

***The 245er***  
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**CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION**

**Kerl-Endres-Brannan**

**Post 245**

**October 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.

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**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.

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**Upcoming Events:**

<b>October</b>	01 Nancy Yaeger – wedding	<b>November</b>	01 Nancy Yaeger – wedding
	06 Lions Club		06 Lions Club
	20 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg		20 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg
	25 Model T Club		25 Model T Club
	29 Madison Motorcycle club		29 Madison Motorcycle club

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Need to include something in the Newsletter? Email Carol Yttri at [carolyttri@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:americanlegioncp@gmail.com). Look for updated information coming to [www.americanlegioncp.org](http://www.americanlegioncp.org) soon.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplain Tim Engling at 312-317-0034 or e-mail [timengling@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.americanlegioncp.org)**

## Commander's Message

Steve Zanon

Greetings Ladies and Gentlemen of the American legion, Auxiliary, and sons;

October is here and there are exciting things happening in our post and district.

Ed Pelowsky graciously stood in for Dennis Heiliger as adjutant in September, and will be spearheading a dinner honoring the accomplished American Legion post 245 sponsored baseball team coaches and families. If you notice some unfamiliar faces at the October dinner, please welcome and congratulate them on a successful summer season. Ed is also leading our affiliation with a newly forming Girls Softball League; more to come on this.

Some members of our post are attending the Honor flight to DC on October 29th Bill Diebold, Gary Itten, Fred Hammersley, and Wayne Dosch will be flying out and back that day in thanks for their service. See Deb Niebuhr's letter for important details.

It was decided in the Executive meeting to Honor our World War II veterans during our November Dinner. Dan Cady is our point of contact for this event. If you have input on the status of an invitee, know someone who should be on the list, or needs special accommodations, we would receive this info gladly as we want this to be a great tribute to these heroes so close to veteran's day and Thanksgiving. The sons of the American Legion have stepped up to provide dinner and of course our Kevin Boehnen is the person in charge.

Charlie Wilder, a community member and local parent addressed the Executive committee at the behest of our SAL Rodney Esser (AKA Peanut). Charlie has done considerable leg work regarding playground equipment suppliers and available grants to help purchase supplemental equipment to improve our play site. We hope to move forward with this in spring.

Deb Niebuhr and the Auxiliary will be placing a Memorial tree in a carefully selected place on our grounds in the near future.

American Legion 3rd District is hosting it's Fall Conference, and Stan Hook asks that we invite everyone as below.

- People don't have to pre-pay, please just send an email or text to Steve Zanon and I can give Stan a count before the deadline of October 8th.
- Fall Conference
  - When: Saturday October 22nd
  - Where: Verona Post 385  
207 Legion Street, Verona
- Please Join us. Registration at 0800. Meeting starts at 0900
- Coffee & Doughnuts will be available for a donation Meeting at 9am Pay registration fee day of Conference. Registration Fee \$5 Lunch cost: \$10.00 Lunch reservation deadline: Saturday October 8, 2022
- Lunch Menu: Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad, chips, coffee, water, milk and lemonade and dessert.

Lastly Gerard Hook has disseminated an American Legion video series to help new members and others better orient to this organization. <http://em.legion.org/c/12zDZm9JOXT6CddmzNv89g51>  
If you type all that in but have trouble opening it, please let me know (but be nice)

That's all I have for now folks, hope to see you all very soon.  
Steve Z, Commander, 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.

## REGULAR MEETING September 15, 2022

Commander Zanon called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

Motion to accept the minutes as published in the 245 was made by Pat Andreoni, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Itten. Passed.

The Commander thanked Bill Statz and Emily Cash for attending the State Convention.

New Member Maria Tolbert was introduced. New SAL member Nathan Knoke was introduced.

Finance: Lee Presented the finance report. Our finances are still in good shape. Motion by Gary Itten to accept the finance report subject to audit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hodgseon. Passed.

Chaplain: This is buddy check week, so if you know of someone stuck at home or in a care facility, do a check.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice: Our membership is at 111 paid. We are over half way to full paid up membership. So get your dues into Emily Cash as soon as possible.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: No report.

3rds Vice: No report.

