

*The 245er*  
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**CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION**

**Kerl-Endres-Brannan**

**Post 245**

**May 2022**

**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.

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**Post 245 Sick Call**

**Chaplain Pat Andreoni**

Paul Dull – Nursing Home	John Hill – Home
Ralph Schulenberg – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

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

**Members who have died since Memorial Day**

John Gerl – 4/26/21	Thomas Eckstein – 10/29/21	Sam Daleo – 12/03/21
Richard Hamand – 12/15/21	Bill Egli – 01/01/22	

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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>April</b>	07 Lions Club	<b>May</b>	05 Lions Club
	09 Baby Shower-Deb Maier		19 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg
	17 Family Easter		26 Model T Club
	21 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg		30 Memorial Day
	26 Model T Club		

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Need to include something in the Newsletter? Email Carol Yttri at [carolyttri@gmail.com](mailto:carolyttri@gmail.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](mailto:jpandreo@aol.com)

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Pat Andreoni at 798-3844 or e-mail [jpandreo@aol.com](mailto:jpandreo@aol.com)

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Gary Itten	608-225-4722
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Deb Neibuhr	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](http://www.americanlegioncp.org)**

## Commander's Message

Gary Itten

Hi everyone, this will be my last commander's message. It has been a great pleasure and experience to lead a great veteran's organization as Post 245.

I want to thank Carol Yttri and the Auxiliary ladies for the great meal at the April meeting.

At the last meeting we honored three members for their continuous membership with certificates from the National Headquarters. They were Eugene Kostecki, 50 years, Frank Kooistra 50 years, and Herbert Nirbuhr 70 years.

We had nominations at the April meeting and there are two positions that are still open. They are 2nd Vice Commander and Chaplain, so, if interested in any one of these positions please let me know or attend the May 19th meeting where we will have elections and installation of new officers. We need members to step up to keep Post 245 going.

Post 245 will be hosting the Dane County Legion and Auxiliary meeting May 26th. It would be great to have as many of our members present as possible that night. There will be a meal starting at 6:30 P. M.

We will have our Memorial Day parade and program on Monday May 30th. It will start with breakfast at 7 A.M. at the legion hall, and at 8 A.M. will visit the six cemeteries in and around Cross Plains. The parade will start at 11 A.M. from Park school and proceed up park street to the legion park. Anyone that would like to march in the parade be at the legion park by 10:30 A.M. and if you are unable to march there will be a float to ride on. The program will start right after the parade. It would be nice to have as many members as possible to help out and to honor our veterans.

The Chamber of Commerce will have the chicken barbecue dinner at the legion park and the lions club will have the hot dog stand also at the park.

Great Lakes Dryhooch-Madison, 1324 E. Washington Ave., Madison is having an open house Monday, May 16th, 2022, 12:00-2:00 pm. Anyone interested in taking a tour, please R.S.V.P by May 9th to Lorrie Hylkema at 608-238-7901, or [lhylkema@rsvpdane.org](mailto:lhylkema@rsvpdane.org).

Please pay your dues (\$40.00), mail them to Emily Cash, 7780 Martinsville Rd., Cross Plains, WI 53528 ASAP. Also, you can pay your dues online at [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). We still have 48 unpaid members.

May 27th, 2022 is National Poppy Day. The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War to honor those who served and died for our country in all wars.

Stay safe and healthy  
Gary Itten, Commander, Post 245

### **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 21, 2022**

The meeting was called to order to order by Commander Itten at 7:25pm.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the 245er was made by Dan, second was Ed and the motion carried. A motion to accept the minutes for the Executive meeting as read was made by Bill, second was Tony and the motion carried.

FINAANCE: Lee passed out his financial report and went over income and expenses. A motion to accept the report pending audit was made by Dan, second was Wayne and the motion passed voting.

CHAPLIN: Pat informed us Dick and Carol and a grandchild all have COVID. Pat informed us John Walsh an attorney, who will speak at the Memorial day celebration. June rentals have been excellent and full. Our Memorial Day celebration will once again have all the events we have had in the past including the BBQ, parade, ceremony etc.

1<sup>st</sup> VICE: We currently have sixty-two paid and forty-eight still unpaid members. We have a new member, Doug Davis who has just recently joined our Legion.

3<sup>rd</sup> VICE: Dan mentioned several things he is working on. Like getting help at the golf outing, finding a chairperson for the 100-year celebration in 2024, finding new flag route people, searching for a range and refrigerator for the kitchen and searching for a sm tractor to replace the forklift that we can mow with and use to load heavy metal for recycling.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: We have handed out six applications for our scholarship program. They are due back to us on May 1<sup>st</sup> so there is still time for students to get an application and turn it in.

