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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

May 2023

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

Dennis Powell – Home

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

Upcoming Events:

May		June	
04	Lions Club	01	Lions Club
18	Legion, SAL, Aux mtg	05	Legion Golf Outing
25	Dane County Meeting	15	Legion, SAL, Aux mtg
29	Memorial Day	19	Iron Horse Cornet Band
30	Model T Club	27	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 Katy Ripp at americanlegioncp@gmail.com. Look for updated information coming to www.americanlegioncp.org soon.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplain Tim Engling at 312-317-0034 or e-mail timengling@gmail.com

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Steve Zanon	608-213-9530
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Deb Niebuhr	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

Commander's Message

Steve Zanon

Greetings American Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons,

A lot has been going on at our Post recently and it is shaping up to be a busy and fun spring season.

Last month's meeting was productive but hectic, following as it did the presentations by the Daughters of the War of 1812 and the Dane County Services Officers.

It is good to see the return of our snow birds Dan Cady, Gary Itten, Carol Yttri. Dan updated us on some furnace and exterior lighting challenges and he distributed a flyer for an upcoming annual golf outing. We received report on some food safety inspection results from Debby Niebuhr which were reassuring. Gary Itten will soon be convening the 100th anniversary committee to plan next year's celebration. We also welcomed a couple new members. Please see Dennis's minutes.

After the Daughters of the War of 1812 distributed pins and certificates for the 50 year commemoration of the Vietnam conflict, I mailed out the remaining certificates. I was working with a membership spreadsheet, and somehow the cells of member names weren't in the same row next to their correct addresses. The result as I found out a few days later, was three members calling me up to tell me they got another's certificate. I had a pretty good panic because it felt like I mailed out about a million of them but then the calls stopped. So... If you received another member's certificate and haven't called me; please readdress the envelope to me (the

return address). It will take two stamps and I will happily compensate you for these and your trouble. Some people got their service info. to me after the Daughters' deadline and I have forwarded this to them, but if months go by and anyone hasn't received this certificate or pin I would very much want to know so we can get this to you. Sincere apologies!

The Spaghetti dinner April 30th was a Huge success and it was a great example of teamwork in action. Pat Androni took the lead organizing and Debbie Niebuhr and Kelly Sexton disseminated advertising in social media. Kevin Boehnen and the SAL were a well-oiled machine in the Kitchen, and the Auxiliary worked really hard to make guests feel welcome in the dining room. People left happy and satisfied from the feedback I received, and while I didn't get a final count, the number exceeded the costs and made it a true fundraiser. Thank you to you all!

May is an exciting month in Cross Plains and Middleton. We give out scholarships to hard charging children and youth, we celebrate the sacrifice of veterans on Memorial Day starting with an early breakfast and gun salute in local cemeteries, we commemorate our national security and its costs in lives with a parade and ceremony, and we live our Americanism right out in front of your post and war memorial. Our dedication to these four pillars of our organization becomes most poignant in May I think, and it promises to be a great get together.

See you soon,
Steve Zanon, Commander, Post 245

Chaplains message – Tim Engling

Paul Hady is at home, and we pray that he feels better. Thanks to the numerous members who supported the Sonny Simon memorial and funeral.

Cross Plains American Legion Veterans Memorial Golf Outing:

Please see the form to sign up for the Legion Golf Outing towards the end of the newsletter. Any questions, please contact Dan Cady 608 438 2987.

100th Anniversary Committee Meeting

The 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting is scheduled for May 11th, 7 P.M. at the legion hall. Right now we are planning for this event to take place Memorial day weekend of 2024. We have tentative plans for dinner on Saturday night May 25th, an open house during the day on Sunday May 26th and entertainment that night. Also, we are looking at expanding the parade route on Memorial day May 27th. We will need a lot of help that weekend.

Gary Itten
Chairman

P. S. I would like to thank Tom Helleckson, Ron Faust, and Rodney Faust for taking care of the snow plowing and shoveling of the legion grounds this year. Also, Stan Nonn for checking on the legion hall.

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 20, 2023

The regular meeting of post 245 was called to order at 8:32pm by Commander Zanon.

Last month's newsletter stated that Michael Runk was not getting his 245-r newsletter while deployed. Emily did some checking, and we can now confirm he is getting his copy of the newsletter so thanks to Emily for following up.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the 245r newsletter was made by Dan, second was Joe and the motion carried.

A second motion was made to accept the Executive meetings as read by the Adjutant by Gary, second was Frank and the motion carried.

Dan stated the flag program letters have been sent out and the cost remains the same as last year at \$ 25.00. We currently have 9 routes and need some volunteers to ride along and more drivers would allow us to add a route or two also. Please contact Dan Cady if you would like to help. All monies are then given back to the community for college scholarships.

