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Post 245

July 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 Powell – Hospital / Home Albert Oleson – Nursing Home
Ralph Schulenberg – Home

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

Upcoming Events:

July		August	
04	Lions Club	01	Lions Club
11	100 Year Anniversary meeting	08	100 Year Anniversary meeting
18	Legion, SAL meeting	15	Legion, SAL, Aux meeting
30	Model T Club	27	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

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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

Commander's Message

Steve Zanon

Greetings Legion post 245 family;

July is here already and it looks to be a hot one.

A lot happened in June that we can be proud of. Dan and Pat Cady started us out with the post annual golf outing on the 3rd, and thanks to them and multiple volunteers from the legion, Sons of the American Legion, and our great Auxiliary, the event was a huge success. As a fundraiser it brought in upwards of ten thousand dollars and Dan presented a thousand dollars each to the SAL and Auxiliary. Great Job everyone!

During June our post accomplished the 100% membership mark thanks in large part to members committed to our organization enough to renew, and to the hard work of Bill Statz and Joe Hodgson who reached out to members with reminders.

The Iron Horse Coronet orchestra of Mazomanie put on a short lived but wonderful concert under our post shelter on the 24th and featured our own Carol Yttri. This has been a long-standing annual June event and there were over forty people in the audience, but the concert was cut short due to a downpour of rain.

Karen Eberhardt of the National Quilts of Valor foundation, Verona chapter, has mailed us an invitation to nominate a veteran for a quilt honoring their service. I have mentioned this in meetings, but so far have only received back one nomination form. You can nominate yourself!

The form is available through Bill Diebold, you can email Karen directly at karene.veronaqov@gmail.com, or you can get the following to me: Full name, branch of service, dates served, job they were trained to do or performed during service (if you want to share), and rank on discharge. Get that to me and I will get that to her. There was a ceremony a couple years ago and 15-20 guys got a quilt at a really nice ceremony, and the detailed work that went into making these quilts quite took my breath away. Enough said. Nominate yourself, or a veteran family member, legionnaire or not. I would like Karen to attend a meeting in the near future.

The State Convention is being held in July in Appleton. There are resolutions that benefit veterans, elections for department leadership, and the opportunity to meet again with Legionnaires and families from around the state. Bill Statz, Joe Hodgson, Gary Itten and myself will be attending and I am looking forward to it; we will try to pass on our experience at the July meeting (very briefly). See you at our July Post meeting which should be fun as well.

That's all for now; hope to see you all soon,
Steve Zanon, Commander, Post 245

Note from Dan Cady:

Dear Comrades:

A Big Thank you to The Legion, Auxiliary and SAL that helped with the Golf Outing.

I will be retiring from two positions that I have organized with my bride Pat.

1. The first is The Golf Outing, So anyone that would like to take over organizing a golf outing please step forward.
2. Since about 1987 I have organized the flag routes. Getting Route Crews, collecting money, organizing Routes.

Repairing flags, installing holders, ordering poles etc. We put out over 300 flags each holiday and with this fund raiser we give out \$4500.00 in Scholarships. Its a great program so the position will be open to anyone who would take on the task.

I WANT TO THANK ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN UP THEIR HOLIDAYS TO DO A ROUTE YOU HAVE BEEN GREAT.

Yours in Comradeship,
Dan

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 June 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by Commander Zanon.

A motion was made by Dick and seconded by Dennis to accept the minutes for May 16th as printed in the 245er, motion carried.

A motion by Joe and seconded by Phil to accept the minutes of Executive board minute's as read by the Adjutant, motion carried.

Jackson Sheedy and Trent Stein were introduced as new members.

Finance: Dave Vidlock gave report for Lee, Dan made the motion and Mike seconded to accept the finance report, motion carried.

Dave also gave a report on the 100th Anniversary which will be held on Sunday Sept. 22, 2024.

Dave also reported on recycling program and the work party that was held on May 18th.

1st Vice: Steve reported for Emily that we have 181 members renewed for 100%. There are still few members unpaid and would like to get them paid before June 30th. We will start collecting dues July 1st for 2025.

2nd Vice: No report

3rd Vice: No report

Americanism: Steve reported for Bill, Legion baseball is going on and playing games at Baer Park. Our 3 Badger Boys State representatives, Jack Hutchinson, Anya Choudhury, and Wyatt Ehrhardt will be at our August 15th meeting to talk about their experiences at State.

SAL: Kevin reported that they cooked for the May Legion meeting and the Golf Outing. They presented Ambrose Engling with a \$500.00 Scholarship on Memorial Day. Rod Faust reported that Nick Volenec Post 245 SAL member passed away and he was the first SAL Commander for the State of WI.

Athletic: Dan Cady reported on the Golf Outing. It was another great success, the final numbers have not come in yet. He also reported that the post gave \$1,000 to the Auxiliary and \$1,000 to the SAL for their help at the golf outing. Steve thanked Dan and Pat Cady for running this huge event and great money maker for Post 245.

