

9/2— Labor Day
 9/7— Post 382 Poker Run stop at Post 1
 9/8—POW Silent March Columbia County Fair Grounds 9 a.m.
 9/5, 12,19,26 — Bingo, Post home, 7:00 p.m.
 9/11—Post meeting 7:00 p.m.
 9/20—National POW/MIA Day
 9/21—Milwaukee Building Trade Show Poker Run stop at Post 1
 10/3, 10, 17, 24, 31—Bingo Post home 7:00 p.m.
 10/9—Post meeting 7:00 p.m.
 11/1 —Veteran’s Ceremony West Bend High School.
 11/7, 14, 21—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 p.m.
 11/11—Veterans Day at Germantown Veteran’s Memorial 11 a.m.
 11/14—Post Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

September 7, 2019 is the Celebration of Freedom celebrating The American Legion 100th Year Anniversary at the Columbia County Fairgrounds in Portage. This is open to the public. The Allenton American Legion Post 483 will be sponsoring a bus to the Columbia County Fairgrounds if there are enough people interested in going. We welcome members of the Legion Family, their families and friends. The bus would leave from the Allenton American Legion clubhouse Saturday September 7, 2019 at 9 a.m. It would be the bus ride to the event and back again with 4 hours to spend and participate in the activities that day. The only expense for those taking the bus would be what you eat and drink that day and/or souvenirs if you choose to purchase. PLEASE contact - RON NAAB @ 262-716-7292 OR rjnaab@frontier.net - BEFORE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2019. On November 1st at West Bend High School, there will be a Veterans' Day Ceremony. The ceremony will include an afternoon all-school assembly in the afternoon to which all area veterans and their families will be invited as our honored guests. The ceremony will include a special performance by the United States Army Drill Team from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) based in Washington, D.C. Further details will be forth coming and contact the post if you are interested in going.

General Meeting August 14, 2019 Opening The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The Master at Arms brought forward the POW flag which was placed on the designated chair and saluted. The Chaplain gave the opening prayer. Another presentation of American Legion Baseball was given by Darin Ewert, Eric Vincent, and Brad Mani. 13 boys will be playing in Junior U15 next year in the Post 1 Legion Team. They asked if there would be anything they could do for the post. Jim mentioned about needing help on the 4th of July and the Washington County Fair. Greg Dombrow indicated that he would be the contact person between Post 1 and the Post 1 Legion Baseball Team. An update was given on Amy Keller’s father’s funeral, August 17, 4pm in West Bend. Update on Roy Essleman funeral at Good Shepard Church Menomonee Falls on August 19. We will be doing a walk through at 11:30am. Church is located at N88 W17658 Christman Rd, Menomonee Falls, WI. **Approval of Minutes** The minutes from July meeting were passed out, Chris moved and Danny O’Toole seconded to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously. The executive meeting minutes were read, Marv Wunder moved and Gery Schliz seconded to approve the executive meeting minutes, motion passed unanimously **Constitution and by-laws** In September we will have vote on the new changes as were outlined in the June newsletter. These changes will again be sent out in the August newsletter. **Finance Committee** Jim Heimann presented the Treasurer’s report, it was moved by Dale Schuldt seconded by Danny O’Toole and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer’s report. **Membership** Neal Degner, 1st Vice-Commander, stated that we have 95 members for 2020. **Bingo** Bingo is doing well but a little slow. Progressive estimated at \$1900 for Aug 16. **Cabin Committee** Paul said we have had a good response for rentals, 17 rentals. John Schaetzel will be looking at the cabins to assess their physical condition. **House Committee** Report as detailed in the Executive Committee report, Dale mentioned two trees were taken down and the two CO2 detectors were installed. **Service and Welfare Committee** 3 Blood donations in August. **Historian** Greg Dombrow did not have a historical report. Greg gave an update on the VA privatization. Greg updated on the green initiative collaboration between the Post and Waste Management. **Good of the American Legion** We have two post scholarships given out, \$1000 for Germantown high school and \$500 for a member’s child or grandchild. Names are needed by end of the year. There is a Legion county meeting on August 19 in Allenton. Holiday raffle this year will be the same as last year \$10000 first prize, \$2500 second, 3rd to 10th \$500, \$100 per ticket with a max of 300 sold. Greg Dombrow indicated that Fleet Farm offered to allow us to sell brats at their location. Silent March will be Sept 8 at the Columbia County Fairground. The Vietnam Wall will also be there. Sheboygan County will be celebrating their war memorial 25th anniversary from Aug 23-25 and public is invited. Chris Yatchak reminded us that raffle tickets are available. New memorial names to be added on Veteran’s Day need to be given to Jim Heimann soon. **Adjournment** There was no further business brought to the meeting. The POW flag was retired. The Chaplain read the ending prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

