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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

November 2022

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 Tim Engling

Paul Dull – Nursing Home Ralph Schulenberg – Home Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
Dennis Powell – Home

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

Upcoming Events:

November	03 Lions Club	December	01 Lions Club
	17 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg		15 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg
	24 Nancy Yaeger Thanksgiving		27 Model T Club
	29 Model T Club		

Need to include something in the Newsletter? Email Carol Yttri at carolyttri@gmail.com or call 608-516-5970.

HALL RENTAL: Notice to all members. There is a special rental rate for the use of the building to members. If you would like to inquire about renting the hall, please contact Katy Ripp at americanlegioncp@gmail.com. Look for updated information coming to www.americanlegioncp.org soon.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplain Tim Engling at 312-317-0034 or e-mail timengling@gmail.com

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Steve Zanon	608-213-9530
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Deb Niebuhr	608-445-6590
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

Steve Zanon

Hello Friends, Happy Halloween and welcome to November.

Firstly welcome back from your Honor Flight Bill Diebold, Gary Itten, Fred Hammersley, and Wayne Dosch

There is good stuff happening in the American Legion in the near future.

In November we will be hosting the WWII vets at our dinner and meeting in November. The Sons of the American Legion will be preparing dinner and it looks to be a thanksgiving dinner as well. Emily Cash has sent out invitations to honored guests and their families.

The midwinter Conference is being held at the Radison Inn in Green Bay January 12,13,14 if you would be interested in attending, please reach out to myself or members of the executive committee.

On February 18th of 2023, post 245 will be hosting the District 3 Holiday party. Joe Hodgson is drafting invites and heading this up along with Jerry Hook of district HQ.

Pat Andreoni has been working extra hard it seems this month. Our hall is in higher demand than usual and he takes it upon himself to keep the place stocked and staffed. Thank you Pat.

There has been some presumed vandalism at our war memorial. Someone smashed the flush mounted lamps on the ground in front of and illuminating our flags. They are complex and expensive to replace Dan Cady has been seeking out a new vendor for the lamps, and did some repairs to keep some operational. Thank you Dan, If you see something when you happen past the post after hours, please note and say something to someone. If you know or heard what happened to the memorial lamps this past month, Dan Cady is very much interested in talking to you.

Thank you Gary Itten for standing in for me in October, I look forward to seeing you all very soon,

That's all for now,

Respectfully,
Steve Z, Commander, Post 245

CORRECTION:

In last month's newsletter we misspelled Brian Bodendeins name. We want to thank him again for his donation of \$125.00 to upgrade our PA system.

Chaplain's message:

Tim Engling

We regret to announce the passing of post member Raymond Laufenberg of Middleton. He passed on September 23, 2020 after a battle with kidney disease. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. We salute his service and his fix-it attitude/skills with both buildings and cars.

Also at our meeting we acknowledged the passing of wives of two members and injury of a member causing his hospitalization. We stand with our colleagues at these difficult times.

Good Day to Post 245 WWII members

All of us at Post 245 would like to recognize you at our November Supper meal – please join us .

If you are unable to drive, please have a family member bring you to the supper or give me a call and I will come or have someone drive you. My phone Number is 608 438 2987 or Home phone is 608 798 2352. You can come just for supper or we would love to have you enjoy the meeting with us. Social at 6:00 pm . Supper at 6:30 pm. Meeting is November 18,2022

Dan Cady

Fruit Baskets – Sheila Schultz

The date for the 2022 Fruit Basket & Poinsettia Project is Saturday, December 10. Criteria for receiving a basket or poinsettia plant include: Death of a Spouse or child, recuperating from major sickness or surgery; being homebound; being in a nursing home/assisted living, or 90+. This is a joint project sponsored by the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion, Catholic Financial, and Cross Plains Community Chest. People associated with these organizations qualify, plus people from the Cross Plains and surrounding area. If you know of anyone who should be on the list, please contact Barb Schutz at bschulz@tds.net or Sheila Schultz at sheschultz.2@gmail.com or call 608-235-5653 to leave a message for Sheila. If you are interested in signing up to deliver this year, please contact Sheila Schultz at 608-235-5653 or sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AAA928A3FAC25-fruit>

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 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order by temporary Commander Gary Itten at 7:26pm.

The first order of business was to send out a HUGE thank you to the Deatons for spending most of their day at the legion preparing an incredibly delicious meal for a huge turnout. We had seventy-two people enjoy their hard work and everyone thanked them.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as published in the 245er by Phil, second was Dave Vidlock and the motion carried.

