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LIBERTY:

The state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views.

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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: 174
OUR QUOTA FOR THE YEAR IS 204.**



THE AMERICAN LEGION - FOR GOD & COUNTRY

POST NO. 1 NEWS & VIEWS

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Comrades,

We are well into the New Year. I hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season. We did have another successful New Year's Eve celebration at the Post. Bingo was well attended. A big thank you to all of the Post and Auxiliary members who made this possible.

Remember the cabin drawing takes place at the February meeting. Price remains at \$300.00 for 2016 and will increase to \$325.00 for 2017. Paul Kasner, cabin committee chair, will keep the reservations open for post members through the end of February. After that he will solicit reservations from other posts. Our two cabins are a truly magnificent resource. Beautiful surroundings away from everyday pressures. I have been using the cabins(s) for about 55 years and I cherish my many memories of the time spent with family and friends.

Returning to the subject of our New Years Eve's bingo, we have a real need for volunteers for many functions in the New Year. Bingo helps to pay the bills. The \$5.00 a year per member a year that we get from dues doesn't go far. We have a real and desperate need for help. Dave Saunder, a regular volunteer, is out after a second ear surgery at the VA. Occasionally another volunteer or two need a break for vacations or other obligations. We have sit down jobs available. All we need is your time. Four or five hours is all its takes. A few hours if you can only help out one of the two sessions.

On the same subject, I hope that everyone is giving thought to how to help with our five day run of The Moving Wall™ over the Labor Day weekend.

We just cannot keep depending on the same 6-10 members to pull everyone's weight. I would like to acknowledge Jim Heimann, Danny O'Tool, Charlie Hargan, Chris Yatcheck, David Ball, Dave Sauder, Amy Keller, Henry Eder, and his auxiliary posse's Greta, Mary, and Bette. Many hands make light work. Remember meetings are now at 7pm, executive board at 6pm. Light refreshments after the meeting.

Our Annual Post Banquet will take place April 9th starting at 5:30pm with cocktails and dinner at 6:30pm. With a program and speaker to follow. Reservations should be in by April 1, 2016. The cost is \$8 per person for the meal or \$12 per couple. Join us in making this another successful event.

— Michael Nardelli, Post No. 1, Commander



Commander
Michael Nardelli

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY

- 2 – Groundhog Day
- 6 – Four Chaplains, Horicon
- 8 – Boy Scouts of America founded (1910)
- 10 – Post Meeting 7:00pm, cabin drawing
- 10 – Ash Wednesday
- 11, 25 – Bingo, Post Home 7:00pm**
- 12 – Lincoln's Birthday
- 13 – VFW Banquet, Post Home 1:00pm
- 14 – Valentine's Day
- 16 – Wash. Co. Exec Board meeting Kewaskum 7:00pm
- 29 – VFW Meeting 7:00pm

MARCH

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 – Bingo Post Home 7:00pm**
- 9 – Post Meeting 7:00pm, refreshments to follow
- 28 – VFW Meeting 7:00pm
- 13 – Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 20 – Palm Sunday, First Day of Spring
- 25 – Good Friday
- 27 – Easter

APRIL

- 6 – Army Day
- 7, 14, 21, 28 – Bingo Post Home 7:00pm**
- 9 – Post 1 Annual Banquet – 5:30pm
- 13 – Post Meeting 7:00pm, refreshments to follow
- 25 – VFW Meeting 7:00pm

PATRIOTIC TRIVIA QUIZ (Ans. on p4)

1. In what year was the constitution written?
2. Who is the first and only president to give his entire salary to charity?
3. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death"?
4. What does the Great Seal of the United States feature?
5. What did Lincoln create just before his assassination?

LEST WE FORGET:

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

Howard M. Klitgaard



BECOME A FAN OF
GERMANTOWN AMERICAN
LEGION POST 1



COMMUNITY

Germantown Associated Bank Salutes Veterans in a Special Way

The Associated Bank in Germantown had a contest between their branches over their Veterans Day Lobby Display and the Germantown branch won. They were kind enough to then donate their winnings to our Post. We thank them kindly for such a generous donation!

