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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Summer is here....or is it? Mother Nature can't seem to make up her mind.

Post elections were held at the May meeting. Last year's officers stayed the same. Everyone was reelected. This has both advantages and disadvantages. The upside is because there will be experience in post positions and things will go on as before. The downside is that you have the same members in place and things will go on as before. My fear is that the Post will become stagnant and complacent. That would not be a good thing. So I'm asking members to step up. Attend meetings. Learn what the post officers do. They would be glad to let you know and when elections roll around next year, make that commitment to become a Post officer. New blood! Fresh ideas! Think about it... I would like to thank those members who have served as post officers for the great job they have done and will continue to do for the next year. Thank you.

The Washington County dinner meeting is the 25th of June. I want to see a good turnout by our members since it will be at our post. Contact Greg Wolfe that you plan to attend. \$8 per person and spouses are welcome. Cocktails at 5, dinner at 6 and meeting at 7 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for the 4th of July fundraiser to help with festivities at the Post. Volunteers also needed to work the County Fair July 27. Shifts are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. It is Veterans Appreciation Day at the fair. Further details at the July meeting.

The following members make this Post work! Marty Bachhuber, Mike Beck, Hank Eder, Roy Esselman, Mel Ewert, Bill Felhofer, David Fichtner, Gordy Geil, Ed Gennrich, Charlie Hargan, Matt Holentunder, Mike Hutchison, Doug Janzen, Bonnie Howard, Karl Kannenberg, Paul Kastner, Mel Kegel, Dick Konkel, Lenny Kuhn, Gil Lucka, Rich Mueller, Lee Murry, Dennis Myers, Danny O'Toole, Leonard Perry, Rolland Peiper, Ken Puls, Al Sande, Ed Urlacher, Gen VanPool, Al Vanderheiden, John Weber, David Wegener, Greg Wolfe, Mary Wunder, Chris Zimmermann, and Don Zimmermann. Along with the auxiliary members: Jan Geil, Mary Heiman, Greta Hutchison, Mary Myers, Bette Peck, Kathy Peck, Mary Myers, Carol Reider, Joan Vanderheiden, Shirley VanPool, Eva Zarth. Also remember those who were active that are no longer with us. I would also like to thank those who for whatever reason cannot be as active as they want but still contribute. The Post needs active members. BE ONE!!!

Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Jim Heimann
Commander

7/1—Wedding, Lg. hall

7/30—Birthday Party, lg. hall

7/4—Fundraiser at Post

8/6—Wedding, lg. hall

7/9—Anniversary Party lg. hall

8/6—Party front hall

7/11—Set up for election

8/7—Luncheon, lg. hall

7/12—Recall election

8/13—Shower, front hall

7/16—Wedding, lg. hall

8/27—Wedding, lg. hall

7/23—Family Graduation Party, lg. hall

Check calendar in office for further bookings. Please call Matt to help setup/takedown, 262-628-2119

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Calendar

7/4—Independence Celebration Post Home, 11:00 a

8/10—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.

7/7, 14, 21, 28—Bingo, Post Home, 7 p.m.

8/13—2nd District Golf outing, Horicon

7/13—Post Meeting, 8 p.m.

8/24-30—National Convention, Minneapolis

7/14-17—Legion State Convention, Appleton

9/1, 8, 15, 22, 29—Bingo Post Home, 7 p.m.

7/26-31—Washington County Fair, Jackson

9/10—2nd District POW/MIA Silent March, Germantown

8/4, 11, 18, 25—Bingo, Post Home, 7 p.m.

9/14—Post Meeting, 8 p.m.

**Minutes of May 11, 2011 Meeting of Germantown Post #1
at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022**

Call To Order:

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from April 13, 2011 meeting minutes was made and seconded, approved. Adjutant Greg Wolfe read the minutes of the Executive Meeting. Motion was made and seconded and passed

Membership & Reports

(a) Membership, R. Mueller reported 238 members paid, goal is 275. (b) Cabin Report—Mel Ewert reported he still has openings for June and Sept. © Americanism report given by D. Fitchner. (d) Scouting report was given by G. Lucka. (e) Poppy Day is May 27.

Service & Activities:

(a) Nominations for next year's officers were taken and all those serving now volunteered for another year.

Good of the Legion:

(a) C. Hargan reported on the Mai Fest coming up and they requested a color guard. Meeting adjourned at 2040 hrs..

Compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe

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Membership & Reports:

(a) Bingo Committee report given by Karl Kannenberg. (b) Membership report by R. Mueller, we now have 238 members paid. Goal this year is 275. © Post 1 awarded a \$500 scholarship to Paige Rudolf from Germantown High.

Service & Activities:

(a) Pre-registration at Zablocki Medical Center is encouraged.

