

***The 245er***  
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**CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION**

**Kerl-Endres-Brannan**

**Post 245**

**March 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	Herbert Niebuhr - Home	Sam Dalio – Waunakee Nursing Home
Ralph Schulenberg – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home	John Hill – Home

➔ I hope everyone will keep Tom Foseid and his family their prayers as we lost a good member; he will be missed by many.

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

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**Upcoming Events:**

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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 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)

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Gary Itten	608-225-4722
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Karen Runk	608-415-2001
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

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Veterans who are 64 years or younger and do not qualify as essential workers per the CDC definitions, can sign up for vaccine updates and indicate their vaccine interest at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). The hospital will continue to expand access as supply becomes available and is looking forward to vaccinating all enrolled Veterans who choose to be vaccinated. The Madison VA is also encouraging all veterans to ensure they have an accurate email and phone number on file with the Madison VA. Veterans can update their phone and email information by calling the hospital and updating their information through their eligibility staff at (608) 256 1901 x 17038.

Post 245 is at 86% in membership for this year, so if you haven't paid your dues yet please send them to Bill Statz, 7780 Martinsville Rd., Cross Plains, WI 53528.

We are still looking for someone to be in charge of the hospital rehab equipment, it is a very easy job and doesn't take much of your time. Rodney (Peanuts) Esser has agreed to still be an assistant. If interested, give me a call to find out what the job is about.

As of this time there will be a regular legion meeting on March 18th at 6:30 P.M., and there will be an Executive Board meeting at 5:30 P.M.

Stay Safe and Healthy  
Gary Itten, Commander, Post 245

## American Legion Post 245 Flag Scholarship

American Legion Post 245 has decided to add 2 more scholarships from it's Flag program. These scholarships will be for \$1,000 and will go to any student that meets certain requirements. The student can be looking to attend a 4 year or 2 year college.

You may contact Ed Pelowski at 608-798-4253 or Pat Andreoni at 608-798-3844 to get an application form. If not answer please leave your name and number and someone will get back to you. This is open to everyone in the surrounding area to apply. We will be accepting applications till Tuesday, May 1, 2021.

Sponsored by Cross Plains-Middleton American Legion 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.

## Auxiliary Newsletter

President Karen Runk

*HAPPY 102<sup>ND</sup> BIRTHDAY TO THE AMERICAN LEGION!!*

On March 15<sup>th</sup> the American Legion was formed in Paris following WWI. The history is amazing, and the journey has been incredible. Encourage your service men and women to join the family! Veterans gain additional support and resources to assist them in their transition to civilian life and beyond.

*PURPLE UP, FOR MILITARY CHILDREN APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>!!*

April is Military Children's month, with Purple Up observed on April 16<sup>th</sup>. It's purple because it represents the mixture of all military branch colors! Thank goodness the branches standardized to blue or red, otherwise we would have a Brown day...eewwwh! We are having a fantastic time preparing activity packs for our 245, active duty military children!! Did you know that we have 17 of them?? We recognize that deployment is difficult for families and children don't necessarily understand the lengthy absence of their mom, dad, brother or sister. Join us on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30om at the Legion hall for the backpack assembly. Masks and social distance required to

attend!! THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED, SHOPPED AND WILL ASSEMBLE THE ACTIVITY PACKS!! Many hands made this easy and fun to do for our extended 245 legion families.

#### *AUXILIARY MARCH MEETING*

We will have a ZOOM meeting on March 18th!! It sounds scary to those who are not computer wizards, but ZOOM allows a simple phone call into the meeting too. Try it!! The worst that can happen is that you can't see us and you will have to call the telephone number on the invitation. You can join from your smartphone if you have enough data on your cellular plan. I will forward the meeting invite and will email a reminder and the meeting agenda to you the week of our meeting.

We will need to wrap up 2020 reporting of hours, donations and miles. Please submit your 2020/21 volunteer and donation information to Kate Walsh-Bratton by March 15th. Also in March, we will be accepting nominations for unit officers. If you are interested in being an officer or have a nomination for office, please let me know before or at the March meeting. The plan is to receive officer nominations in March/April, then vote and install officers no later than our May meeting.

#### *Still Clipp'n those Coupons*

We are still collecting at Ann Eicher's house (2004 Julius Street)!! Please continue to separate product coupons into food and non-food, and seal them in a plastic bag to keep them dry. Coupons can be expired up to 6 months. No store coupons can be sent. My plan is to mail them in March & again in May.

#### *115th Fighter Wing Mail Call*

Keep writing those letters and WI postcards for our 115<sup>th</sup> FW. Children, grandchildren, Legionnaires, all are encouraged to participate. Mail call to deployed military is priceless for the recipients. Please join me in writing to our brave airguards!! Seal cards in a plastic bag and drop in the coupon basket at Ann Eicher's house for me to pick up (2004 Julius Street).

#### MARCH EVENTS & REMINDERS

MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup> - ALA 245 ZOOM MEETING @ 7pm

If you do not have a computer: phone# 16465588656; meeting number 97983386171#; code number 510125#. Others with computers, watch for your email invitation!!

MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> – PURPLE UP @ 6:30pm

MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup> - DANE COUNTY TELECONFERENCE MEETING @ 7pm (425-436-6313; meeting 6736901#)

MID WINTER @ HO-CHUNK: Postponed until May 6-9, 2021

#### Auxiliary scholarship:

We are proud to offer a scholarship for 2021 that is newly named the Ginny Faust Scholarship for the Auxiliary Unit 245 in Cross Plains. To request a scholarship application, please contact Sandra Faust at [wbushma@gmail.com](mailto:wbushma@gmail.com) or you can call or text 608-219-7644. All scholarship applications need to be received by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. You can also send information to Sandra Faust, 1613 Main St, Cross Plains, WI 53528.

Eligibility requirements are:

The recipient must be a son, daughter, step-son, step-daughter, grandchild or step-grandchild, niece or nephew of a member of the Kerl-Endres-Brannan Unit 245 American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Wisconsin. The applicant must be a senior in high school or homeschooled with a 3.0 (or higher) grade point average (G.P.A.) on a 4.0 G.P.A. base.

#### **Son's of The American Legion**

##### Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be canceled because of Covid-19.

**Kevin Boehnen**

### 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, 608 225 7281 or by e-mail [ronaldfaust@reagan.com](mailto:ronaldfaust@reagan.com). We would like all applications turned in by May 1st.

### Flags

If you need a flag please contact Rod Faust at 608 576 4803.