We have 2 new members with us tonight. They are Chris Krajewski and Phil Turner. Chris is from Middleton and Phil is from Verona. We are very happy to have them as members.

Gary has a 100-year anniversary committee meeting scheduled for May 4th at 7pm.

FINANCE: Lee passed on his report and went over income and expenses for the period. A motion was made to accept the report pending audit was made by Gary and Dan seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. Kelly mentioned that our website will be subject to a price increase soon.

1st VICE: Emily reported we have 170 paid for 98% of our goal.

3rd VICE: Dan has been working on the furnace problem and we will have to purchase a new furnace at a cost of around \$ 3500.00. Also, we have had water in the basement 2 times recently and are trying to come up with a better solution. He also has lights ordered for the memorial in hopes of having them installed and operating by Memorial Day. Dan is also in charge of the flag program which has been growing and now is up to 300 flags we put out over the holidays. We need ride along helpers and more drivers, so please see Dan if you can help. SAL is also in need of helpers for the spaghetti meal on the 30th. Prices for the complete meal will be \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Also, SAL has Rod Faust who oversees getting the legion the needed flags or "ANYTHING FLAGS ". If you want or need a flag or almost anything involved in displaying a flag, give Rod a call at 608-576-4803.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Dave says the price for metal is high right now so if you need to get it out of your garage drop it off at the legion and we will take it to be recycled.

POST SERVICE OFFICER: Joe made a motion to approve a donation of \$200.00 for the campaign of Daniel Seehoffer for national commander. The motion was seconded by Dick and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Emily stated we need to come up with delegates for the state convention this summer. Steve reviewed some of the activities for Memorial Day. After flag routes that morning Whitey will prepare our breakfast at 7 and then off to do ceremonies at 6 local cemeteries.

He also wants to spruce up our playground equipment and perhaps invest in some newer equipment. This discussion was tabled for a later date.

KITTY: No winner

BRANDY: Steve Zanon

Respectfully submitted.

Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Debby Niebuhr

Hi everyone! We had a great April 20th meeting. We had over 100 people there. We enjoyed Carol's scalloped potatoes and ham, green beans, salads and desserts. I wish to THANK all who donated the salads and desserts. The salads were gobbled up quickly and we had a wide variety of desserts to pick from.

We were honored to celebrate **Berdella Lowenberg's** 75 years of continuous membership/service to our wonderful organization. Her large family was able to join us in celebrating their mother. We wish to THANK them for sharing their time with us.

We also draped the charter for our member, **Darlene (DoDo) Capel**, who passed in November. It was wonderful having 26 auxiliary members present to honor her life.

We had 6 members of our Unit attend the District 3 Spring Conference held in Waunakee on Saturday, April 22nd. They were very impressed with our Karen Runk's (Dist 3 President) work. They came away with a lot of information and an energetic enthusiasm to put some of the things they learned into action.

By the time you receive this newsletter our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser will have happened on Sunday, April 30th. I wish to THANK everyone who volunteered and helped make this event a success.

Also, the deadline for our Unit's Scholarship was May 1st. I look forward to congratulating the winner at our Memorial Day Celebration Program.

There is a Badger Honor Flight scheduled on May 6 and another on May 20th.

We hope to get started on the "Memory Garden" in May. If you wish to join the committee, please let us know. Even if it's only an opinion on what you'd like to see.

The National Poppy Day is May 26th. Our Unit will be recognizing our **Poppy Day on Saturday, May 20th at the Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store. We are in need of volunteers to man the table. The first shift is 9am-12 and the second shift is 12-3pm. We hope to have 4 members for each shift.** If you can help it will be much appreciated.

Plan on attending our Memorial Day Celebration. They usually have breakfast around 7am followed by visiting the cemeteries. Then there's the Parade followed by the Program where we hand out the Scholarships. The

parade attire is navy pants and a red top. And then after the program you can enjoy the lunch provided by the Cross Plains Business Association and the Lions as well as desserts from the Swim Team.

Please save Sunday, September 10th, for the 115th Fighter Wing group as they are having this year's picnic on that day. We volunteered and helped out last year. It was a lot of fun and we hope to have an even larger group of volunteers this year.

Chaplain's message – Pat Cady

Dear God, as we approach Memorial Day, may we honor and remember those who died that we might live in freedom. We remember our departed loved ones. Those we honor will be a part of our lives forever. Our Unit has had one deceased member since Memorial Day 2022 - Darlene Capel who passed away 11/29/2022. Please remember her and all our deceased members.

Lunch committee: Jane Itten

Ann Eicher, Connie Faust, Mary Jones and Mary Helleckson. Any questions, call me 608.712.3133.

MAY is POPPY MONTH - Enclosed is an envelope if you would like to make a donation.

Poppy Facts - Do you know.....

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 Legion and Auxiliary.

