



POST #1 NEWS & VIEWS

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www.legionpost1.org.

FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

I thank all those who participated in the Memorial Day celebration. A job well done by the Color Guard, Leonard and Al, for flag disposal, and of course the fine meal put on by our Auxiliary and Post members.

I had the honor of presenting the Post's \$500 scholarship to Janelle Lajunesse, a senior at Germantown High. She will be attending Madison studying Physics. We wish her well.

We have several events that will need volunteers coming up in the next two months. Being that this is our Post I know you will step up and help.

Elections were held and Post Officers have stayed the same with the exception of Don Zimmermann as 2nd Vice and Dave Fichtner as Historian.

I would like to thank those who have held Post offices this past year and in the coming year. Your devotion to the Post is a wonderful example to the rest of our membership.

Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Jim Heimann, Commander

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The following events will need volunteers. Please help!

6/23—Banquet (Wednesday night)

6/26— Wedding

7/3—Set up for the 4th

7/4—Parade 1 P.M. Brat & Burger fry & Corn roast, bar open, cleanup afterwards

7/9—Wedding (Friday)

7/21—Washington County Fair Germantown Day 2 shifts 10-4 / 4-11, sign up Dave Wegener

7/31—Wedding

8/14—Washington County membership/Benefit drive

8/21—Wedding

8/28—Anniversary

If you are available, please call Jim Heimann or Dave Wegener

Calendar

7/1, 8, 15, 22, 29—Bingo, post home, 7:00 p.m.

7/4—Celebration at Post home, 10:00 a.m.

7/14—Post meeting, 8:00 p.m.

7/15-18—Stte Convention, Wausau

7/20-25—Washington County Fair—G-town Day—
July 21

8/5, 12, 19, 26—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 p.m.

8/11—Post meeting, 8:00 p.m.

9/2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 p.m.

9/8—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

9/11 POW/MIA Silent March, Sheboygan

Minutes of May 12, 2010 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

Call To Order:

Cmdr. J. Heimann called the meeting to order at 2000 hrs.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the March 12 meeting minutes was made and seconded and passed.

Adjutant Marty Bachhuber read the minutes of the Executive Board meeting. Motion to approve was made and passed.

Membership & Reports:

- (a) Cabin Report by Mel Ewert, Cabins are still available. They are now open to all veterans. Six weeks remain open in both cabins. (b) Scouting, R. Mueller reported on the Boy Scouts and G. Lucka reported on the Cub Scouts A© Membership, R. Mueller reported 253 members paid.

Service & Activities:

- (a) Service & Welfare by M. Holuntunder. Poppies are ready for sale the 21 of May. Help is needed.

Good of the Legion:

- (a) The Commander reported on the Little League tour, being held across the street. Our parking lot will be open and food and beverages will be served. This is happening Memorial day weekend. Help is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 2044 hrs—Compiled by Assist. Adjutant Marty Bachhuber.

Minutes of June 9, 2010 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

Call To Order:

Commander J. Heimann called the meeting to order at 2000 hrs.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the May 12, 2010 meeting. was made, seconded and approved.

Adjutant Greg Wolfe read the minutes of the Executive meeting. Motion was made and seconded and passed.

Membership & Reports:

- (a) Guests attending were Andy Jones, our Eagle Scout, and 2nd Dist. Cmdr. D. Lechner. (b) Membership report by R. Mueller, we now have 255 paid members. © House Comm. Chair K. Kannenberg reported there is a soft spot in the Post roof. L Perry reported how it could be fixed. (d) G. Lucka the Cub Scouts received their new Flag..

Service & Activities:

- (a) Our Memorial Day ceremonies were well attended. (b) Bingo, help is always needed. Smoking ban goes into effect July 5, 2010, now a State Law..

Good of the Legion

- (a) D. Fitchner reported on the LZ at Lambeau in Green Bay for Vietnam Vets.

Meeting adjourned at 2042 hrs—Compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe

GENERAL INFORMATION

(one)—CABINS —Please contact Mel Ewert at 262-251-5919 for your reservations. There are many good weeks left, 6 weeks remain open in the Van Brocklin and 9 weeks in the Eldridge. The down payment is \$125 and the balance is due when your week comes up. The price is the same this year at \$250. They are now being opened to any veteran on a first come, first served basis.

(two)—SAL-SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON 1—With over 200 members in Post 1, I would ask as many as possible to register your Sons, Grandson, and Great Grandsons in the SAL. The cost is only \$8.00 a year. Our membership has dropped a bit and I would appreciate a call from you. Call Charlie Hargan at 262-255-2381.

(three)—As most of you know, our Post halls are rented out just about every weekend and they must be set up for the events on Friday mornings and torn down on Monday mornings. We begin at about 5:30 a.m. so we are out of there by 7:00 a.m. Basically what we do is sweep and clean the floors and set up and take down tables and chairs. If any of you can help, please contact our Commander at 262-377-2613 or Dave Wegener at 414-251-4714. WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!

