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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

Kerl-Endres-Brannan

Post 245

September 2017

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

Chaplin Pat Andreoni

Richard Williamson – Home	Carl Lochner – Home	Paul Dull – Home
Dan Meier – Home	Allen Ripp – Home	Sam Dalio – Home
John Helleckson – Home	Bob Luhman – Home	Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
John Hill – Home		

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers as you go thru your day. If you know of anyone that is having health problems please give me a call.

Upcoming Events:

September	07 Lion’s Club	October	05 Lion’s Club
	09 Ty Hall		07 Lions October Fest
	16 Tyrrell wedding reception		19 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg
	21 Legion, SAL, Auxiliary Mtg		21 Crowbait – Motorcycle riders
	23 Tim Smith & Brenda Cruz		26 Model T Club
	24 Euchre Tournament		
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	30 Passini Celebration		

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 Dan Cady at 608-798-2352 (Home) / 608-438-2987 (Cell) / dcady@c21affiliated.com (email).

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

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Ed Pelowsky	798-4253
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Carol Yttri	798-4950
S.A.L. COMMANDER	Kevin Boehnen	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**Ed Pelowsky**

I hope your summer has been going well and keeping you busy.

I am through traveling at least during meeting nights. Wife and I had a good trip to the Wyoming and Montana areas of our great country.

Again I want to thank Frank Kooistra for stepping in and doing the meetings.

This past week another tragic mishap occurred involving members of our armed forces who where not in a combat zone. Every day these young men and women place their lives in danger no matter where they are severing. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

At our September meeting we will have a guest from Home Health United Hospice to give a short presentation on how they serve and honor veterans. Lindsey Guyer along with Bob Grogh will be the guest. They will give their presentation shortly after our meal.

Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Pavement bricks for memorial:

The final date for ordering a pavement brick is Columbus Day, Monday, Oct 9th. Please send your order form (with payment) to Dan Cady, 798-2352. New pavement bricks will be installed before Veterans Day (Nov 11th). If you need an order form, call Dan or Tom Foseid (767-3356). Also, there will be order forms at the Legion Hall, front door wall cabinet.

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 August 17, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 7:45 by Frank Koositra sitting in for Commander Pelowsky.

There was no executive meeting last month so a motion was made to move on and seconded by Dick Z.

We had a visitor from Charleston So Carolina at our meeting. His name is Billy Ceultaw and is here visiting friends and family.

FINANCE: Report handed out by Lee and was reviewed, adding the bar is showing a profit. Motion to accept as read by Jerry and seconded by Gene.

CHAPLIN: We have a military funeral this weekend. Norm Statz is now at Girlie manor.

1ST VICE: Bill Statz reported we have 139 paid and we are at 65% of goal.

2ND VICE: Howard reported a good month for hall rentals in July and Sep looks good also but we will need volunteer bar tenders.

SAL: Kevin stated the check book for the SAL now stands at \$ 7,196.38, and they have 78 paid out of 116. The SAL is at 67% of goal. We will be having a fund raiser Euchre tournament to help a family in need. Sep 21 is our cycle group and Nov 15th will be the Thanksgiving turkey meal.

AMERICANISM: N/R

CHILDREN AND YOUTH: N/R

ATHLETICS: N/R

COMMUNITY SERVICE: N/R

POST OFFICER: N/R

P/R: N/R

NEW BUSINESS; Our draw down this year will be on Nov 4th. We are looking for bar tenders for the Lions Oktoberfest.

OLD BUSINESS: Pat Andreoni will check out rebuilding our climbing wall. It is in bad shape and needs repair to avoid someone getting hurt.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: Jim Peterson passed away on 7/23/2017. He was a long time member and a veteran of WW2 and the Korean war. He left a 3 wheel bike for anyone who may be in need. It will be added to our other equipment and can be used when needed.

KITTY: No winner
50/50: Winner was Dick Zwettler
BRANDY: Winner was Dick Zwettler

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Carol Yttri

Hi all,

Wow, Labor Day has come and gone. Is summer really over again? My husband and I recently went to a Brewer game. There was a Legionnaire handing out Poppies for donations. I was really amazed at how much money he had in a big jug. It was full! This was also talked about at the Dane County meeting in June. Units are finding out that they get quite a bit more money when a veteran is present. Makes sense – people like to say thank you to veterans.

