



THE AMERICAN LEGION - FOR GOD & COUNTRY

POST NO. 1 NEWS & VIEWS

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Comrades,

As I write this one more annual banquet is in the books. It was well attended. Although we could have accommodated more members and guests. Our department Cmdr Bob Shapell was in attendance and was our main speaker. He gave us a rousing and uplifting message. He also assisted in presenting the firefighter, law enforcement officer and EMT of the year awards. Our legionnaire of the year was Al Sande. He could not attend and the award was presented at our April meeting. I wish to acknowledge and thank everyone who made this event

such a success. In particular Jim Heimann, who would not allow me to make too big a fool of myself and who arranges the catering, Dave Ball and Charlie Hargen for the set-up and take down. The Auxiliary members who decorated. Lisa Leider who kindly served as my escort and who bartended part of the time along with Amy Keller.

We do have business at the May meeting. We still need a candidate(s) for 1st vice and then the election of the Post Officers. We also should be naming delegates to the State Convention in July held at the Paper Valley Radison in Appleton. I will have the schedule of events for the whole convention. The election of department officers is on Saturday morning, July 18th from 8:30am – 10:30am. I will attend the vote and will be willing to carpool with other delegates.

I will also share information on the 60th annual Pilgrimage to King on June 21.

The Bryan O'Donnell Polka Band will return once again on Sunday, May 31, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm, lunch will be available at 11:30 before the band starts. The cost is \$8 for lunch & the band or just \$3 for the band.

Memorial Day will be observed at the Post on Monday, May 25. We need volunteers to provide ceremonies for our fallen. Please be at the Post by 9:30 a.m. to prepare for our visits to the cemeteries. At 11:00am we will have some special guests joining us once again at the Veterans Memorial. The first and second graders from Kennedy Elementary school, Grafton, will join us as they sing a few songs during the ceremony. A flag disposal will follow at the Post at noon, as well as a complimentary pot luck lunch will be served afterwards.

On July 4, we will be celebrating our independence at the Post home. It all begins at 11:00 a.m. and we need volunteers to march in the parade. There will be a lot of goodies for you to enjoy throughout the day. Please participate in our annual July 4th raffle.

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. We hope to see you there!

– Michael Nardelli, Post No. 1, Commander



Commander Michael Nardelli at the Post Banquette Dinner.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY

- 7,14,21,28 – Bingo Post home 7:00pm
- 10 – Mother's Day
- 13 – Post meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 16 – Armed Forces Day
- 18 – County Exec. Mtg., West Bend, 7:00pm
- 25 – Memorial Day, Post Home 9:30am
- 31 – Polka Band Post Home 11:30am

JUNE

- 4,11,18,25 – Bingo Post home 7:00pm
- 10 – Post meeting, 8:00pm
- 14 – Flag Day
- 18-21 – American Legion Riders Spirit Run
- 21 – King Day at Veteran's Home, King, WI
- 21 – Fathers Day
- 27 – County Dinner Mtg., West Bend, 5pm

JULY

- 2,9,16,23,30 – Bingo Post home 7:00pm
- 4 – Independence Day Celebration at Post, 11:00am
- 8 – Post meeting, 8:00 pm
- 19 – Poppy's at Miller Park, meet at Post at 9:00am
- 22 – Washington County Fair, Veterans Day

PATRIOTIC TRIVIA QUIZ (Ans. on p7)

1. Why were the stars on the original American flag were arranged in a circle?
2. What year were the words "under God" added to the Pledge of Allegiance?
3. Q: How many names are on the Vietnam Wall?
4. In 1924 which president declared the Statue of Liberty a National Monument?
5. What is considered the birthplace of Memorial Day?

LEST WE FORGET:



With love in our hearts,
we remember you. May
your soul rest in peace!

