

Germantown Legion Post 1 -April 2020 Update

Hello Fellow Legionnaires,

Because of the Covid19 virus, the Post has not been able to host Bingo or Hall Rentals since the beginning of March. With the loss of income and increased expenses for the past two months, we are unable to have a newsletter printed and mailed out to all members. We are sending out this update to those members who have email addresses and paper copies to those that do not. If you are receiving a paper copy of this update and you do have email, PLEASE send your email address to legionpostone@gmail.com or ndegner@sbcglobal.net. This would help us save mailing costs. If you know of any Legionnaire that is struggling during this Covid-19 outbreak please contact the post via email at legionpostone@gmail.com or call Chris Yatchak at 262-444-2433 or the post at 262-251-5470.

We encourage all members to look at our website, <http://www.legionpostone.org/>, where you can get information about the post in the Latest News section. Wisconsin American Legion Wisconsin State News including closings and activities can be found at <https://wilegion.org/>.

Because of the shutdown, there have been no meetings at the post, just limited working parties. The April Post 1 banquet was cancelled. The May comedy night has been rescheduled for September 12. We also remember past Post 1 Commander, Richard Mueller, who passed away on April 11.

As mentioned in the January/February newsletter, our north furnace broke down and was replaced at a cost of \$12,000. Thanks to generous donations from the Post Auxiliary and members we raised the funds needed to replace the furnace. Please see the pictures on the post website in the Latest News section.

Using our Home Depot Foundation grant, members helped the International Brotherhood of Electricians Workers Local 494 volunteers, replace all 67 light fixtures in the post. Following the replacement of the lights, member Dale Schuldt along with his daughter, Heather, son-in-law Andy Modory, and other post members replaced all the ceiling tiles in the main hall and bathrooms. This was huge job that Dale undertook and he deserves a great deal of thanks. Dale secured the loan of the lift and scaffolding without charge to the post, which was a huge savings. We thank the Home Depot Foundation for their generosity providing the post with a \$8,700.00 grant that funded the cost of the lights and ceiling replacement. Again, you can see pictures on the post website under the Latest News section.

LEGION CABIN: UPDATE: Camp American Legion is closed until July 1, 2020. There are no lodge activities, cabins rentals, or work crews allowed on the leased land. You will be informed of any changes.

The Post #1 cabin, known as the Van Brocklin, is the only cabin we currently own. Ownership of this cabin provides post members with access to many lakes via water and shoreline routes. The current condition of the cabin is livable for the healthy and hardy post members and their families.

During a recent visit to the cabin my wife and I made a list of initial repairs needed to make the cabins more functional and appealing to Post members. Here is a quick rundown of what Gayle and I witnessed on April 4th 2020:

1. The stairs down to the lake need to be replaced;
2. The pier deck is in disrepair;
3. The boat leaks;

4. Windows in the cabin work but will need replacement;
5. The shed roof needs replacement;
6. There needs to be a general cleanup of the cabin and grounds.
7. We were unable to inspect the condition of the inside of the cabin. As a result, there will be additions to the list of repairs needed as soon as we are able to inspect the inside.

At the present time, the cabin coffers are empty. If you have ideas for a fundraiser, to help support the improvement of the cabins, or want to donate, please contact me.

The Van Brocklin would be able to cover all the fixed cabin expenses that includes taxes, insurance, and utilities, if we are able to rent the cabin. That is not a lot of money considering one month of rent will cover about 85% of the cost to own it, about \$1500.00 annually, **excluding** the cost of repairs.

The Deal Is, we have to rent the cabin. We will need to advertise to increase the number of rentals and use the money received to reinvest in the cabin after covering all fixed costs. American Legion Post 91 from Oconomowoc is interested in partnering with us to improve the cabin, provided their members have the ability to rent the cabin. Details of the partnership still need to be finalized. At our February meeting Post #1 members authorized a committee to explore the partnership.

CABIN COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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RESERVE YOUR CABIN RENTAL DATE NOW: The cost is fifty dollars (\$50.00) per night or one week for three hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$325.00). Weekly rentals will take priority over daily rentals.

Dates available starting July 5th. – That's all days, all dates.

Greg Dumbrow