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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

May 2020

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 Pat Andreoni

Richard Williamson – Home	Paul Dull – Nursing Home	Dan Meier – Home
Tom Foseid – Home	Sam Dalio – Home	John Helleckson – Home
Albert Oleson – Nursing Home	Norm Esser – Home	

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

Upcoming Events:

May 25 Memorial Day

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 Pat Andreoni at 798-3844 or email at jpandreo@aol.com

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Ed Pelowsky	608-798-4253
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

Commander's Message

Ed Pelowsky

As of this writing we will not have a May meeting. We will also not be having Memorial Day as we have in the past. The parade and program in front of our Memorial will not take place. If the current situation changes, we will adjust what we will be doing based on the best available Medical information. We still want to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. We also want to honor those members who have passed away since last Memorial Day.

For Memorial Day our flag crews will put out flags to our customers. We will also put flags on the graves of the veterans buried at the 6 area cemeteries. We are also discussing the possibility of doing a silent caravan to honor those that made the ultimate sacrifice in service of their country as well as honoring our members who have passed since last Memorial Day. We will also put photo's and videos of Past Memorial Days on our facebook page. In addition, we will ask residents to put their porch lights on until noon. If they like they can also put a display in their windows or in their yards honoring those that have made the ultimate sacrifice. Check our Facebook Page for details or changes.

Once we are able to meet again, we will start the nomination of Officers and voting for them. So if you have an interest in becoming an officer, let me or one of the current officers know.

Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Members who have passed away since last Memorial Day:

Henry Tilley – 07/04/19	Richard Hinrichs – 07/26/19	Francis Eisner – 11/02/19
Kenneth Saeman – 07/19/19	Mabelle Ewald – 08/15/19	Donald Kirner – 11/14/19
Larry Hanson – 12/10/19		

Please remember these members in your prayers who have left us over the last 12 months. I would like to make sure everyone keeps an eye on our facebook page. We are kicking around a lot of ideas for Memorial Day. We will be doing something, but our decision will be based on the safety of everyone and laws in place at that time. Please read the Commander's message.

Thank you,
Chaplin Pat Andreoni

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

Our lives are still upside down with the COVID-19, and all Auxiliary events scheduled for May are cancelled. Memorial Day schedule as we have past observed, is canceled. A modified schedule of events is being crafted by our 245 executive board. Final decisions and suggested participation will be communicated through email and our "butterfly" call list. Yeah, sorry, the name stuck!

On **Memorial Day, from 10-Noon** members of our Legion Family will be teaming up with the local Boy Scout troop #87 to do a **Pantry Drive** for the Black Earth pantry. Non-food items will be collected curb side, in front of the legion hall on American Legion Drive and on Julius Street. Donors can pull up, pop the trunk, product will be unloaded and trunks closed before the donor goes! Never leaving their vehicle. This event will be No contact, and less than 10 volunteers present. Legion Family Members can participate in donating from the wish list below.

Pantry Wish List: toilet paper; paper towels; Kleenex; feminine products; laundry detergent; dish soap; shampoo; hair conditioner; hand soap; deodorant; facial cleaning products; disinfecting wipes; surface cleaner or other items along this line of products. All items should be small containers. Multi-packs will be broken up at the pantry.

If you're getting your CRAFT ON while you are at home, we may consider a large raffle event to raise funds. Masks are needed and will likely be part of our lives for some time. We will find an event in our calendar later this year to sell or raffle craft items. **Please, track your community volunteer hours, craft hour and craft dollars at home.** Don't worry about what category it fits into. WE will put that together the next time we meet.

WATCH your email.... If you want to add your email address, contact me at kmrunk4@gmail.com.

MAY EVENTS

REMINDER: Contact Karen Runk for questions regarding Auxiliary Cancellations

May 21st 245 Meeting - **CANCELED**

May 25th MEMORIAL DAY PANTRY DRIVE from 10-Noon @ Legion Parking Lot

May 28th Dane County Meeting @ **CROSS PLAINS - CANCELED**

Note from our Chaplain Pat Cady

Please remember the members from our Unit who have passed away since Memorial Day 2019.

Chris Lange: 7/1/2019; Ann Urben: 1/13/2020; Gale Kooistra: 01/30/2020; Kay Roessler: 3/28/2020.

God our Father, we gather at this time of the year to remember the men and women who fought and gave the supreme sacrifice so that we may live in freedom. Let us also remember our Gold Star Mothers, who have given their children in service to our country. In your name we pray. Amen

May Lunch Committee: May meeting is cancelled.

Membership:

Membership dues will be the same for 2021; \$30 for seniors and \$6 for Jr's (0-17 years).

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be canceled do the gathering restrictions for COVID-19. We will be providing a Steak Dinner for our Post 245 family at a later date.

Memorial Day

This year's Memorial Day we will look different also because of the gathering restrictions for COVID-19. Please look for further details at a later date. Visit to Cemeteries will be different this year also.

Flags

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

Poppy Facts

Do you know...

- **THAT** in the spring of 1919, amidst complete devastation, the poppies bloomed in abundance on the battlefields of France where so many of our men had fallen in battle, and that a replica of this poppy has become the Memorial Flower of the American Legion Auxiliary?



- **THAT** The American Legion was the first national organization to adopt the poppy as its Memorial Flower, taking this action at the National Convention in Cleveland, September 27-29, 1920?
- **THAT** the American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy as its Memorial Flower at its organizing convention in Kansas City in October, 1921?
- **THAT** at the time the American Legion Auxiliary adopted the poppy, it pledged 100% of the profits from the poppy distribution to welfare relief for servicemen and servicewomen and their families, thus fulfilling the true meaning of the poppy, an emblem of faith; faith which is being kept with all who died through service to the living?
- **THAT** the American Legion Auxiliary, in order to protect the memorial poppy from the inroads of commercialism, adopted a national poppy program at the St. Paul Convention in 1924 which eliminated the commercial poppy?
- **THAT** the memorial poppies are made of red crepe paper, by hand, by disabled veterans in hospitals and poppy workrooms in forty states, and that the workers receive pay for each poppy made and that the materials are furnished free of charge to the veteran by the Department in the state in which the hospital is located?
- **THAT** the more than 25,000,000 poppies made by disabled veterans are distributed annually under the supervision of the American Legion Auxiliary, by approximately 125,000 volunteer workers who receive no compensation?
- **THAT** through the American Legion Auxiliary poppy program, more than \$300,000 is paid annually to needy and disabled servicemen and servicewomen for making the poppies.
- **THAT** proceeds from the distribution of over 25,000,000 poppies annually under the guidance of the American Legion Auxiliary amount to more than \$2,000,000 and that every penny is devoted to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation work by both The American Legion and Auxiliary, which includes aid to needy veterans and their families? The method of distribution varies in each Department, depending upon the nature of the demands for help. Each of our 10,500 Units in communities scattered all over the United States, its territorial possessions, and in foreign countries where veterans reside, maintains a Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee working under a chairman, and a Children and Youth Committee with its chairman. These Unit chairmen are assisted by Department chairmen of similar committees, who, in turn, work under the guidance of a National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Chairman and a National Children and Youth Chairman.
- **THAT** the public is given an opportunity each year to help in the significant work of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, as well as an opportunity to pay tribute to all who died in service, by wearing a poppy on Poppy Day?