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FROM THE COMMANDER'S DESK

I hope you are all doing well in this summer of sweltering heat. Global warming indeed.

Elections were held at the June meeting and yes, you are stuck with me as Commander again. Fortunately my officers and appointed staff also volunteered to put in another year of service to the Post and you. Post Officers were sworn in by our own Past State Commander, Dave Wegener, at the July meeting.

I would like to thank the Post Officers for their support in the past year and look forward to working with them this coming year.

As mentioned in the last newsletter it is again safe to attend meetings. Sarcastic??? Maybe. But we are a Post of 300 strong, but if you attend a meeting you wonder where are the members?

I have heard all the excuses.....if I attend a meeting and voice my idea, I am stuck with following through on them.....I don't get along, or disagree with other members.....I show up to help and am told I am doing it wrong. So why volunteer.....I don't have time.....all valid excuses.....if you're a child.

Ladies and gentlemen, we are adults. Our preamble states....working together in mutual helpfulness.....it's time we as a Post start doing that.

We have defended our Country in times of war and in times of peace. Surely we can work together to make this Post, YOUR POST, the best it can be.

Volunteers are needed. Petty grievances and ill will should be put aside for the good of the Post.

To volunteer call me, come to bingo (which is every Thursday) or better yet come to a meeting. Your help is always welcome and appreciated.

Remember to keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Jim Heimann
Commander

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Calendar

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| 9/3, 10, 17, 24—Bingo, 7:00 p.m., Post home | 11/1—County Bowling, Jackson |
| 9/9—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m. | 11/5, 12, 19—Bingo, 7:00 p.m., Post home |
| 9/12—POW/MIA Silent March, Cedarburg Post, | 11/7—Veterans Day Parade, Milwaukee, 9 a.m. |
| 9/26—Washington Cnty. Dinner Mtg., Germantown | 11/11—Veterans Day |
| 10/1, 8, 15, 22, 29—Bingo, 7:00 p.m., Post home | 11/11—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m. |
| 10/11—Pig Roast, Cedarburg Post, 4:00 p.m. | 11/26—Thanksgiving Day |
| 10/14—Post Meeting, 8:00 p.m. | |

Minutes of July 8, 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 the June 10 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:

1st Vice Cmdr. Rich Mueller reported 91 members paid and our goal this year is 283 members.

Service & Activities:

Americanism—M. Bachhuber gave an Americanism report for July. Scouting Report—R. Mueller gave a scouting report. Historian M Bachhuber gave a history report for July. Badger Boys—The Commander reported Mathew Wong, the boy we sponsored, was sworn in for State Treasurer.

Good of the Legion:

Swearing in of Post Officers was conducted after the meeting. Al Sande reported on the Air Show at Crites Field.

Meeting adjourned at 2047 hrs. Compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe

Minutes of August 12, 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 July 8 was seconded and passed. Adjutant Greg Wolfe read the minutes from the Executive Board meeting. Motion was made and seconded and passed.

Membership & Reports:

1st Vice Cmdr. R. Mueller reported 174 members paid. Bingo—A. Vanderheiden reported bingo has been doing well the past month and help is still needed. Cabins—M. Ewert reported there are a few weeks still open. Scouting—R. Mueller reported they will be finishing up with their communication badges.

Service & Activities:

The Commander thanked everyone for their help at the July 4 corn roast. The Kiwanis presented a plaque to the Post for their support of the July 4 activities. D. Wegener read the three bids we have to sealcoat our parking lot and DeBoar out of Milwaukee received the job.

Good of the Legion:

The Commander reported on the 2nd District Silent march in Cedarburg and appointed D. Zimmermann as chair. The Commander read a Thank You note from our scholarship recipient Jessica Jacobson. We also received a Thank You from our member Keith Kieliszewski who was deployed to Iraq.

Meeting adjourned at 2058 hrs. Compiled by Adjutant Greg Wolfe

GENERAL INFORMATION

(one)—Thank you to you all who worked at the Washington County Fair. It was slow most of the day but it did pick up for the supper hour. We don't have any financial totals right now, but they will be passed on when they are received.

(two)—Our Post is in the process of having our parking lot repaired and seal coated. We have received three bids and the winner was DeBoar out of Milwaukee. They have done some work for us in the past. Anyone who wishes to donate to the project, send it to our post home address.

(three)—Post rifles, the armory in Michigan says, we have 10 each M-1 rifles checked out to our Post. We have only one that is accounted for. Any member who has one of these is to turn it in to the Post and/or contact Greg 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, please check your closets and basements. We have to account for these rifles.

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

(five)—The Post parade wagon is being rebuilt by our Second Vice Commander, Leonard Perry. If you wish to help out, please contact him at 262-628-2537.

