



POST #1 NEWS & VIEWS

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Greetings Fellow Legionnaires,

I was elected your new Commander at the May meeting. For those of you who frequent the Post, you know me. For those who don't, my name is Jim Heimann. I have been a member of Post 1 for 15 years. I've served on the Executive Committee and as 2nd Vice. I have also served on Americanism and as the Oratorical Chairman. I am an Army Veteran, served as a crew chief in Vietnam 70-71. To say the least I am honored to be your Commander and promise to do my best to lead this Post forward in whatever way I can.

I would like to thank you past Commander, Richard Mueller, and his officers for the fine job they have done for the last year years. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those comrades who have agreed to serve as my officers for my term.

As a Post of 300 members I am constantly amazed at the numbers of comrades that show up at meetings—20 to 25 at the most. I know we can do better than that. We must. I am talking to you young bloods—those 60 and younger. Think it's about time you become more active in your Post? I do! There are a lot of ways to contribute. Attend a meeting, express your opinions and ideas. Help out at Bingo or other post activities such as the 4th of July, Memorial Day, help in setting up for parties, or help in a program that benefits our community or other veterans. That is part of what we are about.

Upcoming events are:

Washington County Dinner/Meeting, June 28. Cocktails—5. Dinner—6. At Hubertus Post. Call Gib Schmitt by 6/21 at 262-628-1803. \$7 for dinner. Installation of officers will be at this meeting. I urge all new officers to attend.

July 4 parade and corn roast at the Post. Color Guard report to the Post by 10:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help with food, corn, pull tabs, setup and take down.

Washington County Fair—3 volunteers are needed on 7/22 opening night. Germantown Day is 7/23. Two shifts of 18 to 20 volunteers each shift. First shift is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and second shift is 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. 7/26 for breakfast—3 volunteers are needed. Please call Dave Wegener at 414-476-1429 or me at 262-377-3613 to sign up. We need YOU!!!

WHAT IS A VETERAN?

A "Veteran"—whether active duty, discharged, retired or reserve is someone who at one point in his life wrote a blank check made payable to "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including his/her life". That is, honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand that fact. YOU DO!!!

See you July 9 at the Legion meeting.

Respectfully,
Jim Heimann, Commander

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Minutes of May 14, 2008 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

The Post meeting was opened by our Commander Richard Mueller at 8:00 p.m. A motion by Jim Heimann to approve the minutes of the Post and Executive Committee for April, 2008 were approved.

MEMBERSHIP & REPORTS

Ist Vice Commander, Paul Kastner, reported 279 members paid. Our quota is 300 for the year. It was reported the IRS will audit Post 1 for year 2006. The finance report was given and approved for audit. No progress has been made on the storage building. Bingo is improving but more volunteers are needed. The April 2 District Conference was attended by our Post delegates. The Sate Convention in LaCrosse will be attended by our Post delegates. A thank you note was received from Megan Borchardt for the scholarship.

SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

Today was the deadline for nominations for our new Post Officers for 2008-2009. The Adjutant, Judge Advocate, Chaplain and Service Officer are appointed by the new Commander. Lee Murry reported on the loss of funds at the State Veterans Home at King. Matt Holentunder reported on the May 28 poppy distribution. A Certificate of Appreciation was sent to Dave Robel for his donation of cleaning the front hall rug.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Historian M. Bachhuber reported on the April historical events. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes of June 11, 2008 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

The Post meeting was opened at 8:00 p.m. by our Commander R. Mueller. A motion by Jim Heimann to approved the minutes of the May, 2008 Post Meeting and Executive Board meeting were approved.

MEMBERSHIP & REPORTS

It was reported we have 283 members paid for the 2008 year and our quota is 300. D. Wegener reported all material requested for the audit by the IRS has been sent to them. A. Vanderheiden reported on Bingo and they still need more volunteers to help. M. Ewert reported on the two cabins at Lake Tomahawk. The Washing County Dinner Meeting will be at Hubertus on June 28 and all Post and County Officers will be sworn in.

SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

Dr. Whittle of the Zablocki VA Center spoke at the meeting on the blood pressure project. A. Sande reported on blood donations and J. Heimann spoke on our Memorial Day program. The Commander reported on our Boy Scout troop.

GOOD OF THE LEGION

Historian Marty Bachhuber spoke on the historical events for June including D-Day. After further discussion, meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

LEST WE FORGET—

Robert Schubert
James Cassidy

Raymond C. Zimmerman
Frank P. Nordelli

Don Ness
Jacob Sedeler

Calendar

7/ 3, 10,17, 24, 31—Bingo, 7:00 p.m.
 7/4—Independence Day Celebration
 at Post Home, 11:00 a.m.
 7/9—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
 7/17-20—State Convention, LaCrosse
 7/22-27—Washington County Fair
 7/23—Germantown Day, Washington
 8/7, 14, 21, 28—Bingo, 7:00 p.m.

8/ 9—2nd District Golf Scramble,
 Columbia County
 8/9—2nd District POW?MIA Silent March
 8/10—King Day, King, WI
 8/13—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
 8/26-31—Harley-Davidson Hog Rally,
 Washington County Fair Park
 9/4, 11, 18, 25—Bingo, 7:00 p.m.
 9/10—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

NOTICE—NOTICE—NOTICE

Germantown American Legion Post 1 now has their own web site at www.legionpost1.org. Thank you to Greg Wolfe, our new Post Adjutant and the Web Master who can be contacted on the web site. Take a look at it because we feel it will be a great help to our Post. Spread the word.

