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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

November 2018

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	Paul Dull – Home	Dan Meier – Home
Allen Rip – Home	Sam Dalio – Home	John Helleckson – Home
Bob Luhman – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home	Richard Brill – Waunakee Manor
Frank Bayer – Home	Dick Zwettler – Home	

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems as we go thru these summer months. 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	01 Lions Club	December	06 Lions Club
	03 Lowenberg birthdy		07 Wedding reception
	10 Drawdown Raffle		08 Haack Christmas
	15 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg		15 Fruit basket lunch
	22 Yeager Thanksgiving		20 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg
	27 Model T Club		22 Zwettler Christmas
			29 Ripp Christmas

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 Howard Hill at 608-977-2105 or email hillrdkng2112@hotmail.com

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

I promise I will be at the November meeting. Thanks Bill for stepping in on short notice. I am also looking forward to a great Turkey dinner the Son's put on for us at the November meeting.

Remember November 10th is our Annual Draw Down fund raiser.

November is Veterans month with the 11th being Veterans Day honoring all Veterans. Thanks to every member who has served. Thanks to the Auxiliary and the Son's for all the support they give us.

On Saturday November 17th we've been asked to Post the colors at Park School for the Molly B Polk show. We've also been asked to do a flag folding. There are 2 shows that day. The first is at 1:30 PM and the 2nd is at 6:30 PM. If you are interested in being a part of this please contact me. Those who are a part of the program do not have to pay to stay for the show.

Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Fruit Basket Delivery will be 12/15

Mark your calendar. Fruit basket delivery will be Saturday, December 15th. If you can help – meet at Piggly Wiggly at 8:45am so that all route can be on their way by 9am. 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.

REGULAR MEETING October 18, 2018

Meeting was called to order by temp commander Bill Statz at 7:28p.m.

A motion was made to accept the executive minutes as read was made by Howard second was Dan.

Lee passed out the finance report and went over the expenses and income. A motion to pass the report pending audit was made by Gary second was Howard.

Jerry received a \$100.00 donation from Catholic Financial Life for our memorial fund.

We have new member who transferred in, his name is Dan Hong. We are pleased to have him join us.

Pat mentioned Norm Statz passed away. He was a legion member for 67 years. Ted K mentioned his father in law Delbert Flitsch has also passed on. He was the post commander in Gays Mills and asst commander in Sun Prairie.

1st VICE: Bill brought us up to date on membership. Currently we are at 154 paid, or 67%.

2nd VICE: Howard went over recent and upcoming events including the draw down.

3rd VICE: Ted has been in contact with the paving company to fix our puddle causing low spot on our new blacktop. Bathroom fixtures are here and hopefully be installed soon. We also have a new roof quote.

SAL: Kevin went over the events they have been involved in and mentioned they are at 88.2% paid membership.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Dave updated us on the metal recycling totals so far this year. We have hauled in a total of 125,400 lbs. and received \$ 10,700.00.

SERVICE OFFICER: Joe mentioned the Madison VA hospital just received a 5-star rating which is the best rating possible.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Dan, second by Dennis to accept and proceed with the quote for the new roof. Cost will be \$ 24000.00, and we hope to get it done this fall yet. A vote was taken, and the motion passed.

The Legionnaire of the year award was presented to Dick Zwettler with a plaque in his honor.

Bill read the thank you cards we received in the mail, Pat covered the drawdown event including the grand prize of \$ 1500.00. The drawdown event is scheduled for 11/10/2018. Tickets \$ 50.00 ea.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: Ted mentioned the CALVERY GOSPEL CHURCH is having a service thanking all vets and all are invited.

KITTY: No winner

BRANDY: Frank Koostra

50/50: Frank Koostra

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Carol Yttri

Veterans Day is Sunday, 11/11. One of our members, Karla Krajewski belongs to a church that has a wonderful service to celebrate veterans. The church is called Calvary Gospel Church (CGC). It's located on Hwy T on the east side of Madison. Official address is 5301 Commercial Ave, Madison, WI 53704. People usually arrive between 9:45am and 10:15am. The service will be done at approx. 11:30. I'm told by people that have attended in past years that this is a really nice celebration. This would be a great way to honor our veterans if you don't have other plans.

