



THE AMERICAN LEGION - FOR GOD & COUNTRY

POST NO. 1 NEWS & VIEWS

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Comrades,

This is my first opportunity to address all of our members. I wish to thank Commander Greg for filling in for me while I recovered from some medical issues.

I write this a couple of days after our annual New Years Eve bingo. It was a successful evening with good attendance and a general festive atmosphere. Thanks goes out to all of the members of the Post Auxiliary who made this such a success.

It's that time! Please come and join us for our annual *Post Clean Up Day* on Sun. March 15th at 9:00am. Donuts and coffee will be available. We appreciate any participation.

As a reminder, April 11th is the date of the annual Post Banquet. We hope to have the Department, District and County Commanders in attendance. For tickets you can contact any post officer.

Also coming up is the *Spring Family Fun Day & Rummage*, taking place on April 18 from 10-3. Admission is free, there will be rummage tables, face painting (for a limited time), concessions, raffles and more, plus new this spring will be an added kid-2-kid sale area, where youngsters can set up a table and sell to other kids, please contact Lisa Leider to rent a table or for more details. We could use a good Post presence. Come for part of the day or all day. Bring the family.

It looks to be a busy year with our Post pushing to get The Vietnam Moving Wall here in 2016, stay tuned for more details.

Finally, if members would like to attend meetings but are unable to make transportation arrangements, please call me. We will arrange a ride for you.

Thank you and Happy New Year!

— Michael Nardelli, Post No. 1, Commander



Commander Michael Nardelli reading of the names on for the Memorial Wall on November 11, 2014, Veterans Day.



If you are interested in ordering an American Legion Cap please call the post to make arrangements. We will be placing an order in Spring. Cost is approx. \$70, the post will pay 30% for new members, 20% for existing members

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

- 1, 2015 – New Years Day
- 15, 29 – Bingo, Post home 7:00pm**
- 10 – Wash. Co. dinner meeting, 5:00pm Germantown
- 14 – Post Meeting, 8:00pm
- 16-18 – Legion Mid-Winter Conf. Ho-Chunk, Baraboo
- 17 – Persian Gulf War begins (1991)
- 27 – Signing of Vietnam peace accord (1973)
- 31 – Panama Campaign ended (1990)

FEBRUARY

- 12, 26 – Bingo Post home 7:00pm**
- 7 – VFW Dinner, Germantown
- 7 – Four Chaplains, Saukville
- 8 – Boy Scouts of America founded (1910)
- 11 – Post Meeting 8:00pm, cabin drawing
- 12 – Lincoln's Birthday
- 14, 15 - Wedding Showcase Open House Post home

MARCH

- 5, 12, 19, 27 – Bingo Post home 7:00pm**
- 8 – Daylight savings time begins
- 11 – Post Meeting 8:00pm
- 15 – Clean Up Day at Post home 9:00am

PATRIOTIC TRIVIA QUIZ (Ans. on p4)

1. On the East Coast, states are said to be either north or south of the Mason Dixon line. Which state is neither?
2. The Statue of Liberty is considered part of New York City. True or False?
3. The White House has four entrances: The North Door, The South Door, The East Door and the West Door. So which one would you use if you visited the White House?
4. Why is the flag of the US folded into a triangle?
5. Which monument has the inscription, "We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal"?

Background: My service started when I enlisted in the Army National Guard in December of 1973. I was a college student but I still felt an obligation to the State and Nation for all of the freedoms and benefits that I had received - I was a medic and later a lab tech in a medical clearing company. I did try to go regular Army after I received my degree but I had ruptured a disc and therefore was not eligible. My service ended in 1982. My rank was SSGT (E6). I was the NCDIC of Pharmacy, Lab and Xray. My father signed me up for the old Milwaukee Post No. 1 of the American Legion in the mid 80's.

LEST WE FORGET:



With love in our hearts,
we remember you. May
your soul rest in peace!

