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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

As I was mowing my lawn for the last time this year, my mind started to wander as I made my way around my property for the umpteenth time. My mind drifted to the movie "Saving Private Ryan". If you haven't seen it, I suggest you do. I thought how could anyone have made it off that beach. It was very painful to watch.

Then I thought of the courage and determination of our fighting forces and know it wasn't a matter of if, but when they got off the beach. I said a little prayer for their sacrifice and our freedoms.

The other thing that stuck in my mind from that movie was near the end when Captain Miller said to Ryan just before he died, "Earn it." Of course he meant that a whole squad of men sacrificed their lives for you; make something of yourself and do right by them. Pretty heavy, right?

It made me think "have I earned it"? I thought of all the men and women who sacrificed their lives so that I could live in freedom. "Earn it." I thought you have to be kidding yourself. But I figured the only way I could come close to "earning it" was to do what I can to help my family, other veterans and the community. I don't always succeed, but I try and when I do succeed it is all the sweeter. I am forever grateful to those who have made it possible.

As always the Post can use volunteers. Start by attending a meeting. Your thoughts and input are encouraged. Help out at Bingo or setup and take down for rentals. Join the color guard, march in a parade. We have the same group of volunteers doing these and many other things for the Post.

Isn't it time to step up and help out? Is it just enough to say you belong to the American Legion? I think you will be surprised at how satisfying it can be to be active in your Post. I invite you to be active.

Jim Heimann, Commander

Calendar

12/31—New Years Eve Bingo, 7:00 p.m.	2/11—Post meeting, 8:00 p.m.
1/1—New Years Day	2/11—Cabin Drawings after Post meeting
1/3—Wash. Co. Dinner Mtg., Kewaskum	2/14-15, 21-22—2nd District Bowling, Cedarburg
1/8, 15, 22, 29—Bingo, 7:00 p.m.	2/16—Wash. Co. Exec. Board meeting, West Bend,, 7:00 p.m.
1/14—Post meeting, 8:00 p.m.	3/4—Washington Co. County Youth Government Day, West Bend Court House
1/15-18—Wisconsin Mid-Winter Conference,	3/5, 12, 19, 26—Bingo, 7:00 p.m.
2/5, 12, 19, 26—Bingo, 7:00 p.m.	3/11—Post meeting, 8:00 p.m.
2/7—Four Chaplains Dinner, Lake Mills post	

CABIN DRAWINGS CABIN DRAWINGS

Cabin drawings will be held after the regular post meeting February 11, 2009. A \$125 deposit is required to hold your reservation. A one-week rental remains the same at \$250.

Minutes of November 12, 2008 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

Commander Jim Heimann called to order the regular meeting of the Germantown Post 1 at 2003 hrs. . Motion to dispense with reading of minutes from previous regular meeting as published in the newsletter was made, seconded and passed. Adjutant Greg Wolfe read the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting. Motion was made to approve minutes, seconded and motion passed.

Membership & Reports

A. Vanderheiden gave a report on Bingo and help is always needed. M. Ewert gave his report on the cabins. The drawing will be held at the February, 2009 meeting and \$125 is needed for a down payment. A new cabin committee will also be formed. 1st Vice Comdr. Richard Mueller reported 235 members have paid their dues. Commander Jim reported on the bell ringing at Sendiks.

Service & Activities

We will sponsor a boy for Badger Boys in June. The Post will sponsor another \$500 scholarship for Germantown High School

Good of the Legion

Commander Jim gave out I Got Mine pins. Commander Jim Heimann adjourned the meeting at 2050 hrs.

Greg Wolfe, Adjutant

Minutes of December 10, 2008 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

Commander Jim Heimann called to order the regular meeting of the Germantown Post 1 at 2000 hrs. Motion to dispense with reading of minutes from previous regular meeting as published in the newsletter was made, seconded and passed. Adjutant Greg Wolfe read the minutes from the previous Executive Bard meeting. Motion was made to approve minutes, seconded and passed.

Membership & Reports

M. Ewert gave his cabin report and reminded everyone the drawings will be after the February 11, 2009 regular post meeting. Membership report was given by 1st Vice Cmdr. Rich Mueller with 244 members paid and our quota is 300. Service & Welfare report was given by Post Service Officer Lee Murry. There is now a Pos 9/11 GI Bill website at www.mygibill.org. The Scouting report was given by R. Mueller and our post purchased a 48" wreath from our Troop 151. Eagle Scout Court of Honor is January 10, 2009.

Service & Activities

A bowling report was given by M. Holentunder. A historical report was given by M. Bachhuber on Pearl Harbor and the Battle of the Bulge.

