

The 245er
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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

Kerl-Endres-Brannan

Post 245

September 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

Paul Dull – Nursing Home

Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

Tom Foseid – Home

Sam Dalio – Nursing Home

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

Upcoming Events:

Cancelled until further notice

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

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AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Karen Runk

608-415-2001

S.A.L. COMMANDER

Kevin Boehnen

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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.

I'm Gary Itten your new commander. Just a little bit about myself, I have been a legion member for 49 years, starting out as a member in New Glarus in 1971 until moving here in July of 1972. I served 4 years in the U. S. Air Force.

The latest order for Dane County regarding COVID19 restricts attendance to 10 inside and 25 outside. Therefore, the Legion will not have a regular meeting. There will be an executive board meeting at 6:30.

I would like to thank Ed Pelowsky, Commander and Ted K. 3rd Vice Commander for their service the last few years to Post 245. I would like to thank all of the officers that stayed on or stepped up to take an officer's position. I know we are still looking for someone to take the Chaplain position. I know Pat is willing to help out the new chaplain. Please contact me or Pat if you are willing to become the new chaplain.

Stay Safe Everyone
Gary Itten, Commander
Post 245

Past Commander's Message**Ed Pelowsky**

First I'd like to say it was a privilege being your Commander for the past 3 years.

I want to thank all of the members who stepped up to do the various task that take place around our Post. Without you we wouldn't have the great Post we have. Again, Thanks to all.

I know you will give incoming Commander Gary Itten the same amount of support. Thanks Gary, for Stepping up.

Ed Pelowsky,
Past Commander
Post 245

REGULAR MEETING August 20, 2020

Meeting was called to order by Commander Pelowski at 6:31 P.M. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the 245er was made by Joe, second was Dave and the motion was passed.

FINANCE: Lee passed out the monthly report and went over the income and expenses. Motion to accept his report pending audit was made by Frank second was Dave and the motion was passed.

CHAPLAIN: Pat advised us that Tom Fosaid is having some heart issues again and is being treated. He will continue as the post historian as long as he can.

1st VICE: Bill brought membership up to date for us with 137 members paid.

2nd VICE: Pat informed us that all rentals have been cancelled thru October.

POST SERVICE OFFICER: Joe mentioned that he gets the County newsletter from the Legion and if anyone would like to get it let him know and he will send the e-mail to you.

OLD BUSINESS: We want to thank Ted K for his service of 3rd vice for the last term.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Vidlock participated in a town hall meeting with the Undersecretary of the VA. Topics covered were the coverage of the black water 12 mile limit around Viet Nam, caregivers maybe eligible for compensation if you are caring for a vet, the Vets banking program and changes made and they now call the old Vocational Rehabilitation program VETERANS READYNESS AND EMPLOYMENT. If you have more questions, please call this vet number 1-800-827-1000 with any questions.

Dave also mentioned any TV can be recycled at the hwy 12 and 18 location for \$15.00.

Pat informed us they are working on ideas on how to handle the draw down this year based on the COVID issues it presents.

Ed mentioned we have a member celebrating his 94th birthday. HAPPY BIRTHDAY JACK ROGAN! We also thank all our WW2 vets for their service, VJ day 75 years ago

Dennis Semrau was at our meeting representing the Optimists. They are planning a SANTA VISIT on Dec 5th this year and would like to use our hall as a stopping point. A motion was made on their behalf by Joe, second was Dave and the motion passed. There was a second motion made by Frank to donate \$200 to the program, second was by Jo Ann Dodge with the motion passing

The AUX will be having a meeting in Sept along with the Legion meeting so we will be using both up and down location in the legion that night. On Sept 11th the Lions will be having a drive thru fish fry. We then had a motion to have a no ballot vote of officers by Joe, second was Dan and motion passed.

GOOD OF THE LEGION: Joe swore in all the new officers tonight and thanked Ed for being Commander for the past 5 years.

OFFICERS FOR THE NEW TERM

COMMANDER	Gary Itten
1 st VICE	Bill Statz
3rd VICE	Dan Cady
ADJUTANT	Dennis Heiliger
CHAPLAIN	Pat Andreoni
FINANCE	Lee Mayrack
JUDGE ADVOCATE	Frank Bayer
HISTORIAN	Tom Fosaid
SGT AT ARMS	Dick Zwettler
SERVICE OFFICER	Joe Hodgson

Meeting was adjourned at 7:31p.m.
Respectfully submitted
Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

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 is September already, and we are preparing for a meeting! Woo hoo!! Our Exec Board will be conferencing on Sept 10th @7pm to determine if we have a meeting in September and/or October. Dane county has placed a new order into effect 8/24/2020 that restricts attendance at scheduled events to 10 people inside and 25 outside. Remember, 10 members is our quorum. We will communicate the selected meeting date and time via telephone and email.

As I prepare for office on the Dane County Council, I realize just how special 245 members really are. 245 Member support and participation is compared to NONE. I do hope that you will consider attending a Dane County workshop or meeting in the next 2 years!! My pet project is literally a "pet" project!! I've selected Custom Canines as my project. Yes, 245 had hosted Custom Canines in June 2019 as part of the mental health workshop. Dane county will raise funds for this organization and present a check at the end of my term as Dane County President.

Here are some project updates & final results for you:

Mask Project Update: Donations have passed \$500 to assist the farming community. We continue to make & distribute masks through these early fall months. Mary is making patriotic masks for me to distribute at the next Dane County meeting on Sept 24th.

Coupon Project: **5 POUNDS of coupons** were mailed to Guam on Friday, August 21st!! This is almost 3X the quantity of coupons mailed last year!! Fantastic job y'all. The base has contacted me and will be sending a post from Guam. Nice memento for the history books.

WI Guard Thanks Project: **84 Thank You notes for the Wisconsin 115th Fighter Wing** were submitted by 245! Dane County Units added to our notes with a total of over 500 Thank You notes!!! We needed 300 notes to cover all members of the Fighter Wing. The Wisconsin Army Guard will receive the balance of the notes. Well done everyone!! Tip your hats to the 115th at the voting booths this November!!

3-peat the Silver!!! Thank you for your paid 2021 membership dues!! We currently stand at 89.5% paid membership!! As I write this newsletter we need 6 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.

AUGUST EVENTS & REMINDERS

SEPTEMBER 17TH: POSSIBLE Auxiliary Unit 245 Meeting

SEPTEMBER 24TH: Auxiliary Dane County Meeting & Officer Installation, location & time TBD!!

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

Membership:

Membership dues are the same as last year, \$30 for senior members; \$6 for junior members (0-17 years of age).

TJ Lewis is the winner of the free “2022” membership. Congratulations TJ!

Thank you to all those who have paid their dues and shown their support.

Debby Niebuhr, Membership chair

Son’s of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on September 17th.

Flags

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

Recycling Efforts

Tim Hillebrand, Mike Diebold 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.

2021 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.

I did have three letters come back if anyone has the address for these members please email me at kabohnen@chorus.net for the following members:

Timothy M McNeil Bill Walsh Jr and Rock G Sarbacker

In 2020 we had 119 members in the SAL but we enter into 2021 with a possible total of 120 as we picked up one new member Scott C Juris this month. If you know someone is interested in being a member, I have applications to join.

As of September 1st we have 95 members paid with 25 members to still collect from.

We currently have 79.2% of our members paid for 2021. If we get the last 25 paid we will be able to go over 100% for 2021.