be Bill Statz, Joe Hodgson, and Dan Cady.

KITTY: NO WINNER  
BRANDY: Phil Vallejos  
50/50: Ted K

The meeting was then adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted  
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

#### **Auxiliary Newsletter**

**President Debby Neibuhr**

Hi! At our May meeting we presented Karen Runk with a token of our appreciation for all she has done for our Unit over the last 3 years. She was not only our Unit President, but our Dane County President and now she has moved on to being our District 3 President. She is a dynamic leader, like her mother Joan.

Karen presented our Unit with the Harriet Hass Bell Award. Guess it's a big deal. As membership chair I feel fortunate because all our members are very supportive and pay their dues, helping us to reach the 100% goal easily. This reward is for the general membership as it reflects that we have had 100% for 3 consecutive years along with the greatest % increase in our District 3. So, THANKS to everyone for paying their dues and signing up friends and family.

By the time you receive this newsletter our Poppy Drive will be over, but if you still want to donate you can mail your donations to: Sheila Luhman 2318 Center St. Cross Plains, WI 53528

We have 2 (maybe 3) members who are planning to attend the State Convention being held in Green Bay, July 14-17. We can have up to 8 delegates. There is still time for you to sign up to attend. Contact: Debby Niebuhr (608-445-6590) [dniebuhr@chorus.net](mailto:dniebuhr@chorus.net) or Carol Yttri (608-798-4950) [carolyttri@gmail.com](mailto:carolyttri@gmail.com)

WI USO is our current project that we are working on. We will be collecting donations of individually wrapped snacks and travel size toiletries. These items are a welcome gift for our troops while traveling, training or deployed. We will be setting a date for a collection drive with the help of our community, in the next coming months.

The TASTE of FREEDOM Fundraising Event is in the planning stages as well. So, stay tuned for more information to come.

#### **MEMBERSHIP: Debby Niebuhr**

We have already started receiving dues from our membership for 2023. Our goal is to get as many as possible in before the end of July. By getting the dues in early we're able to save our organization \$\$\$. Plus, we have a better chance of winning various contests. The dues are \$30. For Seniors (18+) and \$6 for juniors (0-17). The dues are payable to "UNIT 245". You can mail them to Debby Niebuhr PO BOX 3 Cross Plains, WI 53528. You can also pay with a credit card and we'll get that information out to you in July. Your SUPPORT is much appreciated.

Lunch committee: Jane Itten

June Lunch committee: Sheila Luhman. Krystal Swanson. Dodo Capel. Jaye Capel. Janel Kruchten. Betty Mielke. Any problems or need help call Jane Itten 712-3133

**Son's of The American Legion**

**Kevin Boehnen**

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting is June 16th joint meeting the Legion.

May Steak Dinner for the Legion

We had a great turn out for preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning up the dinner at our May meeting this year.

Thank you to Whitey Hillebrand, Mike Diebold, Tom Helleckson, Paul Lochner, Kim Statz, Brad Niebuhr, Ed Zander and Kevin Boehnen for making this year's dinner a success as we served 55 people.

Thank you to the Auxilary for the desserts and helping clean up the kitchen after eating.

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

Breakfast was provided by Whitey Hillebrand, Patti Hillebrand, Tim Hillebrand and Ed Zander this year.

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

Thank you to Ron Faust, David Faust, Dave Maier, Mike Greaney, Noel Sarbacker and Kevin Boehnen for participating in this year's events.

Flags

If you need a flag you can give Rod Faust a call at 608 576 4803. Remember June 14th is Flag Day.