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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

March 2024

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

Pete Cerniglia – Home

Dennis Powell – Hospital / Home

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

Upcoming Events:

March

07 Lions Club

14 100 Year Anniversary meeting

17 Pancake Breakfast

21 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary meeting

26 Model T Club

April

04 Lions Club

11 100 Year Anniversary meeting

18 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary meeting

30 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 Christie Zanon at americanlegioncp@gmail.com.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: If you are in need of medical equipment, the Legion has some on hand. Please contact Dennis Heiliger at 608-798-2301. Leave message if no answer and he'll get back to you.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplain Tim Engling at 312-371-0034 or e-mail timengling@gmail.com

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

Steve Zanon 608-213-9530
Deb Niebuhr 608-445-6590
Kevin Boehnen 608-798-2113

Post, Auxiliary & S.A.L meetings Third Thursday of month: Social hour 6pm; Dinner 6:30pm; Meeting 7:30pm
Executive Board Meeting: Third Thursday of the Month 5:30pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message

Steve Zanon

Greetings American Legion Post 245 family.

We arrived back in Middleton in late February after travelling around the South for a bit and found that summer had already arrived here so that was a nice surprise, I guess.

I am told that the February Draw down was a huge success thanks to Bill Statz and a large number of hard-working volunteers. The Midwinter Conference too went as scheduled in La Crosse, and was well attended with committee meetings, classes, and presentations by candidates for the offices of Department Vice Commander and Department Sargeant at arms. Jerry Hook is seeking Dept Vice Commander, and in January we voted to support his candidacy during our post meeting.

Emily Cash, our First Vice, and Membership Committee Chairperson is away in Alabama attending a military school currently, and while her responsibilities are very taxing, she reports she is doing well. She asks that I remind everyone that it looks as if Membership dues will be increasing to \$45.00 this year. There will be more about this during the March meeting.

During March too, we will have a guest speaker present to report about the American Legion's efforts to bring home veterans missing in action.

Doug Deaton reminds us that the Pancake breakfast at our post will be on March 17th and there is need for volunteers. 608 370-2269 or casliti@gmail.com.

Remember too that in March we will be addressing nominations for leadership positions in the post in order to vote leaders in April. Please bring your input, it looks to be a busy and productive meeting. If that weren't enough, it is corned beef and cabbage time again so if you are like me, you will wear your slacks with the elastic waistband.

See you all soon,
Thank you,
Steve Zanon, Commander, Post 245

Chaplain's message:

Tim Engling

Lee Mayrack, our finance officer, is dealing with lung cancer. John Hill is having issues with his kidneys. We hope for healing and recovery.

Last month, the post held a remembrance of Jim Lund, sponsored by Pat Andreoni.

Rev. Frank Carr, the National Chaplain of the American Legion, just gave the guest chaplain prayer, opening the Senate on February 27, 2024.

Note from Dan Cady:

Dear Comrades

There are still a lot of volunteer positions available. Please think about volunteering for one or more of these positions

1. Flag route organizer
2. Memorial maintenance
3. Janitor of legion grounds and hall (checking and getting things repaired)
4. Firing Squad for funerals when Available. Contact Dick Zwettler 608 798 2338
5. Person or Persons to Know all the steps of running internet system. (To be able to answer questions for those that rent hall can do Videos etc.

Contacts

Dan Cady 608 438 2987
Deb Niebuhr 608 445 6590
Steve Zanon 608 213 9530

Election for officers

Post 245 will have elections of officers on April 18th. There will be nominations of officers at our March 21st meeting. The installation of the new officers will be held at our May 16th meeting.

The following elective positions are open for nominations: Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Adjutant, Finance Chaplain, Service Officer, Historian, Judge Advocate, and 2 Sergeant of Arms. These positions are for 2 years.

If you are interested in any of these positions please attend the March 21st meeting. If you cannot make this meeting and would like to be nominated for any of the positions listed above let me know or any committee members listed below. We would like to see some new faces step up and be an officer.

Chairman: Gary Itten, 608-225-4722, gijacondo@gmail.com
Member: Ed Pelowsky, 608-798-4253, edcarol@tds.net
Member: Bill Diebold, 608-225-4917, vbdiebold@charter.net

Gary Itten, Chairman

Information from Bill Statz:

1) The Draw Down Raffle was held Feb 10th, SOLD OUT! Total of 250 tickets were sold @ \$50, so gross income was \$12,500. Total prizes paid out \$5,199 = \$7,301 revenue. Then deduct expenses for groceries, printing, and etc, for net profit. Lee will have those numbers in the financial report at the meeting. Thank you to all who sold tickets, great job! Thank you to all who helped at the event, from set up through take down. Way too many to list here! Except, special thanks to Doug and Judy Deaton, and Deb Niehbur for doing the meal, salads and desert. Also kitchen help for meal prep, and a host of volunteers for serving and clean-up. Thank you Auxiliary and SAL for your parts during the Drawing.

2) Mark your calendars for the March 21st monthly Post 245 meeting. We will have a presentation at 7pm by Charles Konsitzke, Team Lead, UW MIA Recovery and Identification Project. The team's primary focus is on our Wisconsin missing, totaling a little over 1500 at the moment. We start our Legion meetings with the MIA/POW

Empty Chair ceremony, so it is very fitting that we learn about the mission of this Project. Hope to see you all at the March meeting!