At the August meeting, we presented Joan Runk an Honorary Life Member for her past 11 years leading our Auxiliary unit. Joan gave a lot to our organization and we thank her.

I received a summary of the Annual Report for the state of Wisconsin. This is based on the unit reports we fill out. Kate Bratton has been helping us get a bit more organized so when it comes time to fill them out this year, it won't be as hard. The report talked about Service Not Self. I shared the report at our August meeting. It broke down our service for veterans, active duty military, military families and scholarships. It's amazing how much our organization does for others. Thanks to those thinking about service – note self.

I received a note from Joyce Endres. She attended the National Convention. At the 2017 National Convention in Reno:

- Past Department President Diane Duscheck was elected as 2017-2018 National President of the American Legion Auxiliary and
- Past Department Commander Denise Rohan was elected as 2017-2018 National Commander of The American Legion. The first woman veteran to be elected as a national commander of any Veteran Service Organization!

Wisconsin is very proud of these individuals.

CALLING ALL PIE MAKERS!

Saturday, September 16th is the date of the Hill and Valley Antique Car show at Baer Park. We will once again be selling pies and other goodies. Please help us out by either baking pies and/or other goodies for us to sell or stopping on down to help us do some of the selling. Or both if you can. Right now we only have a few people lined up to help with selling so if you can donate a couple of hours, it would be appreciated. We usually start selling at 10 and go until 2.

September Lunch Committee: Ann Urben, Barb Schutz, Kathy Bertin, Karen Racek and Jean Bolchen

Membership

EXCITING NEWS: You can pay dues on-line or OVER the PHONE. Just did it over the phone to try it out; you can also pay for more than one person. Call National direct at (317)569-4536 (Mon-Fri. 7am-3:30pm) It helps to have your Member ID#(s) - otherwise they'd be happy to look it up for you by your name and Unit location, Cross Plains, WI Unit 245 and we're in District 3. Last year I paid on-line and you can only pay for one person. That website is (www.alaforveterans.org) go to the "MEMBERS ONLY" tab and create a log in ID if you don't already have one. The **PAY DUES OPTION** will be at the top of the screen. **An email address and Member ID# is required.** If you need assistance with creating a log-in ID, please contact the national organization's helpline at alahq@alaforveterans.org/ (317)569-4536. **NOTE:** Paying dues on-line or over the phone requires a credit or debit card.

Notifications: If you have a friend / relative that has passed and was an active member of the Auxiliary, please let us know. You can contact Joan Runk (798-1416), Pat Cady (798-2352), Sheila Luhman (798-2451) or Debby Niebuhr (798-4178). We like to know so that we honor them at one of our meetings. We will also be involved at the funeral services if the family would like.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Our monthly meeting will be held on September 21st.

Badger Honor Flight

The Son's of the American Legion will be the color guard to honor the Veterans returning home on September 16th and October 7th. We need 5 to 6 people to greet them at the Madison Airport. If you are interested in attending call me at 798 2113 or let me know by email at kabohnen@chorus.net.

Euchre Tournament

On September 24th we will be having a Euchre Tournament held at the American Legion Hall as a fundraiser for Bobby Rogers who has been under cancer treatment. We welcome all card players sign in around 11:00 to 11:45 AM and will start around noon.

We are also looking for help Bartenders, signing in players, 50/50 Raffle, double checking scores, serving food. If you can help please call me 798 2113 or email kabohnen@chorus.net.

SAL 2018 Membership

We have 116 members with 87 paid and 29 not paid. I would like to welcome John Diebold as one of our new members. 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 2018 dues need to be paid, I sent out a letter and your 2018 card. Reminders will be going out on October 15th.

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

Kevin Boehnen
Attn SAL 2018 Dues
3123 Melody Pkwy
Cross Plains WI 53528

Motor Cross Event

We will be cooking and serving the food. We will need 5 guys to help prep the meal and cook it, along with another 5 guys to serve and cleanup. This event will be held on Saturday October 21nd. Please talk with Whitey or email Kevin Boehnen kabohnen@chorus.net or call 798 2113 if you can help out.