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CROSS PLAINS-MIDDLETON AMERICAN LEGION

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Post 245

October 2024

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 Tim Engling

Paul Dull – Nursing Home
Dennis Jones – Home

Ralph Schulenberg – Home
Lee Mayrack – Home

Albert Oleson – Nursing Home

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

Upcoming Events:

October 03 Lions Club
 17 Legion, SAL, Aux meeting
 27 Halloween Spooky House
 29 Model T Club

November 07 Lions Club
 09 Drawdown
 21 Legion, SAL, Aux meeting
 26 Model T Club

Need to include something in the Newsletter? Email Carol Yttri at carolyttri@gmail.com or call 608-516-5970. Please get information to me before the 1st of the month.

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 Debby Niebuhr at americanlegioncp@gmail.com or 608-445-6590.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT: If you are in need of medical equipment, the Legion has some on hand. Please contact Dennis Heiliger at 608-798-2301. Leave message if no answer and he'll get back to you.

Someone ill or in the hospital? Call Chaplain Tim Engling at 312-371-0034 or e-mail timengling@gmail.com

OFFICERS: POST COMMANDER	Steve Zanon	608-213-9530
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT	Flo Bayer	608-444-8199
S.A.L. COMMANDER	Kevin Boehnen	608-798-2113

Post, Auxiliary & S.A.L meetings Third Thursday of month: Social hour 6pm; Dinner 6:30pm; Meeting 7:30pm
Executive Board Meeting: Third Thursday of the Month 5:30pm.

Website: www.americanlegioncp.org

Commander's Message

Steve Zanon

Greetings Post 245,

Hope you are well, things sure have been busy this month at the Cross Plains, Middleton post.

During our September meeting we hosted the American Legion Baseball players, coaches, and staff. 3rd Division Commander Dan Obrien was on hand, as well as Dane county Commander Scott Klassy, and our Auxiliary put on a wonderful supper.

We presented a certificate to Mike Schutz to recognize him as our post Legionnaire of the Year and thank him for his many volunteer hours and efforts he spends in and around the post between meetings. Thank you Mike.

Bill Statz issued the raffle tickets to members to sell for the upcoming Draw Down on November 9th and continues to do so.

During the general meeting in addition to other business, we took a very unscientific poll (show of hands) and it appears that people typically aren't checking the website to read the 245r as we hoped when we discontinued printing. While printing and mailing is expensive, it was voted to resume sending a printed copy to those who wish to receive it, and send an email copy to those who want to receive it in that form. It would of course still be on our website: americanlegioncp.org. Of the 184 current members, I have a list of about 115 emails. If you aren't getting a newsletter in the email, it is because we don't know your address. My list comes from the American Legion headquarters which many of you may not have updated in some time.

Our request of you is this:

If you would like to receive the 245r via email, please email us at americanlegioncp@gmail.com.

Those of you who do not respond via email, will continue receiving a printed copy. If you are receiving the newsletter by mistake because it was sent to a person not currently a member, please either email us or mail us this information so we can stop mailing.

Moving on: We had our 100th year anniversary celebration in September as well. The dinner was well attended and delicious, and included special guests and music by our own Randy Plunket. Sunday was somewhat hampered by the weather so we had our musical guests indoors, and the games and bouncy houses outdoors. We had the best balloon artist I have ever seen there, (though I'm no expert), and the kids who stopped by very much enjoyed that and the other attractions. Thank you to the many volunteers who made this a success.

October meeting fast approaches, and we are scheduled to have a guest speaker Brian Pitts of the Cross Plains EMS who will give us a brief training introduction to our Automatic External Defibrillator newly mounted outside the upstairs bathrooms. This is not a hands on training, but a brief introduction to the machine to make us a little more familiar in case of emergency.

County Commander Scott Klassy informs us that our membership is currently at 62% which is about on track for this time of year but please if you haven't already paid your membership dues, please take a little time.

Hope to see you all in October at the meeting or the Spooky Fun night on October 27th.

Steve Zanon, Commander, Post 245

Legion Spooky Fun Night!! – Emily Cash

Sunday, October 27th from 2 PM until 10 PM

This is a free community event based on the American Legions "Make Halloween a Fun and Safe Night" Program started in 1972.

