



# POST #1 NEWS & VIEWS

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### **FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK**

Comrades,

The worst of winter is behind us, I hope. I'll take a winter like we are having any day.

April 14 is our Annual Banquet. Department Commander Rohan, State Auxiliary President and other distinguished guests will be attending. A good showing by membership would be good for the Post. \$5 per person will be charged to help defray the cost of the dinner. Please use the form provided in the newsletter or contact me with the number attending. Make checks payable to American Legion Post 1. Please bring a door prize for the raffle drawing. One per person.

The 2nd District Oratorical Contest was hosted by our Post. There were two contestants: Samantha Jacoby from West Bend and Sean Gasiorowski from Grafton. Sean took first place and went on to regional. Thanks to members Matt Holentunder, Charlie Hargan, Henry Eder and Auxiliary member Mary Heiman for all their help.

Another event coming up is the County Youth Government Day, March 14 at the Washington County courthouse.

At our April meeting nominations and elections for State Convention will be held. Spring Conference will be at Horicon Post on April 28. If you wish to attend, contact me or Greg Wolfe.

Post elections are coming up. Members need to step up and fill the offices that will become available. To repeat what I said after the last election, although experience was reelected I feel new blood with fresh insights and ideas couldn't hurt. The Post cannot afford to become stagnant. Those who have served you the last 4 years have done a great job and I thank all of them.

I can't speak for them but I am ready to step down as Commander. A little burned out I guess. Any Post Officer will help you with whatever position you are interested in. Just ask.

You will notice the new LED sign in the window. Our great, hard working Auxiliary ladies have purchased two of them for our Post. They will be moved to the existing outdoor sign soon. Please thank our fine ladies for them. Also, please thank Greg Wolfe for researching and lining up the purchase of the sign. He took this idea and ran with it. Great job, Greg. The new sign will make the old one look a bit shabby. It could use new paint and lettering. VOLUNTEERS???

Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully,  
 Jim Heimann, Commander

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### **Calendar**

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| 3/1, 8, 15, 22, 29—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 p.m.   | 4/8—Easter  |
| 3/10—American Legion Birthday                    | 4/11—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.                            |
| 3/11—Daylight Savings Time                       | 4/14—Annual Post Banquet, 5:00 p.m.                     |
| 3/14—Washington County Youth Gov. Day, West Bend | 4/28—2nd District Conf., Beaver Dam Post 146, 9:00 a.m. |
| 3/14—Post meeting, 8:00 p.m.                     | 5/3, 10, 17, 24, 31—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 p.m.         |
| 3/19—Armed Forces Day                            | 5/9—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.                             |
| 3/24—State Commander Rohan Testimonial, Verona   | 5/13—Mother's Day                                       |
| 4/5, 12, 19, 26—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 p.m.      | 5/29—Memorial Day                                       |

## Minutes of January 11, 2012 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 previous month's 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 213 members paid. (b) Cabin Report—Mel Ewert reported all bills are paid  
The rental fee for the cabins will go up to \$275 an increase of \$25.

### Service & Activities:

(a) Lee Murry gave his report and Chaplain Gordon Geil reported one death.

### Good of the Legion:

(a) 2nd District Commander Bob Shapell spoke to the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 2042 hrs..

Compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe

## Minutes of February 8, 2012 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 minutes from the previous month. Motion 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 report by R. Mueller, we have 221 members paid. (b) House Committee report by Karl Kannenberg is that the Post has a new electronic sign thanks to the Auxiliary, who provided the monies and Greg Wolfe who did the research on it.

(b)

### Service & Activities:

(a) Lee Murry reported on veterans' benefits and he also brought valentines for veterans from Zion Lutheran Church 1st and 2nd graders.

### Good of the Legion

(a) Post elections are coming up and all officer positions are available. Please step up and serve..

The meeting adjourned at 2024 hrs. Compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe

**LEST WE FORGET**  
Alfred M. Moers

## GENERAL INFORMATION

(one)—The Washington County Youth Government Day will be held on March 14 at the Court House in West Bend. Anyone who wishes to attend should be there by 8:30 a.m. It is a great experience for young and old.

