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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

March 2023

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 Tim Engling

Paul Dull – Nursing Home

Ralph Schulenberg – Home

Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

Dennis Powell – Home

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

Upcoming Events:

March	02 Lions Club	April	06 Lions Club
	04 Bill May Memorial		09 Nancy Yeager Easter
	11 Deb Cutler Board Games		20 Legion, SAL, Aux mtg
	16 Legion, SAL, Aux mtg		25 Model T Club
	19 Manderino Anniversary Party		
	28 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.

HALL RENTAL: Notice to all members. There is a special rental rate for the use of the building to members. If you would like to inquire about renting the hall, please contact Katy Ripp at americanlegioncp@gmail.com. Look for updated information coming to www.americanlegioncp.org soon.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplain Tim Engling at 312-317-0034 or e-mail timengling@gmail.com

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Deb Niebuhr	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

Commander's Message

Steve Zanon

Hello everyone and here's hoping March comes in and goes out like a lamb.

We had an abbreviated meeting in February. I thank the people who came out during the snowfall to attend, and also the people who wisely chose to stay home and safe. Without a great premeditated meal plan, our friend Whitey stepped up to take charge in the kitchen and we had DIY burrito night. Thank you Whitey!

A couple days later we had our district 3 holiday party and legion members and families from around the state showed up in force for the great meal put on by the 245 SAL, Therapy dog presentation, and meeting in the basement. Thank you to everyone involved in making this a huge success, I heard great feedback about our people and facilities.

One astute attendee noticed our Memorial flag detached from its lower grommet, and Ed Pelowsky came out to fix this. Thanks Ed.

The 54th annual Youth Government day is just around the corner in mid March, and thanks to the leadership of Shirley Kubiak of Waunakee, Joe Hodgson and Bill Statz, we are expecting a big group of kids from Middleton and other outlying areas to attend downtown Madison field trip to see the workings of county government including the register of deeds, treasurer, veteran's service office and Sheriff's presentation.

I have been contacted by Barbara Paul of the Wisconsin Daughters of the War of 1812. She kindly offered to have some of their children present pins to our veterans of the Vietnam Conflict. This will take place at our April dinner meeting to commemorate the fifty year anniversary of this which is on 30 March. Attendance isn't mandatory to receive a pin, but we will call Vietnam veterans to the front of the room so the kids can show their gratitude.

Thanks also to Joe Hodgson's initiative, Dan Conray of the Dane county veteran's service office will be in attendance in April as well to discuss veteran's expanded benefits and field questions from vets and families.

The last page of the newsletter is the invitation to this years Spring conference badly copied and pasted by yours truly for your attention.

See you soon,
Steve Zanon, Commander, Post 245

Post Service Update – Joe Hodgson

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is now providing additional health care and benefits for generations of toxic exposed veterans and their survivors. This law passed in 2022 is known as the PACT Act. It expands health care to many groups of veterans who were not previously eligible. Veterans who already receive health care, benefits or compensation for a service-connected condition will not have their claims re-adjudicated because they file for the PACT Act.

If you file a PACT Act benefits claim between now and August 10, 2023 you may receive benefits paid back to August 10, 2022 (the day the bill was signed into law.)

March Dinner Menu:

Corned Beef and Cabbage.

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 February 16, 2023

The executive meeting was held with 6 members present and only 2 more members came for the regular meeting. Because of the snow storm it was decided to skip a regular meeting after we had something to eat and adjourn for the night.

Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Debby Niebuhr

HI! As I write this we are sitting cozy inside as the sleet/snow does it's thing.

I wish to THANK everyone who helped make the District 3 Holiday Party we hosted a success. From the SAL and their tasty meal to the Auxiliary members who donated yummy desserts and the wonderful people who attended and presented.

We hope you will be able to attend our March 16th meeting. They'll have corned beef and cabbage for dinner to help start the St. Patrick's Day celebration. The Auxiliary has a lot to accomplish at our March meeting. We have a very busy April coming up. I believe we are providing the April meal; will have guests and we will be finalizing the Purple Up Project. Delivery to the schools is scheduled for April 13th.

If you wish to donate items for the Purple Up Project, please bring them to the meeting. We will have to pick a date to pack the bags up with all the goodies.

The Spring Conference will be held at the Waunakee Post 360 on April 22nd. More details to follow, next month.

OH, Our Post may be doing the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser in April, look for my email asking for workers. Maybe next year we'll be doing the Pancake Breakfast.

I can't wait to see everyone at the March meeting.

Auxiliary Scholarship – Sandra Faust

Virginia Faust Scholarship is available, please contact Sandra Faust at 608-219-7644 or email at wbuschma@gmail.com to request scholarship information. There are also scholarships available through the state, I can help if you have questions.

Lunch committee: Jane Itten

Marilyn Sagmoen, Bernie Harrington, Judy Eisner. I am in NV and Luann Foseid will be covering for me. Any questions, call me 608.712.3133.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on March 16th

Flags

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

SAL Dues

We are still at 116 members as of the end of February. 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.

The State of Wisconsin SAL has challenged us to get to 122 members for this membership year. We need to find six more members to meet their challenge. If you know of anyone who is interested call me at 608 798 2113 or email me at kaboehnen@chorus.net.

3rd District Holiday Party

The SAL cooked for this event on February 18th. Thank you to these individuals for helping make this event successful. They are Mike Greaney, Tom Hellickson, Steve (Whitey) and Patti Hillebrand, Paul Lochner, Dave Maier, Brad Niebuhr, Ed Zander and myself. We would also like to thank the Auxiliary for providing the desserts. We received many compliments from other Posts that attended the event.

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. We would like all applications turned in by May 1st.

St Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast

I was notified that there will be no St Patrick's Day Pancake breakfast this year.

The American Legion Family

Third District 2023 Spring Conference

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Invitation and Reservation

Saturday, April 22, 2023

American Legion Post 360

417 E. Main St, Waunakee, WI 53597

Registration 8am – 8:45am / Call to Order at 9am

Conference Chairpersons: Dave Barman and Joyce Endres

Lunch Menu: Hot Turkey and Ham Sandwiches and Salads

Cookies/Bars, Coffee, Milk and Water

Cost: \$10.00/person - Reservation Deadline: Friday, April 14, 2023

Detach and mail

Lunch Reservations and money are due April 14, 2023. Send by mail only – please no phone calls

Send lunch reservation and check made payable to ALA Unit 360 to:

Carol Endres, 424 Nightingale LN, Cottage Grove, WI 53527-9147

Post/Unit Number _____ Post/Unit Name:

Number of Lunch Reservations @ \$10.00 = \$ _____ (do not include registration fee with lunch reservation)

Number of Lunches Reserved: Unit _____ Post _____

List Auxiliary Member Name(s): List Legionnaire Name(s):
