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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

October 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

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 healthy and safe during this pandemic.

We are going to have a legion meeting Oct. 15th, 2020. We will have an Executive Board Meeting starting at 5:30pm. A small meal of Hamburgers and chips will be served 6:30 P.M. The hamburgers were given to us from the Cross Plains Lions Club and we thank them for that. Dave Vidlock has volunteered to grill them up. I think Dave would appreciate a little help with that, so give him a call to help out. The meeting will start at 7:30 P.M.

I attended the 3rd district meeting in Darlington with Joe Hodgson Sept. 19th. A lot was talked about getting the membership of all the posts to 100%. I would like to see Post 245 get to 100% by the end of the year. So, if you haven't paid your dues, help us out and please mail your dues to Bill Statz, 7780 Martinsville Rd., Cross Plains, WI 53528.

I would like to congratulate Kevin Boehnen and the SAL for reaching 100% in their membership. This was also announced at the 3rd district meeting and they are the only one to reach that in the district.

At the Executive Board meeting last month Pat Andreoni is looking into having the draw down again in November. There probably would not be a meal this year and putting more money towards prizes. He will have more to report at the October meeting.

Stay Safe Everyone
Gary Itten, Commander
Post 245

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

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

It's pumpkin time! October brings short days and cold nights. October also brings us the first Unit meeting since February. WE WILL MEET ON OCTOBER 15TH at 6:30pm, in-person with 10 people and more members via teleconference. Please RSVP to me via telephone or email if you would like to attend the meeting in-person. (RSVP is required so that we can stay within Dane County order #9.) Dialing into the teleconference will allow you to listen in and vote on the standing rules, annual donations, etc. Our 7 officers will be included in the 10 person count. Teleconference is easy, simply dial the phone number & then enter meeting number followed by the pound sign. Conference numbers are in the reminders below.

A renewed effort in supporting homeless veterans is catching on in Madison this month. The American Legion is co-sponsoring an event called “*Stand Down Madison*”. This event aims to assist homeless veterans in the Madison area by providing food, clothing, health checks and more. This stand down event is even more critical than ever this year due to COVID19. Unit 245 has sent a \$125 check funded from our homeless veteran donation can. Thank you for your donations!! If you’re interested in volunteering or purchasing wish list items, you can learn more by visiting the website: standdownmadison.org

245 brings comfort to veterans at CAL

Remember our 2019/2020 project Camp American Legion (CAL)?? Well, we were not able to donate items or visit Camp this year due to COVID19. Our ALA Foundation Grant funding this project required that we complete this project within the year. So, we sent a check to CAL for \$375 with a note to purchase bed pillows from their wish list.

Please join me in giving recognition to our Butterflies, who have been strengthening our unit by supporting our members!! This season of COVID19 has lasted much longer than I had imagined. Going on 8 months, our unit has navigated through “safer@home” restrictions and social distancing. Our butterflies have worked to keep 100 members connected and informed. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to Pat Cady, Sandra Faust, Ginny Faust, Cindy Hansen, Sue Hutton, Mary Jones. Cheryl Kelter, Deb Niebuhr, Joan Runk and Kathy Statz. Well done!!

3-peat the Silver!!! We currently stand at 92% membership!! As I write this newsletter we need 4 new members to meet the 100% goal. Please invite your eligible neighbors & family members to join us for a fantastic 2021 and beyond. All veterans serving in the military from Pearl Harbor Day forward are eligible to join the Post, thus making husbands & wives of veterans, and their children & step-children; grandchildren & step-grandchildren eligible to join our Auxiliary Unit.

To our WWII Legionnaires & their families celebrating 75 years since the end of WWII, thank you for your sacrifice and service. Your generation, the greatest generation, is never forgotten.

OCTOBER EVENTS & REMINDERS

OCTOBER 15TH: Auxiliary Unit Meeting at 6:30pm; 10 people in-person RSVP
Phone Number 712-432-6105; Meeting code 179171#

OCTOBER 22ND: Auxiliary Dane County Teleconference Membership Workshop at 7pm
Phone number 712-432-6105; Meeting code 282748#

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

Membership & Lunch Committee update:

MEMBERSHIP: We have all but 2 members paid up for their 2021 Auxiliary dues and we are hoping to add 2 more members to reach our 100% goal ~ hopefully by our meeting, October 15, 2020. THERE'S A CONTEST WE CAN WIN IF WE GET THE 100%. If you can help us out, please contact Karen Runk or myself (Debby Niebuhr, PO BOX 3 Cross Plains, WI 53528 ~ cell # 608-445-6590 ~ email: dniebuhr@chorus.net ~ ~ \$30. for 18+ and \$6. for 0-17 ~ ~CHECKS can be made out to: UNIT 245.

I WISH TO THANK ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PAID AND JOINED OUR WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION, OUR GOAL IS TO SUPPORT OUR VETS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

If you have paid your dues and receive a notice from nat'l; please disregard it. A lot of the contests had deadlines before the middle of September.

LUNCH COMMITTEE: Is suspended until further notice; there will be no food at our October meeting; just a meeting. Thanks for your understanding. Just want to play it SAFE w/ this Covid 19 virus. Hope all of you are happy and healthy.

Debby Niebuhr, Membership/Lunch Committee chair

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

No Report this month.