Jerome A. Fisher
Roger W. Morris

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LEGION POST 1



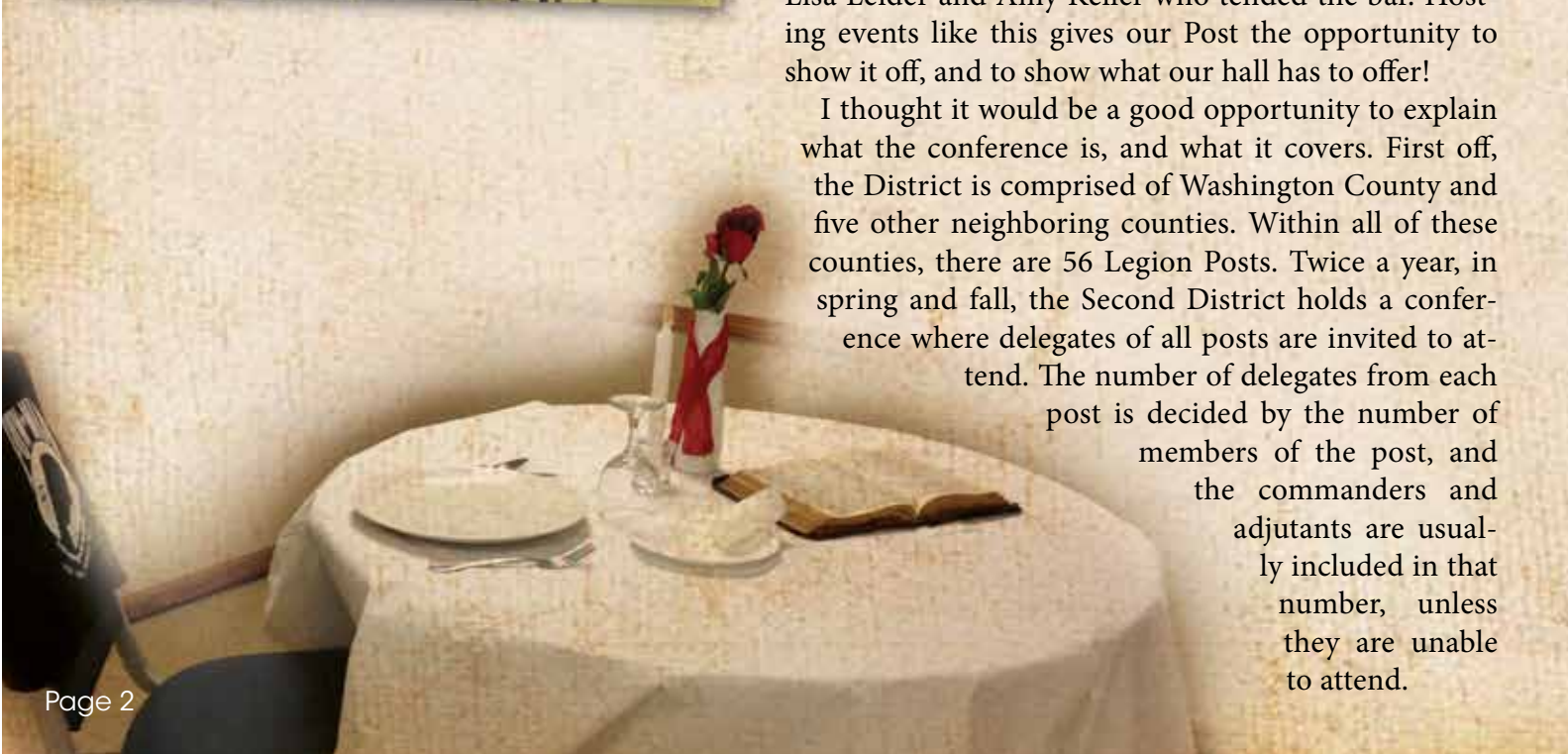


SECOND DISTRICT SPRING CONFERENCE

My Fellow Veterans,

Saturday, April 25, 2015, our Post hosted the annual Second District Spring Conference. Approximately 100 Legionnaires from throughout the Mighty Second District attended, and the Conference was opened with a welcome by Germantown Village President Dean Wolter. The Conference lasted most of the day and was a great success for our Post! We received compliments from District Commander Dan Seehafer and District Adjutant Jim Kell about the set-up and preparation of our hall, and about the overall success of the conference. This success was based upon the hard work of our members who helped prepare and set up for the Conference, as well as those members who attended the Conference and helped in various roles. On behalf of Commander Nardelli and myself, I would like to personally thank each member who helped, and to thank Lisa Leider and Amy Keller who tended the bar. Hosting events like this gives our Post the opportunity to show it off, and to show what our hall has to offer!

