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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

Kerl-Endres-Brannan

Post 245

November 2016

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.

Upcoming Events:

November 01 4H Club

03 Lion's Club

05 Legion Drawdown

08 Viet Nam Vets

10 Boy Scouts

12 Brian Schutz Birthday Party

17 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg

26 Zeigler Family Thanksgiving

29 Model T Club

December 01 Lion's Club

03 Joan Runk Family

06 4H Club

15 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg

17 Zwettler Christmas

25 Glynn Christmas Party

27 Model T Club

31 Ripp Christmas Party

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 Dan Cady at 608-798-2352 (home) or 608-438-2987 (cell) or email pat.cady@yahoo.com

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
S.A.L. COMMANDER

DAN CADY 438-2987
JOAN RUNK 798-1416
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

Dan Cady

Dear Comrades:

Nov 5th was the annual drawdown, one of our main fundraisers for the Post. Thanks to Pat Andreoni, for organizing this event.

A big Thank you to our Flag crews for another dedicated year to this program, we have a bigger participation from the community each year. Two \$1000.00 Scholarships were again awarded to Middleton High School Students. We need help with the crews as the routes keep getting larger and we can use more volunteers.

Last month I asked for help in many areas only one person stepped up, to take care of shelter and the tables in the shelter. Many other jobs we could use help, do you have some time we would like you to help.

Thank you this month to all Flag Crews two times in November flags are posted for Presidential Election Day and Veterans Day. Wayne Dohse, edged park, Mark Pertzborn continues to mow the park every week would like if someone would either share this job or take over. Whitey Hillebrand is always available to use his truck and trailer to haul metal, Dennis Heiliger, Metal loading, Mike O'Brien metal loading and other jobs, Dave Vidlock cuts up Metal and organizes for shipping. Cody & Jen Bratton bartending and helping Howard Hill with parties checking supplies, Howard & His bride tending bar, driving from Baraboo to take care of the Bar. Lee Mayrack tended bar for the Lions October fest. Bill Saeman always available to help with metal. Geno Schmitz is always around working on a project. If I forgot someone I apologize.

The November Meeting, is a great one because the SAL cooks a Thanksgiving Meal with all the trimmings. December 15th will be our X-mas potluck, bring a dish to pass, Bring your significant other and enjoy time to socialize together.

Yours in Comradeship,
Commander Dan Cady
608 438 2987

REGULAR MEETING October 20, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Commander Cady at 7:35 PM.

Motion was made by Jerry Boehnen to accept the minutes from the September meeting as printed In the 245er. 2nd by Dick Zwettler. Passed.

A question was brought up about why we have an ATM in the hall and why there was no notice or voting on it. It was stated because we rent the hall out to various other activities such as wedding we get a lot of request to accept credit cards at the bar or someone wants to cash a check to get cash. Having an ATM on the property would take care of this. There were a couple of large wedding coming up so a quick decision was needed. We actually get some reimbursement for each transaction.

The September Executive minutes were read. Motion was made to accept them as read. Passed.

Finance – Dan passed out the report in Lee’s absence. Will discuss the report at next months meeting.

Chaplin – Got cards of thanks from the Bob Schmelzer family as well as donations of over \$1000.

1st Vice - We’re at 151 paid. If you haven’t paid yet please get your dues in. Also if you know a veteran who is not a member see if you can get them to at least come to a meeting to see what we’re about.

2nd vice - We’ve had several large weddings and other events coming up. Been Busy.

SAL – Gave report. Will be printed in the 245er.

Children & Youth – No Report.

Public Relations – NR

Community Service – Want to Thank Sandra Tilley for donating wheel chairs to the Post.

Post Service - There will be an Honor Flight leaving this coming week.

Old Business - Thanks to Dennis Heiliger for stepping up and handling the Adjutant duties at our August and September meetings.

New Business - Dan read several thank you’s. Pat Andreoni says he has forms if you’re interested in going on the Honor Flight sometime next year.

Good of the Legion:

- Jerry Boehnen presented a check from the Catholic Financial Life of \$100 for maintenance of our Veterans Memorial.
- Dan reported that the Daughters of the American Revolution will be honoring Viet Nam ERA Veterans at our draw down Nov. 5th. Please step forward to be recognized if you served during the Viet Nam war even if you were serving in some other location. You served and deserve to be honored. Contact Dan Cady.
- Draw Down is November 5th.
- A motion was made to donate \$150 to the upcoming Stand Down on October 22nd. Passed.
- District Conference is October 29th.