Good of the Legion

(a) Germantown Day at the Washington County Fair is July 27. Help is needed so please sign up.

The meeting adjourned at 2031 hrs.

Compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe

GENERAL INFORMATION

(one)—The American Legion State Convention will be held in Appleton this year July 14 to 17. Commander Jim Heimann and Adjutant Greg Wolfe will be attending.

(two)—The Washington County Fair begins July 26 and Germantown Day is Wednesday the 27 all day. We need help on both shifts. Shift one is 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the second shift is 4:00 p.m. to closing which is about 10:30 p.m. The work is not difficult. Please call our Commander Jim or Dave Wegener at 414-476-1429.

(three)—August 13 is the 2nd District golf outing. Those who wish to put together a foursome, contact Matt Holentunder at 262-628-2119. It is a scramble format.

(four)—As many of you know, the Post is in the process of getting the roof reshingled. All those who volunteer to work on this project must sign a waiver in case you are injured. Our insurance will not cover you. This does include members. We must protect the Post and its membership from any claims.

(five)—The Germantown Post will be hosting the POW/MIA Silent March this year on September 10. Plan on attending. It is a great ceremony.

(six)—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, Grandsons 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.

(seven)—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 morning and set up for Bingo. We begin at about 6:00 a.m. so we are out of there by 7:30 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 414-476-1429. WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE!!!!!!

(eight)—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!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

(nine)—MEMBERSHIP—MEMBERSHIP—MEMBERSHIP—As of the 1st of July dues will be \$30.00. Our goal this coming year is 275 membership. As of this letter we are at 240 paid. We are off to a fairly good start. There is a free \$1,000 accidental death insurance for you when you renew your membership.

NOTICE**NOTICE****NOTICE**

NEW ROOF WILL BE INSTALLED THIS COMING SUMMER AND WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH CLEAN UP AND OTHER DUTIES. WHEN, WE DON'T KNOW YET, BUT WORD WILL BE SENT OUT. MONITOR OUR WEB SITE AT LEGIONPOST1.ORG.

LEST WE FORGET

Jerome J. Brukbacher

Rexford S. Wegener

Roof

I would like to thank you once again for the donations we have received for the roof. So far we have received about \$1,100 and our goal is at least for \$15,000 plus. The economy is bad we know but perhaps we can dig a little deeper. We want to get the roof fixed as soon as possible hoping the rain doesn't penetrate through the ceiling. We, the executive board, are working hard to get this done. Please mail all contributions to our Commander Jim Heimann, American Legion Post #1, N120 W15932 Freistadt Road, Germantown, WI 53022. Again, we want to thank all those who are making this new roof possible.

The Executive Committee

Zimmy's Military Humor

"Does anybody here know how to do shorthand?" asked the sergeant. Four men stepped forward. "Good. Mighty fine. Now if you men will get your butts over to the mess hall, they'll be pleased. They're short-handed."

Did you hear about the draftee in the Army who wrote home to his parents that he's grown another foot? His mother knitted him a third sock.

JUST A REMINDER

If you have an article for the newsletter, please send it to the publisher, Marge Manske; e-mail address is mmanske4680@msn.com.

AUXILIARY CORNER

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Poppies

Our Poppy Program went very well this year. The weather wasn't very good but it didn't rain so we were all happy. We brought in enough donations to help our veterans and that's what it's all about.

Memorial Day

Another nice day and the gathering at the Veterans Memorial enjoyed a nice program led by our Commander Jim Heimann. After the memorial, we all went up to the Post for a service and the flag disposal was held there.

We had a delicious potluck which was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks to all the members who brought food and dessert.

Boudicca House

The Boudicca House in Milwaukee is a new A.L.A. program established to help Women Veterans who need a little help returning to civilian life. By the time you get this letter it will be up and running. We have been collecting new or gently used clean clothing to help get the veterans started. We will continue to do this and contribute more items which will be needed as more women come in. The house is located on 45 Street south of Burleigh.

GI Bill

Our new governor has re-instated the Wisconsin GI Bill of Rights and has expanded it to include distance learning and on-line courses. The GI Bill of Rights was a promise made to the veterans in 2006 but was taken away while veterans were gone defending our country. There is no greater benefit to our veterans struggling to find employment than the restoration of the Wisconsin GI Bill.

County Meeting

Our Unit 321 will be hosting the fall county meeting at our Post 1 on October 8 at noon. Each unit in our county takes turns hosting the meetings twice a year, one in spring and then another in the fall. We plan on doing a chili and salad lunch with our meeting to follow. If you would like to join us, please call me at the number above. The more the merrier.

Thought for the Day

Life is an escalator; you can move forward or backward; you cannot remain still.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

God Bless America and All Who Serve.

President Bette

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