Left photo – Pictured from left to right; Post 1 Finance Officer, Jim Heimann, Commander Mike Nardelli, Germantown Associated, Bank Branch Manager, Randy Hellesen, Germantown Branch Teller, Virginia Wrench and her son Army Veteran, David Wrench. The photo on the right is of the winning Veterans Day Lobby Display.



Kudos to a Germantown Family for Paying-it-Forward

Laura Backes had contacted our post in the fall of 2015 and mentioned that she and her family, Stephen and Brooklyn Backes, would like to stop by and drop off some items she wanted to donate to military and/or Veterans as part of her own personal “Laura’s paying it forward project.” We were proud to accept two boxes full of toiletry items and help to distribute them to the Milwaukee VA Medical Center, where they would be greatly appreciated. We asked Laura what brought this idea on and here is what she had to say.

“...I have decided to do a “Laura’s paying it forward project” for the next year. I chose an item and area to drop off to those in need. I’m very honored to say that just last month, I had gotten a total of 5 boxes full of toiletry items for military and the local Joy House. My goal is to help those in need by putting a smile on everyone’s face. I know nothing is ever too small and this is something that can make their lives better. I am blessed to help.”



Post No. 1 Annual Banquet

Post No.1’s Annual Banquet will be held April 9, 2016, at our Post home. We are asking all to pay \$8 per person for the meal or \$12 per couple. It will begin at 5:30p.m. with cocktails and dinner at 6:30 p.m. With a program and speaker to follow. Reservations should be in by April 1, 2016. Please send them to the Post home at P. O. Box 321, Germantown 53022 or you can contact our Commander Michael Nardelli at (414) 248-1199. The dinner is for all members and wives, all Auxiliary members and SAL members. Guests are also welcome. Join us in making this another successful event.



SEND RESERVATION TO:

American Legion Post No. 1
P. O. Box 321 Germantown, WI 53022

No. Members Attending _____ @ \$8.00/ea. No. Couples Attending _____ @ \$12.00/Couple

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Name(s) _____



September 1-5, 2016 – Labor Day Weekend



Steve Spaeth handed Jim Heimann a check from West Bend Mutual Insurance, in support of the Moving Wall.

THE MOVING WALL UPDATE

Moving Wall Project Donations

Donations are steadily coming in, supporting The Moving Wall project. Pictured above is Steve Spaeth from West Bend Mutual Insurance, who spoke to the company on our behalf for their generous donation. Thank you to Steve and West Bend Mutual Insurance.

Westbury Bank in Germantown has kindly stepped up with a generous donation as well. We kindly thank Westbury Bank.

If anyone reading this has any other ideas or connections to share, that would be welcomed and appreciated. We have sponsorship packets available, please contact Lisa or Jim to request one by print or email.

Crossway Church Fundraiser – ComedySportz Show May 6th 7:00 p.m. (more details to come)

Associate Pastor, Dave Berghuis from CrossWay Church, and CrossWay point person, Kimberly Coyne are heading up a fundraiser in support of The Moving Wall™. 100% of the proceeds will go towards The Moving Wall™ Project.

As of now, CrossWay has hired ComedySportz as the main act, and are currently putting together some other attractions for a full night of 'hoot and hollers,' all in the

spirit of raising money for The Moving Wall Project. There will likely also be raffles and a silent auction. They are estimating an audience size of approximately 500. Stay tuned for more information and the cost of ticket sales. Please help to pass the word!

Washington County Fair Partnership

Jim Heimann and Lisa Leider met with Sandy Lang, the Executive Director from Washington County Park, along with a veterans group, in order to discuss Military Day and the week long fair which will take place from July 26-31, 2016. With Military Day being on Wednesday, July 27th. At that meeting they were given approval to put a static display for The Moving Wall™ at the fair park during the duration of the fair. They are also working together to develop other ideas to help promote The Moving Wall, as well as increase attendance for the Fair.