Looking for any volunteers who would be interested in helping with stations at the event, and especially any youth who would like to help with the Halloween Maze, but also inviting all members of the post to drop by and see the fun. Any interest in the event please email Emily Cash at legion245.1stvice@gmail.com.

Event will include games, crafts, and a Halloween Maze! We will be selling popcorn and cotton candy as well like last year.

v/r
Emily L Cash
608-577-9650

Notes from Bill Statz:

1. At the Sept 19th Legion Meeting, we honored our 2 MHS/Post 245 Legion Baseball teams. Guests were 3rd District Commander, Dan O'Brien, and County Commander Scott Klassy. This year Post 245 sponsored 2 teams. Both junior and senior teams has winning seasons. The senior team won Region 6 championship again, second year in a row! They then went on to the State Tournament, but came up a little short. They fell to the team who eventually went undefeated in the tournament to win the State Championship. We presented the players with the American Legion Baseball "Certificate of Participation". From left to right: Post 245 commander Steve Zanon, Dane County Commander Scott Klassy, MHS Head Coach Brent Jorgensen, Legion Senior Team Head Coach Chris Basten, players Will Gilliland, Bennet O'Connor (holding Legion Certificate) and Koeplin Look, Post 245 Baseball Chair Bill Statz, and 3rd District Commander Dan O'Brien.



2. Our next Draw Down Super Raffle will be held November 9th, 2024. See Poster attached for all the details. You don't have to be present to win, but you do need to BUY A TICKET! Only 250 will be sold. Don't wait! We encourage coming to the event on Nov 9th, great food, good camaraderie, and fun time tracking the Draw Down. For tickets, contact any of the Legion Family who are selling tickets: Gary Itten 608-225-4722, Cheryl Kelter 608-279-9761, Tony & Flo Bayer 608-798-4671, Mike Schutz 608-516-6611, Dick Zwettler 608-798-2338, Denise Cox 608-438-5010, Steve Zanon 608-213-9530, Dan Cady 608-438-2987, Dennis Semrau 608-513-5556, Bill Diebold 608-225-4917, Katrina McKee 608-217-2023, Bob Saeman 608-798-3321, Kimmer Statz 608-608-279-6169, Bill Statz 608-577-4002, Peanuts Esser 608-608-516-1593
3. The Dane County Sheriff's Department will be holding their 2nd Annual Veterans Shoot on Friday, November 8th, 2024, 8am - 12pm. Open to all Dane County veterans. No fees, and free food/beverages. For details, call Bill Statz 608-577-4002, or visit www.danesheriff.com/events
4. Post 245 Honor Guard will be doing the Honor Flight Welcome Home honors on Saturday, October 12th, 8PM at the airport. If you would like to be part of this moving experience, call Bill Statz 608-577-4002

Fruit / Flower Baskets – Judi Deaton

Fruit / Flower delivery day is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th. Volunteers are needed to make deliveries. We will not be making breakfast this year. Meet at the Piggly Wiggly at 9:00am to pick up fruit baskets / flowers. Any questions, call Judi at 608-370-2269.

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 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Commander Zanon.

A motion was made by Phil and seconded by Dan to accept the minutes for Aug. 15th meeting as printed in the 245er, motion carried.

A motion by Dennis S. and seconded by Dennis H. to accept the minutes of Aug. 15th Executive board meeting as read by the Adjutant; motion carried.

3rd. District Commander Dan O'Brien and Dane County Commander Scott Klassy were introduced.

Finance: Joe made a motion and 2nd by Mike S. to accept the finance report subject to audit. motion carried

Chaplain: Dan Cady reported that Dennis Jones is at home and that Lee Mayrack is doing the same and at home.

1st Vice Emily reported we have 114 members paid up for 2025 and our goal is 187. We are at 61%. Please send in your dues to Emily Cash, 7780 Martinsville Rd., Cross Plains, WI 53528.

2nd Vice: Need Bartenders for the 100th Anniversary Sunday, contact Dave to help out.

3rd Vice: Dave reported metal prices doing good and he would like to thank everyone who helps loading metal when he calls.