I thought it would be a good opportunity to explain what the conference is, and what it covers. First off, the District is comprised of Washington County and five other neighboring counties. Within all of these counties, there are 56 Legion Posts. Twice a year, in spring and fall, the Second District holds a conference where delegates of all posts are invited to attend. The number of delegates from each post is decided by the number of members of the post, and the commanders and adjutants are usually included in that number, unless they are unable to attend.





The Second District is led by a Commander and other elected officers, with the Adjutant being an appointed position by the commander. During the annual conferences, the commander, officers, county commanders, and chairmen give reports related to the activities of the Second District. Also during every Spring Conference, elections are held, and at this past conference Jim Lee of the Cedarburg Post was elected to be the next commander, along with other officers and chairmen. Also during every Spring Conference, there is a memorial service held for all members of the District who have died in the last year. Each County Commander is provided a list of the deceased from each Post, and then reads each name off. After each County Commander has read off the deceased names, there follows a playing of Taps, and then a 21-gun salute. Unfortunately, this year's list included the final bugle call for 26 Post 1 Germantown members. May all of these comrades rest in peace.

To close, I would like to once again thank each member who assisted with the Conference. It is nice to know we have the confidence of the District to hold such events, and I look forward to hosting more in the future. Post activities like this not only expose us to the Second District, but to the community as well. As we move forward in the year, I ask members to get involved in their Post. Whether it be serving as a Post Officer, a Committee Chairman, attending meetings, or helping out at bingo or other activities, there are numerous ways to help! Please get involved as we move the post forward! If you ever have any questions



or suggestions, please feel free to contact me, as I am honored to be serving another year as your Post Adjutant. The contact number is provided in this newsletter. Thank you for your service to your country and community!!

– Chris Zimmermann, Adjutant



POST NO. 1 MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Danny O'Toole born Boston, MA.



Married for 31 years to Phyllis nee Caruso. We have a combined family of four children and 8 Grandchildren plus 2 step Grandchildren living in Wisconsin, Wyoming, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

I retired from the Menomonee Falls Police Department in 1999 after 33 years of service and Phyllis retired in 2000 from the W.J. Pence food brokerage company after 18 years.

Military highlights include the Cuban Missile Crisis 1962. When President Kennedy declared the blockade of Cuba in 1962 the entire 2nd Marine Infantry Division from Camp LeJeune, N.C. was moved onto the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. We had many "stare downs" with the Cuban Military, but only one actual incident in which Cubans came "over the fence" in an attempt to blow up the fuel supply area. That firefight resulted in 7 dead Cubans.

My infantry company had spent several months on Guantanamo during the summer of 1961. We were digging trench lines and building bunkers which we later used during the Missile Crisis in 1962. I'm sure we would have dug them deeper had we known.

We swapped a lot of American cigarettes for Cuban cigars while walking patrol along the fence lines at night. The Cubans would sneak up to the fence lines at night and scare the hell out of us, then the next night we would sneak up to the fence line and scare the crap out of them. Great fun actually. Lucky no one got killed.

I also participated in Desert Storm & Desert Shield 1990-1991 at the Port of Dammam, Saudi Arabia as part of a USCGR Port Security Detachment. We operated six small gun boats out of the port while providing security for 90% of all ammo & supplies coming in to the country for the upcoming hostilities.

There were 96 people in the unit when we deployed from Milwaukee and about 137 when we returned. Reinforcements accounted for the difference in the count.

A number of unit members were seriously injured while operating 26' Boston Whaler gun boats in the Gulf which often had rough seas reaching 12-14'.

We worked hand in hand with the Saudi Frontier Forces. As "Port Security Chief" my Saudi counterpart was Chief Mohammed a slightly built, somewhat meek mannered Saudi who maintained two homes, two completely separate families including two wives and two children in each family. Seemed he was tired all the time?