(four)—Bingo is held every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and we could use help here also so our regulars can take a break. We finish at about 9:30 p.m. and it is basically taking care of our customers with their needs. The last Thursday of each month, we give away an extra \$1,000. Please contact the Post or our Bingo chair Karl at 262-251-4714. WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

(five)—Your post is supporting the Honor Flights program for WWII Veterans to fly to Washington, D. C. to visit the WWII Memorial. We have the paperwork for you if you wish to go. Escorts are welcomed to travel with the veterans to provide assistance to one or two of them at a cost of \$500. Any WWII veteran wishing to go, please contact Jane Dean at 262-238-7740. They are located in Port Washington.

(six)—The State Convention this year is in Wausau, July 15 to the 18. The Second District has a great candidate running for State Commander. He is Bob Batty and he deserves our support. He is one of the good guys. The Post has 4 delegates attending.

(seven)—MEMBERSHIP—MEMBERSHIP—MEMBERSHIP!!!!!! It would be nice if our Post would reach 100%. We have 257 members paid and our goal is 283. We have not made 100% in years and it would be nice to get our Commander Jim Heimann to reach that goal. You know who you are, so please submit \$28 by July 1 to P. O. Box 321, Germantown, 53022. **After the 1st of July, dues will be \$30.**

LEST WE FORGET

Robert D. Hakenson

Harley P. Hanson

Margaret D. Casper

Just a reminder that if you have access to the internet, we can take your name off of the mailing list and cut down on our mailing expenses. Please let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 4—The celebration will be held at our Post. There is food for all, around noon, and we have the tastiest corn roast around. It is a great place for you to watch the fireworks later. We will be open at 11:00 a.m. and our Color Guard will lead off the parade at 1:00 p.m. The drawing for the 4th of July raffle is at 2100 hours. Come and enjoy the day. This is one of our best fund raisers for the Post.

July 20 to the 25, 2010—Washington County Fair Week. Germantown Post day to work is Wednesday, July 21 at the fairgrounds north of Jackson off Hwy. 45. We will run two shifts again. First shift is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.—second shift is 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. We need 20 workers for each shift. The work is not difficult. Preparing and serving food is what we do. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!!! Please volunteer a few hours of your time. Call 414-476-1429. THANK YOU!!!!!!

August 14, 2010—There will be a membership recruitment day to be held at the Germantown American Legion Post 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All seven Posts in the County will be participating. It is open to all veterans and their families. There will be activities for the kids and a free lunch for all. The County CVSO will be present for the veterans to learn of their benefits and Officers of the American Legion for the Veteran to learn of the benefits to belonging to the American Legion.

August 27 to September 2, 2010—The National Convention of the American Legion is going to be held right here in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is an opportunity for all members to attend and see what goes on at a National Convention. Watch your Badger Legionnaire for details and our Post website at legionpost1.org.

September 11, 2010—The POW/MIA silent march will be held in Sheboygan this year. No further details at this time.

Social Security Benefit News

For anyone who has had active duty service between January, 1957 to December 31, 2001 and is planning for retirement:

You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your military service on active duty any time from 1957 through 2001.

Up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit will be credited at time of application—which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement. This payment will then be added onto your regular month benefit and spread out over the year of Social Security Benefits.

You must bring your DD-214 to the Social Security Office and you must ask for this benefit to receive it!

Social Security website: <http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>

This is something to put in your files for when you apply for Social Security down the road. **It is NOT just for retirees, BUT for anyone who has served on active duty from January, 1957 to December 31, 2001.**

This benefit is NOT automatic, you MUST ask for it!!

AUXILIARY CORNER

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Badger Girls

As this letter is written, the Badger Girls are enjoying their session in Oshkosh. We will be anxious to hear about their trip and will have them give us a report of one of our future meetings.

District Spring Conference

Our conference on April 24 was a great success. It was so nice seeing other unit's members from all the other counties and hearing about their activities. We can be proud of what our unit does.

Poppy Program

Our poppy program went quite well on Friday, May 21. We were quite surprised at the number of local businesses who would not any organization to distribute by their store anymore.

Memorial Day

We had a beautiful day on May 30 to honor our veterans and fallen heroes. The service at the Veterans Memorial was very nice with a good number of people attending. Jim Heimann shared a very touching story about a friend of his who died in Vietnam.

The flag disposal ceremony at the post went very well and the pot luck was even better than ever. Thanks to everyone who joined us and made the celebration successful.

Coupons

Mary sent out the last box of coupons to a base in Italy. We have decided to put this program on held for a while and work on another project. We will let you know when the coupon program will be resumed.

Membership

I don't know what else to say about this...we NEED members! There are so few of us who are determined to help our veteran as well as we can. There are so many members in our American Legion who have wives, daughters and grand-daughters; where are they? Why are they not joining us to help support their veterans? Please join us even if you can't attend meetings. Your numbers are so important to us, we need you. Our Auxiliary pays for anyone under 18 years old, please help us to find new members.

4th of July

The Post will be open all day on the 4th of July. The legion will have food for sale throughout the day. There will be free parking for members in the Post to observe the fireworks display that is put on across the road from the building. Come and enjoy a fun day with us!!

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend our meetings. If you are not currently a member we have applications available or you can call about joining.

Reflection

"The world belongs to those who aren't afraid to try new things.:

The Frugal Gourmet

God Bless America and All Who Serve

President Bette

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