(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. We begin at about 6:00 a.m. so we are out of these by 8:00 a.m. Basically what we do is sweep and clean the floors and setup 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.

(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.

(eight)—Our Post has made a donation to the United Proud Patriots Veterans Organization. They supply support to Wisconsin veterans and their families, widows and orphans. If you wish to contact them, their phone number is 262-251-8877, and they are located in Menomonee Falls.

(nine)—Cabins—Mel Ewert has a few weeks open yet for the cabins. Lease contact me at 262-251-5919 to check them out. The cost is \$250 for the week, which is a bargain.

LEST WE FORGET

Eugene E. Forster
Robert W. Wiesian

Clarence J. Dobretzberger Theodore F. Klein
Earl E. Ziebell

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

September 12, 2009—The 2nd District POW/MIA Silent March will be held in Cedarburg with registration at 9:00 a.m. at the Legion Post and the parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. Those of you that wish to participate, please contact the Post and/or our Chair Don Zimmermann at 262-782-2315. You march silently to the beat of a drum. Our post has participated in this program for several years now.

September 26, 2009—The Washington County Dinner meeting will be hosted by our post with cocktails at 5:00 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. at a cost of \$8.00 per person and the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Reservations are required so we have a count to make sure we have enough food prepared. Contact our Commander at 262-377-2613 or leave a message at the Post home at 262-251-5470. Deadline is September 20. Please get them in on time.

October 11, 2009—The Cedarburg Post will be hosting their annual Pig Roast at the Post home at W57 N481 Hilbert Ave. in Cedarburg. It all begins at 4:00 p.m., 1600 hrs for Navy personnel, for a cost of \$9.00 per person. It is always a good time. This is done to support their scholarship program.

November 1, 2009—The Jackson Post will be hosting the Washington County Bowling Tournament. 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 11, 2009—Veterans Day, at the present time, ceremonies are pending. Contact the Post or our Commander for any updates.

November 26, 2009—Thanksgiving Day—Happy Thanksgiving to each and every one of you and your family.

Membership

At the present time, our Post is at 173 members paid. Our goal this year is 283 members for 100%. For your information, PUFL (paid up for life) fees are going up October 1, 2009. It is a good way to go and never had to worry about your dues again. Please contact the Post and/or Richard Mueller at 262-251-7938 to get your application.

July 4, 2009 Raffle Winners

- 1st Place—\$500—Sherry Mikulak of West Bend
- 2nd Place—\$250—Ruby Kannenberg of Germantown
- 3rd Place—\$200—Vernon Wolf of Menomonee Falls
- 4th Place—\$150—Joseph Ozimek of Germantown
- 5th Place—\$100—Lee Flasch of Germantown
- 6th Place—\$50—Allen Toth of Mequon

Thank you all for participating in our annual July 4 Raffle.

AUXILIARY CORNER

President, Bette Peck, 262-251-5120
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Treasurer/Membership, Carolyn Wegener, 414-476-1429
Sgt-at-Arms, Joan Vanderheiden 262-250-1376
Chaplain, Shirley Van Pool, 414-463-2504

Coupons

We are doing really well with our coupon program. Mary Heimann has been sending coupons to our service men's families stationed in Germany. Each time she has a full box she makes another shipment. Everyone, keep on donating their coupons and we will continue to send them until we hear of any changes to the program.

Memberships

We gave all the details about membership and pricing in the last newsletter. We are desperately seeking new members to join our auxiliary. If we are going to continue to support our veterans, we really need more help. Please consider asking friends and family to join. We make it very easy to become a member without requiring a huge time commitment from anyone. Not that we can't use the help, but we could really use the members.

Badger Girls

As of this time the Badger Girls are scheduled to come in and give a report to the auxiliary in September. We are looking forward to hearing about their experience this year in Oshkosh.

State President

Gayle Janson was elected as our new Department President during the State Convention held at the Wyndham Hotel in Milwaukee. Her theme for the year is "Stay on track for our veterans, our children and our communities". Her husband was an active model railroader and it is in his memory that she developed her theme.

District President

Mary Petrie was elected at the Spring Conference held in Plymouth. She is a half-century-plus member from Pitterle-Beaudoin Unit 189 in Watertown.

Legion County Meeting

Our Post 1 is hosting the American Legion County Meeting on September 26. The Legion Commander has asked us to serve a dinner and dessert. We are happy to support our Post members.

Auxiliary County Meeting

Our unit will be hosting the county meeting on October 3. A light lunch and dessert will be serve at noon prior to the meeting. All members are invited to attend.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m.

A Thought for Today

Either you decide to stay in the shallow end of the pool or you go out in the ocean.

Christopher Reeve, Actor

God Bless American and All Who Serve.

President Bette

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Gregory Wolfe	262-250-0772	Chairman: Dave Wegener	
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