Good of the Legion

A deceased member's family has donated his electric scooter to the Post. A motion was made to accept and passed. Commander Jim Heimann adjourned the meeting at 2039 hrs.

Greg Wolfe, Adjutant

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 31—New Years Bingo, another \$3,000 fun night begins at 7:00 p.m. A free lunch will be served at intermission to all the players and workers. Come and join us. We are out of there by 11:00 p.m.

January 3—The Washington County Dinner meeting will be held at the Kewaskum Legion Post with cocktails at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The cost for dinner is \$7.00 per person and is open to all Legionnaires and wives. Reservations are a must. Please call our Commander Jim or the Post.

January 15-18—The American Legion Mid-Winter Conference will be held in Marshfield. Anyone who wishes to go, please contact the Post.

February 4—The Four Chaplains Observance Dinner will be hosted by the Lake Mills Post in Jefferson County. Reservations are a must. Please call the Post for all the information you will need.

February 11—The Cabin Drawings will be held after our regular Post meeting. A down payment must be made at this time of \$125 to hold your reservation. Total for the week is still \$250. It is still done by the lottery system so be there to get your name in. This date will be the norm from now on due to our young Veterans who work, have to pick their vacations for the year.

February 14, 15 and 21, 22—The 2nd District Bowling Tournament will be hosted by the Cedarburg Post. If you wish to participate, please contact the Post.

February 16—The Washington County Council Meeting will be held at the West Bend Post beginning at 7:00 p.m. This is for all Post Commanders, Adjutants and County Chairs.

March 4—The Annual County Youth Government Day will be held at the Washington County Courthouse in West Bend. If you wish to participate, please be there by 7:30 a.m. with your Post flags.

Christmas Raffle Winners—Drawing Held December 18

1st Place—\$500—Joanne Miller of Jackson, WI
 2nd Place—\$100—Don Zimmerman of New Berlin, WI
 3rd Place—\$100—Tracy Adams of Milwaukee, WI
 4th Place—\$100—Lee Murry of Sussex, WI
 5th Place—\$100—Arlene Urlacher of Butler, WI
 6th Place—\$100—Gail Borchardt of Menomonee Falls, WI

Thank you all for playing our Christmas raffle!!!!!!

POST 1 ANNUAL BANQUET

Post 1's Annual Banquet will be held April 4, 2009 at our Post home. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails (Cash Bar) and dinner at 7:00 p.m. A program will follow with our State Commander, Jim Reigal, who will be our main speaker. The Department President, Sue Vorwald, will also be present.

Reservations should be in my March 28, 2009. Please send them to the Post home at P. O. Box 321, Germantown 53022, or you can contact our Commander Jim Heimann at 262-377-2613. The dinner is **free** to all members and wives, all auxiliary members, SAL members **as long as your dues are paid**. Guests are welcomed at a cost of \$10 per person, so let us make this another successful event.

SEND RESERVATIONS TO:

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NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING _____

NUMBER OF GUESTS ATTENDING _____ AT \$10 EACH

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

NAME _____

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Badger Girls

Our Chairperson, Greta, spoke to the Germantown High School counselor and he has agreed to select 2 girls to go to Oshkosh in June for Badger Girls. This has been a wonderful experience for the girls selected to attend. They all come back with glowing reports of their time spent in Oshkosh and how much they have learned about government.

Cabinets

We are getting a cleaning crew together to clean our auxiliary room cabinets. We have decided that if we remove the items we are not using, we would have enough space available without have to invest money in buying something new.

Donations

We have ordered a Spinoza Bear to be presented to a terminally ill child at Children's Hospital. When we receive the bear, we will contact Children's Hospital to identify a recipient and then go to the hospital to present the bear.

We also purchased Love Pillows for children at the hospital. These are pillows given to little children after surgery so when they are recovering and need to cough, they can hold them close.

We donated money to the Germantown Police Department to help Bosco. He is the Germantown Police Dog who needed medical help to treat a non-cancerous mass.

Blankets

We delivered the blankets we made to the VA Hospital. They were very grateful to receive them and we plan on making more in the future.

Christmas Party

We had a nice Christmas party lunch for the legion after our December 10 auxiliary meeting. The turnout was good but we would really like to see more Legion members attend.

Coupons

Department has a new coupon program started for service people and their families who are overseas. We are looking into the program and will tell you more about it at our next meeting.

Reflection

"Age is for wine and cheese. Don't count the candles on the cake; just keep 'em lit."

Through the Eyes of a Child

During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Hope you all ha a very Merry Christmas and have a happy and healthy New Year!!!

God Bless America and All Who Serve.

President Bette

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