

11/1 —Veteran’s Ceremony West Bend High School.
 11/10 – Veteran’s Day Observance at Germantown Veteran’s Memorial at 11 am
 11/11—Veterans’ Day
 11/13—Post Meeting at 7 pm
 11/16 – Germantown Christmas Parade
 11/7, 14, 21—Bingo Post home, 7:00 pm
 11/28—Thanksgiving
 12/5, 12, 19—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 pm
 12/7—Pearl Harbor Day
 12/16—Wash. Co. Exec. Board Mtg., Post 1 Germantown
 12/31—New Year’s Eve Bingo, 7:00 pm
 1/2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Bingo, Post home, 7:00 pm
 1/8—Post meeting, 8:00 pm.
 1/11—Wash. Co. Dinner Meeting, Post 1 Germantown

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. If you do plan on attending, please send an email or telephone with the number of people so that we may plan accordingly at SMINDEL@WBSD-SCHOOLS.ORG or 262-335-5530.

The AFL-CIO has a program entitled Reclaiming Armistice Day- Honoring Veterans by Celebrating Peace Monday, November 11th— 7:00pm at Central United Methodist Church 639 N. 25th Street, Milwaukee (25th and Wisconsin) Speakers include: **Suzanne Gordon** Award-winning journalist and author of “Wounds of War: How the VA Delivers Health, Healing, and Hope to the Nation’s Veterans” and “The Battle for Veterans Health Care.” and **Gerry Condon** National President, Veterans for Peace. Vietnam era Veteran.

General Meeting October 9, 2019 Opening The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm. The Master at Arms brought forward the POW flag which was placed on the designated chair and saluted. The Chaplain gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Minutes The minutes from September meeting were passed out, Dave Ball moved and Dave Gierach seconded to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously. The executive meeting minutes were read, Dave Schuldt moved and Dave Gierach seconded to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously **Finance Committee** Chris Yatchak presented the Treasurer’s report, it was moved by Marv Wunder seconded by Dave Ball and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer’s report. **Guests tonight** County commander is here, Mary Miliken. Donald Zoromski guest looking to join. **Membership** Neal Degner, 1st Vice-Commander, stated that we have 121 members for 2020 with a 100 percent goal of 186 members for 2020. **Bingo** Bingo is doing well but a little slow, attendance is down. **Cabin Committee** -no report. **House Committee** 12 Furnace filters replaced, outside house nibs closed, Dave Ball cleaned up a major mess from a party this past Saturday.

Service and Welfare Committee One death to report Paul Doering, we had 6 members do a walk through at the funeral. **Unfinished Business** -None **New Business** - Flu and Shingle shots are available at the VA. Dale announced that if there are any veterans that would like their name on the memorial, they should contact Dale.

SAL No report **Historian** Greg Dombrow gave a report what happened during this month in history.

Good of the American Legion Greg Dombrow gave a report on the Legion Baseball Team and costs. Name chosen is the Dragons. Total costs estimated at around \$3278. Costs to be paid for by the athletes involved. We may look at doing a fund raiser. **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 7:46 pm. **Respectfully submitted**, Neal Degner Adjutant/1st Vice-Commander

Comrades:

