



# POST #1 NEWS & VIEWS

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### FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Fellow Comrades,

It is said that membership is the life blood of the American Legion. If so, then volunteering is the heart that keeps a Post running.

If that is true, my friends, we are headed for a cardiac arrest. I and every other commander before me has asked time and again for those in the membership who have not been active to step up and help out. A few have and that is great. But there still is a core group of members who carry the brunt of the load.

On April 4 the Post will be having its Annual Banquet. This would be a perfect time to meet your fellow Legionnaires and see what you can do. It is free to paid-up members and a guest. If you bring other guests, it is \$10 a person. Cocktails are at 5 and dinner is at 6-6:30 p.m. A meeting will follow. It is a good time.

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Let me ask this question. What can I or the Post do to get you to volunteer at the Post? I would really like to know. You can reach me at 262-377-2613 or e-mail me at [brdog51@yahoo.com](mailto:brdog51@yahoo.com).

For God and Country,

Jim Heimann, Commander

### Calendar

- Mar. 5, 12, 19,26—Bingo, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 11—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 11—County Youth Government Day, West Bend., Co. Court House, 7:30 a.m.
- Mar. 28—Wash. Co. Dinner Meeting, West Bend Post 36, 6:00 p.m. Dinner
- Apr. 2, 9, 16,23,30—Bingo, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 4—Post 1 Annual Banquet, 5:30 p.m. Cocktails, 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- Apr. 8—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Apr. 26—2nd District Spring Conference, Saukville Legion Post
- May 7, 14, 21, 28—Bingo, 7:00 p.m.
- May 13—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- May 18—Wash. Co. Exec Board Meeting, Allenton Post, 7:00 p.m.
- May 21—Badger Boys & Girls Orientation, Allenton Post, 7:00 p.m.

## Minutes of January 14, 2009 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

Meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Greg Wolfe, Adjutant

## Minutes of February 11, 2009 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

### Call to Order

Cmdr. Jim Heimann called to order the regular meeting of the Germantown Post 1 Regular Meeting at 2000 hrs. on 11 Feb 2009.

### Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Motion to dispense with reading of minutes from previous regular meeting as published in the newsletter was made, seconded and passed.

Adjutant G. Wolfe read the minutes from the previous Exec Committee meeting. Motion was made to approve minutes, seconded and motion passed.

### Membership & Reports

- A) County Commander F. Montag and 2 prospective new members present
- B) Bingo Report—Going good, still need help for Bingo. One session was cancelled the day after the January regular meeting was cancelled.
- C) Cabin Report—Drawing is tonight. A number of bills will need to be paid—such as water hookup, cabin rental to state.
- D) Finance Report—F. O. D. Wegener gave Finance report. Motion to approve, seconded and passed (pending audit). As a result of the audit of Post 1, the IRA has made a request of 14 items relative to the audit for us to comply with. F. O. Dave Wegener read them into the minutes.
- E) Membership Report 1st Vice R. Mueller gave Membership Report. He reported we now have 261 members.
- F) Service & Welfare—Service & Welfare Officer L. Murry gave Service & Welfare Report.
- G) Sick Call—Chaplain G. Geil reported 4 illnesses
- H) Americanism—M. Bachhuber gave an Americanism Report
- I) Scouting Report—R. Mueller gave Scouting Report
- J) SAL Report—three new members, now total is at 9
- K) Oratorical—We have no students participating this year.

### Service & Activities

- A) Bowling Report—M. Holentunder stated that bowling is over for the year
- B) Historian—Historian M. Bachhuber gave Historical Report for the month of February.

### Good of the Legion

- A) Gil Lucka reported that the Cub Scout flags are missing. He requested that new flags be obtained.
- B) Co. Cmdr. Fritz Montag talked about membership goals and the spring conference.
- C) A letter of appreciation was read from SSgt Brian Wunder from Afghanistan to Post 1. (Son of member Marv Wunder)
- D) The Cmdr. Will be appointing a new 2nd Vice and the exec Committee will be approving the selection.

Cmdr. Jim Heimann adjourned the meeting at 2050 hrs.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Greg Wolfe, Adjutant

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 11, 2009**—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.

**March 28, 2009**—The Washington County Dinner Meeting will be held at the West Bend Post 36 with cocktails at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. The price for dinner is now \$8.00 per person. Reservations are required by March 21. Contact our Commander Jim at 262-377-2613 or Adjutant Greg at 262-250-0772 with your reservations.