- Kenneth B. Andree
- Leroy Casper
- Gilbert Lucka
- Emil P. Mateicka
- Raymond G. Mueller

**NEW! BECOME A FAN OF
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LEGION POST 1**





THE MUCH AWAITED HONOR FLIGHT TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

On Nov 1, 2014, Korean War veterans and brothers, Henry and Richard Eder traveled to Washington D.C. on behalf of the Stars and Strips Honor Flight, along with 87 other men

and two women. Accompanying them were their guardians, Bonnie Avrit, Henry's daughter and her Husband Rick Avrit.

Bonnie shared, that their day started off bright and early as they arrived to the airport at 5:00am. The surprise was all theirs, as they were greeted with a large crowd of well-wishers just inside the doors. They were met with a complimentary breakfast as they waited to be called to get on the plane. All of the volunteers were extremely kind and accommodating. When they got onto the plane they were given instructions for their day.

Upon their arrival in D.C. people were equally welcoming and eager to greet all the Veterans off the plane. Five buses were promptly waiting for their departure to start their day. Bonnie commented, "looking around you could see many tears of joy, as others stood there in disbelief and amazement."

The first stop of the day was at the World War II Memorial, where time quickly passed. After that, they went to visit the 19-foot-tall Abraham Lincoln Memorial, and then to the Korean Memorial where they spent a favorable amount of time, taking in their most cherished moments and giving their deepest respect. They proceeded to travel to the US Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), and then to the impressive Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself..." iconic words from an iconic president. The last stop of the day was at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, our nation's most treasured burial ground, is home to more than 285,000 honored dead. There they watched the Changing of the Guard Ritual, which takes place every hour on the hour from October 1 to March 31.

"Words can't begin to describe the Honor Flight visit to D.C. At one point, two women from Brazil even came up to Richard and my dad and asked to take their photograph. They felt deeply appreciated."

Going from stop to stop throughout the day, they were given and enjoyed a tasty boxed meal for lunch and dinner on the bus. Every detail was well thought out. Then on the plane ride home, mail call was announced. Each Veteran received a packet from friends and loved ones, as many tears were shed. The gentleman calling the names, was none other than Milwaukee Brewers catcher Jonathan Lucroy. He was on the flight escorting his father. "During the flight Lucroy took time to visit with each veteran. In doing so, it made the whole experience that much more memorable and special," stated Bonnie.



"Once the plane landed back in Milwaukee, nothing could prepare us for what we were about to experience," stated Bonnie. When we got off the plane, every branch of military was standing at attention. It was silent and before we knew it, bagpipes started playing, and the most amazing parade began. Then while walking with the parade through the airport, you couldn't help but notice the sea of people cheering the Veterans on as many were eager to shake their hands. "It was pure emotion and one of the best days of my life," stated Henry. Richard made the comment "I don't want this day to end." What better tribute and honor for two brothers who served their country well! Congratulations and Welcome Home Richard and Henry!

Post No. 1 Annual Banquet

Post No.1's Annual Banquet will be held April 11, 2015, at our Post home. We are asking all to pay \$8 per person for the meal or \$12 per couple. It will begin at 5:30p.m. with cocktails and dinner at 6:30 p.m. A program will follow with our State Commander, Bob Shappell, for Wisconsin American Legion who will be our main speaker.

Reservations should be in by April 3, 2015. Please send them to the Post home at P. O. Box 321, Germantown 53022 or you can contact our Commander Michael Nardelli at (414) 248-1199. The dinner is for all members and wives, all Auxiliary members and SAL members. Guests are also welcomed, so let us make this another successful event.

SEND RESERVATION TO:

American Legion Post No. 1
P. O. Box 321 Germantown, WI 53022

Number of Members Attending _____ @ \$8.00/ea.

Number of Couples Attending _____ @ \$12.00/Couple

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name(s) _____



POST NO. 1 CLEAN UP DAY SUN. MARCH 15TH 9:00AM – DONE

COME FOR THE DONUTS & COFFEE
AND STAY FOR THE FUN!

This is **OUR** Post, let's take pride in it
and help to clean it up. Any and all help
is genuinely appreciated.



WEDDING SHOWCASE OPEN HOUSE

At Post No. 1

Sat., Feb 14th: 10am - 2pm

Sun., Feb 15th: 12pm - 3pm

The Post is working with Stephanie Steinert from "Cover It With Class" to dress up our banquet hall wedding style. We are inviting potential brides & grooms, caterers, and anyone else who is interested to see the possibilities of their big day. Bring your sweetheart or come solo and check out the mind blowing transition while enjoying a complimentary hot chocolate and s'more from the S'more Bar!





