

The 245er
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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

Kerl-Endres-Brannan

Post 245

May 2016

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.

Uno Rentmeister - 06/01/2015
Leo Jenness - 01/11/2016

Mike Esser - 08/06/2015
Curt Faust - 02/29/2016

Philip Zander - 9/28/2015
George Weitzel - 04/20/2016

Post 245 Sick Call

Richard Williamson – Home
Carl Lochner – Home
Sam Dalio – Home

Lauri Coulson – Home
Dan Meier – Home
John Helleckson – Home

Chaplin Pat Andreoni
Bot Holtz – Home
Allen Ripp – Home
Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems at this time. 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.

Upcoming Events:

May
03 4H Club
04 Village Meeting
05 Lion's Club
07 Esser Birthday Party
11 HSA meeting
12 Pack 87
15 Norm Esser
19 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg
21 Noble Baby Shower
28 Hilltop
31 Model T Club

June
02 Lion's Club
04 Herkert Wedding
06 Golf Outing
06 Iron Horse Band
07 4H Club
16 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg
18 Walgren Graduation
25 Sphan Anniversary
27 Executive Meeting
28 Model T Club

Need to include something in the Newsletter? Please email Carol Yttri at 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 Diane Krieger at 608-669-4080 or by e-mail dianelkrieger@charter.net.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Pat Andreoni at 798-3844 or e-mail jpandreo@aol.com

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

JOHN HILL 513-4776
JOAN RUNK 798-1416
KEVIN BOEHNEN 798-2113

Post, Auxiliary and S.A.L meetings: Dinner 6:30pm; Meetings 7:30pm; Third Thursday of Month
Executive Board Meeting: Last Monday of Month 6:00pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message

John Hill

It has been my privilege to be the Commander of Post 245 for the last 2 years. Thanks to everyone that helped me. Thanks to Dan Cady for taking over as Commander again.

Memorial Day is approaching fast. Our festivities will be the same as in the past with breakfast at the Post early, then go to cemeteries and pay tribute to our fallen comrades. Parade at 11:00 and ceremony following.

May 2016 marks 150 years of honoring Memorial Day. It is an especially ideal time to remember all the Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice over the past 241 years.

The next meeting will be May 19th. There will be no Executive meeting as the last Monday is Memorial Day.

Yours inComradeship,
John Hill

Note from Dan Cady:

Thank you to our metal recyclers, workers and donors. Bud Schroeder is looking down on us and smiling that his program is moving forward. If you would like to help with the metal, please feel free to call me and I will put you on the list.

It is time for the Flag Program to start again on Memorial Day, If you would be interested in helping post flags at businesses and homes please call. We know everyone is not always available every holiday but maybe once or twice. Thank you to the six crews we now have.

The SAL will be cooking at the May meeting again this year, a big thanks for the support they continually give, the Legion.

Thank you to our fabulous Aux. – always there when asked.

JUNE 6th is the annual golf outing fundraiser, if you can golf, help or support please call me at 608 798 2352 or cell 608 438 2987. Workers needed to help serve the meal around 4:30 or 5 pm. (this is on Monday night).

Installation of Officers for the 2016-17 year will be installed at the May meeting. Thanks ahead of time to Joe Hodgson for doing the installation, and A big thanks to the Legionnaires that are willing to be officers again or new ones. We will be needing other members to be willing to keep this Post alive and active soon as some of the officers have been stepping up for a lot of years. We need your ideas and help. Our Comrades that have served since Viet Nam to the present need support as all previous Veterans have had.

If you know a veteran that is not a member please bring them to a meeting or invite them to come spend Memorial Day with us. Breakfast, Cemeteries, parade, program etc.

Yours in Comradeship

Dan Cady

608 438 2987

Memorial Day Note from Bill Statz:

ATTENTION: March or Ride in the Memorial Day Parade.

To March with the Legion, Auxiliary or SAL units, be at Park School by 10:55 when we fall in.

To Ride: We will have a float/wagon for senior members of the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL, or any member who cannot march due to physical limitations, etc.

