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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

May 2018

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

Chaplin Pat Andreoni

Richard Williamson – Home	Paul Dull – Home	Mark Pertzborn – Home
Dan Meier – Home	Allen Ripp – Home	Sam Dalio – Home
John Helleckson – Home	Bob Luhman – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
Joe Hogdson – Home	Richard Brill – Waunakee	Norbert Statz – Fountainhead Homes

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems as we go thru these summer months. 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 Lions Club	June	01 Robin Franzen
	03 Women’s Self Defense Class		02 Mazayik
	10 Utter Rental		04 Legion Golf Outing
	17 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg		07 Lions Club
	19 Kuehn Rental		09 Ann Sullivan
	21 Cross Plains EMS		09 Keith White
	29 Model T Club		11 Iron Horse Coronet Band
			21 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg
			23 Graduation Party
			24 Darcy Middleton
			26 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 Howard Hill at 608-977-2105 or email hillrdkng2112@hotmail.com

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Ed Pelowsky	798-4253
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Carol Yttri	798-4950
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

Commander's Message**Ed Pelowsky**

As I write this I am looking out at some very nice Spring weather. It is finally here so start enjoying it.

Our May meeting will be the installation of Officers. We are still looking for a 3rd Vice. This position is considered our Facilities Manager. This doesn't mean you have to be the repair person. Just need to know what needs to be done and contact someone who does. If there is anyone interested please contact me.

For those who bartend at various doings. Make sure all liquor, beer, wine purchases go through our 2nd Vice, Howard Hill. When we purchase through retail establishments it reduces our bar income.

May is the month we honor all the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms we have. Memorial Day is the specific day we give a full salute to those who gave everything. We will start the day by putting out flags and then will be going to the various local cemetery's to provide honors for those lying in rest there. This will be followed by the parade and program. I hope to see a lot of you there.

Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Memorial Day parade info:

We will again have the float/wagon to ride. Seats 30, so room for all Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL who aren't able to march. Load up at the Legion at 10:40, we then drive to Park School (start of parade route). Or, load up at Park School until start of parade at 11:00.

We invite all able Legionnaires to march in the parade with the Legion unit. Meet at Park School, parade steps off at 11:00. Uniform not required, but if you can, wear a white shirt, grey slacks, black shoes, and Legion cap. A Legion baseball cap, or other "veteran" cap can work also.

Hope to see you at the parade, either march or ride!

Bill Statz

1st Vice Commander

CP Legion Golf Outing:

Good Day,

It is time again for annual Cross Plains American Legion Golf Outing. Mark June 4, 2018 on your calendar and give me a call to participate in this fun event.

If you don't golf but can help either at the course or for the meal at the Clubhouse.

Call me 608 438 2987

Dan Cady

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 April 19, 2018

Minutes from March meeting printed in April bulletin approved. Gerry Boehnen motion, Howard Hill 2nd.

Executive minutes read, Motion to approve Emily Cash 2nd Geno Schmitz.

Finance report distributed, explained and motion Gerry Boehnen and 2nd Frank Kooistra to accept subject to Audit.

Chaplain report: Funeral for Carl Lochner, good turnout of Legionnaires, Sick call report Dick Williamson, Joe Hodgson, Mark Pertzborn, Norbert Statz, Ken Saeman Steve Dodge please contact Chaplain Pat if you know of any one on sick call.

Membership: 205 paid; working on collecting dues from 25 unpaid. If you don't have a 2018 Legion card, you probably still owe dues, please forward to Bill Statz. We want you as members and need your support.

2nd Vice Report: Rentals for Hall coming in. Have had some nice groups as of late.

SAL: Membership at 100% 117, SAL helped at Pancake Breakfast, will be cooking the May meeting meal. Steaks are on the menu. Thanks to SAL for all of their support.

April 21, 2018, there was an Honor Flight, Tom Stout, a Viet Nam vet was on the flight, If there was anyone else from our post on the flight, please let Ed or Pat Andreoni know.