Our gun boat crews consisted of three USCGR and one Saudi which made for some interesting times. Most of the Saudi crewmen ran



Don Bosco Technical High School,
Boston, MA. 1959.

U.S. Navy Reserve
1957 - 1959 - Seaman Apprentice

U.S. Marine Corps
1959 - 1964 - Lance Corporal

U.S. Coast Guard Reserve
1972 - 2004 Chief Petty Officer

around with a huge “noogy” on their forehead” from attempting to conduct their required prayers 3-4 times a day on the pitching deck of the small gunboats in those rough Gulf seas. They were determined little fellers though.

Our only threat in the Gulf was the constant “Scud” missile attacks. We had built our own protective bunkers which we got to know very well and we spent many consecutive days wearing the protective M.O.P. suits in the excessive heat. The temps had dropped from 120 degrees to the high 90’s by the time the shooting war started. Yes, we got kinda “stinky”. Not much we could do about the Scud Missiles when out on the boats. We would watch the Army Patriot missile batteries launch with a great bang & roar, then the Patriots would hit the Scud missile with a God awful explosion then we would run the boats at top speed to get out from under all the debris falling from the sky.

An Army National Guard Unit suffered about 29 people killed and many injured when the very last scud of the war was hit by a Patriot missile sending the 1000 pound warhead tumbling through the roof of the warehouse in which they were living. That was just about one mile up the road from our base of operations.

I finished my military career in 2004 when I retired from the USCGR in Milwaukee after a total of 33 full time and reserve years.

I don’t regret a single day of it except for destroying all that perfectly good underwear when the Scuds started falling on the Port of Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

I joined the American Legion shortly after returning from Desert Strom in 1991. I am also a life member of the V.F.W., Marine Corps League and the Coast Guard Chief Petty Officers Association.

I’m a competitive pistol shooter and an avid motorcyclist.

I consider my greatest accomplishment in life has been as a totally devoted Grandpa and a Patriot.

– *Danny O’Toole, Post No. 1 Member*

JULY 4TH

July 4 this year is on a Saturday. We always need help in setting up on the 3rd and also on the 4th at the Post home. The Color Guard will be leading the parade in Germantown. On the 4th, it all begins at 11:00 a.m.

Assuming we get the contract for The Moving Wall in time, ideally we will be building a special dedication/float that will be announcing our date to the public in the parade. That said, we would greatly appreciate a large attendance specifically from our Vietnam Veterans to walk in the parade, as this float and TMW will be here to honor you and all Vietnam Veterans...which is long overdue!

Also, we will need cooks for the hamburgers, brats, dogs and corn. We also need servers and bartenders and those who can sell our annual raffle tickets and lottery tickets. The fireworks start at about 9:15 p.m. and the parking lot fills up fast and we need help in collecting fees and parking cars. If you have some time on your hands, come and give us a



Above picture is a sample only of the type of float we would like to build to announce our date for the Moving Wall.

hand. Contact our Commander Mike at (414) 248-1199 or Jim Heimann at (414) 507-0007.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR

Germantown Post day to work at the fair this year is July 22. As always, we are in need of volunteers. Last year we pulled off great attendance and would like to proudly repeat that again this year.

We need volunteers in the following positions: table cleaners, cashiers, food servers, food wrappers, soda and ice keeper, fries and onion ring server, grill cook inside and out, deep fryer cook, supply runners and several relief workers. There are two shifts to choose from. **SHIFT ONE** is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and **SECOND SHIFT** is 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. If you can help with anything, it will be very much appreciated. None of the work positions are difficult so come and spend some time with your friends. Again it will be Veterans Day at the fair on the 22nd, so it is free admission for all veterans. Just show your Legion card or any Veteran ID for admission. This does include your wife or friend. Contact our Commander Mike at (414) 248-1199 or our Adjutant Chris at (414) 687-6589 if you can help.

POPPY DAYS

This year we have some good dates at Miller Park to distribute our Poppies.

