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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

November 2021

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

Paul Dull – Nursing Home	John Hill – Home	Sam Daleo – Waunakee Nursing Home
Ralph Schulenberg – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home	

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

Upcoming Events:

November	04 Lions Club	December	02 Lions Club
	16 SAL Last Mans Club		16 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg
	18 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg		28 Model T Club
	30 Model T Club		

Need to include something in the Newsletter? Email Carol Yttri at carolyttri@gmail.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 5:30pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message

Gary Itten

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

November 11th, Veteran's Day is a day to honor military veterans who served in the United Armed Forces. As a veteran you can reach out to a fellow veteran to talk and find out how they are doing, or to see if they need anything.

I want to thank Doug and Judy Deaton, Ed Pelowshy, Debby Niebuhr, and Sue Hutton for preparing the great meal and cleaning up afterwards.

The Madison VA Hospital is giving the Moderna booster shot. Anyone needing a booster shot should call 608-308-3518 to schedule an appointment.

The annual fruit basket and poinsettia deliveries will be December 11, 2021. We will have breakfast at 8:15 A.M. this year before we do the deliveries. I want to thank Sheila Schultz and Barb Schutz for organizing this annual event.

There will be a special all Female Veteran Charter Honor Flight for our female veterans that served during WWII-12/07/41-12/31/46, Korea-06/25/50-01/31/55, Vietnam-02/28/61-05/07/75. The date of this flight is yet to be determined but they are targeting Spring 2022. I have the application form and I will bring them to the next meeting in November. For more information email: administration@badgerhonorflight.com, subject: Alice Ladwig Female Flight. This flight will not displace any veteran currently on the waitlist.

If you haven't done so yet please get your dues (\$40.00) into Emily Cash, 7780 Martinsville Rd., Cross Plains WI 53528.

Happy Thanksgiving
Gary Itten, Commander, Post 245

Quilts of Valor presentation during October meeting:

Nine of our Posts Veterans received quilts from the Verona Quilts of Valor club to honor them for their service.



Front Row: Peter Bindl, Dan Cady, William Diebold, James Esser, William Fass
Back Row: Thomas Brunner, Emily Cash, Gary Itten, Phillip Vallejos

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.

Fruit Basket Delivery:

The annual fruit basket and poinsettia deliveries will be on December 11, 2021. Instead of a lunch afterward delivering, Whitey is making breakfast this year! Please join us at the Legion Hall basement before heading to the Piggly to enjoy breakfast.

We will use the same process and ask everyone to sign up for a delivery route beforehand. This way you are guaranteed a route with a scheduled pick-up time. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094EACA82FA0FD0-fruit1> or contact Sheila Schultz at 608-235-5653 or email Sheila.schultz@atticangel.org. Pick up times will begin at 9:00 AM and will be loaded on schedule every 10 minutes.

Currently, we continue to follow the county guidelines to protect our vulnerable population by practicing social distancing and wearing a mask when inside. Thank you for all you do to respect our recipients and taking the time to help again this year. This annual event is sponsored by the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, Catholic Financial, and Cross Plains Community Chest.

REGULAR MEETING October 21, 2021

Commander Itten called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the 245er was made by Dan, second was Bill and the motion passed vote.

A motion to accept the executive minutes as read was made by Dan, second was Ed and motion passed by vote.

FINANCE: Lee passed out his financial report and went over current income and expenses. A motion to accept the report as printed, pending audit was made by Dan. Second was Bill. Gerald Boehnen presented a check from Catholic Financial to go towards our memorial fund.

1st VICE: Emily brought us up to date on paid membership, we are at 139 out of 189 needed for 100%.

2nd VICE: Pat asked for help on Sat night since the hall was inadvertently double booked for that day.

SAL: Kevin summarized all the work the SAL has been doing this summer including work in the park area, help with recycling, cooking the golf outing meal, also will be cooking for the motorcycle ride meal. They also donated \$ 250.00 to Kevin Statz for his labor and equipment after the storm broke several branches in the park. Their membership is at 107 out of 114 paid.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Dave informed the membership we have received \$16,500.00 so far with our metal recycling.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Ed Pelowsky will be chair of a committee to draw up plans to celebrate our 100-year-old charter.

NEW BUSINESS: The historical papers from the Middleton American Legion are now here at our post. We will store them in the historical cabinet downstairs along with ours. The fruit basket delivery date is tentatively set for the second Saturday in December. We are still awaiting confirmation on the Molly B concert at Park school in November. Once we know for sure we will need people for the color guard and the flag folding ceremony. Dick Z says he will need some people to help pick up flags from the cemeteries Nov 12 and thirteen.