On May 12 there will be several Members on another Honor Flight. Let's welcome them home if you are available that night about 9:00 pm.

3rd Vice: No Report

Americanism: Everything taken care of for 2018

Children & Youth: No Report

Athletic: Up coming Legion Golf Outing: Contact Dan Cady if interested in participating. It will be the first Monday of June (June 4, 2018)

Old Business: 4 Applications for Scholarship that will be judged by the Post

New Business: Nominations for 2018-2019 Officers: Some offices open, please if interested or person that would be good please step forward.

Kitty: 19.90 won by Ted Kragjowski
50-50 Geno Schmitz \$9.00
Brandy Bill Statz

Meeting adjourned 8:02 pm
Submitted: by Dan Cady

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Carol Yttri

May is here and it's a busy month for us. We held the women's self-defense class. Kate Walsh-Bratton, Ann Eicher and Debby Niebuhr did a great job getting this organized. What a wonderful community event.

May is also the month of the poppy. National Poppy Day is Friday, May 25th this year. Distributing poppies has been part of the ALA since the 1920's. Please support the veterans by donating towards the poppies. We will have donations canisters out and will be at the Piggly Wiggly (and hopefully a couple of other places) on May 19th. If you can spare a couple of hours that day, please contact Karen Runk (608-415-2001) or Sheila Luhman (214-500-7656). We will also distribute at Memorial Day. Also, thanks to Sheila for coordinating this effort every year and to Karen for helping with the organization of distribution.

Cross Plains will host the Dane County Meeting on May 24th. That means the Auxiliary needs to provide the meal so we will need folks to help out with that as well. Food is served at 6:30 and meetings start at 7:15. We can finalize that at our meeting on May 17th. Would be great to have a good turnout from our unit at the meeting.

I realize we're asking a lot of you during May but please give us what you can. It's a good month to remember why we're in the Auxiliary and to honor the veterans.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 28th. Breakfast will be served from 7:00 till 8:00 am and we will leave for the cemeteries at 8 and return to the hall to get ready for the parade. The parade starts at 11am sharp from the Bank and the program will follow immediately after the parade. The Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring the chicken barbecue in the Legion Park starting immediately after the program. In case you didn't notice, Bill Statz had a note at the beginning of the newsletter indicating that there will be a float/wagon to ride. It seats 30, so there should be room for all Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL who aren't able to march. They will be loading at the Legion at 10:40. I hope many can make it to ride or march.

Karen Runk and Karla Krajewski attended the District meeting on April 28th. Karen sent me an email after the event with a few highlights. e'll hear more about it at the May meeting. Karen did mention that Karla won a couple of prizes. Way to go Karla – you might have to be our good luck charm!

I talked with Sheila Luhman recently. Sounds like her mother, Elvira Sarbacker, has been in and out of the hospital. I hope things are going better now.

Membership News: Dues have gone up – Seniors will not be \$30 and Juniors will be \$6. The National department says we should consider this our sacrifice for our freedom so we can continue to help and honor our vets. They feel it's a small price to pay, which it is. Just feels like a large jump, that's all. Hopefully, the sticker shock will wear off quickly.

May Lunch Committee: Susan Nelson and Debby Niebuhr. If anyone else would be willing to help with the May Lunch Committee, please contact Debby at 608-445-6590.

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 Carol Yttri (798-4950), 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 17th. 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.

Memorial Day May 28th

We hope to see many members observe this holiday. Breakfast will be served at the Legion Hall 7:00 AM, visit to Cemeteries be at the legion by 7:30 AM. Will be meeting at 10:45 AM to march in the parade and participating in the Memorial Day Program.

Badger Honor Flight

We will be donating cookies for the May 12th flight. We bought \$100 worth of cookies from the Girl Scouts. Will be checking to see if they need a color guard also.

Flags

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

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 10th.