Post Service Officer: No report

Public Relations: No report

Old Business: Dennis asked about where we were at on getting an AED for the post. Steve is checking into it. Steve reported that he received one application for a Quilt of Valor and is still looking for more applications.

New Business: Joe made a motion to nominate Steve Zanon, Bill Statz and Joe Hodgson as delegates to state convention with Gary Itten as an alternate. Dan seconded it, motion carried. Dan made a motion to give the 100th Anniversary committee a \$5,000 operating budget, Pat seconded, motion carried. This had been approved at the Executive board level before.

Steve read a thank you note that the H. W. Schroeder Life Member Club made a donation to the Ronald McDonald house in Warren Knaub's name. Steve read a report from Jerry Hook, 3rd District Commander. Dan made a motion to donate \$50.00 for a hole sponsor at the 3rd District Golf Outing, Mike seconded, motion carried.

Joe Hodgson installed the new Post 245 Officer's.

Kitty: No Winner

50/50: Dan C. \$4.00 donated it back

Brandy: Phil V, donated to golf outing

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Itten, Adjutant

Auxiliary Newsletter

Hello 245'ers

President Flo Bayer

I have to thank Debby Niebuhr for taking care of running our June meeting. I was unable to attend due to the passing of Frank's brother in Tucson, Az. It was a bit disheartening to hear of the rain and flooding our area received. The water came over the road at the end of our driveway and our barnyard turned into a lake. If you had any flooding problems, I hope it gets taken care of quickly. Enough rain for a while please!

Memorial Day – Many thanks to our Chaplain, Pat Cady who reported she put out 126 flags on Auxiliary members grave sites. Darlene Schulenberg came up with the idea to distribute flags to honor our deceased members.

Poppies – We thank all of you who have donated to our Poppy Drive! Monies collected will help with important support programs for our Veterans.

Badger Girls State – A huge thank you to JoAnna Richard for braving a week with 500 energetic delegates in warm weather at UW Oshkosh! One Unit 245 Cross Plains/Middleton delegate served as Assembly Speaker, and another was an Assembly Member. It's such a valuable experience for our youth to engage with. Check out a couple of pictures of our 245 delegates with JoAnna at the end of this newsletter.

Fun Fact: We collected over \$50 in pennies for Penny Wars! Many thanks to all of you who saved and donated your pennies. Donations go toward scholarships.

Membership – Our goal is to have all members renew their dues by the end of July. Remember it's always the right time to recruit new members.

Post 245 100th Celebration – Saturday, Sept 21st there will be a dinner and entertainment for all Legion Family members, and not just our Legion Post. Sunday, Sept 22nd we will celebrate with all the community enjoying a bit of History, Music, Food and Fun!

August Lunch Committee – August lunch committee members:

Arlene Dahmen, Cookie (Lois) Conroy, Mary Dahmen, Monica Gulesserian. If you can't make it, please call Jane (608) 712-3133 or email gijacondo@gmail.com.

Golf Outing – Many thanks to our many AMAZING Auxiliary members who supported the Legion Golf Outing whether it was golfing, working at the course, helping with and donating raffle baskets, making food, serving and cleaning up. The Legion gave us a very generous donation for our help.

Sip and Serve on Flag Day – It was a beautiful night on the 1909 Wine Bar patio where we sipped a few beverages, spent time laughing and visiting. Thanks to those of you who helped support our local VA Hospital by dropping off newborn baby items, men’s sweatpants and cash. I would especially like to thank the SAL for their generous cash donation and Rodney Faust for helping to promote the Flag for Flag Day. I will bring our collected items and donations to the VA Madison Hospital.

If you know of someone who is vision impaired, there is a program called “**Easier Way to Read**” It’s a free library service for those who qualify, with Veterans receiving priority in materials:

WI Talking Book and Braille Library – dpi.wi.gov/talkingbooks

o “As part of a national network cooperating with the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (NLS), the Wisconsin Talking Book and Braille Library / (WTBBL) provides audiobooks and Braille materials to persons, living in Wisconsin, who cannot read or use regular print materials as a result of temporary or permanent visual or physical limitations. In addition, WTBBL also circulates audiobooks and braille materials about Wisconsin or by Wisconsin authors, as well as audio-described DVDs.”

No Auxiliary meeting in July. I wish you all blessings and a safe 4th of July. Remember not all Veterans and pets enjoy fireworks. Thinking of our Veterans who will not be spending Independence Day with their families. *“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.” —Joseph Campbell Keeping all our nations' heroes in our thoughts today.*

Save the Date

9/21/24 – Hill and Valley Auxiliary Bake Sale

9/21/24 – American Legion Post 100th Anniversary Legion Family Dinner

9/22/24 – American Legion Post 100th Anniversary Celebration – Music, Food, Fun

Son’s of The American Legion

No Report this month.

Kevin Boehnen

JoAnna Richard with Badger Girls State delegates from Cross Plains.

