

The 245er
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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

Kerl-Endres-Brannan

Post 245

November 2017

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

Chaplin Pat Andreoni

Richard Williamson – Home	Carl Lochner – Home	Paul Dull – Home
Dan Meier – Home	Allen Ripp – Home	Sam Dalio – Home
John Helleckson – Home	Bob Luhman – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
John Hill – Home		

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers as you go thru your day. If you know of anyone that is having health problems please give me a call.

Upcoming Events:

November	02 Lions Club	December	02 Justin Krantz Celebration
	04 Legion Drawdown		07 Lions Club
	09 Cub Scouts		09 Zwettler X-mas
	11 Tiffany Statz wedding		16 Haack X-mas
	16 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg		16 Fruit Basket Delivery
	18 John & Mary Helleckson		21 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg
	23 Nancy Yaeger Thanksgiving		26 Model T Club
	25 Ziegler Thanksgiving		30 Ripp X-mas
	28 Model T Club		

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) / 608-438-2987 (Cell) / dcady@c21affiliated.com (email).

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Ed Pelowsky	798-4253
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Carol Yttri	798-4950
S.A.L. COMMANDER	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

Ed Pelowsky

First I want to thank Frank Koositra for handling the October meeting.

Unless an emergency comes up I should be here for the rest of my term to handle the meetings and other things.

I understand that John Hill has stepped up to take over 1st Vice duties when Bill Statz steps down in May. Thanks John it is greatly appreciated. I also understand Howard Hill has stepped up to handle the Hall rentals when Dan Cady steps down at the end of the year. Thanks Howard.

This Post works because members are willing to step up and take on the various task that need to be down. Thanks to all who help out to get things done.

Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Fruit Basket Delivery will be 12/16

Fruit basket delivery will be Saturday, December 17th. If you can help – meet at Piggly Wiggly at 9:00am. Any questions, contact Sheila Schultz at 608-235-5652.

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.

Note from Dave Vidlock on our metal recycling program to date

I would like to thank all the people who have donated material to be recycled and also the people who have spread the word that we do recycling.

It is hard to believe in a space about the size of a two-car garage that we have recycled 106,000 lbs of metal and 230,000 lbs in the past two years.

This would not be possible without the following individuals : Steve Hellenbrand, Dan Cady, Bill Seamen, Geno Schmidt, Mike Obrien, Dennis Heiliger, Fred Urban, Jim Yttri, Stan Nonn, Mike Shanahan, Jim Albertson and Dave Vidlock.

A special thanks to the businesses who help us: Kalscheur Dodge, Goth Plumbing, Sauk Plains Plumbing, Geffert Plumbing and Coaches Club.

A special thanks goes out to Cross Plains oldest 39 year old Jerry Bohnemen for picking up the cans every week from Coaches Club.

Lastly and most important is a THANK YOU to our wives for putting up with us.

Mike Schutz: If you're looking for your trailer it is at K&K manufacturing getting new tires.

REGULAR MEETING October 19, 2017

Meeting was called to order by Frank Koositra for Commander Pelowsky at 7:34.

Motion to accept the minutes as stated in the 245er was made by Marty and seconded by Geno and passed.

We had a guest at our October meeting. John Diebold who is a member of the SAL was here for our meeting. John has been out of town for some time and is now back.

FINANCE: Report was passed out and reviewed. A motion was made to accept the report subject to audit by Bill and second was from Emily.

CHAPLIN: Pat stated that Joe Hodgeson has not been active lately and suffering from pneumonia. Also Norm Statz is in Girlies Nursing Home now. Dick Zwettler also had thyroid surgery and is recuperating at home.

1st VICE: Bill stated there is no change from last months membership. We are at 73%
2ndVICE; Howie states the bike/motocross event and then the Statz wedding on the 11th are scheduled. Howie also stepped up and will do the hall rental position. He will handle the paperwork and will need help from members who live in the area to show the hall when requested.

SAL; Kevin reported that the Bobby Rogers event has raised \$ 10,000.00. He thanks us for the \$ 300.00 donation and mentioned that Bobby was finally granted disability. Kevin and some SAL members were at the last Badger Honor Flight.

AMERICANISM; N/R

CHILDREN AND YOUTH; N/R

ATHLETICS: N/R

COMMUNITY SERVICE; Metal recycling has totaled 106,000 lbs and \$ 9600.00 for the legion so far this year. We also have Mike's trailer at K&K for new tires and a special price of \$40.00 each.

3rd VICE: N/R

PUBLIC RELATIONS: N/R

OLD BUSINESS: A reminder about the Molly B concerts at Park School on Nov 18th, tickets are \$ 30.00 each.

