

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

**Kerl-Endres-Brannan**

**Post 245**

**November 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.

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**Post 245 Sick Call**

**Chaplain Tim Engling**

Paul Dull – Nursing Home  
Dennis Jones – Home

Ralph Schulenberg – Home

Albert Oleson – Nursing 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:**

**November** 05 Viet Nam Vets  
07 Lions Club  
09 Drawdown  
12 Viet Nam Vets  
21 Legion, SAL, Aux meeting  
26 Model T Club

**December** 05 Lions Club  
06 Optimist Club Santa Visit  
07 Fruit Basket Delivery  
19 Legion, SAL, Aux Xmas Party  
31 Model T 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. Please get information to me before the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:timengling@gmail.com)

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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](http://www.americanlegioncp.org)**

## Commander's Message

Steve Zanon

Greetings Legion members and family;

If you didn't attend the meeting we had in October, it was a good one. Pulled pork dinner by the Deatons was delicious, and our guest speaker was Brian Pitts, Deputy Chief of Cross Plains EMS who gave us a nice presentation on how to use our new Automatic External Defibrillator(AED).

There was some interest in getting a deeper understanding of this as part of a one evening Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) course at our legion hall. I have since been contacted by Joseph Clarke of Cross Plains EMS, who offers to instruct this. Looking at the hall Calendar for November, it looks like Friday evenings late in the month are available. I ask that if you would like to attend, and can pay, I believe 25.00 for the class, Please email me at [szanon2019@gmail.com](mailto:szanon2019@gmail.com).

We said goodbye to our dear friend and finance officer Lee Mayrack, who passed away earlier in October. He will be missed but his funeral, luncheon, and the military honors were a nice tribute from his blood and Legion families. Thank you

Spooky Fun Night took place in October and was a great success! The hall was cleverly decorated and the spooky basement was amazing! Thank you to Emily Cash and her family, and all the volunteers for leading this and making it a wonderful time for the community.

Gary Itten and his committee have been making real progress and have finalized plans for our new playground equipment to be installed where our existing climbing structure is. We have scheduled a working party for the morning of November 2<sup>nd</sup> in order to tear out the wooden slide thingy and expand the landing area a bit. Culvers has graciously offered to have a "Share Day" on November 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00pm they will donate proceeds of their products to help fund our new playground equipment so please support this business if you are able this veteran's day.

Dick Zwettler asks that we turn out to remove flags from the gravesites for the season that were placed last Memorial day. Meeting at 0900 November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Legion Hall please.

At our November meeting we will have guest speaker Scott Lamontagne of Edward Jones investments of Cross Plains. Also our playground committee would like to share their proposed plans. Should be a fun and productive dinner and meeting. Hope to see you all there.

Respectfully,

Steve Zanon, Commander, Post 245

## Chaplain's message:

Tim Engling

We remember and pay tribute to Lee Mayrack, who passed away on October 15, 2024 at the Veterans Hospital. He was a faithful member of Post 245 for 40 years and served as treasurer for 16 years. Post members and friends served as ushers, food providers, and honor guard members at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Cross Plains.



### **Fruit / Flower Baskets – Judi Deaton**

Fruit / Flower delivery day is scheduled for Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **Thank you from Lee Mayrack family (via Deb Niebuhr):**

Lee Mayrack's family was very appreciative of everything we did for Lee's funeral. From all the help from the Post and the salads and desserts from the Auxiliary. Along with the SAL providing manpower for the visitation. It was a family affair. And he was a dear friend to us all. We will truly miss him.

### **Notes from Bill Statz:**

1. Draw Down Raffle ticket sales are doing well, we should be Sold Out again, 250 tickets. Reminder, Draw Down is November 9th. For tickets call Bill Statz: (608) 577-4002
2. Recruiting for Oratorical Contestants! Do you know of a student who is a good public speaker – perhaps involved in Forensics and is knowledgeable about the US Constitution? The American Legion has an Oratorical contest program that is a good opportunity for students to win scholarship monies. The student must be in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade, High School or home schooled. For more information call Bill Statz: (608) 577-4002
3. Recruiting for Color/Honor Guard members! If you can carry a flag or fire an M1 rifle, we need you. No experience necessary. Please consider this opportunity to be involved with your Legion Post, by serving on Color/Honor Guard duty. We do funerals, parades, athletics events, Honor Flights, etc. Post 245 is a certified Color Guard provider, so we are contacted by funeral homes and others to provide Guards. However, we are running very short on members, difficult to fill the ranks to do a complete funeral detail of 14 members. To volunteer, contact your Post 254 Sergeant at Arms officers, Dick Zwettler (608) 798-2338 or Bill Statz (608) 577-4002.

### **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 October 17, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Commander Zanon.

A motion was made by Phil and seconded by Dennis to accept the minutes of the Sept. 19th meeting as printed in the 245er, motion carried.

A motion by Tony and seconded by Ted to accept the minutes of Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> Executive board meeting as read by the Adjutant; motion carried.

No guests or new members

Finance: Phil made a motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat to accept the finance report subject to audit. motion carried

Chaplain: Tim announced that Lee Mayrack passed away. Tim made a motion to pay the pianist \$150.00 for Lee's funeral, Dan seconded, motion carried. Dick asked for members of the post to meet at 10:30 for Lee's funeral at St. Martins Church.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Emily reported we have 121 members paid up for 2025 and our goal is 187 with one new member. Please send in your dues to Emily Cash, 7780 Martinsville Rd., Cross Plains, WI 53528.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice: No report

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice: No report

SAL: Kevin reported they are at 105 paid members. 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 welcomed home the Badger Honor flight on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that Tim Hillebrand submitted a map of all veterans buried at St Francis cemetery and St Francis will get \$150.00 for this. Dick Zwettler had this map available for this project. SAL member Rock Sarbacker is on sick call. SAL will be cooking the Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>.