KITTY: No winner

50/50: Gary Itten = \$ 9.00

BRANDY: Phil Villergo who donated it to the golf outing.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Karen Runk

HAPPY VETERANS DAY TO OUR VETERANS, AND OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SACRIFICES AND SERVICE TO THIS GREAT NATION, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT!

The Taste of Freedom committee has totaled the funds raised and will report out in our November meeting. We will have commemorative wine tumblers for sale on our meeting night as well. The November meeting will be a working meeting in that we will be making decisions and setting a date for assembling Valor on Washington baskets. You will not want to miss the turkey and this FUN meeting!!

We have some new projects lined up for the coming months!! To remind ya'll, we selected Valor on Washington (11); Wisconsin VA Wish Lists (10); Purple Up! Day (8); and USO Wisconsin. Starting with the project with the largest interest, Valor on Washington. Which coincides nicely with November being Military Family Month!! We have started this project with our super coupon-ist, to see how far our funds can stretch on the list of items requested for Valor on Washington veterans & families. We will have an update from our super coupon-ist and a final count for Valor on Washington veteran families to help us decide on our project budget and method of collecting items. Don't miss this November meeting to discuss this family project and whether we should do a community curbside collection or simply purchase items from our budget??

December and January will be a great time to work the Wisconsin VA Wish Lists. This project will crush cabin fever for everyone involved and make a difference for veterans' during the frozen months of Wisconsin's 2022 winter wonderland. We will discuss key project points like selecting lists, set a budget and determine item collection method at the November meeting!!

VALOR ON WASHINGTON

Valor on Washington has partnered with Dry Hootch and Dane County Veterans Services and is a new apartment complex on East Washington Avenue in Madison. The building is scheduled to open November 1st. Valor on Washington is focused on housing for homeless veterans with family and is not a shelter. You can learn more about this organization by going to <https://www.valoronwashington.com>

WISCONSIN VA HOMES

Access all Wisconsin VA facilities wish lists, sponsored events, and fundraisers by going to <https://dva.wi.gov/Pages/veteransHomes/VeteransHomeCF.aspx> for the latest information. Your Unit can make a difference in a veterans' life.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER EVENTS & REMINDERS

NOVEMBER 11TH – VETERANS DAY

NOV 18TH – 6:30PM 245 UNIT MEETING; TURKEY Dinner/Lunch Committee

NOV 25TH – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER – MILITARY FAMILIES MONTH

DECEMBER 7TH – NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

DECEMBER 11TH – FRUIT BASKETS & POINSETIAS

REMINDER1: PLEASE send your September/October hours, dollars and miles to kmrunk4@gmail.com

Membership Chair message: Debby Niebuhr

MEMBERSHIP: THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR GETTING YOUR DUES INTO ME SO TIMELY AND FOR THOSE WHO HELPED ADD NEW MEMBERS SO WE DID REACH 100%. If you need a membership application to sign up a new member, please let me know, dniebuhr@chorus.net.

November Lunch Committee: Cheryl Kelter & Louise Powell Co-chairs

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

The SAL will be providing our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at this month's meeting on November 18th. If you are looking to help prepare the dinner, please contact Whitey Hillebrand and let him know that you are interested. Otherwise, we could use some help serving the dinner and cleaning up after. If you are interested show up between 4:00 and 5:30 to help get things set up or clean up between 5:30 to 7:00.

Recycling Efforts

Thank you to Whitey Hillebrand for helping the Post 245 with this effort. If anyone is interested in helping talk to Whitey. 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.

Madison Motor Cross Dinner

The Madison Motor Cross event was held on October 23, 2021 this year. We would like to thank the following people who worked to make this event successful; Mike Diebold, Peg Diebold, Paul Lochner, Tom Hellickson, Brad Niebuhr, Dan Layton, Patty Hillebrand, Steve Hillebrand, Ed Zander and myself. This event is always fun to work and a great fundraiser for the SAL.

SAL's Last Man's Club Meeting to honor James "Blue" Billmeyer

We had 17 members initially join this club a few years ago. We will be having a meeting with a meal and maybe play cards after to honor our comrade James "Blue" Billmeyer as he is the first one to pass away. This event will be held on Tuesday November 16th at 6:00 PM in the basement of the American Legion Hall.

If any other SAL member is interested in joining the SAL's Last Man's Club please attend this event or contact Whitey, Rod Faust or Kevin Boehnen for more details

2022 SAL Dues

We have 122 members with 113 paid, 3 dropped out, 1 new member and 7 not paid. For those of you whose 2022 dues need to be paid, I sent out three letters and your 2022 card during the last two months. Dues are \$15.00 a year or pay \$60.00 for 5 years.

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 2022 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 kabohnen@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
Cross Plains WI 53528

Delivering Fruit Baskets

Put December 11th on your calendar if you would like to help out with delivering Fruit Baskets this year. Look for further information to come.