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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Comrades,

I hope this letter finds you all well.

It was good to see a few more smiling faces at the October meeting.

I would like to thank comrades Lenard Perry and Dave Fichtner who stepped up and completely renovated the Post wagon. It looks great! Well done, gentlemen.

Speaking of stepping up, we need people to help with setup and take down for parties. If you can help out, please contact myself or Dave Wegener. With 283 members there has to be some of you who can help. There is no reason at all it should be left to a few members to get it done. This is for Bingo as well.

LET'S STEP UP AND HELP!

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This is you post; it depends on each member to do their share to make it successful.

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Commander**

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| 11/1—County Bowling, Jackson | 12/9—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m. |
| 11/5, 12, 19—Bingo, 7:00 p.m. Post Home | 12/17—Christmas Raffle drawing, 8:00 p.m. Post |
| 11/7—Veterans Day Parade, Milwaukee, 9:00 a.m. | 12/21—Wash. Co. Exec. Board Mtg., Hartford, 7:00 |
| 11/8—Veterans Day Observance, Post Home, 10:00 a.m. | 12/25—Christmas Day |
| 11/11—Veterans Day | 12/30—New Years Eve Bingo, 7:00 p.m. |
| 11/11—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m. | 1/7, 14, 21, 28—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 p.m. |
| 11/14—Germantown Christmas Parade, 2:00 p.m. | 1/9—Wash. Co. Dinner mtg., Hartford, 6:00 p.m. |
| 11/26—Thanksgiving Day | 1/13—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m. |
| 12/3, 10, 17—Bingo, Post home, | |

Minutes of September 9, 2009 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 WI5932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

Call To Order:

Vice Cmdr. R. Mueller called the meeting to order at 2000 hrs.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the August 12 meeting minutes was made and seconded and passed. Adjutant Greg Wolfe read the minutes of the Executive Board meeting. Motion to approve was made and passed.

Membership & Reports:

Membership—1st Vice Cmdr. Rich Mueller reported 183 members paid and our goal this year is 283 members. House Committee Chair Karl Kannenberg reported the parking lot has been finished with repairs and seal coating.

Service & Activities:

Service Officer, Lee Murry, reported that the Dept. of Wis. Has a new Service Officer, L. Perry reported on the progress of repairs on the parade wagon.

Good of the Legion:

Matt Holentunder reported on the upcoming bowling tournament for Washington County, November 1.

Meeting adjourned at 2037 hrs—compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe.

Minutes of October 14, 2009 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 minutes from September 9 was seconded and passed. Adjutant Greg Wolfe read the minutes from the Executive Board meeting. Motion was made and seconded and passed.

Membership & Reports:

Membership—1st Vice Cmdr. R. Mueller reported 193 members paid. Bingo—K. Kannenberg reported bingo has been doing well the past month and help is still needed. Cabins—M. Ewert reported the cabins have been closed for the year. Scouting—R. Mueller reported there is a Court of Honor Sunday for our Eagle Scout and the Post will reward him with a \$100 savings bond.

Service & Activities:

2nd Vice Cmdr. L. Perry reported our parade wagon is finished and it looks great. His helper was Dave Fitchner. SAL advisor C. Hargen reported on food cards for veterans overseas and a motion was made that SAL donate \$100 to this project. Motion passed.

Good of the Legion:

2nd District Commander Don Lechner was in attendance and spoke and spoke and spoke. Meeting adjourned at 2058 hrs—compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe.

GENERAL INFORMATION

(one)—The parking lot is complete and it looks great. It hadn't been seal coated in the last 8 years that we know of. The raffles we conduct help pay for projects such as this.

(two)—Put the date April 10, 2010 on your calendar. It is the date for our Annual Banquet. We had a great turn out last year and hopefully we will have the same. The State Commander has been invited.

(three)—Post rifles, the armory in Michigan says, we have 10 each M-1 rifles checked out to the Post. We have only two that are accounted for. Any member who has one of these is to turn it in to the Post and/or contact Gregg Wolfe., our Adjutant, at 262-250-0772. Without the accounting of these rifles, our Post will not receive any blank ammo from the armory to perform our ceremonies for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Members of the old Milwaukee Post 1, Post 101, Post 400, Post 321, please check your closets and basements. We have to account for these rifles. **THIS IS A MUST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

(FOUR)—The Post will be holding another Christmas raffle. Please be on the look out for it. These raffles are to support our Post projects throughout the year.