**April 4, 2009**—It is time for our Annual Banquet to be held at our Post home. Dinner is FREE to all members, Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion as long as your dues are paid. Our State Commander and Auxiliary President will be there as our guest. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails (cash bar) with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required, so please call our Commander Jim or Adjutant Greg or the Post home at 262-251-5470 and leave a message. This is for you in appreciation for being a member of the Post. Guests are welcome at \$10.00 each.

**April 26, 2009**—The 2nd District Spring Conference will be held at the Saukville Legion Post. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. Post 1 has openings for four delegates and four alternates. Contact our Commander if you wish to go.

## **General Information**

(one)—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 6:00 a.m. so we are out of there by 8:00 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 414-476-1429.

(two)—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. Please contact the Post or our Bingo chair Karl at 262-251-4714.

(three)—CABIN DRAWINGS were held at the last Post meeting February 11, 2009. There are many good weeks available for you a \$250.00. A \$125.00 deposit is required to held your reservation. Please contact our chairman Mel Ewert at 262-251-5919 as soon as possible to reserve your week.

(four)—We are still having a problem with newsletters coming back from snowbirds and members who move and we have to pay for that return postage. Please contact us if you are moving and snowbirds, let us know when you head south and return. We have a web page at [legionpost1.org](http://legionpost1.org) to view the newsletter also. Let us know if you have accessibility to the internet to cut our cost.

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.

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### POST 1 ANNUAL BANQUET

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#### **“FREE DINNER TO ALL MEMBERS”**

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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:

AMERICAN LEGION POST 1  
P. O. BOX 321  
GERMANTOWN, WI 53022

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF GUESTS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ AT \$10 EACH

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

## AUXILIARY CORNER

President, Bette Peck, 262-251-5120  
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Chaplain, Shirley Van Pool, 414-463-2504

### Cabinets

We were unable to get a group together to clean the cabinets. We plan to do that within the next several weeks. Some nice elves came and cleaned our entire auxiliary room; it looks like it did when we first moved in! This will really make it so much easier to be able to get in and work on the cabinets.

### Donations

We received the Spinoza Bear from department. Carol Rieder and I took the bear to Children's Hospital. One of the nurses (Rachel) came to meet us as they are undergoing a major construction project. She will make sure the bear goes to a child who really needs it to comfort them while going through their treatment. Rachel said she would send us a follow up letter to let us know the name of the child who gets the bear.

### Blankets

We decided we are going to make more fleece blankets for the veterans at the VA Hospital. They really appreciated the blankets we already made and delivered; we understand they still have a need for more. We will plan another blanket-making event and could really use a few extra hands to help.

### Coupon Program

We have been cutting our coupons and collecting them for the coupon program. At this point we have thousands of coupons. Mary Heimann is going to send them to the service member's families in Germany to use at the commissary. We are going to continue to participate in this program as long as needed. For everyone donating their coupons they must be manufacturer's coupons and have to be individually cut out of the papers.

### Sponsorships

The Germantown Park and Recreation program forms little league teams every year. They have asked if we would be interested in sponsoring a team again this year and we have agreed to do that. They will be getting back to us on what team we will be sponsor for.

### Membership

We are happy to say the district is still in 1st place. Our unit is still not at 100% so we are continuing to work on getting new members to join.

### 2nd District Spring Conference

Our conference will be held in Plymouth this year at Racer's Hall on Saturday, April 25. Anyone interested in going should contact me. The conference is an all day affair beginning at 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. These conferences are usually filled with lots of information about all the programs we will participate in during the year. For anyone who has not attended in the past it would be great to have you join us.

### District Raffle

The district raffle is currently taking place; tickets are available for purchase (6 tickets for \$5.00). The tickets must be purchased and sent in by April 15. Please contact me for information on how to purchase.

### Reflection

"The test of our nation's progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much. It is whether we provide enough for those who have little." Author—Franklin D. Roosevelt

### Through the Eyes of a Child

Little Davie watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, mommy?" he asked. "To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. "What's the matter?" asked little Davie, "Giving up?"

Next Meeting—Wednesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. GOD BLESS AMERICA AND ALL WHO SERVE.

President Bette

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