



THE AMERICAN LEGION - FOR GOD & COUNTRY

POST NO. 1 NEWS & VIEWS

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Comrades,

First of all, I am happy to report that our Post was well represented with a wonderful turnout at the Washington County Fair on July 23, for "Veterans Day". Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help out. We sincerely appreciate the time you and your families donated to serve our Post and fellow veterans.

Second, I wanted to shed light on the *American Legion Legacy Run* that is taking place as I write this. It starts the week preceding the 2014 American Legion National Convention in Charlotte NC August 25-28, 2014.

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents have been killed while serving our country. It is a civic duty to provide them with equal opportunity. The Legion offers its support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund. Those eligible to apply for the scholarship shall be the child/children or legally adopted child/children or a child of a spouse by a prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States military and National Guard, and

military reservists who were federalized and died on active duty on or after September 11, 2001.

There are a number of 2nd District Legion Riders on the "Legacy Run" with one member from our post, Fred Manske. They ride rain or shine. You can see the route they took by following this link http://www.legion.org/sites/legion.org/files/legion/documents/legacy_route_plan.pdf. Think about becoming an American Legion Rider.

Lastly, as the summer winds down and fall begins, please consider coming around more often as we have some new and exciting things going on at the Post. One of those things is taking place, Saturday, September 13th from 10am - 5pm, our Family Fun Day & Rummage (see page 2 for more information).

— Greg Wolfe,

Post No. 1 Interim Commander



Commander Greg Wolfe with girlfriend Nancy

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

- 1 – Labor Day
- 2 – VJ day
- 4,11,18,25 – Bingo Post Home, 7:00pm
- 6 – POW/MIA Silent March, Lake Mills
- 10 – Post Meeting, 8:00pm
- 11 – Patriot Day
- 13 – Fall Family Fun Day, Post home, 10:00am
- 17 – U. S. Constitution approved (1787)
- 27 – County Dinner meeting, Allenton
- 28 – Gold Star Mothers Day

OCTOBER

- 2,9,16,23,30 – Bingo Post Home, 7:00pm
- 8 – Post meeting, 8:00pm
- 13 – U. S. Navy established (1775)
- 26 – 2nd District Conf. Beaver Dam
- 27 – Navy Day

NOVEMBER

- 2 – County Bowling, Hartford
- 2 – Daylight Saving Time ENDS
- 4 – Election Day
- 10 – Marine Corps Birthday (1775)
- 6,13,20 – Bingo Post Home, 7:00pm
- 11 – Veterans Day
- 15 – Annual Christmas Parade, 2:00pm
- 27 – Thanksgiving

PATRIOTIC TRIVIA QUIZ (Ans. on p2)

1. Why is the U.S. flag called "Old Glory?"
2. What do the colors of the U.S. flag signify?
3. Who invented fireworks?
4. True or False? Once upon a time you could pay the government \$300 to not be drafted.



2nd District Legion Riders



LEST WE FORGET:

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

- Alton G. Davidsonm
- Howard W. Kannenberg
- Robert R. Locksmith
- Marge Manske (Editor)

**NEW! BECOME A FAN OF
GERMANTOWN AMERICAN
LEGION POST 1**



Thank you to Amy Keller for creating our FB page.



“...And I’m proud to be an American where as least I know I’m free, and I won’t forget the men who died, who gave that right to me...”

– Lee Greenwood

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

The annual 4th of July celebration was very successful this year. Many comrades, families and friends showed up. It was great to see the high attendance and camaraderie that took place. Not to mention, the weather, as Goldilocks would say was “Just right”.

We all know, time is precious and we could not have made this day possible without the much needed volunteers. That said, we would like to thank all of those that did donate their valuable time. It can be a lot of fun and the more help we have the easier it is on everyone. To all those who gave of your time, please know your efforts are greatly appreciated by the Post.

Thanks to Henry Eder, our in house “doughboy” for cooking the brats, hamburgers and hot dogs.

Thanks to Darrell Brown for taking care of the corn. Both were very successful.