Brandy – Dick Hammon.

50-50- Pat Andreoni

Kitty – Rod Luettinger (not present)

Motion was made to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Pelowsky, adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Joan Runk

Well Ladies, Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We have had a great fall – except for the hail storm. It sure was a dandy! Hope you didn’t have damage to your roof and siding. I was lucky – no damage. Sure did get a lot of calls from contractors wanting business. Even from Texas! We have to be careful to not get scammed.

I am sitting at my dining room table and I looked up at my hibiscus plant that we rescued before the frost, but after the hail, and it has one bud ready to bloom and another soon after. Amazing just like our auxiliary that continues to bloom with daughters and granddaughters continuing to support our veterans. We must continue our programs. I have been visiting our members at home and at nursing facilities. What a wonderful time I have had. I sent Harold Wood, a veteran from Black Earth, a card recently. He is at King, the veterans’ home that has been in the news. Sure hope all is well with him. I will print again his address: Harold Wood, Room 319B Storboch Bldg, King, WI 54946. He is a navy veteran of World War II. He is the father of 9 children.

Our newest member, Carla, is a member of Calvary Gospel church in Madison. This church made a full scale replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Its home is in DeForest but it will be on display at the church beginning on Friday, November 4th through November 6th. On the 6th there will be a special Veterans Day service at 10:00am. All are invited.

My daughter, Karen, myself and Lorie Ballweg went to Richland Center for the workshops held at the Post there. Guess what? Karen sat next to Carla's mom at the workshop. They had a great time together. So new friends were made there. Lorie and I met 3 gals from Orfordville and had a great conversation with them. Their Post & Auxiliary sponsor a bus that goes to Washington DC just like the Badger Honor Flight. Interesting I thought. The veterans are gone for 4 days and the volunteers pay their own way. The veterans are charged nothing!

I was able to go to the Dane Co meeting at Verona with Ben & Lou Hogdson this past Thursday. What a wonderful couple they are! There was a bake sale just like we had at our Post this past May. I bought some of Lou's caramel corn and Lou bought my apple pie I brought.

Leo Endres was at that meeting with Joyce. He was smiling and friendly, but you can tell he was battling with his illness. They are asking for cards of encouragement for Leo. His address is: Leo Endres, 1147 Fleetwood Ave, Madison WI 53716-1417.

When I visited Elvira Sarbacher, she told me she sent him a card. Thank you Elvira, you are a true auxiliary member.

Don't forget the November meeting. SAL are cooking their special turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy etc. They are great cooks! Hope to see you there.

November Lunch Committee: Cheryl Kelter, Jane Schuchardt, Debi Wipperfurth and Shannon Barman (bars only)

2017 Membership Dues:
Membership Dues are \$ 22.00 for Seniors (18+) and for Juniors it's \$ 3.00 (0-17). We would like to finish collecting for the year. Make checks payable to UNIT 245. You can mail them to Debby Niebuhr PO BOX 3 Cross Plains, WI 53528-0003.

Thanking you in advance for your continued support. ☺

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 Joan Runk (798-1416), 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

Monthly Meeting
Our monthly meeting will be held on November 17th. We will need volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up the place as it is our turn to cook for the Legion, Auxiliary and SAL. If you see Whitey or Kevin check with them for extra help, but if you can be there around 4:00 to 5:00 PM we should be okay.

Kevin Boehnen

We served food for the Cross Country Motorcycle Event on October 22th
Thank you to Whitey Hillebrand, Kim Statz, Paul Lochner, Gene Stormer, Ed Zander, Patty Hillebrand and Peg Diebold and myself for helping make this a successful event.

We served food for the Drawdown on November 5th
Thanks to everyone who helped make this event successful.

Veteran's Day
Make sure you fly your flag on Veteran's Day. If you need one call Rod Faust at 798 3535.

2017 SAL Dues
We have 115 members with 103 paid and 12 not paid. For those of you whose 2017 dues need to be paid, I sent out a letter and your 2017 card a couple of months ago. I would appreciate it if you can get your dues to me as soon as possible at:

Kevin Boehnen
Attn SAL 2016 Dues
3123 Melody Pkwy
Cross Plains WI 53528

If you know of anyone who interested in joining let me know and I can get you an application for membership