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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

May 2024

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 Dennis Powell – Hospital / Home Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
Ralph Schulenberg – Home

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

Upcoming Events:

May		June	
02	Lions Club	03	Legion Golf Outing
09	100 Year Anniversary meeting	06	Lions Club
16	Legion, SAL, Auxiliary meeting	13	100 Year Anniversary meeting
23	Dane County meeting	20	Legion, SAL, Auxiliary meeting
28	Model T Club	24	Iron Horse Band Concert-Shelter
		25	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 Debby Niebuhr at americanlegioncp@gmail.com.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: If you are in need of medical equipment, the Legion has some on hand. Please contact Dennis Heiliger at 608-798-2301. Leave message if no answer and he'll get back to you.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplain Tim Engling at 312-371-0034 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 & S.A.L meetings Third Thursday of month: Social hour 6pm; Dinner 6:30pm; Meeting 7:30pm
Executive Board Meeting: Third Thursday of the Month 5:30pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message

Steve Zanon

Hello Legionnaires, Auxiliary, and Sons,

April meeting was a great one. Ham and scalloped potatoes with multiple salads. Thank you to our Auxiliary. We had a great guest speaker John Howell from Madison Vet Center was on hand to describe services his office provides and he fielded questions.

At the meeting itself, I am told Florine Bayer was elected president of the Post Auxiliary (Congrats Flo). Gary Itten graciously volunteered to serve as our Adjutant for Dennis Heiliger who asked not to be nominated again after serving 12+ years in this position. Thank you both! Dennis you have been a Godsend for our post; keeping reports updated and on time, and keeping detailed minutes during our meetings. Lee Mayrack was on hand and accepted nomination for another term as finance officer, as did Tim Engling our chaplain, Dan Cady, Bill Statz, Emily Cash (though not present, Bill accepted for her), and myself. Thank you to all who stepped up for another two-year term.

April also gave us the opportunity to take part in the Dane County Government Day in Waunakee, and color guard ceremony for the Molly B concert. Thank you to all who helped out.

May promises to be busy and fun-filled. The Sons are cooking up Steaks yo! Department and county officers will be on hand to swear in our post officers, and our guest speaker will be Katie Anderson of Big Brothers, Big Sisters. I asked Katie to speak as there is opportunity for men and women in our organization to serve as mentors to the young who need role models (there are many). Mentorship can be very rewarding and we all have something yet to offer someone.

On May 18th at 0900 there will be an informal working party to get our grounds ready for the big Memorial Day celebration.

May 23rd we will be hosting the County meeting in Cross Plains.

See Bill's note about the Memorial Day Parade, and Baseball.

We talked a bit about the transition to electronic form of this letter going strictly on the post's website. We decided that if you or another member absolutely will not read an electronic version and require a printed and mailed copy, we can make this happen on a case-by-case basis. Please let us know in whichever way you are accustomed to communicating.

That's all I have for now, See you all soon I hope.
Steve Zanon, Commander, Post 245

Chaplain's message:

Tim Engling

Darlene Schulenberg (an Aux member) passed on April 6, 2024. She is the wife of Ralph Schulenberg. You are not alone with caring members of the Post. Other Auxiliary Members who have passed since Memorial Day 2023 - Mary Anne Greaney-7/17/2023 and Karen Esser-10/30/2023. As with the three members of the Sons who passed, we grieve their passing, but appreciate their service and connection. They will be remembered with love and respect.

Post 245 members Dennis Kerl passed on September 27, 2023 and Herbert Niebuhr passed on October 21, 2023. We honored Paul Hady, Paul Kalshen, and James Tetslaff at last year's Memorial Day Program.

On Memorial Day, we plan on leaving the Post by 8 am sharp to celebrate the lives of those passed, at six local cemeteries, beginning at Valley Home Cemetery at 8:10 am. The parade will begin from Park School, and continue with the Memorial Day program at American Legion Park with food, music, and camaraderie following. Please participate as you are able.

