

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

**CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION**

**Kerl-Endres-Brannan**

**Post 245**

**March 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.

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**Post 245 Sick Call**

**Chaplin Pat Andreoni**

Richard Williamson – Home	Carl Lochner – Home	Paul Dull – Home
Ralph Schulenberg – Home	Dan Meier – Home	Allen Ripp – Home
Sam Dalio – Home	John Helleckson – Home	Bob Luhman – Home
Albert Oleson – Nursing Home		

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems as we enter this New Year. 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.

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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>March</b>	02 Lion's Club	<b>April</b>	06 Lion's Club
	05 Occupaws – Auction		16 Nancy Yaeger Easter
	14 HSA Home Warranty meeting		20 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg
	16 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg		25 Model T Club
	18 Hankel birthday party		
	19 Pancake Breakfast		
	25 Whitey Hill – Birthday party		
	28 Model T Club		

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Need to include something in the Newsletter? Please email Carol Yttri at [cyttri@amfam.com](mailto: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 Torill Holm at 608-577-9658.

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	DAN CADY	438-2987
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	JOAN RUNK	798-1416
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](http://www.americanlegioncp.org)**

**Commander's Message****Dan Cady**

Dear Comrades:

Hi from California, more rain than usual, but the weather is great for golfing and not having to wear a coat. Hope everyone is having a good winter, I understand the weather has been great.

Please check your membership card and make sure you have paid your 2017 dues, if not please send dues to Bill Statz as we need your support to keep veterans benefits.

Post 245 has always been a leader in the State of Wisconsin, we have had many county & district and also State Officers over the years.

I have been receiving info to recognize Viet Nam Era Vets thanks to all, would still like all to email info so we can recognize them.

We also need every ones help to let us know the dates and Era served a lot of times we are not able to get the info. Please let us know as we would like to recognize everyone and get our records straight. WWII, Korea, Viet Nam, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, Gulf War/war on terrorism.

Please recruit Friends and Neighbors that are eligible to join this great organization.

Take Care  
See you in April.

Yours in Comradeship,  
Commander Dan Cady  
608 438 2987

**REGULAR MEETING February 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Commander Frank Koositra at 7:33 PM.

Motion by Dick Zwettler to accept the minutes from the January meeting as posted in the 245er. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry Boehenen, Passed.

The Executive Minutes from the January meeting were read. Motion by Ted Kraiewski to accept the minutes as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> Howard Hill. Passed.

John Schiendler was announced as guest.

**Finance** - Report was handed out and reviewed. Finances in good shape. We have \$115,473.03 funds available. Motion by John Hill to accept the report subject to audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gene Schmitz. Passed.

**Chaplian** - Got word Bob Holtz is not doing well. Is in hospital now and it is not looking good.

**1st Vice** - We're at 200 paid. We need the remaining 24 to come forward. If you are one of the 24 please send your dues in.

**2nd Vice** - Since last meeting we've had the Valley Archers Game feed which went well and the Spaghetti dinner. We are receiving lots of bookings for the Hall. Several are way into next year.

**SAL** - NR

**Americanism** - NR

**Children & Youth** - NR

**Athletics** - NR

**Community Service** - NR

**Post Service Officer** - Applications for Camp American Legion are now available for the 2017 season. Camp opens May 1st and closes Sept. 14th. All Wisconsin Veterans needing Rest and Rehab are eligible. New camp director is Don Grundy.

We now have all 5 of Winston Churchills Books in the Post 245 Office. These are a view of the world events from the end of WW I thru WW II. Some very interesting Reading.

Got a thank you from the VA for our \$200 donation.

**Public Relations** - will have article about the up coming Pancake Breakfast.

**Old Business** - Nothing

**New Business** - Will have a mid-term election for Commander. Nominations will be in April with the election and installation in May.

Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday March 19th. Serving will be from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. Prices are \$8 Adults, \$4 children 8 and under. Cross Plains Historical Society will have their cake & cookie sale that same day.

**Good of the Legion** - 3rd District Holiday Party will be held at Barneveld Post 433 Saturday February 18th. All are welcome. Cost is \$13 per person.

Emily Cash will be bringing some boxes to put various items in to be sent to those Military Personnel currently deployed. You can bring various types of person items or treat when you come to the meeting.

Jerry Boehnen says there is need for a new Plaque to list the Legionnaire of the year. Cost would be around \$100. He'll have further info at next month's meeting.

Bill Statz made a motion that we hold a retirement ceremony for Chad Fuller who will be retiring from the Army in April. Would have the Ceremony at our post April Meeting. Motion Passed.

