

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

**Kerl-Endres-Brannan**

**Post 245**

**September 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:**

**September** 01 Lions Club  
15 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg  
27 Model T Club

**October** 01 Nancy Yaeger – wedding  
06 Lions Club  
20 Legion, SAL, Aux Mtg  
25 Model T 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 Chaplin Tim Engling at 312-317-0034 or e-mail [timengling@gmail.com](mailto:timengling@gmail.com)

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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 American Legionnaires, Sons, and Auxiliary;

Hope this finds you well. If you missed the August meeting, you missed a fine meal wonderfully prepared by Doug and Judy Deaton: Chicken and wonderful sides with corn on the cob furnished and prepared by Deb Niebuhr. Thank you all! You also missed a touching presentation by members of the Badger State Girls, an organization sponsored by our Auxiliary which forms the leaders of the future who meet to practice and learn the governing process during the summer months. This is one of the many ways our organization reaches outside itself to community members shaping the future.

The Executive committee in August carried a motion to allocate \$1,000.00 to the Badger Camp, and the good work they do there.

I am told the members of the 100th anniversary committee have met again and made progress planning this event. Gary Itten is chairing this committee for an event taking place in 2024.

Dan Cady, for whom I am beginning to think the American Legion is a full time job, has suggested we pursue an appreciation dinner for World War II veterans. This likely will take place in October, and we will try to discuss details during the September meeting. If you are able to attend, ideas from members are always a good thing.

More work has been done by Dan and a small group of volunteers around the post to keep it looking as nice as it does; appreciate as you walk the grounds.

Gary was assembling volunteers for the 115th fighter wing feed event to be held Sept 10th at Tuax field. Getting on base is tricky, and he was gathering a list with names exactly as they appear on your driver's license or state ID.

Hope to see you at the September meeting,  
Best,  
Steve Z, Commander, Post 245

### **Interested in purchasing a paver for the Memorial?**

Hi Everyone

Anyone interested in purchasing a paver at Memorial please get form and get to me as soon as possible as I will be filling orders I now have for fall.

Dan

### **HALL RENTAL**

Want to make sure everyone knows that Katy Ripp has taken over managing rentals for the Legion from Pat Andreoni. You can contact Katy at [americanlegioncp@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegioncp@gmail.com). Look for updated information coming to [www.americanlegioncp.org](http://www.americanlegioncp.org) soon. This information is also kept at the beginning of the newsletter.

### **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 19, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 7:24pm.

A motion was made by Ed to accept the Executive meeting minutes, seconded by Phil and the motion carried. A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the 245er was made by Phil, seconded by Joe and the motion carried.

We had a new member attend to night; his name is Will Atkinson. He is an Iraq veteran living in Cross Plains now and we are happy to have him join our post.

FINANCE: Lee passed out the finance report and explained income and expenses. A motion to accept the report pending audit was made by Joe seconded by Gary and the motion passed.

3<sup>rd</sup> VICE: Dan brought the membership up to date on the projects being worked on currently.

SAL: Kevin mentioned some events the sons were part of including cooking for the golf outing, Whitey cooked for the baseball outing and they will be doing the November meal at our meeting. They have 4 new members putting them at 82 out of 115 paid.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Bill informed us he has placed an ad in the paper looking for clues to help get our Nativity Scene back.

POST SERVICE OFFICER: Joe brought up there is a service for veterans to get their furnace cleaned and checked prior to the heating season at no charge to the veteran. It is called "HEATS ON ". It will take place on Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Local 601 steamfitters union will be doing the house calls. This is for homeowners, not landlords, must live in the Madison area and be home on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Oct. They cannot do any mobile homes or fuel oil units.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Frank mentioned the PACT act was recently passed to help veterans suffering with burn pit, agent orange and other chemicals during their deployment.

NEW BUSINESS: Currently we have 93 paid or 49% of our members paid to date. Pat is also asking for bartenders on Friday and next Sat. Steve mentioned the thank you letters we got from the Sutter family and Vincent Hoffman who got one of our post scholarships. Dan made a motion to pay state delegates \$140.00 a night hotel pay and \$50.00 per diem. The motion was seconded by Gary and passed. It is also noted that the executive meeting passed giving \$1000.00 to Badger Camp again this year.