Load up either at the Legion parking lot at 10:30am, or at Park School at 10:45-11:00am when parade starts. The wagon has easy access with stairs, and pulled by a vehicle, no horses this year.

REGULAR MEETING April 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Commander Hill at 7:30 PM

Jerry Boehen made motion to accept the minutes from the March meeting as printed in the 245er. 2nd by Dave Vidlock. Passed.

There was no Executive Meeting in March due to the Easter Holidays.

Frank Ghost was introduced as a new member to the Post.

Finance – Report was handed out and reviewed. Total funds available as of April report is \$108,674.53. Motion by Joe Hodgson to accept the report subject to Audit. 2nd by Dick Cashwell. Passed.

Chaplain – Let him know of anyone ill or recovering. Plans are moving forward for Memorial Day.

SAL – Kevin gave report on Activities and those who have helped out. See Kevin's report in the 245er for details.

1st Vice - We are at 224 paid. There are still 13 who have not paid.

2nd Vice – NR

Americanism – NR

Children & Youth – NR

Public Relations – NR

Community Service - Dave Vidlock thanked the following Business who donated metal to our recycling program. Kalscheur Dodge, Seamen lumber, CP heating & Cooling and Fred Ballweg Dairy Farm. Dave thanked the following for help in collecting and hauling the recycleables: Jim Yttri, Stan Nonn, Bill Seamen, Dan Cady, Geno Schmidt, Whitey Hillenbrand, Ed Pelowsky.

Post Service – Report given on Denise Rohan’s fund raiser.

New Business – Commander read Thank you from Denise Rohan. Ed Pelowsky brought up giving the family of Buddy Schroeder Flags to honor what Buddy had done for the Post through his 70 years as a Legion member. Motion was made by Ed to donate 4 flags to the family subject to their approval. 2nd by Dennis Hiliger. Passed Tom Fosied stated he will make cases for the flags.

Commander Hill advised Culvers will be donating 10% of their sales to Veteran Causes April 27th. Sales between 4 PM to 10 PM will be counted for the 10% donation.

Joe Hodgson made a motion to donate \$100 to the Chaple on the Pines project. 2nd by Geno Schmitz. Passed.

Good of the Legion - Bill Statz has a wagon set up for Memorial Day. This will be for those members who are not able to march in the parade. Leave Bill know if you are interested in riding the wagon.

Golf outing will be June 6th at Barniveld starting at 11 AM. Cost is \$70. Includes golf, dinner at the Post after words and a drink. See Dan Cady to sign up.

Nomination for Officers took Place with the election following. The Nominations were as follows:

Dan Cady for Commander, 1st Vice, Bill Statz, 2nd Vice Howard Hill, 3rd Vice Geno Schmitz, Adjutant Ed Pelowsky, Finance Officer Lee Mayrack, Chaplin Pat Andreoni, Service officer Joe Hodgson, Historian Tom Foseid. Judge Advocate Frank Bayer, Sergeant at Arms Dick Zwettler, Sergeant at Arms Brian Martens. Motion by Frank Kooistra to accept the nominations as listed . 2nd by Frank Ghost. Passed.

These Officers will be sworn in at the May meeting.

50-50 Tom Foseid
Kitty – Don Vanaman
Brandy – Howard Hill

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Pelowsky, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Joan Runk

Hope you had a Happy Mother’s Day. Ladies, it’s been a couple of very busy weeks. Reports are in and Ginny Faust, Karen (my daughter) and I attended the 3rd District Spring Conference last Saturday, (4/23/16). Then, this week I attended the Dane County meeting at Waunakee with Lou and Ben Hodgson from Mazomanie. I had a great time with Lou. She’s such a nice lady! They picked me up and we had a nice chat traveling.

I must tell you all, I am so very proud of all of you! Whenever I need help you’re there. Our meetings are well attended. Sometimes I think we have a small crowd but other units I have heard are not well attended at all. Larger cities & villages too.