A special thanks to the *House of Homemade Sausage* for the meat used for the meat raffle.

And a big thank you to those who helped with pull tabs, parking, bartending, serving, setting up and cleaning up. We can not do this great fund-raiser without all of you. You are the ones who made this such a success.

– Post No. 1 Officers



PATRIOTIC TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS

1. In 1831 Captain William Driver was presented with a 24-star flag. As it was raised and blew in the air, he proclaimed, “Oh Glory!” and it’s been referred to as that ever since.
2. Charles Thomson, Secretary of the Continental Congress, explained that Red signifies hardiness & valour. White signifies purity and innocence. And Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance & justice.
3. The Chinese are credited with inventing it in the 9th century.
4. True. During the Civil War, in 1863 a man could pay \$300 to not be drafted or send a substitute. This upset the poor who couldn’t afford to buy their way out.

BINGO EVERY THURS.

5:00 p.m. – Doors Open

7:00 p.m. – Early Bird

8:15 p.m. – Reg Session

Food, Beverages & Pull Tabs

All paper sheets • \$2,000 in prizes

\$1,000 raffle (Last Thursday of Every Month)



FALL FAMILY FUN DAY & RUMMAGE @ THE AMERICAN LEGION GERMANTOWN, WI

SAT. SEPT. 13TH
10AM – 5PM

FREE ADMISSION
RAIN OR SHINE

American Legion
Post 1 – Germantown
N120 W15932 Freistadt Rd.

JOIN US AND CELEBRATE THE RED, WHITE & BLUE

Our goal for this event is to focus on patriotism within our community. We aim to reach out and build relationships with youth, schools, U.S Armed Forces, veterans, and their families. We are here to make a difference and celebrate our freedom. GOD BLESS THE USA!

BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY

- SHOP for treasures from over 30 vendor tables
- Bake sale
- Concessions
- 50/50 Raffles & prizes
- Pull tabs
- Two full-bars open all day with drink specials

ESPECIALLY FOR KIDDOS

- Face painting
- Interview a veteran
- Germantown Fire Department
- Police K-9 Rambo and handler Lt. Huesemann
- Fold an American flag
- Crafts, games & prizes

JOIN US AND CELEBRATE THE RED, WHITE & BLUE

- Bring a soldier or veteran and receive a FREE gift
- Interview a local veteran and learn their story
- Learn how to correctly fold the American flag and the meaning behind it
- Receive a Poppy, wear it proudly and celebrate its history
- Discover what the American Legion Post 1 can do for you

MOTTO: FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

PROCEEDS
A large portion of the proceeds from this event will go towards care packages for local military families and care packages for local veterans.









WHATCHA DOING?

We'd greatly appreciate your support if you could spare some time and/or donations.

If there is an area in which you are interested in, please let us know. We'd LOVE for you to join us. Most tasks are minimal and very easy to do. You can give as little or as much that suites you. All efforts are appreciated.

BINGO:

- Bartenders
- Collecting used bingo sheets
- Baking sale donations
- Clean-up
- Calling numbers
- Pull tabs
- Raffles tickets
- Kitchen

MISC:

- Selling Poppies
- Recruitment
- Website upkeep
- Marketing ideas
- Building maintenance
- Rides for vets
- Meals for sick vets
- Event planning/ideas

HOT!!!!!!!

PRIORITY AREAS:

- Family Fun Day
 - Pull tabs/Raffle sales
 - Donations for bake sale
 - Collecting monies
 - Handing out gift bags and poppies
 - Veterans to represent our Post
- BINGO (see list to left)
- Auxiliary (see pg 3)

EVENTS:

- 4th July, Summer
- Wash. Co Fair, Summer
- Family Fun Day & Rummage, Spring & Fall

ALL POST EVENTS

- Set/up & take/down
- Clean bathrooms
- Bartenders
- Runners
- Photographers

THIS IS MY OPINION! WHAT'S YOURS?

Do you know anyone that is a hero? I do. The word "hero" gets thrown around pretty freely these days.