Thanks,
Tim
312-371-0034

Notes from Gary Itten

We will have an installation of officers at our May 16th meeting. Join us for a great meal put on by the SAL and meet some of the new officers. Some of the officers are in two different positions, so consider running for an officer position in two years, or take one of the positions now.

On Saturday May 18th, at 9 A.M., we are going to have a work detail at the legion park to clean up the grounds to have it looking nice for Memorial Day. It should only take a couple of hours, so come on down and help out. Please bring any personal hand tools you might have like rakes, trimmers for bushes that day.

If you are not aware that the American Legion is raising the dues \$5.00 to \$45.00 a year starting 2025. You can go online at legion.org/renew and pay for three years at the old price of \$40.00 a year.

Gary Itten
Past Commander

Items from Bill Statz:

1. American Legion Post 245/MHS Baseball is going strong. See the Schedule as a separate page at the end of this 245'er. All Legionnaires, friends and family, are encouraged to Go Out to the Legion Ball Games at Baer Park, and maybe away games too.

A few notes from Legion Baseball Head Coach Brent Jorgensen:

- * We should have 8 home dates this summer, and 7 of those 8 dates for home games are at Baer Park.
- * We have roughly 36 kids involved in Legion this summer, 2 teams, which is great!
- * Please give the Legion Post 245 a big "thank you" for supporting us again this season.

Invitation from MBSC (Middleton Baseball & Softball Commission). "At the Varsity games we do pregame recognitions. We have **May 11th marked as Legion Appreciation Day**. It would be great if you and any other Legion members come to be recognized. We would have the trophy/plaque and some of the kids that played on the

Legion Championship team last year. Our games are usually at 5:00 pm. Pregame activities like this would take place at 4:40."

Looking for volunteers. Call Bill Statz 608-577-4002

2. Mollie B show. Your Post 245 Color Guard did the presentation of the Colors and Flag Folding Ceremony at the Mollie B show on April 27th. Feedback is that it was an inspiring 5 Star Military Tribute! Thank you to participants: Steve Zanon, Gary Itten, Frank Kooistra, Jim Albertson, Bill Statz, Lilli McKee - Auxiliary, and Matthew Cash - SAL. Also, thank you to Post 245 Legionnaire Mr. Peanuts, who works with Mollie B year round and brings us this "International Polka Association Hall of Fame" artist Mollie B to Park School. Mollie B works with the kids at Park School all day on Friday, promoting polka music and dancing, and demonstrating all 15 instruments that she plays, then does a show for the students and parents. The Saturday show is the public performance. Review at: www.mollieb.com
3. Memorial Day Parade. Calling all marchers and float riders! All Legionnaires who are able to march are invited to join the ranks for the parade. Color guard uniform is Legion cap, white short sleeve Legion polo shirt, black belt and shoes. However, all Legionnaires are invited to march, wear Legion cap, or Legion baseball cap or other veteran cap, white/light colored shirt, black/dark colored slacks. Form up at Park School, anytime before the parade starts at 11:00. OR, ride on the float/wagon. This year we again have the wagon with the "school bus type seats", great to see and wave to the crowd. Has solid steps and handrail, and Legion helpers for safe loading.

All Legion Family members, Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, not able to march, along with an escort if needed, are invited to ride on the wagon. Let's fill it up!

Load up at the Post by 10:40. We then proceed to Park School where you can also load up anytime before the parade starts at 11:00.

Information for Golf Outing:

Dear Golfers

It's time to sign up for our Annual Golf Outing:

- Get yourself or a group signed up
- Date is June 3rd, 2024. Shotgun Start at 11:00 AM
- Deer Valley Golf Course, Barneveld, WI
- Dinner and Drink Included at American Legion Clubhouse, Cross Plains
- \$ 90.00/Golfer
- Hole Sponsor \$100.00
- Team of 4 and Hole Sponsor \$ 425.00

Send list and money;

Dan Cady

2210 Hickory St. Cross Plains, WI 53528

email: dcady2030@gmail.com

Checks Payable to Cross Plains American Legion

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 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Commander Zanon.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the 245r by Phil, seconded by Dennis S with the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the minutes as read by the Adjutant by Dan seconded by Dave with the motion passing.