SAL: They have 106 paid up members need to get to 115. They are also looking to grow the membership. In Oct. the SAL will be cooking for the Moto Cross event. SAL will also cook our tradition Thanksgiving meal at our November meeting.

Community Service: we've sold over \$11,800 in salvage so far this year. Dave also brought up the new Pact Act. You can go to [va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/](http://va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/) This will give you more information.

Post Service Officer: Madison VA got a 5 Star rating. This is the highest you can get. Madison is #1 in the US over 5 other 5 Star rated VA hospitals. There were forms available for the Heats on Program. The VA reps are now allowed to visit in patients, but mask are still mandated by the VA.

Pat Andreoni has 3 people signed up for the Quilts of Valor. If you know of someone to nominate contact Pat.

Ed mentioned the coaches and spouse of the Legion Baseball time are invited to attend our October cocktail and meal gathering. Emily mentioned National has approved a girls Softball program for the Legion.

Member Brian Bodendeior donated \$125 to the Post.

Gary Itten mentioned that several Post 245 members, SAL members and Auxiliary helped with the meal at Truax field for members of the local Fighter Wing.

The hill and valley event is being held at Baer Park this weekend. The Auxiliary is doing treats.

50-50: Pat Andreoni.

Kitty: Dick Zwettler.

Brandy: Emily Cash

The meeting was adjourned around 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Ed Pelowsky, Acting Adjutant For Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

### Auxiliary Newsletter

**President Debby Niebuhr**

HI! I wish to thank Carol Yttri, her helpers, and the September Lunch Committee for the wonderful meal. The beef was so tender, the salads so tasty. And everyone loves dessert.

We had 13 from our Legion Family (245) participate in volunteering for the 115<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Wing at Truax on Sat., September 10<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed the experience. And a special Thank You to those who donated cookies for this event. I guess the Dane County Units contributed over 3,000 total so we made our target of 2,500.

We had a very successful Hill & Valley Car Show selling the wonderful pies, cheesecakes and brownies everyone donated. I believe we made as much as last year. A special thank you to Katie Runk for stepping up to run the event.

The diapers, wipes and creams that we collected at the September meeting were picked up by the Dane County President, Noreen Schmidt, on Wednesday morning, (9/21). She was a big help in getting them delivered for us.

By the time you receive this newsletter our TASTE OF FREEDOM fundraiser will be history as the event was held at Nineteen09, hosted by Katy Ripp and Candace Montag of Montag's Bar & Grill, on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. We wish to THANK them as well as all the businesses that donated gift cards or made monetary donations to our cause. And of course, a big Thank You to those of you who attended. Donations help with our scholarships and support of our veterans and their families through various projects we undertake.

At our October meeting (10/20) we will be working on the Fruit Basket project, lining up volunteers to deliver the goodies as well as helping with the list of recipients.

And last but not least, we have the Badger Honor Flights coming up, October 11<sup>th</sup> and October 29<sup>th</sup>. Members of our Post will be on this last flight, so we encourage everyone to join us in welcoming them home at the Dane County Airport, **8pm** sharp, on Sat., October 29<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind that there is construction going on so allow extra time for that. Hope to see you there.

MEMBERSHIP: Debby Niebuhr

We are at 98% with only 2 left to collect from. To reach 100%, we will need 3 new members. Thanks again to everyone for their support!

Lunch committee: Jane Itten

Lorie Ballweg, Susan Nelson, Mary Fitzsimons. Any questions or if you need help, please call Jane Itten – you can always leave a message.

**Son's of The American Legion**

**Kevin Boehnen**

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

Flags

If you need a flag, you can give Rod Faust a call at 608 576 4803.

2023 Membership Dues

In August everyone should have received their Membership Cards and a notice to pay your dues \$15.00 for one year or \$60.00 for five years. Second notices were sent out in September.

As of October 1st we have 97 members paid with 14 members to still collect from.

When everyone is paid we will have 111 members. Our goal from the Wisconsin SAL is 120 members. If you know of anyone interested in joining the SAL please let me know and we can get you the applications.

Motor Cross event is October 29<sup>th</sup>

We will need to have members available to prepare, serve and clean up for this event – looking for help from 4:00 to 7:30. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please see Whitey or myself if you are willing to help. Contact Kevin Boehnen at 608 798 2116 or kabohnen@chorus.net if you can help.