Americanism: Bill reported the draw down will be held Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and to get your tickets in by Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also read off the work list for the draw down and looking for more help. He reported the 3<sup>rd</sup> District fall meeting will be held Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at Verona and Veterans shoot will be held Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. Bill S. made a motion to nominate Deputy Jodi Haeger for police officer of the year, Joe seconded motion carried. Bill S. made a motion to nominate Emily Cash for soldier of the year, Ted seconded motion carried. Emily made a motion to nominate Katrina Mckee as EMT of the year, Dennis S. seconded motion carried.

Children and Youth: No report  
Athletic: No Report  
Community Service: No report

Post Service Officer: Joe 3<sup>rd</sup> District Fall Conference Sat. Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> at Verona. Get your dues paid for 2025.

Public Relations: Bill is going to write an article to put in the Village of Cross Plains Newsletter.

Old Business: Gary gave a report on the new Playground equipment. Work on dismantling the old equipment Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 AM. Dan Cady thanked the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee and members for attending and helping out with everything.

New Business: Emily needs help for the Halloween spooky house on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> from 2 PM until 10 Pm. Do buddy checks on your fellow veterans. Dick Z. needs help taking down the flags at the cemeteries Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> 9 AM, meet at the Legion Hall.

Good of the American Legion: Commander Zanon announced that the 3<sup>rd</sup> District Holiday party will be held Sat. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at Barneveld. Barneveld has bingo on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month through April.

There will a Patriotic Quilt display at the Stoughton Legion post Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

At this time Post 245 has one member deployed.

Kitty: no winner  
50/50: Gary Itten, donated to the new playground equipment  
Brandy: Bill Statz

Respectfully submitted,  
Gary Itten, Adjutant

**Auxiliary Newsletter**  
Hello 245'ers,

**President Flo Bayer**

I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful mild fall weather. Lee Mayrack's service and snarky attitude with a smile to our post will be missed. His daughter Susan's eulogy was very heartwarming and started out that her Dad was her hero. How lucky she was. Lee's family wanted us to let you all know that they were very thankful to the Legion, SAL, Auxiliary for the support of their family with funeral details and those who paid their respects to

Lee. Our auxiliary members who Susan thanked by contributing with Ushering, setup/cleanup, serving, salads and desserts were: Deb Niebuhr, Louise Powell, Shannon Barman, Pat Cady, Jane Itten, Flo Bayer, Julie Dahmen, Arlene Dahmen, Jacky Graves, Mary Fitzsimons, Susan Nelson, Jean Bolchen, Connie Faust, Mary Jones, Deb Wipperfurth, Virginia Diebold. Hope I didn't miss anyone.

In sending out our meeting minutes, I have been having problems with @yahoo & some @tds.net email accounts rejecting my emails with an attachment. They think I'm sending spam. Adding my [thebayers1@gmail.com](mailto:thebayers1@gmail.com) email address to your contacts should help. For our November meeting minutes, I will be asking for a "received receipt" so I know that you are receiving my communications.

**Poppy Makers needed** – The Auxiliary is looking for veterans to make poppies. Compensation is .10 per poppy which is \$100 for every 1000 made. Contact Sue Hembrook, Poppy Shop Supervisor @ [wipoppyshop@yahoo.com](mailto:wipoppyshop@yahoo.com) if interested.

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

**Veterans Day Prayer** - Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

### **Upcoming Events**

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – Veterans Day

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Fruit/Flower Basket Delivery

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> – Legion Family Holiday Party

November 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:gijacondo@gmail.com). Thanks.

December 19<sup>th</sup> Lunch Committee – Jane Itten

ALA lunch for December 19 Christmas party: bring your favorite dish or dessert. Any questions call Jane 6087123133 email [gijacondo@gmail.com](mailto:gijacondo@gmail.com). Thanks.

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

#### Monthly Meeting

Monthly meeting will be held on November 21st.

#### Prayers for Comfort & Healing

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

Rock Sarbacker

#### 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 111 out of our 116 members paid for 2025. That is 96% of our members. Please consider the \$60.00 for five year options as it helps when trying to collect membership dues each year.

**Kevin Boehnen**

We have added one new member, Rich Roberts, in the last month.

If you know if someone is interested I have applications to join or you would like to sign up your grandsons let me know.

#### Recycling Program

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

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

Post 245 Legion, Auxiliary and SAL volunteered to be the Color Guard for the Welcome Home celebration on October 12th. I would like to thank the SAL members who participated: Kevin Boehnen, Matthew Cash, David Faust, Ron Faust and Brad Niebuhr.

#### Lee Mayrack Wake and Funeral

The SAL were asked to serve for Lee Mayrack's Wake and Funeral. Kevin Boehnen and Rod Faust served as the funeral home directors at the wake on Friday. Brad Niebuhr helped on Saturday in the kitchen for the serving of the meal after. Thank you to anyone who reached out to Lee in his final days.

#### Motor Cross Dinner - October 26th

The Motor Cross Dinner which is one of our annual fundraisers for the SAL, was held on October 26th. Thank you to following people who made this event successful Kevin Boehnen, Peg Diebold, Rod Faust, Tom Helleckson, Patty Hillebrand, Steve "Whitey" Hillebrand, Dan Layton, Paul Lochner, Brad Niebuhr, David Schultz, Kim Statz, Deb Wipperfurth and Ed Zander.

#### 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 did 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:

November 21st Legion Meeting - Thanksgiving Dinner