NEW BUSINESS; Pat has been asked how the scholarships winner are picked at Middleton High School. It is done by the schools Guidance Counselor Jada Galahan. One goes to a trade school and one goes to a 4 year college. We received a thank you from the people who were here on behalf of the SSM presentation last month. On Oct 24th St Johns church in Oregon will hold a community outreach dinner for vets. Dinner will be at 5:30.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: Richard Haman has donated a bottle of bourbon that was issued for the American Legion's 50th year anniversary. It is now 100years old. We also received a donation from Catholic Financial Life of \$ 100.00 for our memorial at the legion hall. John Hill has stepped up and agreed to do the 1st Vice duties at the end of Bills term.

KITTY; Kitty was \$ 15.20 and winner was not present.

BRANDY: Won by Warren Knoub

50/50: Won by Warren Knoub.

Motion to adjourn was made and second, meeting ended at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted

Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Carol Yttri

Hi all,

Can you believe how the weather has changed in the last month! Wow. Thanksgiving will be here in a blink of the eye.

Veterans Day is Saturday, November 11th. If you get this before 11/11, the VFW Band 1318 will be playing a patriotic concert at the State Capital in Madison at 9:30 Saturday morning. The ceremonies will honor the Veterans that have flown on the Badger Honor Flight, Veterans that will fly, and the volunteers that make the Washington, D.C. tours possible. I sure hope I can make it.

At the October meeting, Joan Runk volunteered to be our "Sunshine Lady" for the unit. Thanks for stepping up Joan! This will be a great fit for the unit. Joan has a lot of connections with the people associated to our Unit and Post.

Karen Runk attended the ALA In the Know conference at the end of September and provided a report-out to those of us in attendance at the October meeting. She said it was one of the best conferences she's ever attended. We hope to have Karen hook up a laptop and give us a demo of some of the information. Karen was so surprised at how many discounts are available to us as members. I'm looking forward to that!

We also talked about the Homeless Women Veterans Program. I received information from Department Headquarters that one of the biggest needs is help with paying the security deposit and/or the first months rent. It's getting harder and harder for those with low income to secure housing. They may qualify for rental assistance but many landlords have had so much trouble with renters destroying the property that they either won't rent to those with rental assistance or they demand a double security deposit. There are also landlords that take advantage of those who have low income. They had a veteran ask for help with rent and security deposit so she could move. Her landlord rented the unit at a low price but he violated several housing codes, wouldn't make repairs plus entered her apartment anytime he wanted. Every time she reported him to the housing authority, he would file a lawsuit against her. It would eventually be dropped but she finally gave up reporting anything. This is a very sad situation for some of these women.

At the ALA Dane County meeting on October 26th, some units discussed that they make helmet liners to send overseas for our soldiers. Some people asked for the pattern. Joyce Endres sent me an email with the pattern. If you're interested in crocheting helmet liners, please contact me at 798-4950 and I'll send you the pattern. Please leave a message if I'm not home. Or email at cyttri@amfam.com if you prefer. I will also bring some copies to our November meeting.

Sheila Luhman and Susan Hutton got our poppies ordered so we'll be good there. We upped the number of poppies this year.

November Lunch Committee: Cheryl Kelter, Jane Schuchardt, Louise Powell, Cami Hill

Membership

EXCITING NEWS: You can pay dues on-line or OVER the PHONE. Just did it over the phone to try it out; you can also pay for more than one person. Call National direct at (317)569-4536 (Mon-Fri. 7am-3:30pm) It helps to have your Member ID#(s) - otherwise they'd be happy to look it up for you by your name and Unit location, Cross Plains, WI Unit 245 and we're in District 3. Last year I paid on-line and you can only pay for one person. That website is (www.alaforveterans.org) go to the "**MEMBERS ONLY**" tab and create a log in ID if you don't already have one. The **PAY DUES OPTION** will be at the top of the screen. **An email address and Member ID# is required.** If you need assistance with creating a log-in ID, please contact the national organization's helpline at alahq@alaforveterans.org (317)569-4536. **NOTE:** Paying dues on-line or over the phone requires a credit or debit card.

Members that pay by the October 19th meeting will be put in a drawing for a free 2019 membership!!

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 Carol Yttri (798-4950), 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

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be held on November 16th. 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.

We served food for the Cross Country Motorcycle Event on October 21st

Thank you to Whitey Hillebrand, Mike Diebold, John Diebold, Paul Lochner, Ed Zander, Mary Joy Diebold and Peg Diebold and myself for helping make this a successful event.

We served the food for the Drawdown on November 4th

Thanks to everyone who helped make this event successful.

Veteran's Day

Veteran's Day is Saturday, November 11th. Make sure you fly your flag. If you need one call Rod Faust at 798 3535.

2018 SAL Dues

We have 116 members with 105 paid and 11 not paid. For those of you whose 2018 dues need to be paid, I sent out a letter and your 2018 card couple of months ago.

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

For those of you whose 2018 dues need to be paid, I sent out a second notice letter two weeks ago. Next month if necessary I may publish the names of the eleven individuals to see if others can help me get those dues collected.

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
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