KITTY: NO WINNER

BRANDY: STEVE ZANON

50/50: TIM ESSER

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dennis Heiliger, Adjutant

### **Auxiliary Newsletter**

**President Debby Niebuhr**

Hi! We had a wonderful meal at our August meeting (8/18). The BBQ chicken was cooked to perfection. The Auxiliary will be providing the meal for our September meeting. We will be having Sirloin beef tip roast, potatoes and various salads and of course dessert. Be sure to join us.

We enjoyed the presentation Hannah Boisen from Middleton High School gave on her experience at the ALA Badger Girl State Camp held in Oshkosh. Aaliyah Razvi from Clark Street Community High School wrote a report for us because she had a scheduling conflict as she was performing on the MHS Color Guard Team for their first football game.

We'd like to THANK the SAL for supporting 1 Badger Girls State delegate, thus enabling us to send 4 candidates to the ALABGS Camp to learn about how our government works. All Juniors, whether homeschooled, attending MHS or Clark Street are eligible to apply for the 2023 BGS session. BGS is always looking for counselors and support help. Check out [www.ALABGS.org](http://www.ALABGS.org) or contact Flo Bayer for more information.

At our September meeting, (9-15), we will be collecting **diapers** (size newborn -1), baby wipes and diaper cream for our Women Vets. We will deliver the donated items to Post 501 in Madison on **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If

you'd like to ride along, please let us know. The donations will be disbursed by the Women's Health Center located at the William S. Middleton Hospital.

We will be working at the Hill & Valley Car Show on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> providing delicious pies for sale along with other goodies. If you're able to make and donate a pie, we'd sure appreciate it. Bars and cookies are delicious, but they just don't sell as well as the pies do. If you're able to bake for us, please drop off around 10am. Come check us out, buy a piece of pie and enjoy a fun day in the park!!

The Badger Honor Flight upcoming dates are: Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, October 11<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Fundraising Event for Auxiliary**

We will be having a fundraising event on Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm. The event will be held at Nineteen09, which is located at 1909 Main Street, Cross Plains. We are partnering with Nineteen09 and Montag's Pub and Grill. This event will include a ceramic commemorative Cross Plains Oktoberfest stein, German wine and beer tasting, gourmet pizza and appetizers. There will also be a blind raffle and gift card sale. Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door (if space available). The link to purchase tickets is <https://www.nineteen09.com/workshops/tasteoffreedom-9cfxg>.

### **MEMBERSHIP: Debby Niebuhr**

We are presently at 87% with only 10 members to collect from. (The dues I rec'd after July 30<sup>th</sup> will generate a notice in September. If you know you have paid, please disregard the notice.) A HEARTFELT THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR PAYING DUES, SHOWING PATIENCE AND FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT.

### **Lunch committee: Jane Itten**

Desserts: Kathy Bertin, Jean Bolchen, Barb Schutz. Salads: Pat Cady-Kale salad, Jane Itten-Fresh fruit salad, Susan Hutton-Garden salad, Flo Bayer-Bean salad. Buns Sheila Schultz. Debby Niebuhr Back up. Carol Yttri is making the meat & potatoes. Any question call Jane Itten 608-7123133

### **Son's of The American Legion**

**Kevin Boehnen**

#### **Monthly Meeting**

Monthly meeting will be held on September 15th.

#### **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.

#### **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. In 2022 we had 112 members in the SAL but we enter into 2023 with a possible total of 111 as we had one member pass away in January.

We had four new members join in August they are the grandsons of Bill Diebold. Our newest members are Lucas and Liam Ward along with Armin and Bertrand Couey. If you know someone is interested in being a member I have applications to join.

As of September 1st we have 90 members paid with 25 members to still collect from. We currently have 78.2% of our members paid for 2023. If we get the last 25 paid and get seven new members we will be able to reach the membership goal of 122 members that the state as set for us in 2023.

I want to thank everyone who has helped us with reaching our membership goals.