Talent needed – For anyone who would like to take part in building our static display which will be used in several parades and at other events, please **contact Dale Schuldtt (262) 442-9005 dalejsch@yahoo.com.**

Jim and Lisa will be meeting with Sandy Lang and the Veterans group every month leading up to the Washington County fair. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 17th. Please feel free to pass on any thoughts or ideas you might have to contribute. **Lisa at LisaLegionPost1@yahoo.com.**

Vietnam Era Education Hall

The planning and details for the Vietnam Era Education Hall are coming together nicely. We are currently determining which parts of the war to highlight and which to keep out as we obviously can't include everything.

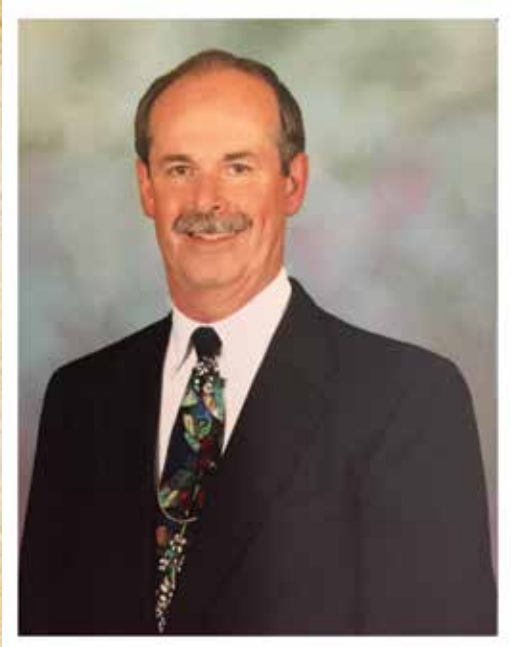
As a courtesy from the U.S. Army, with the help of Sgt. First Class, David Carswell, sample dog tags have been made up for distribution. The dog tags will have information from our 14 Fallen Soldiers from Washington County, as well as, from all Vietnam Era Veterans who submit approval forms.

We will be making enough dog tags for all participants ages 9-17 who will come to visit our Vietnam Era Education Hall. Days/times TBD.





Charlie Hargan 1959



Charlie Hargan 2007



INTERVIEW WITH A POST 1 VETERAN MEMBER CHARLIE HARGAN - U.S. ARMY

Name: Charlie Hargan

Age: 74

Family: Widowed; Children are Bob, Jim, Susie & David

Military Branch: U.S. Army

Military service years: 12/30/58 – 3/15/62

Age entered military: 17

Where were you stationed?: Ft. Chaffe, Ark.; Ft. Gordon, Ga.; Brown Deer, Wis.; Thule, Greenland; & Monroe, Mich.

What was your M.O.S.?: Switchboard operator, NIKE missile computer and radar operator

What do you remember most?: 40 consecutive days of – 30 degrees or colder in Thule, Greenland

Why did I go into the Military?: My Dad was in Civil Service in Alaska. He died when I was 13. I moved at age 16 to Wash. State to live with my sister. I traveled with a carnival during the summer of 1958 and ended up in Texas in Dec. As I was thousands of miles from home, I joined the Army.

National/World events that I recall most?: Cuban Missile crisis; Berlin air lift; Assassination of Kennedy; Berlin wall coming down and 9-11

What does freedom mean to you?: The ability to work, travel, raise a family and enjoy their success as I retire.

Most important lesson you learned from your military experience: Self reliance, respect for authority and self discipline.

Advice for men & women going into the military today: Learn how to complete the menial tasks you are given as they will grow to become more important. It's a good way to see what you want to do and can do in life. It also teaches you how to be physically fit.

What have you done since being discharge?:

I worked for 39 years in lithography, printing books and magazines.