The media has elevated people who are doing their jobs to this status. Firefighters, police, teachers and people who step up to do what is right.

I guess that has become extra ordinary. I'm not saying they don't deserve our utmost gratitude...but heroes?

My definition of a hero are those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Country. The vow taken by those who serve our Country is to defend up to and including their life. That is pretty heavy.

I know I am bias because Veterans hold a special place in my heart. I really have no choice in this thinking.

Well, this is my opinion! What's yours?

– Jim Heimann

You may agree or disagree with this article, either way we'd love to hear your feedback. Feel free to email the editor with your thoughts and opinions at LisaLegionPost1@yahoo.com. Thank you for reading!



VETERAN'S MEMORIAL UPDATE

The engravings on the Memorial walls are done for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

Veterans Day is fast approaching. If you want to honor your Veteran please get the order form in by the 3rd week in October.

Order forms are available at the Post or by contacting **Mel (262) 251-5919, Ken (262) 251-0256 or Jim (262) 377-2613**. The cost is \$100 per engraving.

This is the perfect way to honor your Veteran. They deserve it.



MEETING HIGHLIGHTS EXECUTIVE & REGULAR MEETING

American Legion Post No. 1, Germantown

- The Post had enough personnel at the Washington County Fair this year.
- There have been multiple refrigeration problems, but subsequently they have been fixed.
- The Post doors have been unlocked on several occasions over the last few months. All members need to make sure to secure all doors when leaving.
- Rummage/Family Fun Day on September 13, 2014, from 10AM to 5PM at the Post. Members are asked to donate raffle items, as well as their time.
- The new well at the Eldredge cabin is working well. Also the new furnace at the Van Brocklin seems to be having thermostat issues.
- Bingo crowds have been thinner due to summer, but all in all bingo is holding its own.
- There are still openings for both cabins in September. A tentative date for closing is October 4th, but we must check with other post due to fact the well supplies another cabin besides the Eldredge.
- Post membership is at 131, with our quota for the year being 210.
- Commander Nardelli is still receiving treatment related to his leg.
- Lisa Leider, the hall manager, will be handling the newsletter from now on, and all articles should be sent to her at; LisaLegionPost1@yahoo.com.
- F. Manske and his daughter presented the Post with a donation to be split between it and the Auxiliary, on behalf of Marge, who also handled the newsletter for so many years. It was donated by the family, after the family asked in lieu of flowers, people make a donation, which would be given to the Post and the Auxiliary.
- Howard Kannenberg, and Alton Davidson have passed away. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

– Chris Zimmerman, Post No. 1 Adjutant

AUXILIARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

BADGER GIRLS

Kelly Von Brabant, one of our Badger Girls, was elected as a city alderwoman during Badger Girls conference. Both of our girls had a delightful time and will be attending our meeting in September or October to give us a report. We are always anxious to hear about their time spent during the conference.

DONATIONS

We donated to Homeless Women Veterans. Many who have come back from serving our country, have no place to go. The Boudicca House is a safe place for women veterans and their children to live when returning to the area.

We received a thank you note from Germantown's scholarship fund for the donation we made to their fund.

We donated to the Germantown Park & Rec department for their children's sports program.

We have been donating stamps, food items and a gas card to Camp American Legion. We received a very nice thank you note from the director of the camp.

BINGO

We have been getting a good turnout at Bingo on Thursdays and could use any assistance our members can give us. The money we are able to donate to various programs comes from the food service we provide during the Legion Bingo nights. Good prizes, good food and good camaraderie. **Contact Bette Peck (262-251-5120) and let her know when you can come to help us out!**

MEETINGS

A suggestion was made to NOT have an auxiliary meeting during the months of July and August due to low turnout from members being on vacation. A motion was made and passed, there will no longer be a meeting conducted during those two months.

NEW DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT

The new president is Theresa Isensee. Her theme for the year is: *"Raise Your Voices In Song For Our Vets."*

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Good friends are like angels. You don't have to see them to know they are there." ~ Unknown

Our next auxiliary meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 7:00 PM.**

God Bless America and all who serve!

