



POST #1 NEWS & VIEWS

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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Mary and I hope you had a Blessed Easter.

Your Post was broken into the morning of April 13. Several doors were wrecked, a few cabinets gotten into and the safe was ruined. Matt Holentunder came in early to set up for the banquet and surprised the cretins. They left in a hurry with NOTHING. Than you Matthew! But it could have been so much worse.

Consider this a wake up call. The locks will be changed and an alarm linking up to the police department will be installed. Twice in a year is enough!!!

The annual awards banquet was held on April 14. The Department Commander and Auxiliary President gave fine speeches and everyone seemed to have a good time. The only complaint was attendance. Perhaps 50 attended. This included EMT, Firefighter and Law Officer of the Year. Please special guests. I would hope a better attendance by members next year.

Nominations for Post officers and maybe even elections, if people are unopposed will be held at the May meeting. Please consider stepping up to the plate and serving your Post. Thanks to those who have expressed interest in becoming a Post officer. A big thank you to Rich Mueller for handling this process.

This year the poppy drive will be at Miller Park on May 20. See Matt for details. We need 6 to 8 members to help. Be at the Post by 9 a.m. Sunday morning on May 20. The color guard will be needed for Memorial Day. More to follow at our next meeting on May 9.

The Post received a check from the sale of stock donated by Fritz Gierach. This money has been set aside in a special account for new tables and upkeep to the outside of the Post. Thank you, Fritz, for such a generous donation.....

The Badger Legionnaire had a nice write-up on past Post Commander, past Department Commander and Department Adjutant Rick Barnett. He passed away in March and will be missed.

Please keep Russ Peck and his family in your thoughts and prayers. He is at Froedert Hospital and is very ill. Russ is a current member, past Post and Department Commander. His Mother, Bette, is our Auxiliary President and sister Kathy an auxiliary member.

Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Respectfully,

Jim Heimann
 Commander

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Calendar

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| 5/3, 10, 17, 24, 31—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 p.m. | 6/13—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m. |
| 5/9—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m. | 6/14—Flag Day |
| 5/13—Mother's Day | 6/17—Father's Day |
| 5/19—Armed Forces Day | 6/28—Washington Cnty. Dinner mtg., Kewaskum |
| 5/19-20—Cab opening, Little Lake Tomahawk | 7/4—Independence Day celebration, Post home |
| 5/20—Poppy Day, Miller Park Brewers game | 7/5, 12, 19, 26—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 p.m. |
| 5/21—Washington Co. Exec. Mtg., Kewaskum, 7 p.m. | 7/24—Washington Co. Fair, Jackson, Post officers |
| 5/28—Memorial Day, 9:00 a.m. | 7/25—Washington Co. Fair, Germantown Post 1 |
| 6/7, 14, 21, 28—Bingo, Post home, 7 p.m. | Day |

Minutes of March 14, 2012 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022 de and passed.

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 229 members paid. (b) Cabin Report—Mel Ewert reported the cabins will be opened on the weekend of May 19 and 20. Anyone who wishes to go and help, contact him.

Service & Activities:

(a) Chaplain Gordon Geil reported three members on sick call, one death.

Good of the Legion:

(a) Nominations for next year's officers are at the May meeting (b) Poppies will be sold on May 20 at a Brewers game.

Meeting adjourned at 2042 hrs..

Compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe

Minutes of April 11, 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 234 members paid. (b) House Committee report by Karl Kannenberg is that he has two bids so far to paint the Post © Cabin report by Mel Ewert is to remind everyone the cabins will be opened May 19 and 20.

Service & Activities:

(a) Poppy day is May 20 at Miller Park before the Brewers game. Six to eight people are needed to help..

Good of the Legion

(a) Post elections are coming up at the May meeting and all officer positions are available. Please step up and serve. (b) Dan Zimmer from our scout troop is an Eagle Scout and his project is erosion Control at Upham Woods Camp. Grandson of member Leonard Perry. © Post needs color guard members for July 4 parade...

The meeting adjourned at 2042 hrs. Compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe

LEST WE FORGET

Past State Adjutant/Commander Rick Barnet

Past State Adjutant/Commander Russell W. Peck, Jr.

Walter A. Spradau, Jr.

GENERAL INFORMATION

(one)—May 9 Post Meeting. Nominations will be take for next year's Post officers. This is your Post so please step up to the plate. We have plenty of experience here to train you if you are not sure. Elections will be at the June 13 meeting and you will be sworn in at the Washington County dinner meeting at Kewaskum June 23.

(two)—Poppy Day this year will be May 20 at the Brewers Game. This is the first time for us to be there. Matt Holentunder is in charge and we are sure we have to be there early. Contact Matt at 262-628-2119 for time and if you can help as we need 6 to 8 people to get all the poppies sold.

(three)—Memorial Day will again be observed at the Post May 28. We will start at 9:00 a.m. to prepare for our visits to the cemeteries in the Germantown area. If you can help, please contact the Post or the Commander. Uniform for the day is white shirt and dark slacks with your Legion cap. Flag disposal ceremonies will be performed after the Flag raising and usually there is a lunch served after the ceremonies.