The dates we have received are **July 19th**, a Sunday against Pittsburgh. **August 9th**, a Sunday against St. Louis and **August 19th** a Wednesday against Miami. All games are day games that start at 1:10. The games against Pittsburgh and St. Louis are also bobblehead days. The crowds should be huge so the more Volunteers we have the more parking lots we can cover. This is a great way to become active in YOUR Post.

It is really a good time and people are appreciative of Veterans. Gates usually open at 10AM, so we will **meet at the Post at 9 AM and carpool to the games**. Wear your Legion gear and caps. You will be given a letter from the Brewers stating we have permission to distribute poppies. Do not lose it. Contact our Commander Mike at (414) 248-1199 to sign up!

COMMUNITY – GERMANTOWN MAI FEST

27th Annual Celebration

May 15, 16 & 17

The annual Mai Fest 2015 celebration will be held at the Germantown Market Place on Squire Drive & Mequon Road on Friday, May 15 from 5:00pm until midnight Saturday, May 16 from 11:00am until midnight and Sunday, May 17 from 12:00pm until 8:00pm. Follow us at maifestgermantown.com, Facebook or email chrisyatchak@yahoo.com for more information.

SPIRIT RUN

JUNE 18-21, 2015

Commander Bob Shappell announced his 2015 Spirit Run. His goal is to raise \$59,600.00 this year for the Legacy Scholarship Fund, which equates to \$1.00 from every Legionnaire. It will be a three day, 700 Mile Motor Cycling Event that will begin in Mequon, circling the state, and ending at the 2015 King Day Celebration.

FAMILY FUN DAY & VENDOR FAIR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015

10am – 3pm, bring the entire family. There will be adult vendors as well as a kid-to-kid rummage sale, bake sale & concessions, raffles, limited face painting and more. Please contact Amy Keller if you are interested in renting a spot, donating a raffle or bake sale item, or if you simply would like to volunteer your time for the day (262) 573-3100.

HONOR FLIGHT

We have had a few people step up and take an interest in making a donation to a Veteran for an Honor Flight, if this is something you would like to do and have or have not signed up, please contact Lisa Leider at (262) 573-7902 to help to get this ball rolling. As a Veteran you deserve this huge honor and we would like to help in any way we can to make this happen for you!

Congratulations to Roy Esselmann for recently completing his Honor Flight. Look for his story in the next newsletter.

MISCELLANEOUS

LEGION CAP – ORDER TODAY!

If you are interested in ordering an American Legion Cap please call the post to make arrangements or email Lisa Leider at LisaLegionPost1@yahoo.com. We will be placing an order in the next month. Cost is approx. \$70, the post will pay 30% for new members, 20% for existing members

THANK YOU!

On March 15th we had our spring Post cleanup day. Out of 210 members five showed up. That said I would like to thank Roy Esselmann, Mike Volt, Dave Ball, Joe Ozimek, Jim Heimann plus two Auxiliary members: Bette Peck and Greta Hutchison.

We spent four to five hours cleaning and accomplished quite a bit with the manpower we had. We could have accomplished so much more if more members would have shown up. During the cleanup several things were brought up that will need attention soon.

- A big thank you to the Auxiliary for feeding us the group at the Post Clean Up day.
- Thank you to Glenn & Gail Borchert for making a generous donation to the post.
- Thank you to Chris Yatchak for helping out so often at bingo, with the voting polls, at the polka band, and stepping up whenever he is needed.
- Thank you to Amy Keller for taking the lead on the next Family Fun Day on September 12th.
- Thank you to Chris Zimmerman for heading up Second District Spring Conference. It took a lot of planning, but it paid off as the conference was a great success!

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

American Legion Post No.1, Germantown
March 11, 2015/ April 8, 2015

- Hall manager Lisa Leider gave a presentation on the development and cost of a new website. Motion was made and passed to continue the process.
- Membership was reported at 205 paid members.
- Chairman Heimann provided an update on the Moving Wall. Still waiting for the official date and contract to be sent.
- On May 16, the Ozaukee County Historical Society will be having a World War II reenactment. A flyer for the event is located at the Post.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

American Legion Post No.1, Germantown
March 11, 2015/ April 8, 2015

- K. Kannenberg still recovering and was not present.
- K. Murry reported the Mid-Winter was poorly attended.
- Chaplain sent cards to families of Roger Neuman and Edward Palbicki. Mel Ewert was hospitalized with a stroke, and Dave Sauder with a separated shoulder. Al Sande donated blood.

AUXILIARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

American Legion Post No.1,
Auxiliary Unit No. 321, Germantown

PROJECTS

We met again in April at the Post to cut coupons. There were 4 of us and we worked from 9 am – 1 pm. It was a lot of fun just cutting the coupons and joking around. We have been getting quite a few people saving coupons for us; some of them are even cutting them out.

We sent the coupons to a base in Germany and hope we get an answer back so we can continue to keep sending them there.

SPRING COUNTY MEETING

There were 4 of us who went to Jackson for the County Meeting at the Jackson Community Center on April 18th. They have a very nice community center and lots of activities for Jackson residents to participate in.

The next county meeting will be held in October at the Kewaskum Post.

DONATIONS

Camp American Legion requested paper products this month, such as cups, plates, napkins and plastic flatware. We purchased these items and mailed them to the camp. They claim they are always short of these kinds of supplies for the veteran's who come to stay there.

BADGER GIRLS

Greta Hutchison, our Badger Girls chairperson, received the names of 2 girls selected by the Germantown H.S. guidance counselor to attend Badger Girls. The program is held in Oshkosh during the month of June.

This year the representatives our auxiliary will sponsor are: Delany McAdams and Kayleigh Cowan. There are approximately 700 girls from all over the state of Wisconsin who will be attending this program. We look forward to hearing from them when they return and come to share their experiences. They are always so enthusiastic about the program. It is very heart warming to hear how much they learned about our government and enjoyed their experience.

May 11th is orientation night which is held in Allenton. This year it is our Auxiliary Unit's turn to bake and supply the snacks for the evening program. The girls and their parents as well as the boys attending Badger Boys and their parents will be attending the orientation. This will give us an opportunity to meet our girls and their parents as well as to hear about the program being offered this year.

ANNUAL BANQUET

The Legion's Annual Banquet was held on Saturday, April 11th at our post. Guests were State President Teresa Isensee and State Commander Bob Chapell. It was a very successful banquet with a nice attendance turnout. Our auxiliary presented Teresa Isensee with a beautiful German vase. She liked the vase a lot and will think of her trip to Germantown whenever she uses it.

Our President, Bette Peck, was presented a certificate of appreciation from Unit 321 for her years of service and assistance to the American Legion. She was also acknowledged for her service and presented a pin from State Commander Bob Chapell.

POPPIES

The legionnaires will be distributing poppies at Miller Park in May this year. If needed, we will be looking for volunteers to distribute poppies at various businesses in Germantown.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

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

~Patricia Russell-McCloud, motivational speaker

Our auxiliary meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

God Bless America and all who serve.

– Bette Peck, President Auxiliary Unit No. 321

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

As a tax-deductible organization, the Germantown American Legion would appreciate any donations you may wish to make. Further, please keep the Germantown American Legion Post No. 1 in mind when doing any estate planning.

Any bequests, large or small will be put to good use. Remember, the American Legion Post No. 1 is pursuing a worthy goal, and thus is worthy of your consideration and generosity. Thank you!

**OPEN TO PUBLIC
11:30AM - 8:00PM
FRIDAYS ONLY
STARTING IN MAY**

Lunch (11:30am - 2pm) • Happy Hour (3pm - 6pm)
Drink Specials: \$2 Domestic Beers • \$1 tappers



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PATRIOTIC TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS (from cover page)

1. To Ensure that all colonies were equal.
2. 1954.
3. As of Memorial Day 2013, there are 58,286 names.
4. Calvin Coolidge
5. Waterloo, New York

MEMORIAL DAY:

A day on which those who died in active military service are remembered.

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To all members who have summer and winter residents; please advise the Post as to when you make your moves around the country, so we can adjust our records for mailing. **Thank you!**

**POST MEMBERSHIP: 205
OUR QUOTA FOR THE YEAR IS 210.**