– Bette Peck, Post No. 1 President

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARGARET "MARGE" MANSKE

October 10, 1949 – July 28, 2014



Dear Comrades & Family,

For those of you who don't know, it is with deep sadness that we announce the news of Marge Manske's passing, from a stroke and stage two leukemia. Marge

was the loving wife to Fred Manske for 19 years. Beloved mom of Danielle (Brian) Shira, B.J. (Brenda) Ohm, Jason Ohm, Brian (Kerry) Manske, Lori Manske, and Jason (Elsa) Manske, and Proud grandma of 10.

Marge was an Auxiliary member for 25 years and our devoted newsletter publisher for many years. Marge will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Fred and his family. Cards may be sent to:

Fred Manske:

11411 N. 91st Ave. Lot 77

Peoria AZ, 85345

- American Legion Post No.1, Germantown

NEW EDITOR/HALL MANAGER

Hello, for those of you who don't know me, my name is Lisa Leider. I took on the part-time position as the Hall Manager back in May, 2014. And now with the passing of Marge Manske, I will also be taking over the bi-monthly newsletter as well. Please know, I feel honored to be here and play an important part in growing the Post, as well as assisting in its communications.

A bit about me...I have two children and one cat. My son Peyton (9) my daughter Faith (7), and our sassy cat Trixie (1). I currently reside in Grafton, but now I spend a good deal of my time in Germantown, which has proven to be a wonderful community. My background is in Graphic Design, marketing, event planning and lots of volunteer work.

I believe I get my strong patriotic roots from my grandfather, Roy J. Markowski, who fought in WWII. And my uncle, Walter Leister, who fought in Vietnam. I'm so proud of them both. My grandfather was like John Wayne, tough as nails. When in combat, he was shot in the head and knee (and survived). He lived to tell many stories over the years. I only wish now that I had written them down, as most of the details have faded from my

memory. It took about four different cancers over the years before he eventually passed away. My uncle is still living, but I don't see him often enough.

I would love the opportunity to get to know you if I don't already. I've been hanging around Bingo a bit, so maybe you've seen me there. If not, I will hopefully meet you sooner than later. Please know I will be contacting all members personally by phone in the coming months (assuming the Post has your correct phone number). My goal is to learn more about you, your needs and how the Post can best serve you as a member. I also would love to hear your story if you don't mind sharing. If not, that's okay too, I certainly won't pry.

Below are a few questions I'm likely to ask when I reach out to talk with you:

- Which branch of the military were you in?
- How long did you serve?
- Did you fight in a war, if so which one (s)?
- What was your Mission of Service?
- Where were you stationed?
- What do you remember most?
- What important life lessons did you learn from your military experience?
- What does freedom mean to you?

My purpose in this all is to understand our members, and how I can best utilize my talents to benefit the Post as a whole. It is my personal goal to help the Post get more active and back to the reason why Post No. 1 exists.

Thank you to everyone who has made my transition here at the Post fairly painless and absolutely enjoyable. There are many, many wonderful souls at this Post, it truly is my honor to work with you all. **And a special thank you to Mary Heimann, who has been my mentor and has now become my dear friend. I am in awe of all she did for this Post prior to my hiring. Please, if ever you see her, thank her for her years of service. She made her job so easy to take over. There are so many behind the scene details one would never know until you are responsible for them. Mary, you did this Post proud! THANK YOU!!**

Please feel free to contact me anytime should you have any questions, comments, concerns or something you might like to add to the newsletter. **I can be reached be email at LisaLegionPost1@yahoo.com or by cell phone at (262) 573-7902.** I look forward to meeting you. - Lisa Leider, Hall Manager & Editor

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VETERAN DEFINITION:

1. Defender of America and it's freedom. 2. A patriot who shows great courage and bravery. 3. Knows that freedom is never free. 4. A hero to their country.

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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: 131
Our quota for the year is 210.
Please renew your membership
if you haven't already.