VETERANS DAY

VETERANS DAY OBSERVED AT POST NO.

On Sunday, November 9, 2014 our home Post No. 1 honored all Veterans who served honorably in the military; in wartime or peacetime. The day was a huge success, the weather was clear and a bit cool but that didn't stop over 40 people from showing up to pay tribute and respect to all the veterans, along with the new names added to the Veterans Memorial Wall. The new names were read by Jim Heimann at the annual ceremony, which was lead by Commander Michael Nardelli.

Following the ceremony a complimentary lunch was provided at our home Post. A special thank you goes out to our cook, Henry Eder and Post Auxiliary helpers, Bette Peck, Greata Hutchison, and Mary Meyer.

VETERANS DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2014

After the Veterans Day complimentary lunch, 25 care packages were assembled specifically for

the VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, by a team of about 8-10 people who stuck around to assist in the assembly line. The cost for the packages came from the proceeds from the *Fall Family Fun Day & Rummage* that took place at the post in September, as well as the Post Auxiliary. In the care packages were items such as t-shirts, shampoos, socks, shaving cream, razors, cough drops, lip balm, hand sanitizers, wipes, and some other miscellaneous toiletries items. Also, the *Dental Professionals* in Germantown, were kind enough to step up and donate a few dozen tooth brushes, tooth paste, and dental floss as well.

Aside from the VA care packages we also reached out to a few local churches and individuals to send custom packages to loved ones currently in the military and a few families of those in the military. In total 35 care packages were lovingly put together and distributed. Thank you to all who helped with raising money for this important mission and those who helped with the assembly and distribution. We look forward to repeating this again for Veterans Day 2015.



PATRIOTIC TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS (from cover page)

1. Delaware. It's East of the line.
2. False. Although it's part of New York state, the Statue of Liberty is closer to Jersey City, NJ.
3. You'd go in the east door. That's the one for the public. The president goes in the very opposite door...west door. The state visitors, family, friends, go in the north door. And, the top officials and foreign diplomats go in the south door.
4. To represent the shape of the tricorn hats worn by the Revolutionary War Soldiers.
5. The Jefferson Monument.





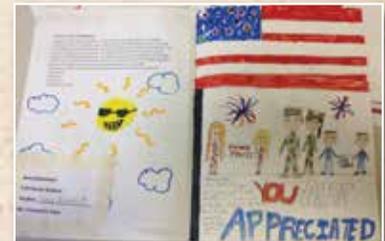
AMY BELLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Prior to Veterans Day we asked Amy Belle Elementary School if they would like to participate in a few projects for Veterans Day. The idea was to create some thank yous that we would include in our care packages. Needless to say, they not only came through for us with their heart-felt cards, pictures, and poems, but they overwhelmed us. The quantity of the projects as well as the time and dedication so many of the kids expressed were incredibly touching and meaningful. Those powerful young minds and hearts are beyond exceptional. A special thank you goes out to Principal Dr. Rick Grothaus, the amazing staff

and of course all of the talented children that took the time to create such beautiful artwork.

As a follow up, all artwork was photographed and sent to the War Memorial in Milwaukee where a slide show was assembled for visitor viewing. The art was then disbursed in several different areas; the VA Medical center, local military families, local veterans and a few active military.

Then on Veterans Day, November 11, 2014, Henry and Richard Eder went back to the school to share their experience from the Korean War and their Stars and Strips Honor Flight with one of the classrooms. The kids were fantastic, and so well prepared with questions. Again, a big THANK YOU goes out to our friends at Amy Bell Elementary school!