SAL: Kevin reported they at 100% for membership. They have been cooking for events at the legion hall and will be cooking for some more upcoming events. He also reported that the legion, Auxiliary, and SAL Honor guards will welcome the Badger Honor flight back Oct. 12th. He also reported that Whitey Hillebrand, Tim Hillebrand, Tom Aeschbach, Rodney Faust, Tom Helleckson, and Dave Schultz have been helping with the metal recycling.

Americanism: Bill reported about the Dane County Youth Government Day in April. Also, we might have 3 contestants for the Oratorical contest for our post. Bill has tickets to sell for our annual drawdown which will be held Nov. 9th. Tickets are \$50.00 a piece which includes a meal. He also reported that we will need an Honor Guard for the Badger Honor Flight on Oct. 12th.

Children and Youth: No report

Athletic: No Report

Community Service: Dave gave his report in the 3rd Vice Commander's report.

Post Service Officer: Joe reported that we should connect with our fellow veterans and how a Scholarship recipient at the Argyle legion post returned her \$500.00 after completing her 4 years of college.

Public Relations: No report

Old Business: No report

New Business: Gary made a motion to fence off and tear down the old playground equipment that is being replaced. Dennis S. seconded motion carried. Gary made a motion to expand that area to 30' x 34' ft. To accommodate newer equipment. Dan seconded motion carried. Gary made a motion to have the legion donate \$5,000.00 to kick start the playground fund raising.

Good of the American Legion: Steve reported Don Sprang received a Quilt of Valor. Steve read Thank you notes we received.

Emily will need help for the Halloween haunted house which will be held Oct. 27th from 2 PM until 9 PM. contact Emily.

3rd District Commander Dan O'Brien presented Emily Cash and Dennis Heilger for 100% in membership last year. He presented Commander Steve an Appreciation award for retaining 90% or above in membership.

Commander Dan also spoke about communication, being visible and accountability.
Dane County Commander Scott Klassy spoke about membership.

Kitty: no winner

50/50: no winner

Brandy: Dick Zwettler, donated back to the golf outing.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Itten, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

Hello 245'ers,

President Flo Bayer

I want to congratulate our Post 245 family on our 100th anniversary celebration. The Middleton-Times newspaper did a very impressive job capturing our history with a special insert. If you don't have a copy you can check it out on the Legion's web page. Saturday night SAL's dinner was scrumptious, & "Remember with Randy" provided fun dancing music. Many thanks to all who made the weekend special: the 100th committee members, Optimists, Lions, It's Your Party balloon and tattoo artists, the musicians, business sponsors and all of you who were able to celebrate with us despite the wet weather Sunday morning.

Kudos to our chair Katie Runk, all who served with a smile selling, CrossRoads Coffeehouse who donated coffee & those who made pies for our successful Hill and Valley Pie Fundraiser. We sold out before the end of the day!

3rd District Fall Conference is Oct. 19th at Verona's Post 385. If interested in attending, let me or Carol know ASAP as registration is due Oct. 5th.

Fruit/Flower Basket delivery is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th. Contact Judi Deaton at (608) 370-2269 or casliti@gmail.com if you can help with delivery.

Upcoming Dates

Oct 12th – Badger Honor Flight, Legion, SAL & Aux. providing evening Color Guard

Oct 19th – 3rd District Fall Conference

Oct 27th – Halloween Spooky Night @Post 245

Nov 9th – Drawdown @Post 245

Dec 7th – Fruit/Flower Basket Delivery

Membership – Debby Niebuhr

We have two new members, Denise Cox and her daughter Josephine Holpin. Welcome to our Cross Plains Legion Family!

October 17th Lunch Committee – Jane Itten

Lorie Ballweg, Susan Nelson, Mary Fitzsimons, Jacky Graves. If you can't make it call or text Jane (608) 712-3133. Email gijacondo@gmail.com.

November 12th Lunch Committee – Jane Itten

Cheryl Kelter, Louise Powell, Gail Faust, Shannon Barman, LuAnne Foseid (if able) If you can't make a dessert of help serve, let me know. Jane Itten (608) 712-3133 or email gijacondo@gmail.com. Thanks.