NEW BUSINESS: Easter Seals sent the Legion an application for us to sponsor a veteran's family to their Camp Waubeek which is in the Dells area. It is a 3-day, 2 nights stay with a busy schedule for the participants. A full sponsorship is \$ 500.00 and a motion to do so was made by Dan, second was Bill Diebold with the motion being passed by member vote.

We had nominations for officers suggested tonight and will be voting and installing next month. However, you can still nominate someone for any position and be part of the election next month.

Dan made a motion to give Rick and Sandy Lauger \$100.00 for the work they do taking care of the flowers around the Legion all summer. Ed seconded the motion, and it was passed.

KITTY: No winner

50/50: Jim Esser

BRANDY: Frank Koostra, he donated it to the golf outing.

Respectfully submitted  
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

### **Auxiliary Newsletter**

**President Debby Neibuhr**

Hi! At our April meeting Karen Runk Installed the officers for our Unit. They are as follows: Debby Niebuhr, President ~ Flo Bayer, Vice President ~ Carol Yttri, Treasure ~ Sheila Schultz, Secretary ~ Pat Cady, Chaplain, Cheryl Kelter and Sheila Luhman, Sargent of Arms.

It was my first meeting as President. I wish to thank my fellow officers for their help and support as well as the other members present.

We have 4 students slated to participate in our ALA BADGER GIRLS STATE program at UW Oshkosh, June 19-24, 2022. I look forward to their stories about their experiences at our August meeting. (8-17-2022)

We will be taking Donations for Poppies on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> between 9am-3pm at our local Piggly Wiggly. Many businesses are allowing us to leave a canister with them for people to donate while shopping. We appreciate everyone's support.

We have 2 more Badger Honor Flights this summer. May 14 which is designated for Women who have served our Country. June 4<sup>th</sup> for those who've served and not been on a previous Honor Flight.

We've completed our Purple Up Project and wish to thank everyone for their generous donations. It was very successful. We delivered the bags to Park, St. Francis and Glacier Creek schools on April 14. Others were hand delivered and some had to be mailed because of where their parent(s) are stationed.

We are HOSTING the DANE COUNTY meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup>, with a meal at 6:30pm followed by a short meeting and a presentation about the Canine Project. This will be Karen Runk's last meeting as OUR DANE COUNTY PRESIDENT and she is excited about having everyone come and meet the dog(s)/puppy(s).

The State Convention is in Green Bay, July 14-17. If you are interested in going please let us know. You can come to the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, email or call Carol Yttri, ([carolyttri@gmail.com](mailto:carolyttri@gmail.com) 608-798-4950) or myself ([dniebuhr@chorus.net](mailto:dniebuhr@chorus.net) 608-445-6590).

Our National Convention is in Milwaukee this year (8-26 – 9/1, 2022). Next year it's in Charlotte, NC. We will pass on the information as we receive it.

### **MEMORIAL DAY**

The Memorial Day celebration will be Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Please see the Commanders message for more detail. We'd love to have a great showing of Auxiliary members. Please come & participate in any way you can.

### **Next project: Collecting donations for the WI USO**

Our next Auxiliary Project will be collecting donations for the WI USO. We will have more information at our May meeting. It can be monetary donations or a collection of Individual Snack items or Travel Size toiletries.

### **Chaplain message: Pat Cady**

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 the Gold Star Mothers, who have given their children in service to our country and members of our Unit who have passed away since Memorial Day 2021. In your name we pray. Amen

Members who have died since last Memorial Day: Lucille Blythe: 8/09/2021 and Virginia Faust: 1/30/2022

Membership: Debby Neibuhr

We will start collecting our dues in July and hope to have as many as possible in before the end of July. By getting the dues in early we're able to save our organization \$\$\$. Plus we have a better chance of winning various contests. The dues are \$30 for seniors (18+) and \$6 for juniors (0-17). The dues are payable to "UNIT 245". You can mail them to Debby Niebuhr PO BOX 3 Cross Plains, WI 53528-0003. You can pay with a credit card and we'll get that information out to you in July. Your SUPPORT is much appreciated.

Lunch committee: Jane Itten

May Lunch committee: Ann Eicher, Connie Faust, Mary Jones and Mary Helleckson

**Son's of The American Legion**

**Kevin Boehnen**

Monthly Meeting

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

If you are interested in helping cook see Whitey or contact Kevin Boehnen at kabohnen@chorus.net for details.

Memorial Day May 30th

We hope to see many members observe this holiday. See this newsletter for all the details. Meet at the Legion Hall to visit the Cemeteries be at the legion by 7:30 AM. Will be meeting at 10:45 AM at the State Bank Parking lot to march in the parade and participating in the Memorial Day Program.

Flags

If you need a flag you can give Rod Faust a call at 608 576 4803.