3) American Legion Dane County Youth Government Day is planned for April 18th. This is an all day field trip for students to learn about County government. Each of the 3 Middle Schools we support, Glacier Creek MS, St Francis Xavier School, and Kromrey MS, will be sending 8-12 students each, plus teacher(s). Post 245 provides bus transportation, along with box lunches for all students, teachers, and chaperones. Calling for Legion volunteers to chaperone each school. Call Bill Statz, (608) 577-4002

Bill

Couple of items from Doug Deaton:

Drawdown meal note:

A huge thank you to everyone that helped with the drawdown meal. I can't mention everyone by name, but I hope you know you are appreciated. Thanks to all of you the meal went very well.

St Patrick's Day Breakfast.

March 17th is fast approaching. We can still use helpers for making and serving pancakes and French toast (maybe for that day it should be Irish toast). If you can help please be at the hall bright and early by 7:30 am. We will find a job for you.

Thanks

Doug Deaton

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 Debby Niebuhr

Hello everyone! Our March meeting will be March 21st. Come enjoy the Corned Beef and cabbage meal and the fellowship.

OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER WILL BE HELD AT OUR LEGION HALL ON MARCH 17TH, FROM 8:00AM TIL 12:30PM. Spread the word and be sure to join us for this St. Patrick's Day celebration.

We will be packing the Purple Up Bags on Monday, March 25th at 6:30pm at our Legion Hall. It's a fun project. Please join us.

WE WILL BE TAKING NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR'S OFFICERS. PLEASE CONSIDER TAKING A TURN AT THIS. We are looking for a Vice-President, which entails 2 years followed by 2 years of being President. It's fairly easy, the time goes by quickly. If you are interested in being our Chaplain, Treasurer or Secretary please let us know. At our March meeting we will be taking nominations from the floor. The Elections take place at our April meeting with the Installation ceremony at our May meeting. If we all take our turn, it helps keep the organization going and new blood is always good. Just take a look at all the Past Presidents pictures in the entry way. Looks like everyone did take their turn back then. If you are not ready to take a turn, try to sign-up a new member who might have the desire to step up and share their leadership skills. The Lord doesn't call the qualified as much as HE qualifies the called. You don't have to be perfect as we are a family and we all have our strengths and weaknesses. I've enjoyed the teamwork spirit. You've accepted me as President and made my term very easy, even tho I'm not so good with the Robert's Rules of Order. We still got the job done.

We will have sign up sheets for the salads for our April meeting as it is the Auxiliary's turn at providing the meal. ALSO, we will need salads and desserts for the Dane County meeting we host the 4th Thursday of May. (May 23rd)

PLEASE sign up to join us Saturday, April 20th for the 3rd District 2024 Spring Conference in Fennimore, WI. We can carpool. The registration is from 8-8:45am with the program starting at 9am. We can leave before or after lunch or stay for the afternoon activities which should conclude between 2 & 3pm. The morning promises to be impressive. Karen Runk our CP Auxiliary member and the District 3 President has put a lot of work into making this a memorable Conference. We had 5 of our members attend last year's Spring Conference and they really enjoyed it. We'd like to get your reservation in by the end of March.

The William S. Middleton Veterans Hospital in Madison now has a food pantry for the veterans being discharged from the hospital. I will provide a list of the suggested food items at our March meeting. If you can't make the meeting but would like to donate, please email me at dniebuhr@chorus.net and I will be happy to provide you with the information.

Lunch committee: Jane Itten

Marilyn Sagmoen. Bernie Harrington Judy Eisner. Mary Fitzsimons. Any question please call Jane Itten 608 712 3133.

Auxiliary Scholarship – Sandra Faust

Scholarships are available on the state level until March 1st. They can be accessed through the state website. If you need help accessing it, let me know. You can apply for the Virginia Faust Scholarship through me at wbuschma@gmail.com or call 1-6082197644 and ask for me, Sandra Faust. Deadline for the Virginia Faust Scholarship is May 1st.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on March 21st

Flags

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

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.

24th Annual Draw Down Raffle

Was held on February 10th Thanks to Steve (Whitey) Hillebrand, Rod Faust, Noel Sarbacker, Tom Hellickson, Mike Greaney Todd Duquette, Brad Niebuhr and Kevin Boehnen for working and making this event successful.

St Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast

Will be held on March 17th. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There are two shifts for working this event:

- 7:30 AM 10:30 AM Need people to make Pancakes and French Toast in the kitchen. Along with people to serve the food, wash dishes, cleaning tables and serving coffee
- 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM Need people to make Pancakes and French Toast in the kitchen. Along with people to serve the food, wash dishes, cleaning tables, serving coffee and clean up

In the past the SAL has played a big role in helping in the kitchen. If you can help contact Judi or Doug at 608 370 2269 or by email at casliti@gmail.com.

SAL Dues

We are still at 120 members as of the end of January. 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. If you know of anyone who is interested call me at 608 798 2113 or email me at kabohnen@chorus.net.