Son's of The American Legion

Kevin Boehnen

Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on October 17th.

Prayers for Comfort & Healing

We pray that these members receive comfort & healing with their medical needs:

Rock Sarbacker Kim Statz

Flags

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

2025 Membership Dues

Everyone has received their Membership Cards and a notice to pay your dues \$15.00 for one year or \$60.00 for five years. If you have prepaid your dues you received your card.

We currently have 109 out of our 115 members paid for 2025. That is 94% of our members. Please consider the \$60.00 for five year options as it helps when trying to collect membership dues each year.

We have added one new member Henry Smith in the last month. If you know someone is interested I have applications to join or you would like to sign up your grandsons let me know.

100th Anniversary Celebration

Thank you to the following people who helped set up, cook, serve and clean up for the 100th Anniversary dinner. They are Matthew Cash, Rod Faust, Tom Helleckson, Whitey Hillebrand, Scott Lamontagne, Dave Maier, Brad Niebuhr, Greg Roessler, Noel Sarbacker, Dave Schultz and Kevin Boehnen,

Recycling Program

Would like to thank the following people who help make this program successful. They are Tom Aeschbach, Rod Faust, Tom Hellickston, Tim Hillebrand, Whitey Hillebrand and Dave Schultz.

Post 245 Welcome Home for the Badger Honor Flight October 12th

Post 245 Legion, Auxilary and SAL members have volunteered to be the Color Guard for the Welcome Home celebration on October 12th.

If you are interested in being part of the Color Guard please let Bill Statz 608 577 4002, Flo Bayer 608 444 8199 or Kevin Boehnen 608 798 2113 know respectively for each organization.

Motor Cross Dinner - October 26th

We will need workers to help prepare, serve the meal on October 26th. We will also need help cleaning the kitchen after the meal is served. If you can help out please let Whitey or Kevin Boehnen know if you can help. We are looking for help need 10 workers 4:00 to around 7:30. This is one of our annual fundraisers for the SAL.

American Legion Drawdown November 9th

If you would like to help out with this event let Bill Statz 608 577 4002 know. Will be looking for people to sell tickets, mark the boards as names are called out. The SAL will be doing the Envelope Game again.

SAL Lastman's Club November 14th

This event will be held on Thursday November 14th save the date. Members of the club will receive a letter about the event.

Delivering Fruit Baskets December 7th

Please put this date on your calendar and look for information about how to sign up for a route.

Future events for SAL to cook

They are as follows:

October 26th Motor Cross Dinner

November 21st Legion Meeting - Thanksgiving DinnerA few pictures

A few pictures from the 100th contributed by Flo Bayer





Join Us!

25th ANNUAL DRAW-DOWN RAFFLE

Fundraiser Sponsored by
American Legion Post 245

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Cocktails at 5:30 Dinner at 6:30 Drawing after Dinner

Grand Prize is \$1,500!

There will be 24 additional winners,
6 for \$50 ea, 15 for \$100 ea, 1 for \$200, 1 for \$300, 1 for \$400, 1 for \$599.

Total prizes = \$4,799!

DO NOT need to be present to win!

Raffle Tickets are \$50 each. Only 250 tickets will be Sold
Includes dinner, tap beer or soft drink. Additional guest dinners are \$10 each.

For how to buy Tickets, call: (608) 577-4002

"Draw-Down" is a raffle done in reverse. All tickets are put in the tumbler and mixed. Tickets are then drawn at random. The first tickets drawn do not win the big prizes, so you don't want your ticket to be drawn early, but later in the drawing when the bigger prizes are awarded, with the Grand Prize winner being the last ticket!

That's why it is called a "Draw-Down"

The 24 additional winners will be awarded as the drawing proceeds. The first ticket drawn wins \$50, then every 10th ticket will win the next prize, 6 for \$50 each, 15 for \$100 each, 1 for \$200, 1 for \$300, 1 for \$400, and 1 for \$599.

Thank you for your support of Post 245, and Good Luck!



***Raffle Drawing & Dinner Location:**

American Legion Post 245

Cross Plains – Middleton

2217 American Legion Dr, Cross Plains, WI

(608) 577-4002 www.americanlegioncp.org

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