Comrades

The 2020 membership drive started on July 1, remember the Legion year runs from July 1 to June 30. Please get your dues in, they are only 35 dollars for the year. As announced, per act of Congress, eligibility for membership to the American Legion changed to two dates. April 6, 1917 -November 11, 1918 and Dec 7, 1941 to a date to be determined by Congress. President Trump signed this new law on July 30. If you have friends or relatives who in the past did not fall in the previous eligibility dates let them know that those dates have been changed and we would like for them to become members. For those with computer access you can renew on line at myLegion.org. At our September meeting we will be voting on the constitution and by-law changes as listed in the newsletter. As indicated in the minutes, next year the post will begin sponsoring an American Legion Baseball team. On September 21 the MBT poker run will have their final stop at the post, help is needed for the bar and serving food. The Holiday raffle this year will be the same as last year \$10000 first prize, \$2500 second, 3rd to 10th \$500, \$100 per ticket with a max of 300 sold, please consider buying a ticket, yourself or together with friends, the drawing is held on December 31. Please mark your calendars for November 11, we will have a ceremony at the Germantown Veteran’s Memorial at 11 a.m. We welcome new members James Roberts and Gery Schliz. We also report the passing of long-time active member Roy Essleman.

Congratulations to Post 1 member, William Coffey. - Retired Staff Sgt. William Coffey, Jr. received a Congressional gold medal on Sunday, August 17, 2019. Coffey was one of the first African Americans to enlist in the Marine Corps in the 1940s, training at Montford Point in North Carolina. The full article can be found in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel from August 19, 2019.

General Meeting July 10, 2019 Opening The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The Master at Arms brought forward the POW flag which was placed on the designated chair and saluted. The Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

American Legion Baseball Eric Vincent and Brad Mani gave a presentation on Post 1 hosting an American Legion Baseball Team. Questions were asked about cost. Mr. Vincent and Mani indicated that the cost is borne by the players, they are only looking for sponsorship. Wisconsin has moved from Summer to Spring baseball and this would afford players to play organized baseball in the summer. Motion made by Danny O’Toole seconded by Ron Kohl to sponsor an American Legion Baseball team. Unanimous approval.

Approval of Minutes The minutes from June meeting were passed out, Ron Kohl moved and Dave Ball seconded to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously. The executive meeting minutes were read, Ron Kohl moved and Paul Kastner seconded to approve the executive meeting minutes, motion passed unanimously **VFW Guest** Mary Brown from the Germantown VFW, gave a talk. She asked to use the hall on September 11, for a meeting of the VFW. The national VFW Auxiliary president will be in Wisconsin making a presentation. Mary who is a legion member asked for a motion to use the hall for by the VFW auxiliary to welcome the national president. Chris Yatchak made a motion to allow use of the hall, seconded by Jim Heimann Unanimous approval

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Auxiliary Newsletter – August 2019