A motion was then made to approve the minutes as read by the adjutant for the executive meeting by Dan Cady, seconded by Phil and motion carried.

FINANCE: Lee passed on his report and explained the income and expenses for the period. We are still in good financial standing. A motion was made to accept the report pending audit was made by Joe Hodgeson seconded by Dave Vidlock and the motion carried.

CHAPLIN: Tim informed us Eugene Kostecki is in rehab now after falling two times recently, Richard Cashwells wife has passed, and Roger Freyes wife has leukemia. Also, Paul Kasher is now on oxygen and home bound. If we have missed anyone who is not well, please let Tim know.

1st VICE: Report submitted by Bill in Emily's absence. We currently have 121 pd members or 71%. He also stated we have 9 WW 2 vets who will be honored at our Nov meeting.

2nd VICE: No report

3rd Vice: Dan just installed more pavers in our memorial. He also finished maintenance on the garage and is constantly doing things in and out of the building.

SAL: This Saturday is SAL's main fund raiser with the moto cross event cooking. They will be doing the Last Mans dinner cooking in November, and will also be providing the Thanksgiving meal for the legion in Nov. They will be participating in the Dec 10 fruit basket event. They currently have 108 paid and are waiting on nine more. The SAL is also helping with the 100-year event we are planning.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Dave Vidlock brought us up to date with metal recycling. We have taken in 115,000 lbs. for approx. \$ 13,100.00 so far this year.

OLD BUSINESS: None brought up.

NEW BUSINESS: Optimist will be using the hall on Dec 2 and three preparing for and doing the Santa visit. Dave Vidlock made a motion to donate \$ 500.00 to them for the event this year, second was Dan Cady with motion passing. Gary went over the thank you cards we received, showing the plaque we received from the 115th fighter wing for our support. Dan asked members for military pics for our bulletin board. Dick Zwettler asked for volunteers to help pick up the flags in the cemeteries on 11/14/2023.

KITTY: Don Sprang \$ 75.00

50/50: Tim Engling \$ 8.50

BRANDY: Don Sprang

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Debby Niebuhr

Hi! We had a great turn out at our October meeting. We enjoyed celebrating with the families of the Valor Quilt recipients. Thanks again to Doug & Judi Deaton for a tasty meal and of course to our October lunch committee for the desserts.

We will be working with the Black Earth Post on our Neck Pillow Project for the Veterans at the Wm S. Middleton Memorial Hospital. Our contact person is Mary Jones.

We were thinking of planting a tree in Memory of our Members no longer with us. However, since this project is most likely a Spring project, we may expand it to a Memory Garden. We will need to get a committee to head this project up. So, if you are interested, please let us know. You can email me: dniebuhr@chorus.net or call my cell # (608)445-6590. This may tie in with the upcoming "100th LEGION CELEBRATION".

Please consider joining us at the November 17th meeting. It's a special time of year and the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) put on a fantastic meal. It's time to celebrate and be THANKSFUL.

MEMBERSHIP: Debby Niebuhr

We have reached 100%. I WISH TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR PART IN MAKING THIS POSSIBLE. We are truly BLESSED with a wonderful UNIT.

Lunch committee: Jane Itten

Desserts: Gail Faust, Louise Powell, Deb Niebuhr, Carol Yttri, Jane Itten helping out.

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 17th. 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, Tim Hillebrand and Mike Diebold for helping the Post 245 with this efforts. 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 29, 2022 this year. We would like to thank the following people who worked to make this event successful; Rod Faust, Noel Sarbacker, Kim Statz, Paul Lochner, Tom Hellickson, Brad Niebuhr, Dan Layton, Patty Hillebrand, Steve Hillebrand and myself. This event is always fun to work and a great fundraiser for the SAL.

SAL's Last Man's Club Meeting

We had 18 members initially join this club a few years ago. We will be having a meeting with a meal and maybe play cards. We had no members pass away this year. It is hard to believe that it has been one year since our comrade James "Blue" Billmeyer and Gene Stormer have passed away. This event will be held on Thursday November 10th 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 116 members with 111 paid and 5 not paid. For those of you whose 2023 dues need to be paid, I sent out three letters and your 2023 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 a application for membership

For those of you whose 2023 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 10th on your calendar if you would like to help out with delivering Fruit Baskets this year. Look for additional information at the beginning of this newsletter.