(four)—The Wash. Co. Exec. Board meeting is 7:00 p.m. May 21 at Kewaskum for all Post commanders and Adjutants and County Officers. The Washington Co. Dinner meeting is June 23 with cocktails at 5:00 p.m. dinner at 6:00 p.m. for a cost of \$8.00 per person at the Kewaskum Post. Reservations are required. Call the Post or the Commander.

(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 \$1,000.00. Please contact the Post or our Bingo Chair Karl at 262-251-4714. 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 235 members paid for 2011-2012. We only have 22 members to go to reach 100%.

Hall Bookings

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| May 6 | Party large hall | June 30 | Wedding large hall |
| May 19 | Party large hall | July 1 | Grad party large hall |
| June 2 | Shower front hall | July 4 | Fundraiser |
| June 2 | Wedding large hall | July 7 | Party large hall |
| June 10 | Shower front hall | | |

Please check calendar in office for further bookings.

Please note Saturday and Sunday parties in back hall as more help will be needed. Please step up and help! Just show at up 6 a.m. on Fridays and the following Monday to help.

NOTICE NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR POST 1 FOR 2012-2013

Nominations for Post Officers will be held at the Post May 9 meeting. Elections, if necessary, will be held at the June 13 meeting. Up for election are the following:

Commander, 1st Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, 3rd Vice Commander, Finance Officer, Historian and 2 Sgt At Arms, 2 Executive committee members for a 2-year term.

Any member of the Post is eligible and if interested please contact the Post or our Commander before the May Meeting. The meeting begins at 8:00 p.m., May 9.

NOTICE

THE ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY RAFFLE TICKETS ARE PRINTED. PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF THE FUNDRAISERS THIS POST HAS. PLEASE CALL THE POST OR OUR COMMANDER IF YOU NEED TICKETS. THE TOP PRIZE IS \$500.00.

JULY 4, 2012

JULY 4TH OBSERVANCE WILL AGAIN BE HELD AT THE POST. COME FOR THE DAY AND HAVE SOME FUN WITH BEER-BRATS-SWEET CORN-PULL TABS AND A LOT OF CONVERSATION. JULY 4 RAFFLE DRAWING IS AT 2100 HOURS, 9:00 P.M. FOR THE MARINES WITH THE FIREWORKS AT ABOUT 9:30 P.M. BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND THERE IS FREE PARKING FOR MEMBERS

ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?

(example: you live in Wisconsin from April-October and Florida from November-March)

Note: This works only if the member moves between two addresses at the same time each year. The members must provide a summer & winter address and the approximate date they move to/from each. Your post has to pay extra postage every time a newsletter is returned to us.

Name _____ 9 digit Member ID# _____

Summer Address _____

I will be there from _____ to _____

Winter Address _____

I will be there from _____ to _____

Member's Signature _____ Date _____

Please send this information to the Post at: Germantown Post 1, P. O. Box 321, Germantown, Wi. 53022.

AUXILIARY CORNER

President, Bette Peck, 262-251-5120

Vice President, Greta Hutchison, 262-251-5339

Secretary, Carol Rieder, 262-251-3872

Treasurer & Membership, Mary Heimann, 262-377-2613

Historian, Jan Geil, 262-253-0816

Sgt-at-Arms, Joan Vanderheiden 262-250-1376

Sunshine Chairperson, Janice Geil, 262-253-0816

Books

Our state president, Joan Khwala's theme for this year is Libraries of Love for the Veterans. Our unit has purchased books to donate to the Germantown Library. The books are available to all veteran's families and are mainly for the children of service people who have been deployed.

April

April was a busy month for our auxiliary. The legion birthday banquet was held on April 14, our county meeting was on April 21 in Kewaskum and our district meeting was held in Lomira on April 28. It is always nice getting together with other units and hearing what they have done throughout the year.

Poppy Program

Coming up in May is our Poppy Program. We have already received our poppies and they are ready to be distributed. All proceeds from the Poppy Program are used for veteran's programs.

Badger Girls

We are waiting to hear from the high school counselor as to who will be our badger girls for this year. We have been very impressed by our badger girls and always enjoy the reports they give after participating in this program.

Bingo

Bingo night at the post is going well. We could use more help in the kitchen. If you would like to help out, even one Thursday a month, it would be great. We would like to see more of you come out to play bingo to support our post.

Sympathy

It is with sadness that we report on the death of our member, Rosemary Palbicki who passed away March 26, 2012. Our sympathy goes out too her family; she will be missed.

A Thought for the Day

Three things in human life are important. The first is to be kind. The second is to be kind. The third is to be king. By Henry James

Our next auxiliary meeting will be May 9 at 7:30 p.m. God Bless America and all who serve.

President Bette

JUST A REMINDER

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

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| <u>Finance Officer</u> | | Karl Kannenberg | 262-251-4714 |
| James Heimann | 262-377-2613 | | |
| <u>Adjutant</u> | | <u>Executive Committeemen:</u> | |
| Gregory Wolfe | 262-993-0772 | Chairman: James Heimann | |
| <u>Chaplain</u> | | Members: Commander, 1st Vice Comdr., | |
| Gordon Geil | 262-253-0816 | Finance Officer, Adjutant, | |
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