May 14th is Poppy Day in Cross Plains. We have ladies scheduled but if you would like to help – b at the Pic at 9:00am till noon and then 12:00 to 3:00. Any questions, call Shelia Luhman, our Poppy Chair. Many thanks to Elvira Sarbacker, Doris Maier and others who stuffed the envelopes with Poppies to put in with the newsletter.

May 26th, the Dane County meeting will be held at Cross Plains. Our Unit is responsible for the lunch. We have our menu planned. We will need to have a good representation of our Unit there to help make sandwiches and serve. We need you to stay and attend the meeting if you can. **They are asking us to have a bake sale available before the meeting. Please help!!** This replaces the auctions they used to have. Lunch is served at 6:30 – meeting at 7:15.

May 30th is Memorial Day – meet at the Post for breakfast at 7:00am. We go to 6 cemeteries at 8:00am and back to the Post to get ready for the Parade at 11:00 start time. Plan to stay for the program in front of the memorial at the Post. Chicken BBQ served afterwards on the grounds by the Chamber of Commerce.

Carol Yttri, Deb Niebuhr and I will be reading to the youngsters at the Library on May 31st, June 2nd, June 7th and June 9th. I set this up with Catherine at the library. She is very excited because she normally visits the schools during this time and usually has to shut down. Shi is excited that we are doing this.

We received our tickets for the World's Fair at the April meeting. Oh, we collected \$49 and odd cents in penny's for the "Penny War" being conducted by the 3rd District. We took them to the conference last week at Waunakee. They had a huge response.

Our sympathy to George Weitzel's family who passed away and his funeral was 4/30/16. Our Legionnaires did a fine job. Flo Bayer, Carol Zwettler and I attended the mass.

Joyce Clampitt is having knee surgery this month.

Donna Juris, a past president or our auxiliary is at a nursing home in Wyocena. I received this news at the Dane County meeting.

Madison VA Hospital is requesting baby items for female veterans. Will talk about it at our May meeting.

Also we will have our Sgt of Arms, Shelia Luhman and Cheryl Kelter organize us girls for the Parade. They will be in charge. Dress is white polo shirts with collars and navy slacks or dark nave jeans are also okay. No faded jeans or ones with holes in them.

See you at the meeting and be in the know. Freedom is not free.

Note from Ginny:

Check out these interesting stories in your May issue of the ALA. PG.10. Community Service stands out on college applications. Pg. 13 on Memorial Day. PG.26, Breaking down Stereotypes. Pg. 44 Exercising Our Right to Influence Government. These are only some of the most interesting articles you can find in this free magazine you receive on a monthly basis by paying your dues. Past Pres. Ginny Faust

May Lunch Committee: Ann Eicher, Darlene Schulenberg, Berdella Lowenberg, and Mary Jones

Auxiliary Emergency Fund

When our member's experience a disaster such as a fire, flood devastating illness or loss of a family & there is no time for advance preparation. The Auxiliary Emergency Fund(AEF) was established to help American Legion Auxiliary members in their time of need. Contact LaVon Schurman American Legion Auxiliary Department Chair. H:608-996-2575. Email: rumrunner@tds.net or Virginia Faust 225-7219. Email vafaust11@yahoo.com

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 May 19th. We will be providing a Steak Dinner for our Post 245 family. If you are able to help cook, wash dishes or clean up the kitchen it would be appreciated.

SAL Appreciation and Last Man Club event was held on April 9th

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this event successful. We were able to hold our event with special activities that raised money for Bobby Rogers.

Memorial Day May 30th

We hope to see many members observe this holiday. Breakfast will be served at the Legion Hall, visit to Cemeteries to start with. Will be meeting at 10:45 AM to march in the parade and participating in the Memorial Day Program.

World's Fair will be a Saturday and Sunday on June 25th and 26th

If you can help out please sign up when contacting. If you have not been contacted, let Randy Briske know and he will have someone contact you. I will be getting the World's Fair tickets out they are \$5.00 a piece of 5 for \$20.00. There will be a early bird drawing on May 30th at 4:00 PM for \$200.00. Please step up an help if you can.

Flags

If you need a flag you can give Rod Faust a call at 798-3535.