(five)—The Post parade wagon is complete and will be entered in the annual Germantown Christmas Parade on November 14. The parade will begin at 1400 hours, that is 2:00 p.m. for all civilians. The Color Guard will lead off the parade in their new uniforms.

(six)—As most of you know, our Post halls are rented out just about every weekend and they must be set up for 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. **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 262-251-4714. **WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE!!!!!!**

(EIGHT)—Your Post is supporting the Honor Flights program for WWII veterans to fly to Washington, D.C. to visit the WWII Memorial.

LEST WE FORGET
Howard Bublitz

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1, 2009—The Jackson Post will be hosting the Washington County Bowling Tour. At this time, we do not know where it will be held, but if you wish to bowl, please contact our Chair Matt Holentunder at 262-628-2119. This is a four man or woman or a mix team tournament.

November 7, 2009—The Veterans Day parade will be held in Milwaukee and this may be the last year for it because of funding. It is still the largest Veterans Day parade in the country. If you wish or your unit wishes to participate, please contact Bill Strieter at 414-327-7924.

November 8, 2009—The Post will be observing Veterans Day beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Post Home. Please contact our Commander if you wish to participate.

November 11, 2009—Veterans Day

November 14, 2009—The Annual Christmas Parade will be held in Germantown beginning at 2:00 p.m. The Post will participate with their Color Guard and parade wagon.

November 26, 2009—Thanksgiving Day—Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of you and your family. December 17, 2009—Christmas raffle drawing at the Post during intermission of Bingo, 8:00 p.m. Get your tickets in on time please.

December 21, 2009—The Washington County Executive board will meet at the Hartford Legion Post, 7:00 p.m. This is for all Post Commanders and Adjutants and County Chairs.

December 25, 2009—Christmas Day—Merry Christmas to each and every one of you and your family.

December 31, 2009—New Years Eve Bingo—A fun time for all and we give away an extra \$1,000 plus a free lunch to the players and workers. Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m.

January 9, 2010—Washington County Dinner meeting at the Hartford Post with cocktails at 5:00 p.m., dinner 6:00 pm. And the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required and the cost for the meal is \$8.00 per person. Contact our Commander is you wish to attend.

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Coupons

Everyone has been doing a really good job donating coupons to our program; we will continue the program and keep sending more coupons to the service men's families in Germany.

Memberships

Memberships are coming in very slow. In order for us to continue to offer programs and support our veterans, we need more members. We have not yet reached our 100% goal and would like to get there by December 1.

Badger Girls

The Badger girls were unable to make it to our meetings in September and October. They are scheduled to attend our November meeting to talk with us about their experience this year in Oshkosh.

Annual American Legion Banquet

An invitation was sent to state president Gayle Janson inviting her to the Legion's annual banquet on April 20, 2010. We like to get our invitations to the president in advance as she is invited to many functions throughout the state and we really would like her to attend ours.

Fall American Legion County Meeting

On September 26, the American Legion had their county meeting at Post #1. The auxiliary provided dinner and dessert for the event. The turnout was good and everything went very well.

Fall Auxiliary County Meeting

Our unit hosted the auxiliary county meeting on Saturday, October 3. A light lunch was served at noon prior to the meeting. We had a good turnout of unit members from Washington County.

Blankets

On October 17 several members met at the post and made 2 more blankets for the veterans at Zablocki Hospital in Milwaukee. We all had a great time visiting while working. We plan to do this again soon.

Donations

We planned all our donations for the year including a trip for another WWII veteran to visit the memorial in Washington, D. C.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Special Note

Our sympathies go out to our member Annie Bublitz whose husband Howie passed away. We will all miss our Legionnaire who was so good to our auxiliary.

A Thought for Today

All too often, we do smart things only after exhausting every conceivable dumb thing we could have done—Thomas Sowell

God Bless America and All Who Serve.

President Bette

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