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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

September 2019

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	Paul Dull – Home	Dan Meier – Home
Larry Hanson – Home	Sam Dalio – Home	John Helleckson – Home
Albert Oleson – Nursing Home	Francis Eisner – Home	John Hill – Home
Norm Esser – Home	Fred Urban – Home	Norm Bradford – Home

I ask that everyone remembers these members that are going thru health problems. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers.

Upcoming Events:

September	05 Lions Club	October	03 Lions Club
	08 Christina Wipperfurth		17 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg
	13 Lions Fish Fry		26 Bucky Ride
	14 Ice Age Trail		29 Model T Club
	19 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg		
	24 Model T Club		

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	Ed Pelowsky	798-4253
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Karen Runk	415-2001
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

First I want to Thank Pat Andreoni for organizing the We Survived the Flood Event. I also want to Thank all the Legionnaires, Auxiliary and SAL members who helped out. We even made the various evening news broadcast.

At the August meeting the Middleton Baseball Coach presented his thoughts on a Legion Baseball team. He will be returning to our September meeting to answer more questions we had. He is seeking our sponsorship of a Team.

Enjoy the last few days of Summer.
Ed Pelowsky, Commander

Flood party Thank You:

Thank you to Matt Olson and Flad Architects for making the large, advertising posters.

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 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Commander Pelowsky. We had the Middleton baseball coach come to address the legion becoming a sponsor for the legion team. He was there to explain the program, costs and answer questions we may have. After the presentation several questions came up that we will want answered before proceeding with a motion to sponsor.

A correction was made on last months Execution meeting minutes. Emile's name was listed as Statz and should read CASH. A motion to accept the executive meeting minutes as read was made by Pat, second was Phil and motion passed by vote.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the 245r by Ted, second was Gary, motion passed by vote.

FINANCE: Lee handed out his report and made a correction to last months on this report, so it reads correctly. He went over income and expenses. Motion was made to accept the report pending audit by Geno second was Mike Schutz and motion passed by vote.

CHAPLIN: Pat brought us up to date for our members on sick call including Norm Bradford and Fred Urban. If you know of others, please contact Pat and let him know.

1st VICE: Bill reminded us that the eligibility rules to join the legion have changed. Anyone who has served 1 day on active duty, including basic training since 1941 is now eligible to join the legion.

3rd VICE: Ted informed us the gutters are done, paving will be next week, and new outside doors ordered for the restroom's downstairs.

Dave Vidlock reported the price of metal has gone up to \$70.00 per ton from a low of \$ 55.00.

NEW BUSINESS: The Molly B show at Park School is scheduled for 11/16/2019. We will once again be part of the presentation. Peanuts mentioned he only has so many tickets left to sell. \$25.00 now and \$30.00 on the night of the show.

Pat brought us up to date on the activities for the Flood party. The Lions will be taking care of the food, the legion will cover beer, soda and wine. The Boy Scouts will be there for smores. He also mentioned that donations will be given to the Bank for distribution like before. Music will be done by Sharona and Ray Ray. There will be a program at 4 p.m. and the party goes from 1 – 6 p.m.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: The legion sponsored baseball team was discussed and a motion to address at next month meeting for a vote was made by Dan and second was Bill. We want clarification on who can try out for this team, can we have some home games here, is the school's insurance covering these games if at our park and is this coed? Ed will be asking coach to come back and address these issues.

Dick Z is asking for four volunteers to march on Aug 30th which is the first home football game for Middleton.

KITTY: Jerry Goth was not present.

50/50: Emily Cash won \$11.00

BRANDY: Bill Statz

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

President Karen Runk

August was a very busy month for our unit, we raised funds; selected projects and completed 1 of 3 2019/2020 projects!! Our presence at the farmers' market was greatly anticipated by the market patrons. We had sales before the market even opened and sold everything y'all baked & brought...AGAIN! We again raised approximately \$300! **Well done everyone, well done!!** Thanks to all that baked, worked and attended!

Our August meeting was well attended, your votes selected three projects for 2019/2020 in which we would invest our time & resources. The projects cover local and state veteran communities and they are: **(1) 115th Fighter Wing Care Packages; (2) 245 Veterans Day Chili; and (3) Camp American Legion wish-list.** Our first project with the 115th fighter wing was completed by sending a check to the wing. Their deployment schedule is fluently changing so we had to respond quickly to meet their needs. I am so very pleased to inform you that Dane county followed our lead by donating to this same cause. Our very own Post participated as well!! I'm so proud of our 245 Legion family!!!