I was elected as District 2 Village Trustee in Germantown from 1986 to 1993. Then as Village President from 1993 to 2007.

I was chosen as Wisconsin's Elected Official of the Year in 2003 by the Wisconsin Park & Recreation Association.

I was selected Germantown's Citizen of the Year for 2007.

When the Amer. Legion was planning the Military Memorial park area, they needed some "seed money". I donated the first \$1000.

I'm President of the Deutschstadt Heritage Foundation which runs the MaiFest celebration annually.

I was on the original board of 11 citizens that started Germantown's Youth Future's program 20+ years ago. I'm still active part-time.

I'm on the Christmas Parade Committee run by the Chamber of Commerce.

PATRIOTIC TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS

(from cover page)

1. 1787
2. Herbert Hoover
3. Patrick Henry
4. Bald eagle
5. U.S. Secret Service

HOT TOPIC!

Flag Etiquette & Clothing – What’s Your Opinion?



This past Veterans Day, I came to the Post sporting a rather patriotic scarf for our Post event. It had stars and stripes similar to the photo above. And with the dark outfit I was wearing, this scarf really stood out. It wasn't until the end of the social gathering, that someone came up to me and pointed out that my scarf broke the flag code etiquette. To be honest, I didn't realize such a thing existed for clothing. The flag yes, but not for clothing. As this person walked away, it really got me thinking, so I decided to look into this a bit. Below is what I found, which is probably not new to most of you reading this.

FLAG ETIQUETTE

STANDARDS of RESPECT

(Taken directly from: www.usflag.org)

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used. They are:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speakers desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

After searching out a few opinions on this very topic, here are some blog/conversations I cam across...

BLOG #1

Person one: My friend says the only “real” flag is embroidered stars and stitched stripes. Printed flags are replicas and not subject to US Flag code for handling.

Person two: I’m afraid that your friend is wrong. The flag is defined by what it looks like, not what it’s made of. An American flag is an American flag, whether it’s printed, sewn or painted.

There is an interesting issue concerning representations of the flag on materials other than cloth. For example, the flag code refers to flag lapel pins as “replicas.” It seems to me that, in general, common sense should prevail. Both actual flags and “replicas” should be treated with respect because they are symbols of our nation. The flag code is a set of guidelines, not some kind of holy writ.

BLOG #2

I got to thinking yesterday, working the 4th of July on the Mall, why are there so many people wearing flag hats, shirts, bandanas, etc? I just assumed they were trying their best to show their patriotism on our nation’s birthday. I’ve always felt this was crass and pushy so I did some research on the flag code.

Am I wrong or does this fly in the face of the ubiquitous Old Navy t-shirts and the like? I know these folks are doing their best to show their patriotism but in essence are actually succeeding in doing just the opposite. Is this just not a big deal?

As one might imagine, I came across many blog conversations and opinions just like these, in regards to the flag and standards of respect. To be honest, I was glad someone said something to me. It made me really stop and think about what “Old Glory” truly means to me and how I can better respect her, and every single person who has fought to defend our flag and our freedoms. And although I won’t get a ticket from the flag police if I wear my scarf again, I realize it’s because of our flag that I’m able to wear my scarf as I see fit. Therefore, I will do my part in respecting “Old Glory” the red, white, and blue, the most powerful symbol of our nation

My question to you now is, what is your opinion on flag Flag Etiquette & Clothing? I’d love to hear your opinions, Please email them to me, LisaLegionPost1@yahoo.com.