Kitty - Oliver Guenter (not present)

50 -50 - Bill Statz

Brandy - Tony Bayer – donated back for the Golf Outing.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Pelowsky, adjutant

#### **Auxiliary Newsletter**

#### **President Joan Runk**

It's time for Corned Beef & Cabbage! Happy St. Paddy's Day. Im sure we will have a wonderful dinner at our March meeting.

I am once again so proud of our Unit. We were short on gals for our lunch committee and Carol Yttri stepped up and made 2 desserts to go along with Deb Nieburh's and Sue Nelson's great desserts. Than you Carol!

Also Ann Eicher helped in the kitchen and Shiela Luhman helped clean up. Many thanks girls. I took home the towels to wash – not a big deal. Glad to do it. Speaking of towels – when you take them home to wash – please bring them back in a reasonable time. There was a few weeks this winter when we were really short. I asked Carol Yttri to pick up some more when she had a chance – which she did – thanks Carol. I donated some that I had at home – a bit faded but usable. So now we have a good supply. Also the auxiliary purchased more plastic water pitchers for the kitchen.

Judith Abelman from Mt Horeb, who was a member of our auxiliary passed away. Her husband Vaughn called me and asked that the auxiliary bring up our wreath to the visitation and funeral. My daughter, Karen & I went and paid our respects to him and his family. She worked at PI for 29 years at night so she could not attend our meetings. Therefore, no one knew her. We draped the Charter at our meeting as well. Mt Horeb's auxiliary folded a few years ago as well as the Legion. However, the Legionnaires have rebuilt their membership again. Vaugh told me they have almost 100 members. They have coffee together on Saturday mornings. No Auxiliary though. Joe Hodgson's brother, Paul, is a member there.

March is the Legions Birthday. This is Nation wide – not just our local Legion.

Elvira Sarbacher is back at Milestone. I went to visit her and took a plant from the Unit. She is glad to be back in Cross Plains. We passed around a Get Well card at the meeting and Shelia took it to her mother for us.

Spring Conference is at Fennimore April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Tech College there. It is a nice facility – I was there years ago. Interested? Call me.

Please bring your sheets with the hours and donations you did for our veterans and community. It has been suggested that we go back to the 3 ring binder that we used to send around at the meetings. That can be done next year if you would like. We sent the form from Dept of WI Headquarters and I ran off a lot of them last fall. If you would like to go back to the binder, we can do that. If you aren't at the meetings regularly, you would just catch up when you are there. I thought we'd try what Dept was indicating and see how it would work. Katie Walsh Bratton said she'd get the info on her computer and send it off.

I announced at our meeting that I will be stepping down as your President after the June meeting. We will have election of officers in May, installation at the June meeting. July we do not meet because of the State Convention. New President and officers will take over at the August meeting. I will help all I can – I won't disappear. See you at the March meeting and the Pancake Breakfast.

For God and Country – Joan Runk

PS – Bob Holtz passed away – I understand there will be a celebration of his life at a later date.

PS – Check your National Auxiliary magazine on page 18. Cross Plains is on the map!

March Lunch Committee: Flo Bayer, Marilyn Sagmoen, Bernie Harrington

Auxiliary scholarships:

Scholarships are available from the American Legion Auxiliary Unit Post 245. The applicants need to have a member of the Auxiliary (not the Legion) as a sponsor in good standing to apply. Deadline to apply is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Also there are scholarships available on the state level for Children of Warriors, Non-Traditional Students and to high school seniors going on to college. Deadline to apply for these is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

All information can be obtained by calling Sandra Faust 219-7644 or emailing at [wbuschma@tds.net](mailto:wbuschma@tds.net).

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 March 16th.

Pancake Breakfast

Will be held from on Sunday March 19th. If you can come help with the Legion's fundraiser they would appreciate it. Looking for people to help from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM and then 10:30 AM to around 1:00 PM if you can. Finally if you are unable to work come down and enjoy the pancakes.

Ray Faust Scholarship

The Son's Of the American Legion Post 245 annually gives out a scholarship in memory of Ray Faust. Everyone in the surrounding area is eligible to apply for this scholarship. As always we encourage sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL members to apply. If you know any good candidates from the surrounding communities also encourage them to apply.

If you are interested in applying for the Ray Faust SAL Scholarship of \$500.00 please contact Ron Faust at 2129 Caesar St Cross Plains, WI 53528, 798-2292 or by e-mail [ronaldfaust@yahoo.com](mailto:ronaldfaust@yahoo.com). We would like all applications turned in by May 1st.

Sympathies to the Bob Holtz Family

Bob Holtz passed away on February 18th. Bob was long time member of our post. We will miss his support and his great humor. Our sympathies go out Richard, Ron and Randy along with all their family members.

Flags

If you need a flag please contact Rod Faust at 798-3535.