New Post Officers for 2008-2009:

Commander—James Heimann
 1st Vice Commander Richard Mueller
 2nd Vice Commander—Henry Eder
 3rd Vice Commander—Matt Holentunder
 Finance Officer—Dave Wegener
 Adjutant—Gregory Wolfe
 Chaplain—Gordon Geil
 Service Officer—Lee Murry
 Historian—Martin Bachhuber
 Sgt-At-Arms—Al Sande & Leonard Kuhn
 Judge Advocate—Roland Pieper

Congratulations to you all!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

INFORMATION FOR ALL MEMBERS OF GERMANTOWN POST 1

Our Post is now going through an audit by the IRS.

We will be purging our new membership list for members who have not sent in a copy of their DD-214 which is required by the IRS to have on file to show proof you are eligible to long to the American Legion . NO ONE gets to see your DD-214 because they are kept in our safe. You will be contacted by a personal letter if you do not have one on file in the next 60 days.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4—A celebration of Independence and FREEDOM provided by our TROOPS will be held at our Post home beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be brats, hamburgers and a corn roast for all. This does include all SAL members. If your loved one on active duty is at home on leave, this is a free day for them and their parents. If you can help on that day, please be there by 9:00 a.m. The Germantown parade will begin at noon and we do have a wagon for all members and auxiliary to ride in.

July 17 to 20—The Wisconsin American Legion State Convention will be held in LaCrosse. Germantown Post 1 has four delegates and one alternate attending.

July 22 to 27—The Washington County Fair will be held this week. Germantown Post 1's day to work is Wednesday, the 23rd, all day until closing. If you can put in a few hours to help, PLEASE come and join us. This does include all auxiliary and SAL members. We need all the help we can get to make it easier for others. We will run two shifts as we have before. First shift is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the second shift is 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Last year's list will be contacted to help again. Contact me at 414-476-1429 or leave a message at the Post at 262-251-5470. WE NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!

August 9—The 2nd District Golf Scramble will be hosted by Columbia County and at this time I do not know where. The 2nd District POW/MIA Silent March will also be held and again I do not know where at this time.

August 10—King Day will be observed at the King Veterans Home in King, WI. A chicken dinner will be served at 11:00 a.m. with a parade at 1:00 p.m. Some of our members will be there to visit the veterans who are housed there and our Post will provide 10 dinners to those veterans.

August 26 to 31—The Harley Davidson Hog Rally will be held at the Washington County Fair Park and the County food stand will be open to serve food. It will be run the same as the BMW rally. We will be serving breakfast along with our usual menu. Germantown Post 1 will do the same as in the past with two shifts with three members per shift for each day of the rally. First shift is 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the second shift is 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. PLEASE, PLEASE come and sign up for a shift or two. This is a great money maker for all the posts in the county. This does include the auxiliary and SAL members. We will have the sign-up sheet at the next two Post meetings. Contact anyone at the Post also to sign up or call 414-476-1429 and 262-251-5470. WE NEED YOU!!!!

AUXILIARY CORNER

President, Bette Peck, 262-251-5120
Vice President, Greta Hutchison, 262-251-5339
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Sgt-at-Arms, Joan Vanderheiden 262-250-1376
Chaplain, Shirley Van Pool, 414-463-2504

Memorial Day

On May 26 we celebrated Memorial Day at the American Legion Post. After the legionnaires visited the local cemeteries we all gathered at the new Veteran's Memorial in Germantown. A service was held there and a flag disposal ceremony was held at the post. A nice lunch was served to all who attended. Thanks to everyone who helped us make this a nice day of observation for our veterans.

Badger Girls

Two Badger Girls attended the conference in Oshkosh in June. They are invited to our next meeting and will give us a report on their activities at that time. The girls who participated this year were Jun Luo and Sara Hofman.

Cabinets

We are waiting to receive a report from one of the legionnaires about additional cabinets for the auxiliary room. We should have an update within the next month on what the cost will be to install more cabinetry.

Poppies

We participated in the poppy drive held in May. We did very well again this year and will be able to help our veterans with things they need throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to distribute the poppies; we really appreciate all of your help.

Donations

We received thank you letters from the places we made donations to this year. Many people are very appreciative of the money we donate to them and it is good to know we can help many organizations.

Membership

District 2 continues to be in first place for memberships in the state. It has been a challenge to get new members. We need to continue working on recruiting additional people to join our great auxiliary!

Smoke Control

Several of us requested time with the Executive Board at their last meeting. We asked them if they had any suggestions on how to control the smoke in our hall during functions, meetings and Bingo Night. They said they would look into what can be done to eliminate the smoke in our hall. Many people are complaining of the health hazards caused by second hand smoke and it is having an impact on getting volunteers to help.

4th of July

Please join us again this year for our Independence Day Celebrations at Post #1. There will be food and beverages for your purchase and of course, the best seats in the house for the Germantown Fireworks display.

Household Hint

To clean artificial flowers, pour some salt into a paper bag and add the flowers. Shake vigorously and the salt will absorb all the dirt and leave your artificial flowers looking like new...works like a charm!

Children's Wisdom

The math teacher saw that little Davie wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Davie, what are 4 and 10 and 12?" Little Davie quickly replied "NBC, CBS, PBS and ABC!"

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 9, at 7:30 p.m. GOOD BLESS AMERICA AND ALL WHO SERVE!

President Bette

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<u>3rd Vice Commander</u>		Marge Manske	623-334-4680
Matt Holentunder		<u>House Committee Chairman</u>	
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Dave Wegener	414-476-1429		
<u>Adjutant</u>		<u>Executive Committeemen:</u>	
Gregory Wolfe	262-250-0772	Chairman: Dave Wegener	
<u>Chaplain</u>		Members: Commander, 1st Vice Comdr.,	
Gordon Geil	262-253-0816	Finance Officer, Adjutant,	
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