It was 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.

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.

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 of poppy on Poppy Day - May 29, 2023.

Respectfully submitted - Sheila Luhman - Poppy Chairperson

Report on American Legion Auxiliary District 3 Spring Conference in Waunakee

Flo Bayer, Jacky Graves, Luanne Foseid, Joan Runk and Sheila Luman were Unit 245 Delegates. Meeting began with welcome from District 3 Commander - Jerry Hook and District 3 Auxiliary President - Karen Runk (Unit 245 Member).

Guest Speakers were from Vetsroll, American Legion Riders, Second Harvest and Operation Not Alone. Attend our May meeting for more information on these Programs.

Each of the 7 Units brought displays of their years events. It was an excellent way to share ways to help our Veterans. We got a few new ideas.

Our Unit received a 100% membership award. We also received a plaque of "Certificate of Achievement" awarded for Harriet Harrit Hass Bell. We had 100% or more of Goal of Membership with 3 Consecutive years plus greatest % of increase during the past 3 years and 30 days prior to the Spring Conference. It will be displayed at our Post. Congratulations to our Membership Chair Deb Niebuhr for the many hours you put in to collecting dues.

Thank you to the two entrees of Poppy Posters - Even though we didn't win, we appreciate your participation. We delivered all the Harvest Donations that our members donated. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted - Sheila Luhman

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on May 18th

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. We will be presenting the Scholarship on Memorial Day.

Spaghetti Dinner

Was held on April 30th. I want to thank these volunteers from the SAL for helping with this American Legion Fundraiser this was written before the event. Paul Lochner, Michael Greaney, Dan Layton, Dave Maier, Rod Faust, Steve "Whitey" Hillebrand, Noel Sarbacker, Scott Lamontagne, Tim Hillebrand, Brad Niebhur, Dave Schultz, Ed Zander and for the very end myself.

Thanks to all the Legion and Auxillary members for helping out.

May 18th Meeting

The SAL will be providing a Steak Dinner for the May meeting. Will be looking for volunteers to help cook, serve the meal and doing dishes. If you are interested please let Whitey or myself know.

May 29th Memorial Day

The day will start with breakfast provided by Steve "Whitey" Hillebrand and some helpers at 7:00 AM. We will then be going to the Cemeteries and marching in the parade and being involved in the Memorial Day Ceremony. Wear SAL shirt and hat with khaki pants.

June 5th Legion Golf Outing

The American Legion Golf outing will be held on June 5th this year. If you are interested in Golfing contact Dan Cady. SAL is providing the meal if you can help cook, serve and do dishes please let Steve "Whitey" or myself know.

CROSS PLAINS AMERICAN LEGION
VETERANS MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Date: Monday June 5,2023
Where: Deer Valley Golf Course (Barneveld)
Dinner: Cross Plains American Legion Clubhouse
Time: 11:00 AM Shotgun Start

Note: GOLFERS 70+ TEE OFF AT GREEN TEES (SENIORS)

Please list names of golfers (1) - (4), 85.00/ golfer (Dinner & Drink included)

- (1) _____
- (2) _____
- (3) _____
- (4) _____

Golfer 85.00/
Hole Sponsor \$100.00
4 Golfers/Hole Sponsor \$425.00

Send Form and Money to
Dan Cady
2210 Hickory St.
Cross Plains, WI 53528
e-mail dcady@c21affiliated.com
Make Checks Payable to Cross Plains American Legion

Business Name (As you want it to appear on Course:

I am interested in donating a door prize:

Single Golfers Welcome will pair you up, let's have some fun
Thank you in advance for your participation,
Dan



American Legion Third District Golf Scramble

On Sunday, July 9, 2023, at Deer Valley Golf Course in Barneveld. Registration 8:00AM - 8:45AM Shotgun Start at 9:00AM

Cost is \$65.00 per person (\$260.00 for team) Please **send reservation by June 27th** to help us prepare for the meal.

Set up your foursome for this event. If you do not have a team but want to participate, please register and you will be assigned a team. Players aged 70 and older may tee off from the green. A lunch will be served following the event at the Barneveld Legion Hall, 102 Wood St.

Contact Dennis Wood at Black Earth with questions/concerns. 608-767-3665 or email at: Denniswood1808@gmail.com **Make checks out to:** Mickelsons-Martin American Legion Post 313 and **mail to:** Dennis Wood – Commander, P O Box 283, Black Earth WI 53515-0283

You may also contact Todd King, Head Pro at Deer Valley Golf Course if interested. 608-924-3033 Registration forms are also available at the club house.

I do not golf but want to help with registration, prizes, or contests on the course.

Name _____ email/phone _____

\$260.00 enclosed

My 4 person team: _____

I do not have a team – Please place with a team: **\$65.00 enclosed**

Name _____ email/phone _____