FINANCE: Lee passed out a report and went over expenses and income. A motion to accept the report pending audit was made by Gary, seconded by Ted and the motion passed.

1st VICE: Bill reporting for Emily that we have 169 pd and 19 not paid. He will be following up with these unpaid while Emily is away.

3rd VICE: Dan has the oven fixed again. He also mentioned the golf outing is June 3rd and we need more volunteers along with people needed for the flag program. Dan made a motion to buy a cordless band saw for the metal recycling program that will cost around \$400.00. A second was made by Pat and the motion carried.

SAL: Kevin stated that they will be doing the honor flights in the fall and not this spring. SAL is down to 114 members now. They will be making a steak dinner in May. They have a \$500.00 scholarship to give out so mention this to any qualified senior. Kevin will be working with Dick Zwettler on the cemetery flag maps.

AMERICANISM: Bill mentioned they just competed the annual youth government day again and it was a huge success. The draw down date for this fall has been changes to Nov 9th. He also has a certificate for Dick Zwettler for 35 years as Sergeant at Arms. There will be a Molly B concert at park school on the 27th with the legion providing the color guard. Middleton high school has asked the legion if we would be able to sponsor one more boy to Badger Boys state. A motion was made to do so by Gary seconded by Bill with the motion carrying.

NEW BUSINESS: Today was election day for officers in the legion, here are the officers for the next two years:

COMMANDER:	STEVE ZANON
1 ST VICE:	EMILY CASH
2 ND VICE:	DAVE MONTAG
3 RD VICE:	DAVE VIDLOCK
ADJUTANT:	GARY ITTEN
CHAPLIN:	TIM ENGLING
FINANCE: Committee	LEE MAYRACK & BILL STATZ
JUDGE ADVOCATE	TONY BAYER
HISTORIAN	GARY ITTEN
SGT AT ARMS X 2	DICK ZWETTLER & BILL STATZ
SERVICE OFFICER	JOE HODGESON

A motion to accept these officers was made by Phil, seconded by Bill.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: A work detail day is set for May 15th at 9 AM. The 245r newsletter will be online starting in June and can be found on the legion website. There will be copies available in the lobby of the legion. A motion was made to send a \$100.00 donation to VFW in Stoughton to help them raise funds to repair and maintain their post. Motion was made by Dan and seconded by Dennis S with the motion passing.

KITTY: NO WINNER
50/50: PHIL V \$ 7.00
BRANDY: GARY, Donated to golf outing.

Respectfully submitted.
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Debby Niebuhr

Hello everyone! Carol did our Auxiliary proud with her scalloped potatoes and ham. I wish to thank all our members who helped in the kitchen, provided salads and desserts. We have a wonderful team, which makes life so rewarding.

Our Purple Up Project was a success. 76 children have received their packages. We received a Thank You note from Rodney Faust's daughter and grandchildren for their Purple Up packages. They did a really nice job of displaying their goodies. See the Thank you note and picture they shared with us.

Three of us attended the District Spring Conference in Fennimore. We had fun and Karen Runk our 3rd District President and her team put on a wonderful event.

Please read the Post's section of this newsletter to see the details for our celebration of MEMORIAL DAY. There is always a breakfast followed by the visitation of cemeteries to honor our fallen heroes. Then there is the parade followed by the program and of course eating the wonderful food available for sale and socializing with our community members.

The penny collection will come to a close at our May 16th meeting for the ALA Badger Girl State week in Oshkosh during the month of June. Can't wait to hear from them in August on how their Penny War went.

Look for your poppy in the May newsletter and the various businesses that are kind enough to put a canister out for their customers to donate to this wonderful and important cause. Look for our Auxiliary members at our Cross Plains Piggly Wiggly on Saturday, May 18th, from 9-3pm. We will have a table there, so we can greet the community members, collect monies and distribute the poppies. Also, we will have the poppies available at our Memorial Day Celebration. I wish to THANK everyone who is helping to make this a success. We use the funds to support our Vets in many different ways.