(two)—At the April Post meeting on the 11th, nominations and elections will be held for delegates to the State Convention at the Madison Marriott—West in Middleton, WI, July 18 to the 22. If you wish to go, please be at the meeting.

(three)—The Post Annual Banquet will be held on April 14. Please have your reservations in on time. Forms are available in the newsletter. The main speaker is our State Commander Denise Rohan, the first woman State Commander for Wisconsin.

(four)—The 2nd District Conference will be held Saturday April 28 at the Beaver Dam Post 146 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Reservations are required. Contact the Commander or Greg Wolfe, our Adjutant, if you would like to go.

(five)—**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. To date we have 21 members. 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.

(six)—**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 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 Matt Holentunder at 262-628-2119. WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

(seven)—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 262-251-4717. **WE NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

(eight)—**MEMBERSHIP—MEMBERSHIP—MEMBERSHIP!!!!** We are off to another year in membership. Our goal is 257 and we are at 221 members paid for 2011-2012.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL AND YOUR FAMILY

“A GOVERNMENT BIG ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU WANT IS ALSO BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE AWAY EVERYTHING YOU HAVE:

### Hall Bookings

Bookings for March/April as of today. Further bookings will be on the calendar in the office:

February 26	Blue & Gold Dinner/large hall
March 3	Pinewood Derby/large hall
Mach 3	Party/small hall
March 17	Dan party/large hall
April 3	Election
April 14	Legion Banquet
April 21	Party/small hall

Thanks to Matthew, Charlie, Greg and anyone who helps set up/take down for the parties. We couldn't do this without you. Help is always needed. Call Matt or Charlie to offer to help them. When the weddings start more help will be needed, so please make yourself available for a couple of hours on Friday mornings and Monday mornings especially. Thank you. Mary

### **POST 1 ANNUAL BANQUET**

Post 1's Annual Banquet will be held April 14, 2012, at our Post home. We are asking all to pay \$5 per person for the meal as we had to put on a new roof this past year. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and dinner at 7:00 p.m. A program will follow with our State Commander, Denise Rohan, the first woman State Commander for Wisconsin American Legion who will be our main speaker.

Reservations should be in by April 7, 2012. 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 for all members and wives, all Auxiliary members and SAL members. Guests are welcomed also, so let us make this another successful event.

SEND RESERVATION TO:  
AMERICAN LEGION POST 1  
P. O. BOX 321  
GERMANTOWN, WI 53022

NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ AT \$5.00 EACH

NUMBER OF GUESTS ATTENDING \_\_\_\_\_ AT \$5.00 EACH

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

### **JUST A REMINDER**

If you have an article for the newsletter, please send it to the publisher,

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### Reports

Our unit has been busy getting our annual reports out for the year. These reports show us what our members have done to support our veterans and their families.

We would like to ask all members who are unable to attend our meeting to keep a record of the hours they have volunteered to help active or inactive veterans or their families. The time spent could be providing a helping hand, giving someone a ride to an appointment, picking up groceries or taking someone to church. All of these hours would help to show department what we as members do. We must send these reports to National and the work done applies to our non-profit organization status.

### Badger Girls

Our second badger girl, Elizabeth J. Averkamp, attended our January meeting to let us know how much she enjoyed her stay in Oshkosh. She was very enthusiastic about the program and talked about how much she learned about how our government is run.

It would be very helpful if all young people could learn the different levels of government and how they impact all of our lives.

We presented Elizabeth with a certificate of attendance for her participation in this program.

### Banquet

The Legion's Annual Banquet is coming up in April. Every year we have a chance to meet the State Auxiliary President; this year Joan Chwala will attend. The State American Legion Commander, Denise Rohan will also attend. I hope many of you will be able to join us!!

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### **Thought for the Day:**

“Age is for wine and cheese. Don't count the candles on the cake, just keep them lit.”

Lt. Andrew Anewenter

Our next meeting will be at the post on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

God bless America and all who serve..

President Bette

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