– Lisa Leider, Newsletter Editor

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS EXECUTIVE & REGULAR MEETING

American Legion Post No. 1, Germantown
November/December 2015

- Jason Schodeberg, who wishes to rent the Post kitchen for his business.
- Help is needed at bingo.
- Paul Kastner advised that the drawing will be in February. Post and county members will have first pick, and then any vets. Cabins will be \$325.00 for the week. Paul also reported he would like to purchase new toilets for the cabins.
- Membership was reported at 174 paid members for 2016. Our membership is 204 and our goal for 2016 is 210 members.
- Lee Murry and Al Sande donated blood in September and November, he advises other members to do the same.
- Charlie Hargen will meet with Jason Schodeberg, who wants to rent kitchen, and sign him up for the SAL.
- Mary Brown brought 10 pies from St. Boniface church to raffle off to members after the meeting.
- Jim Heimann reported that he, Dave Ball, Henry Eder, and Commander Mike Nardelli went to J. F Kennedy School in Grafton and presented the custodian Brian Mullenberg a certificate as he will continue the flag education initiated by Jim Heimann during his time there.
- The Post 50/50 raffle at bingo for the Moving Wall has been going really well.
- Ron Kohl has agreed to take over for Karl Kannenberg on the house committee, and that Ron signed a contract for snowplowing with Kling's Lawn and Landscape this season for a flat rate.
- Jim Heimann reported that he received the Badger Boys State materials and dropped them off at the High School
- Dave Sauders reported he is moving, and will have to be replaced in spring.
- Chairman Mike Nardelli reported that the Heartland Hospice is looking for volunteers.
- The board was given a presentation by Jason Schodeberg about renting our kitchen for his business, Bratatarians BBQ. He needs a hand-wash facility, and a place to clean pots, pans, and equipment. He will also use it for slicing, dicing, and related prep. No grease type refuse. Chairman Nardelli checking with the Post insurance and attorney.
- Chairman Mike Nardelli discussed changing the meeting times for the Exec Board and regular meetings. It was discussed and agreed that starting in January, we will begin a three-month trial and change the times to 6:00PM for the Exec Board meeting, and 7:00PM for the regular meeting.

- Henry Eder reported that the new slot machine has a printer that prints out the payout which can then be turned in for payment.
- Membership & Reports – Second District Commander James Lee was in attendance with Norb Kirsch, the District Historian. Also present was Ken Peterson, a member of the Menomonee Falls Post.
- Lee Murry reported that the Mid-Winter conference is coming up. He also advised vets to have a power of attorney with the VA, and that you can only have one.
- Neal Degner reported he put a computer and desk in the auxiliary room for use for Post activities.
- Second District Commander James Lee discussed membership with the members and how to recruit new members.

AUXILIARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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

The American Legion Auxiliary is a volunteer organization whose primary purpose is to support our American Legion Post members as well as earn money we can use to support our programs throughout the year.

On any given Thursday when the American Legion Post 1 opens for the public to come and play Bingo, you will find a group of hard working volunteers who arrive at the Post early to get everything set-up and ready for the fun to begin and stay late to make sure everything is cleaned up and back in order.

These ladies bake desserts every week and take them to the Post for sale to the bingo players. Hank Eder, veteran



From left to right: Bette Peck (Past Auxiliary President), Mary Myers (Auxiliary Member), Bonnie Avrit (Auxiliary Member), Kathy Peck (Auxiliary President), Greta Hutchison (Auxiliary Secretary) and Hank Eder (Korean War Veteran) in front.

and chief cook, volunteers every week to come and make sandwiches for the Auxiliary to sell with their desserts and popcorn. They are always there with a smile and kind word to everyone who comes to play bingo and support our veterans. Week after week they are at the Post and ready to go. Without them we would not be able to serve all the veterans and others who come out to have a good time. The time these auxiliary members spend volunteering is what supports us financially and allows us the opportunity to give back to the community.

A big thank you to all of them for their dedication to our Veteran's through many hours of their own donated time.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

“No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.”