A note regarding Badger Girls State was included in the November Unit mailing. They had complaints from units regarding the \$25 delegate fee collected from the girls at the ALABGS session and the fee will be discontinued. In an effort to achieve a balanced budget for the first time in many years and after reducing expenses as much as possible, the board approved an increase to the unit reservation fee to \$350. In the past, our unit has sponsored two delegates each year and the Son's have sponsored one.

I received a call and follow up email from Col. Jack Rogan, USA Ret. He wanted me to include some information about a book he published. I think the best way to do that is to just provide you with the email he sent me – I know I couldn't say it better.

A few months ago, I published my book, "Our Wartime Love Story", about meeting and falling in love with my future wife, Ann Cogan from Lakewood, Ohio, whom I met in Feb. 1949 in Kyoto, Japan. Ann had decided to join the American Red Cross as her contribution to the war effort and I had just arrived in the Tokyo-Yokohama area as a young 1st Lt Finance Disbursing Officer. We soon discovered how much we had in common and how much we were meant to be together. We were both the oldest of seven in an Irish Catholic family and only one letter difference in our last names! We soon began dating on weekends and making plans to marry when we rotated back to the States. However, everyone was kept on indefinitely when the Korean War suddenly began in June 1950. When it appeared likely that I would be sent to Korea, we decided to get married in Kyoto at I Corps Hqs, where Ann was stationed, on 7/16/1950. Fortunately, I was assigned to Sasebo, Japan for 22 months and Ann was able to get Red Cross permission to join me there. Our first child, Suzanne, was born there in May 1951 and we finally returned to the states in April 1952 to meet our respective families in Lakewood, Ohio and Elmira, NY. We were blessed with nine children born at various military bases around the world during the course of my 25 year active duty military career and our wonderful marriage of 65 years until Ann's death on January 28, 2015 as a result of an accidental flu related fall at home in 11/2014.

My book is dedicated to Ann's legacy as a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother and is available on Amazon and doing very well, especially with women.
Col. Jack Rogan, USA, Ret.

Membership: As of this writing, Debby has about 30 members she needs to collect dues from for next year. If you're one of those people, please try to pay your dues as soon as you can.

November Lunch Committee: Louise Powell, Mary Jones, Sheila Luhman, Cami Hill, Kate Bratton (dessert only)

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be held on November 15th. 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 Plains Lions 40th Anniversary on September 30th

Thank you to Whitey Hillebrand, Mike Diebold and Bill Diebold for helping make this a successful event.

We served food for the Cross Country Motorcycle Event on October 27th

Thank you to Whitey Hillebrand, Mike Diebold, Paul Lochner, Ed Zander, Gene Stormer, Patti Hillebrand, Peg Diebold and myself for helping make this a successful event.

We will be serving the food for the Drawdown on November 10th

If you can help out we would appreciate it please let Whitey or Kevin know if you would like to help out. If you can stop and help clean up the kitchen after the meal it would be appreciated.

Veteran's Day

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

Condolences

We offer our condolences to Kim Statz and his family as Norby Statz passed away. I am sure Norby and Herb are getting together and deciding on what colors to repaint the walls in heaven.

We also offer our condolences to Roger, Whitey, Tim, Todd and Greg Roessler and their families on the passing of Ginny Hillebrand. Ginny was a great cook and she sure has passed on the tradition to her sons and son in-law.

We will greatly miss both of them, but they both should be proud of their children and what they have done for our community as well as Post 245.

2019 SAL Dues

We have 119 members with 105 paid and 14 not paid. For those of you whose 2019 dues need to be paid, I sent out a letter and your 2019 card couple of months ago. I sent out a second notice letter a week ago. Next month if necessary I may publish the names of the fourteen 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
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