Coupon Project We continue to mail coupons to commissaries around the world for use by our service families. We would like to encourage everyone to bring coupons in for this program. If you can drop them off at the Post, we have several people who can help with the cutting and sorting. I would like to again thank Bette Peck for coordinating this program. **Donations** We donated money to two of our Post Veterans, John Schaetzel & Doug Janzen, which helped with the expense of their guardians during the Honor Flights they recently attended. John came to our Auxiliary meeting in July and told us about his trip and Doug was at our meeting in August to share his experiences as well. It was very interesting to hear about their day and the positive impact this program has had for many Veterans. Greta Hutchison attended the Germantown High School Senior Scholarship Awards Night and presented a \$500 scholarship to Elizabeth Weisbecker, who will be attending UW-Madison to study Business-Marketing. We have also made donations to the American Vet Dogs organization and sponsored a team through the Germantown Park & Rec Dept. **Badger Girls** Badger Girls State was held in June at the UW-Oshkosh campus. We sponsored 2 young women to attend, Sofia Fernandez and Anika Pawlak. They will be attending our Auxiliary meeting in October to share their experiences while there. We were very excited to hear Anika was elected Lieutenant Governor and can't wait to hear about that process. **Upcoming Events & Announcements** The next ALA In The Know Meeting will be held at the Cedarburg Post on 10/05/19. If anyone is interested in attending please contact me for information; we must be registered before 9/21/19. These are very informative meetings covering various auxiliary topics and are very well attended. **Auxiliary Meetings** **PLEASE NOTE:** Our Auxiliary Unit #321, meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. We have changed the time to begin at 6:30 and end at 7:30PM. Please try to attend our meetings and help us make plans on what programs we want to support in the community and our post veterans during this next calendar year. **God Bless America and all who serve. President Kathy**

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BY-LAWS AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 1 GERMANTOWN, WISCONSIN

ARTICLE V

Membership and Fees

SECTION 2. Annual Post membership dues shall be ~~twenty five dollars (\$25.00)~~ **Thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).**

ARTICLE VIII

Duties of Officers

SECTION 5. Post Adjutant: ***ADD THE FOLLOWING: In circumstances where no one accepts the nomination for Post Adjutant or when Adjutant office is vacant the Post Commander shall appoint a member of the Executive Committee, excluding Post Commander and Chairman, to serve as Post Adjutant. Said appointee shall serve the remainder of the term.***

ARTICLE IX

Election, Appointment, Duties, Powers and Functions of Committee

SECTION 1. Executive Committee

- (a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of ~~nine (9)~~ **no more than seven (7) members**, and shall consist of the Post Commander, First Vice Commander, ~~immediate Past Post Commander officer of the Post~~ **Second Vice Commander, Third Vice Commander**, Post Adjutant, Post Financial Officer, and ~~four (4)~~ **one (1)** members elected by the Post membership, **who shall serve as Chairman**. At the first annual election following the adoption of these By-Laws, of the four (4) members then elected, ~~two (2)~~ **two (2)** shall be elected for a term of ~~two (2)~~ **two (2)** years, and ~~two (2)~~ **two (2)** members for a term of ~~one (1)~~ **one (1)** year, at each annual election thereafter there shall be elected ~~two (2)~~ **two (2)** members for a term of ~~two (2)~~ **two (2)** years, to replace the members whose terms have expired. **All members shall be elected for a term of two (2) years**
- (c) The chairman of the Executive Committee shall be elected by the committee, but ~~n~~ **No** officer of the Post shall be eligible for ~~said~~ **the chairman** position. The committee will select a temporary chairman for any meeting where the chairman is absent. The Post Adjutant shall be secretary of such committee, and shall keep a record of all proceedings.

Proposed change to Section 7. Cabin Committee subparagraph (g)

(g) Cabin funds accumulating over \$6,000.00 at the end of any fiscal year will be transferred to the Post General Fund, ***excluding assets from the sale of a cabin that will be dedicated to the improvement and maintenance costs of the remaining cabin.***

These changes will be voted on during the September 2019 Meeting!

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