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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

November 2020

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 Pat Andreoni

Richard Williamson – Home
Tom Foseid – Home

Paul Dull – Nursing Home
Sam Dalio – Nursing Home

Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
Herbert Niebuhr - Home

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

Upcoming Events:

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 Pat Andreoni at 798-3844 or email at jpandreo@aol.com

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Gary Itten	608-225-4722
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Karen Runk	608-415-2001
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 5:15pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message

Gary Itten

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during this pandemic. Due to the pandemic there will be no meeting or meal this month. There will be an Executive Board meeting starting at 6:30 P. M. Nov. 19th, 2020.

Veteran's day is November 11th, for the safety of everyone the Executive Board decided not to have any kind of a program this year. As a veteran you can still reach out to a fellow veteran and thank them for their service and see how they are doing during these challenging times.

Post 245 members please send in your dues to Bill Statz, 7780 Martinsville Rd., Cross Plains, WI 53528. Also, I would like to congratulate Karen Runk and the Auxiliary for reaching 100% in their membership.

The fruit baskets will be delivered Saturday December 12th, 2020. See page 3 for more information.

On Dec. 5th the Cross Plains Optimist Club is doing The Santa Visit a different way this year. They are taking Santa out to the kids and families. This would involve a drive through the village neighborhoods on a fire truck with several shortstops at monitored locations. One of those stops will be at the legion park outside. They are handing out goodie bags at each established stop. If any member is interested in helping out it would be welcomed by the Optimists.

Happy Thanksgiving
Gary Itten, Commander
Post 245

Note from Joe Hodgson as people renew their membership and recruit new members:

Below is the American Legion Preamble that is recited at all legion meetings, Post, County, District, Department and National. In italics are meanings of words from Webster's Dictionary.

Preamble to the Constitution

For God and Country we associate (*band*) ourselves together for the following purposes;

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; to foster (*nourish*) and perpetuate (*remember and live*) a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories of all wars; (*wars and conflicts*) to inculcate (*to impress upon the mind*) a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy; (*ruler with absolute power*) of both the classes and the masses; (*all*) to make right the master of might; (*stay strong*) to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity (*future generations*) the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate (*to set aside as holy, sacred*) and sanctify (*to make free from sin*) our comradeship (*friend, companion*) by our devotion (*loyalty*) to mutual helpfulness.

The Preamble is printed on the back of every legionnaire's membership card.

Community Caring Tree:

What an unordinary, challenging, and unbelievable year 2020 has been. We probably wouldn't have believed it if we weren't living it. The chance of having a November meeting with a scrumptious Turkey Dinner could be unlikely.

Therefore, I have to do my annual begging for funds by this newsletter. The money donated helps pay for the Fruit Baskets, Poinsettia plants and monetary gifts for the less fortunate in our community.

Donations can be sent to the American Legion Post 245, C/O Lee Mayrack, PO Box 188, Cross Plains, WI 53528.

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause,
Barb Schutz, Community Caring Tree Coordinator for Post 245

Fruit Basket Delivery:

Please save the date to deliver annual Fruit Baskets and Poinsettia Plants on December 12 starting at 9:00AM. You must sign up for a route this year and pick up your route no earlier than 9:00 AM. The safety of our members and the recipients are our #1 concern. The Piggly Wiggly asked that we follow a little different process to keep everyone safe and pick up delivery routes in an organized matter. Please call or email Sheila Schultz to sign up for a route at sheila.schultz@atticangel.org or 608-235-5653 and she will give you instructions. If you have a route you would prefer over another, please let her know when you call. Bring joy, showing those in nursing homes, suffering from illness, and those who have lost loved ones in our community that they are not alone is vital this holiday season. There will not be a luncheon served this year, but your help delivering is greatly appreciated. Thank you for making a difference in our community!

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.

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Karen Runk

Well, we finally had a Unit meeting last month.... It was a challenging conference call, but all who attended were extremely patient with the "technical difficulties". We did get our unfinished business from February completed, which resulted in new standing rules. Our 2020 annual donations & poppy order were voted & approved, and our scholarship has a new name!! We did put our thinking caps on for Veterans Day and came up with terrific ideas for this and future Veterans Days. Thanks to all who endured the call!!

Unit 245 honors Post 245 veterans at CAL

This month, for Veterans Day, we honor each Legion member with our gratitude. However, Unit 245 put our funds to work at Camp American Legion in honor of our very own Legion members of Post 245 for Veterans Day!! Posts in Dane County sponsor cabin #5, supporting all of its maintenance and improvements at CAL. We thank our 245 Post members for their service and sacrifice!!

Unit 245 honors Virginia Faust

Our Unit has named our scholarship after Virginia Faust, the person who created the Unit 245 scholarship program and served as the program chairman for many years. Ginny has many accolades in the ALA organization, including Department of Wisconsin President. We are proud that Ginny calls 245 home and that she continues to be active in our Past President Parley after 74 years of membership. Please join me in congratulating Ginny on this momentous occasion!!

3-peat the Silver!!! It will be April 2021 when we find out if we have indeed 3-peated this Silver.... But I think that y'all NAILED IT!!!! We will have to find a prominent spot for this Silver Set. My garage is not exactly the tea and crumpet environment... just saying!!

Permit me a shout out to my youngest brother, CSM Runk. Congratulations in being awarded the Bronze Order of Mercury, a very prestigious military award. While he has achieved so much, this one defines the man wearing them. Well done, really well done!

NOVEMBER EVENTS & REMINDERS

REMINDER1: Submit your October & November volunteer hours, dollars and miles to Kate Walsh-Bratton!

Lunch Committee:

Lunch Committee is suspended until further notice due to the COVID virus issue.

Membership:

WE HAVE REACHED OUR 100% GOAL ~ THANKS TO JUDY SCHMITZ. And, by the time you receive your newsletter we should have 100% of our current members paid up as well. So we will be eligible for the final contests between State and National.

THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SHOWN THEIR LOVE AND SUPPORT IN HELPING ME GET THIS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 2021 COMPLETED.

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH ;-)
Debby Niebuhr, Membership Chair

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

The SAL will not be providing our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner due to the increase in numbers for COVID 19. Please remember our Veterans as everyone will not be having their traditional Thanksgiving this year. With numbers going up pretty sure we will not be having a meeting as last month's meeting was canceled.

Recycling Efforts

Thank you to Whitey Hillebrand and David Schultz who was visiting from his home in Colorado Springs. We even had another SAL member from the Black Earth Post 313 Mike Helmenstein help us in October. Thanks to everyone who helps make this program successful, I know Buddy Schroeder would be proud of everyone.

Veteran's Day November 11th

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

2021 SAL Dues

We have 122 members with 109 paid and 13 not paid. For those of you whose 2021 dues need to be paid, I sent out two letters and your 2021 card during the last two months. Dues are \$15.00 a year or pay \$60.00 for 5 years.

We have three new members Tyler Archuleta, Scott C Juris and Scott M Lamontagne. If you know of anyone who interested in joining let me know and I can get you a application for membership

For those of you whose 2021 dues need to be paid, please send them to me and if you are not interested in being a member send me an email at kaboehnen@chorus.net and let me know.

I would appreciate it if you can get your dues to me as soon as possible at:

Kevin Boehnen
Attn SAL 2021 Dues
3123 Melody Pkwy
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