The 2020 membership drive started on July 1, remember the Legion year runs from July 1 to June 30. This means that the 2020 year is from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. 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 **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 10**, we will have a ceremony at the Germantown Veteran’s Memorial at 11 am. We always need help with the firing squad. If you can handle and fire a M1 Garand rifle, we really could use your help, clothing is Legion Cap, white shirt and black trousers, or Legion rider apparel. We do have Legion jackets and hats available to loan you on this day if you don’t have one. We also need to have a color guard to march at the Germantown Christmas parade, we really could use your help by caring a flag or rifle. Bingo is held every Thursday at 7:00 pm, and we could use help here also so our regulars can take a break. This is our primary method of keeping up our building up so we can serve members of the community and our fellow veterans. With over 180 members in Post 1, I would ask that as many as possible to register your sons, grandsons and great-grandsons in the SAL. It was reported last year we had 24 members. The cost is only \$8.00 a year. Our membership has dropped a bit Call Charlie Hargan at 262-255-2381. We received an \$8700 grant from Home Depot to replace our interior lights and ceiling tiles. This will be a great improvement to our buildings. We welcome new members, James T. Wegner and Donald Zoromski . We also report the passing of member Paul Doering. As indicated in the minutes, next year, the post will begin sponsoring an American Legion Baseball team. This is an exciting new activity for the post. As you may have read in this year’s past issue of the Legion magazine, American Legion Baseball has been a prominent component for many professional baseball players. Since the WIAA has discontinued Summer high school baseball, this void is being filled with American Legion baseball, several new teams are starting in the county with Germantown being one of them.

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Approval of Minutes -The minutes from August meeting were passed out, Chris Yatchak moved and Charlie Hargan seconded to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously. The executive meeting minutes were read, there was no quorum so no voting actions were taken. **Constitution and by-laws** - Chris Yatchak read the changes. The changes were sent out in two consecutive newsletters. Marv Wunder motioned Charlie Hargan seconded to approve the changes; motion unanimously carried. **Finance Committee**-Jim Heimann presented the Treasurer’s report, it was moved by Charles Hargan seconded by Paul Kastner and unanimously approved to accept the treasurer’s report. **Membership** - Neal Degner, 1st Vice-Commander, stated that we have 104 members for 2020 with a 100 percent goal of 181 members for 2020. **Bingo**- Bingo is doing well but a little slow. Progressive estimated at \$3200 for Sep 12. **Cabin** - Committee Paul reports we have had a fair number of rentals, no major repairs this year. **House Committee** - Neal reported he will be meeting with Best Buy looking at purchasing a video camera system. **Service and Welfare Committee** - None **Unfinished Business** -None **New Business** Need help again for Sept 21 poker run. **SAL**- 10 paid members out of the 23 listed. **Historian** - Greg gave an update on the VA privatization. Greg talked about the attack of 9/11. **Good of the American Legion** - Marv asked if Mike Nardelli’s picture was in the Badger Legionnaire for our 100% membership for 2019. Chris Yatchak talked about the congressional actions on suicide, MIAs, homeless vets. Congress is addressing the mission act which relates to the VA and reimbursements to veterans that receive care outside of the VA. VA improvements needed on one of the fastest growing groups of veterans, women. Congress also addressing deportation of military veterans. Doug Jantzen brought in items for the taking. Doug reminded make sure you sing into the VA when you get there to ease entry into the VA hospital. **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 7:46 pm. **Respectfully submitted**, Neal Degner Adjutant/1st Vice-Commander

Auxiliary Newsletter – October/November 2019

Auxiliary Meetings - The Auxiliary truly enjoyed the presentation that two of our Post members gave about their trip to Washington, DC on the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight. At our October 9 meeting Sofia Fernandez and Anika Pawlak, the two girls we sent to the ALA Badger Girls State held at the UW-Oshkosh Campus this past summer, gave a presentation of their week. They came away with more knowledge of the Pledge of Allegiance, the history of our flag, and our form of government, approximately 692 girls from across the state attended. They were so thankful for the opportunity we gave them to attend ALA Badger Girls State. Three Auxiliary members attended the ALA All-In-The-Know meeting in Cedarburg, and the Washington County meeting in West Bend. The Auxiliary meetings are held at the Post on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. See you at our meeting on November 13! God bless America and our service members! Greta Hutchison Secretary

Our November 21 Bingo session features 5 turkeys donated by our Auxiliary. The raffle tickets are free for these turkeys. We also do the same thing with hams on the Thursday Bingo session before Christmas. Hope to see you here.

Remember we have two halls available for rental with accommodations up to 200 people, setup and cleanup included. We have WIFI and ATM on site, ample parking, large restrooms, use a caterer of your choice. Call Amy at 262-573-3100.

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