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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

Comrades,
 "In a world tormented by tension and the possibilities of conflict, we meet in a quiet commemoration of a historic day of peace. In an age that threatens the survival of freedom, we join together to honor those who made our freedom possible. The resolution of the Congress which first proclaimed Armistice Day, described November 11, 1918, as the end of "the most destructive, sanguinary and far-reaching war in the history of human annals." That resolution expressed the hope that the First World War would be, in truth, the war to end all wars. It suggested that those men who had died had therefore not given their lives in vain."

That quote is from President John F. Kennedy's 1961 Veterans Day speech. The conflict he was referring to was soon to be the Vietnam War. Since that speech, there have been other conflicts, and in all of them men and women have gone to fight for our freedom. Most return to continue their lives, some, do not. Veterans Day serves to honor all Veterans, not just the living, but also the ones who have fallen as well, because they too are Veterans.

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Join us on Sunday, November 11, at the Germantown Memorial at 11 a.m. Let us remember those Veterans as well, and never forget them.

Commander Greg

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- Nov. 1, 8, 15, 29—Bingo, Post Home, 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 4— Washington County Bowling, Host Allentown Post
- Nov. 4— Daylight Savings time end
- Nov. 10— Germantown Christmas Parade, 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11—Veterans Day celebration will be held at the Memorial
- Nov. 14—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Nov. 22—Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27—Bingo Post home, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 12—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Dec. 17—Washington County Exec Board Meeting, Allenton Post, 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 25—Christmas Day
- Dec. 31—Anew Years Eve Bingo, Post Home, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 3, 10, 1, 24, 31—Bingo, Post Home, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 9—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- Jan. 17, 18, 19, 20—Legion Mid-winter Conference, Baraboo, WI
- Jan. 26—Washington County "Dinner meeting, Allenton Post, 7:00 p.m.

WE WANT TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

LEST WE FORGET

Minutes of September 12, 2012 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 W15932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

Call To Order:

Cmdr. Greg Wolfe called to order the meeting of the American Legion Post #1 Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m. on 12 September 2012.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to dispense with reading of minutes from previous regular meeting as published in the newsletter was made, seconded and passed. Adjutant Chris Zimmermann read the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting. Motion was made to approve minutes, seconded and passed.

Membership & Reports:

- Membership Report: 1st Vice P. Kastner reported membership is 150.
- House Committee: K. Kannenberg reported that the painting of the Post should be completed by the end of the week. He also reported help is needed setting up and taking down of the tables for hall rentals.
- Cabin Chair Mel Ewert reported a new water tank was installed in the Eldridge.

Good of the Legion

- Post received a thank you from Food for Hungry-Homeless Vets for its donation.
- Discounts are available for disabled vets from the DNR.

Cmdr. Greg Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Adjutant Chris Zimmerman

Minutes of October 10, 2012 Meeting of Germantown Post #1 at N120 W15932 Freistadt Road in Germantown, WI 53022

Call to Order:

Cmdr. Greg Wolfe called to order the regular meeting of the Germantown Post 1 Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. on October 10, 2012.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous regular meeting as published in the newsletter was made, seconded and passed. Adjutant Chris Zimmerman read the minutes from the previous Executive Committee meeting. Motion was made to approve minutes, seconded and passed.

Membership & Reports:

- Cabin Report: M. Ewert reported that he and other members will be closing the cabins the weekend of October 13 and 14.
- Membership Report: 1st Vice Paul Kastner reported 168 members paid.
- House Committee: K. Kannenberg reported painting of the Post exterior is complete.
- Veterans Day celebration will be at the Memorial on Veterans Day
- Germantown Christmas parade is November 10 at 2:00 p.m.
- Americanism & Historian: Doug Luckhardt reported that Applebee's will be giving free meals to Veterans for Veterans Day and Subway will also be giving them a free 6-inch sub.

Good of the Legion

- Sgt. At Arms Al Sande reported he will be ringing the Salvation Army bell at Brookfield Square this holiday season.

Cmdr. Greg Wolfe adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Adjutant Chris Zimmermann

GENERAL INFORMATION

(one)—The Germantown Christmas Parade steps off at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 10 so if you wish to participate please report to the Post by 12:30 p.m. The Post is looking for a Color Guard Captain..

(two)—Veterans Day will be observed at the Germantown Veterans Memorial. A moment of silence is at 11:00 a.m. Be sure to arrive early for the ceremonies prior.

(three)—December 17 is the Washington County Exec Board meeting at the Allenton Post at 7:00 p.m. This is for all Post Commanders and Adjutants and County Chairs.

(four)—**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.

(five)—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 262-993-0772 or Matt Holentunder at 262-628-2119. WE NEED YOUR HELP, PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!

(six)—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!!!!!!**

(seven)—**MEMBERSHIP—MEMBERSHIP—MEMBERSHIP!!!!!!** We are off to another year in membership. It was reported there are 168 members paid so far this year but the Department does not show that.

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.

From the latest Army 'ECHOES', a newsletter sent to US Army retirees.

DoD Creates Medals Database

One week after launching an official database of military valor medal recipients, the Pentagon expanded it to include recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross and Air Force Cross.

The website (<http://valor.defense.gov/>) was launched July 25 but initially only the 10 troops who received the Medal of Honor since 2001.

The database was created after the Supreme Court struck down a 2006 law that made it a federal crime to lie about receiving combat valor medals. The court said the law violated the right to freedom of speech.

Later, the Pentagon added the names of 68 troops who since 2001 received a service cross.

Officials said troops awarded the Silver Star since 2001 will eventually be included in the database.

Hall Rentals

All parties and weddings and meetings are on the office calendar.

Well, gentlemen, you got us through September and October. VERY busy months. Thank you. I want to especially thank Sherry, my soon to be daughter in law, and Dan and of course, as always, Jim for doing my job for the past couple months. Very well done! And much appreciated. I don't know what I would have done without you and everyone who pitched in.

Thank you all for your prayers, cards and good wishes in this very difficult time. It sure helped me get through this. The chemo is not near as bad as the surgery was and still is. Mainly fatiguing.

I hope to see you for the Christmas party but if I don't, have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Love Mary

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Badger Girls

Brianna Mark and Kayla Nieman, the two girls we sent to Badger Girls, came to our meeting in September to give us a report on their stay in Oshkosh. They were both very enthused about the program and said they learned so much about how the government operates from the county to the national level. We were very happy to hear they enjoyed the program which gives us the incentive to send others.

Microphone/Amplifier Purchase

Our auxiliary has been looking into the purchase of a microphone and amplifier for the legion to use during their programs or Veterans and Memorial Day ceremonies. It is great that the legion members do these programs and with the added technology everyone will be able to understand the presentation and enjoy the programs more.

Fall County Meeting

The meeting was held in West Bend on October 13, 2012. The members served a very nice lunch with a meeting to follow. We were awarded two certificates for programs we participated in this year: The American Legion Emergency Fund and Libraries of Love for our veterans.

Spinoza Bear

This was such a good program for children who are ill or have been hospitalized to give them comfort during a difficult time. I am said to say, the company has discontinued making and distributing these bears. We are looking into another program for children that would be helpful when they are going through an illness or some other difficult time.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is November 11, 2012. The legion members will be having a service at the memorial in Germantown to honor our veterans; everyone is invited to attend.

A Thought for the Day

“There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do.”

—Freya Madeline Stark (1893-1993)

Travel writer

Our next auxiliary meeting will be November 14 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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