We will install our New President and most of the other officers at the May meeting. We hope to have a Vice President to install as well.

June 14th is FLAG DAY and we are hosting a "SIP and SERVE" fundraiser at the Nineteen09 Wine Shop on Main Street here in Cross Plains from 3-11pm. While we SIP our drinks, 1909 will graciously give us 20% of the sales for our fundraiser. (they also have non-alcoholic drinks). Now to SERVE we are asking that everyone help us collect the items needed for the Vets at the Wm S Middleton VA hospital. They are looking for: Men's Large Sweatpants, Diapers~New born size only, Baby bottles, Baby Bibs, Diaper Rash Cream, Children's clothing sizes newborn - 3months. We thought we'd be collecting food items for their new pantry but there has been an overwhelming response to that need, so they'd prefer the items listed above.

Our goal is to have everyone's dues collected by the end of July. If we get them into Dept., it will save \$\$, time, paper and postage at the National Level. My hope is that this will help keep our dues down.

We will be voting on REVISING our Standing Rules at our May meeting. I have emailed an attachment to everyone that I have an email address for. If you wish to receive a copy, please email me at dniebuhr@chorus.net or call my cell # 608-445-6590 and I will send you a copy through the USPS.

BADGER HONOR FLIGHT ~ MAY 11th. Pete Cerniglia will be on this Flight. Join us at the DANE COUNTY AIRPORT to welcome him home. Best to be there by 8pm.

Did you know that you can get your WISCONSIN Relatives Service Records at the State Historical Society? This would be anything up to and including WWI. Their Service after WWI is not available at this time.

SAVE THE DATE, JUNE 3rd, for our POST'S GOLF OUTING. It will take many volunteers and golfers to make this a success again this year. There are many ways to contribute to this, so look for emails asking you to help out.

PLEASE remember Darlene Schulenberg's family in your thoughts and prayers as she passed April 6, 2024.

Also, Herbert Niebuhr's family is having a celebration of life for him on Father's Day at the Legion from 2-4pm. Please feel free to stop in and visit.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE MAY MEETING ~ DON'T FORGET THIS IS THE MONTH THE SAL PUTS ON ONE OF THEIR FAMOUS MEALS.

Chaplains message – Pat Cady

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. Let us especially remember those from our Unit who have passed since Memorial Day 2023 - Mary Anne Greaney-7/17/2023; Karen Esser-10/30/2023; Darlene Schulenberg-4/6/2024.

Lunch committee: Jane Itten

May ALA dessert for May 16 meeting Ann Eicher. Connie Faust. Mary Jones. Mary Helleckson

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on May 16th

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. 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 12th.

Steak Dinner May 16th

The SAL will be cooking for the upcoming meeting on May 16th. If you are interested in helping cook the meal, serve it and clean up please let Whitey or myself know you can help. Starting around 4:00 and should be done by 7:30.

Remembering SAL members who have passed in the last year.

As Memorial Day is approaching we remember the following members who has passed way during the last year:

Roger Hillebrand	10 8 2023	Robert Dresen	10 9 2023
Jim Eller	3 5 2024	Michael O'Brien	3 14 2024

Memorial Day May 27th

Please look at the newsletter for schedule of events. To go the cemeteries please be at the Legion Hall by 7:45 AM. To march in the parade be by Lake Ridge Bank by Park School by 10:45 AM.

Newsletter will not be mailed out starting in June 2024

To access the newsletter you will need to go to www.americanlegioncnp.org where all the newsletters will be available.

Thank you note and picture for Auxiliary Purple Up project:

Dear members of American Legion Auxiliary 245,

I wanted to take a moment to express our family's sincere gratitude for the thoughtful gifts you provided for Month of the Military Child. Your recognition of the unique challenges military children face is deeply appreciated.

Your kindness has touched our hearts and reinforced the sense of community we cherish. Thank you for bringing a smile to our boys faces and for your unwavering support to military families.

Warmest regards,
Kaitlyn Timler