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Sunday, December 14, from 8:00am - 12:00pm the Post played a big part in helping the Kiwanis to put together their annual Breakfast with Santa. The Post acquired funds from the Village of Germantown Tourism/Betterment fund that went to pay for the "Reindeer Games." Many hours of meetings, conversations, set-up and clean up went into this event. Thank you to all of our Post members who helped out and were a part of this success. There was close to 700 people that passed through our Post that day.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

American Legion Post No.1, Germantown
November 12, 2014/ December 10, 2014

*Attendees: Heimann, Nardelli, Zimmermann, Perry,
Ewert, Eder, Wegener, Souders*

- Membership is at 177 paid members.
- The property taxes for the cabins have been paid.
- The Post's Veteran's Day ceremony that took place on Sunday, November 9, 2014, at the Memorial had approximately 40 attendees at the ceremony, followed by a luncheon at the Post.
- We received confirmation from the Brewers that the three dates to distribute poppies during the 2015 season will be July 19th, August 9th, and August 19th, 2014.
- Henry Eder reported on the Honor Flight he and his brother Richard recently participated in. He reported on the tours they took and also brought photos of his experience.
- The Post has been chosen to host the 2015 Second District Spring Conference on April 25, 2015. Board discussed preliminary plans and decided to contact a caterer to provide a meal.
- It was suggested to replace the locks on the Boy Scout storage shed.
- The Post received a thank you note from Eve Zarth, the long-time companion of recently deceased member L. Kuhn.
- The progress regarding bringing the Moving Wall to Germantown in 2016 was discussed, the tentative date range is late September through Veteran's Day.
- The insurance bill for the cabins have been paid. Also brought up for discussed is the possibility of changing the pathway from the Van Brocklin cabin to the lake due to complaints. This item was tabled until further planning can be discussed.
- The board discussed:
 - We need a new Color Guard Chairman to coordinate events where color Guard is needed.
 - Whether hall manager Lisa Leider can obtain advertisers for the Post newsletter to cut the costs of printing. It was discussed that the Post has a non-profit mailing status, and whether Post can still maintain that status if the newsletter contains advertising. Post Office needs to be contacted to determine whether it is permissible to do so.
- Commander Nardelli reported the turnout from the Post for the Christmas parade was poor. He also reported a good turnout at Gil LUKAS' funeral.
- Hall manager Lisa Leider requested the Post purchase a laptop computer to use for Post related activities. Board voted and authorized the purchase.
- It was advised that the LEO, EMT, and Firefighter of the Year awards are due by the February County Meeting.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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November 12, 2014/ December 10, 2014

- Karl Kannenberg had recent surgery and was not in attendance. He is currently home and doing well.
- It was advised that if members want to file a claim with the VA, they should go through another entity such as the Legion to help file a claim. It was reported that just seeing a doctor at the VA does not mean you filed a claim. One must be filed through the regional office and the service officer will assist you.
- Al Sande donated blood on October 28th.
- Member Emil Marteika passed away in September and his wife recently called to report his death.
- Chaplain D. Janzen brought two guests, Roger Murphy, an Air Force vet, and Ralph Simoneau, a Marine Corps vet, to the meeting.
- The property taxes were paid for the cabins.
- Al Vanderheide is recovering from valve replacement surgery and feeling better.
- A sympathy card was sent to the family of Raymond Mueller.

AUXILIARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

American Legion Post No.1,
Auxiliary Unit No. 321, Germantown

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

BADGER GIRLS

We plan to sponsor two girls again this year who will attend Badger State Girls which is held during the month of June in Oshkosh. We are always happy to sponsor young women who have an interest in attending this program and learn about how our government works.

NEW YEAR

It is time for us to start planning projects and donations we want to be involved in for this year. We talked about making blankets

BINGO

EVERY OTHER THURS



FOR THE MONTHS OF JAN & FEB ONLY!

JAN: 15, 29 & FEB: 12, 26
Weekly Bingo will resume in March

5:00 p.m. – Doors Open

7:00 p.m. – Early Bird

8:15 p.m. – Reg Session

Food, Beverages & Pull Tabs

All paper sheets • \$2,000 in prizes

\$1,000 raffle (Last Thurs. of Every Month)

for the Zablocki Veteran's Hospital. We have done that in the past and since it seems to always be a need it would be a good project for us to focus on.

We will look at the programs department expects us to do and make plans for those at our next meeting. Please come to the next meeting prepared to suggest a few projects for the group to work on.

SPRING COUNTY MEETING

The next county auxiliary meeting will be in Jackson on April 18th at noon. More information will be passed along as it is available.

MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

The Midwinter Conference will take place at Ho-Chunk Casino on January 15th.

SPRING FAMILY FUN DAY AND RUMMAGE SALE

Save the date! Our next family fun day and rummage sale will be held at the American Legion Post 1 on April 18th. Watch for further information.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If you want a fairytale ending, you have to be willing to go through the woods with a witch."

~ Glen Beck

**Our next auxiliary meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 7 PM
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 7 PM.**

God Bless America and all who serve!

~ Bette Peck, President Auxiliary Unit No. 321

THANK YOU!

- Thank you to Al Christensen for donating a beautiful Christmas Tree to our post. We had it up in the front hall during Christmas
- Thank you to Danette Stuetgen for taking photos on Veterans Day and donating them to the post.
- Thank you to Rob Kolbs for painting new lines on our parking lot this past fall.
- Thank you to Steve Zoromski for helping with maintenance around the Memorial.
- And a HUGE Thank you for all of our kitchen help, we couldn't do all of our event without you. Jeanette Ewert, Janice Geil, Mary Heimann, Greta Hutchison, Mary Myers, Bette Peck, Joan Vanderheiden, Paula Zimmerman, and anyone else we may have missed.

EDITOR/HALL MANAGER

First of all, HAPPY NEW YEAR! Secondly, I apologize that this newsletter is finding you much later than anticipated. Needless to say things have been busy, as there are a lot of exciting things going on, check it out:

- The phones have been ringing and emails have been piling in about hall rental inquires and bookings. We are well on our way for a busy 2015. Also, don't forget as a member you get a discount on hall rentals. Please call me to find out more information, (262) 573-7902.
- Our website redesign was on hold for a bit, but we are back

on schedule and working with our developer. So far things are coming along nicely and will plan to have a rough design to show the Post Executive Board in the next month or two.

- Wedding Showcase, January 14th & 15th. This came together quickly due to wanting to dress up the banquet hall in order to take professional wedding photos. Once these photos are taken we will be proactive in marketing more effectively to potential brides and grooms. We decided to make it an open house, seeing as the hall will already be beautifully decorated. Even if you are not planning a wedding or know someone who is, show your support and stop by the post out of pure curiosity. We will have complimentary hot chocolate and s'mores from the S'more Bar. *Please see our ad for more details on page 3.*
- 2015 marketing plan layout. I will be working with the Exec. Board to put together a strategic marketing plan to get us well prepared for this year, and the next five years. This will help us plan adequately for membership drives, the 4th of July, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Family Fun Days, Post events, as well as looking into some new events and opportunities.
- The Moving Wall update: things are at a stand still until we hear back from TMW headquarters and receive our contract. We have made contact several times, however I know they are still in the process of laying out plans for 2015, so hopefully we will hear back from them soon.

SAVE THE DATE: SPRING FAMILY FUN DAY & RUMMAGE

**Saturday, April 18, 2015
10:00am - 3:00pm**

There will be rummage tables, face painting (for a limited time), concessions, bake sale, raffles and more, plus new this spring will be an **added kid-2-kid sale area**, where youngsters can set up a table and sell to other kids, please contact Lisa Leider to rent a table or for more details. We would appreciate donations to the bake sale, raffle, and assistance with the day. Let me know if you are able to donate or show up and we will gladly find a place for you. Everyone is welcome!

- Lisa Leider, Manager & Newsletter Editor

NEW YEARS EVE ANNUAL HOLIDAY RAFFLE WINNERS FROM BINGO

Congratulations to:

\$500 - Joyce Dueppen	\$150 - Jan Skomski
\$250 - Minnie Reiche	\$100 - Dan Trout
\$200 - Patty Rank	\$50 - Mary Whelter

Good times were had by all. Happy New Year!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR:

Success isn't just about what you accomplish in your life, it's about what you inspire others to accomplish in theirs. Happy 2015 to you and yours!

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To all members who have summer and winter residents; please advise the Post as to when you make your moves around the country, so we can adjust our records for mailing. **Thank you!**

POST MEMBERSHIP: 177

**Our quota for the year is 210.
Please renew your membership
if you haven't already.**