~ Max Lucado

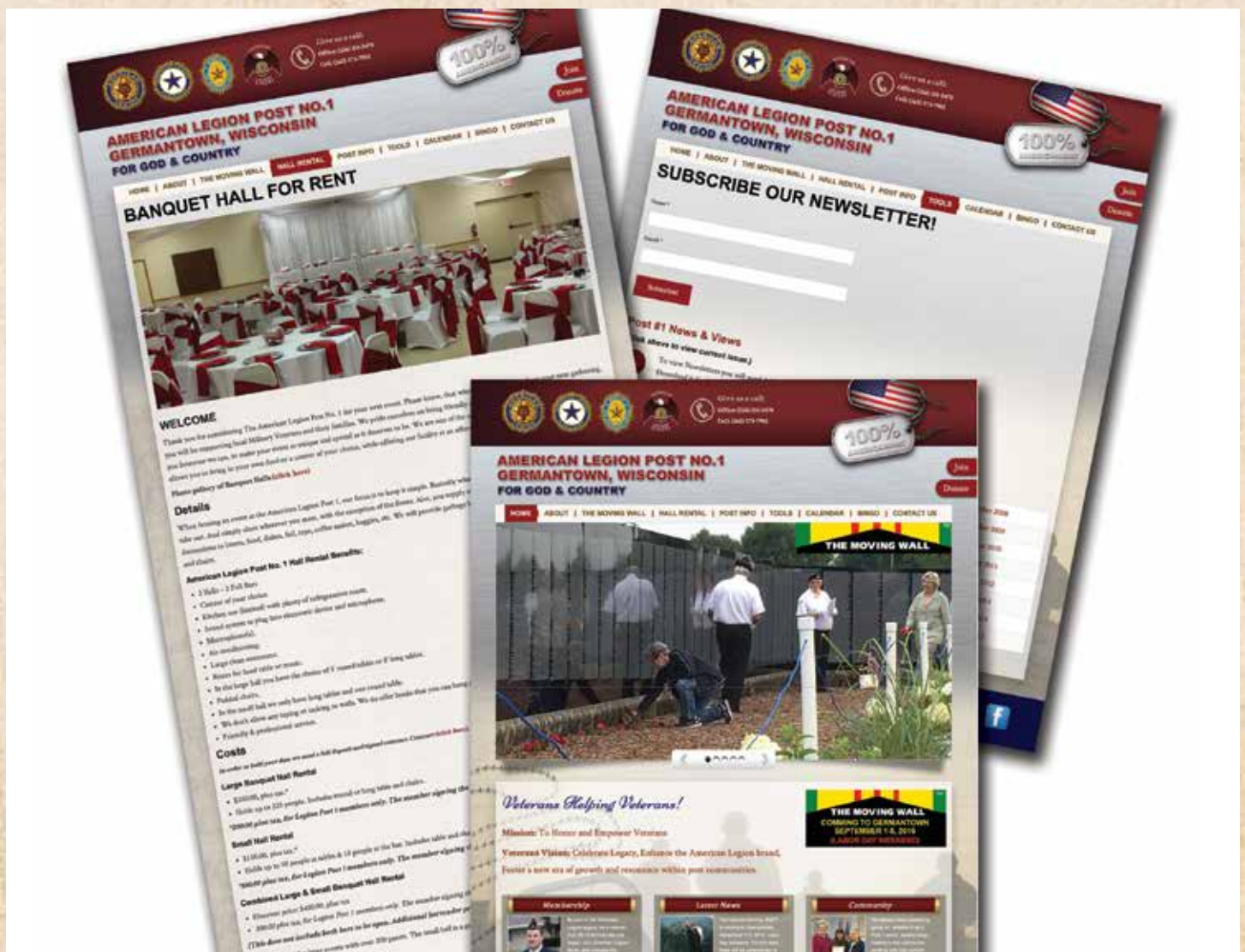
God Bless America and all who serve!

– President Kathy, Auxiliary Unit No. 321

AUXILIARY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD THE 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 7:00 – 8:00 PM.



King of the kitchen; Hank Eder, Mini-Hank Hank, and New side-kick, Jason Schodeberg, with Bratatarians BBQ.



Welcome to The American Legion Post 1 new website! For a better look, go to www.LegionpostOne.org.