I sincerely appreciate members' support!! Not all months will have meetings, we will have social & busy hands meetings as well!! I invite y'all to participate to your fullest!! Supporting veterans and their families is a core value in our organization and our community of Cross Plains.

Look for our Membership Tea Set display at the CP Library later in September! Speaking of membership.....thank you for all paid 2020 memberships!! We have qualified for several \$100 random drawings thus far!! Please give Deb your support in recruiting new 2020 memberships.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

September 11th is Patriots Day and our final 2019 CP farmers' market bake sale from 3:30-6pm. Members have already signed up to work the sale, and we are still looking for members to bake!! Your wonderful baked goods are the favorite at the farmers' market!! Please contact Judi Deaton at (608) 370-2269 or email casliti@gmail.com to volunteer to bake for this event. Please begin to drop off baked goods between 3-3:30pm. The SAL will "man the wagon" to sell brats & hamburgers. Everyone is encouraged to come to the farmers market socialize with our 245 Legion Family members and shop the market!!

September 19th Very important!!!come to the 100th Auxiliary Birthday Celebration. We will be celebrating our ALA organizations' 100th birthday and Unit 245's 92nd anniversary. *Historic memorabilia*, dating back to 1917 has been located and will be on display. We are celebrating with good people, a trip down memory lane, playing cards and tended bar. ***We will not hold a meeting on this date.***

September 21st is the Hill & Valley Antique Auto Show at CP Baer Park. We voted to continue our tradition of serving baked pie and goods at our August meeting. We could always need more help at the show, and the antique steam engine & steamed corn is always good!! Please contact Judi Deaton at (608) 370-2269 or email casliti@gmail.com to volunteer to bake for this event.

September 26th Dane County ALA Meeting at 6pm in the church located at the intersection of 78/Cty P in Mt Horeb. I sincerely welcome your support in numbers at these county meetings!!



Membership:

WE ARE AT 98%; WE NEED 2 NEW MEMBERS TO REACH 100% THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE STEPPED UP AND PAID YOUR DUES;) WE HAD 50% OF OUR MEMBERS WHO SHOULD NOT RECEIVE A NOTICE IN SEPTEMBER, so we saved national a lot of time and \$. There might be another 38% added to that total but then again we may have missed the deadline by a day. For the first contest we had 88% of our members paid up (by 8-7-19). You have to keep in mind we lose a few days to mail it in by the deadline. I'm pushing to have most of our members in by the end of August. Our next contest is for September 11th and I will be able to process the 6 new junior members as of Sept 1st. They help balance out the deceased members we've experienced from 2018/2019. (New members cannot be processed until Sept 1st.) I CAN'T THANK ALL OF YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR SUPPORT. IT HAS GONE SO WELL, WE HOPE TO DO IT AGAIN NEXT YEAR AND HOPE TO BE 100% BY SEPTEMBER 11TH.

Thanks,
Debby Niebuhr, Membership chair

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 Pat Cady (798-2352), Sheila Luhman (798-2451) or Debby Niebuhr (608-445-6590). 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

Monthly meeting will be held on September 19th.

Flags

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

Recycling Efforts

Tim Hillebrand and Whitey have been representing the SAL. If anyone else is interested in helping talk to Whitey and he can share what they do and how often.

2020 Membership Dues

In July everyone should have received their Membership Cards and a notice to pay your dues \$13.00 for one year or \$50.00 for five years.

In 2019 we had 119 members in the SAL but we enter into 2020 with a possible total of 117 as one member passed away and another moved away. To get 100% Membership we are looking for new members at least two for sure but we would welcome more. If you know someone is interested I have applications to join or you would like to sign up your grandsons let me know.

As of September 1st we have 109 members paid with 10 members to still collect from.

We currently have 91.6% of our members paid for 2020 with two new members Scott Niebuhr and Paul Niebuhr joining the SAL in August. If we get the last 10 paid we will be able to hit 100% for 2020.

Cooking at the Farmer's Market

On August 21st Mike Diebold and Whitey and Patty Hillebrand cooked and sold the food thank you for stepping up and helping out.

We would need two people to help on September 11th please check with Whitey or Kevin Boehnen if you are interested in helping cook or serving the food. Need workers between 2:30 to 6:30 at the latest.