

# VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS GERMANTOWN MEMORIAL POST 9202

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## Minutes of the May Meeting

Eighteen comrades attended the May 28, 2008 meeting. A motion was made to accept the Adjutants minutes before they were read as the minutes were posted in the newsletter. It was seconded and carried by a majority of ayes. The Quartermaster report was read and a motion was made to accept the report, it was seconded and the motion carried. The Charter was draped for Comrade Jacob T. Sedler, who passed on to the great battlefield in the sky on May, 2008. Before the meeting was started State Senator Alberta Darling presented the Post a Certificate of Recognition from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. It was presented in appreciation for the Post's involvement and valuable service provided to the community and its outstanding support of veteran causes. I extend my most heartfelt congratulations to all the Comrades of this Post.

The **Department Commander Bill Hustad** and the **6<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jim Romnek** were present for this recognition. The Post Service Officer reported that he had attended

a training session in "Talking Sessions" for PTSD victims. The program is in the initial stages and I will keep you apprised of its progress in the future. The Buddy Poppy Drive was a resounding success. We distributed over 2,100 poppies and received an excess of \$2,700 in donations from the citizens. I want to recognize the following Comrades and Sisters from our Auxiliary who donated their time **Comrade Ken Puls, Comrade Jim Birler, Comrade Steve Moker, and Comrade Ken Pagel** the Sisters from the Auxiliary **Sister Ellain Puls, Sister Mary Brown, Sister Carol Rieder, Sister Betty Peck, and Sister Gerry Meyers**. These Comrades and Sisters donated a total of 100.5 hours and deserve the thanks of every Comrade and Sister of this Post.

The Officers of the Post are working on the Post By-Laws and they will be presented at the June 30, 2008 meeting. Anyone who wants to have their **input** in the **By-Laws** is encouraged to attend that meeting and be heard.

Due to a serious mix up at the funeral of Comrade Sedler a motion was made by **Comrade Danny O'Toole** and seconded by **Sr vice CDR Jim Heimann** to allocate up to \$50.00 for the purchase and postage to send another flag to the sister of Comrade Sedler who resides in Tucson, AZ. It was carried by voice vote of the Comrades present. A motion was made by **Comrade Danny O'Toole** to give \$500.00 to the Germantown Police and Firefighters Departments. This motion was tabled until the July meeting as it will be in the new fiscal year. The **Department Commander** installed the officers for the New Year. The **Department Commander** installed the officers for the New Year.

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## Special Event at May Meeting



State Senator Alberta Darling presenting the Post with a Certificate of Recognition in appreciation for its involvement and valuable service provided to the community and its outstanding support of veteran causes.



From left to right Post Commander, State Senator Alberta Darling, Department Commander William Hustad and 6<sup>th</sup> District Commander Jim Romnek just after the presentation.



The Department Commander Bill Hustad installing the Post Officers at the end of the May 19, 2008 meeting. From left to right Surgeon Ed Gennrich, Quartermaster Ken Puls, Jr-Vice Jim Roberts, Commander Darrell Brown, Sr-Vice Jim Heimann, Chaplain and Service Officer Paul Bollman Rev. and Adjutant Daniel Schlegel

### PROPOSED POST BY-LAWS

#### BY-LAWS

### GERMANTOWN MEMORIAL POST No. 9202 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

#### ARTICLE I

##### NAME, LOCATION, AND SUBORDINATION

- Sec. 1. By virtue of charter granted, this Post shall be known as Germantown Memorial Post No. 9202 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.
- Sec. 2. The location of this Post shall be the City of Germantown County of Washington, State of Wisconsin.

#### ARTICLE II

##### SUBPRDINATION

- Sec. 1. The supreme power of this association is vested in the National Convention. This Post shall at all times be governed by the Congressional Charter, the By-Laws of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and the By-Laws of the Department of Wisconsin. Any orders issued by the authority of the National Convention, National Council of Administration, Commander-in-Chief, Department Convention, Department Council of Administration, or the Commander of the Department of Wisconsin. Any and all resolutions adopted by the National Convention are to be held as lawful orders.

### **ARTICLE III MEETINGS**

- Sec. 1. The regular meeting of this Post will be held at N120W15932 Freistadt Road in the American Legion Hall. The Post may change its meeting place in accordance with the provisions of Section 206 of the National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure.
- Sec. 2. The regular meetings of the Post shall be held on the last Monday of each month, to be called to order at 7:00 p.m. If a meeting falls on a holiday than it will be held on the Monday prior to the holiday. The appointed day and time of regular meetings may be changed by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting. The Post members and the Department Commander shall be notified of any change of the appointed day or time of the regular meeting.
- Sec. 3. Special meetings may be called in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws.
- Sec. 4. A quorum to transact business shall be a minimum of 5 members in good standing.

### **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP**

- Sec. 1. The same eligibility standards, application, loss of membership and discipline shall be enforced in Accordance with the provisions set forth in the National By-Laws.
- Sec. 2. The dues of this Post shall never be less than the amount required to cover Department and National dues.
- Sec. 3. The admission fee of this Post shall be \$1.00, payable in Accordance with National By-Laws.

### **ARTICLE V OFFICERS**

- Sec. 1. Eligibility to elect, nominate, appoint and install. The term of officers will be in Accordance with provisions set forth in the National By-Laws.
- Sec. 2. The duties of all officers shall be those prescribed by the National and Department By-laws, lawful orders as the Post may direct and as these By-Laws may provide.

### **ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES AND DUTIES**

- Sec. 1. All committees and their chairman, unless otherwise provided, shall be appointed by the Commander as promptly as possible after election to office. The chair personnel shall serve at the commanders' will and pleasure. The Quartermaster, by virtue of his office, shall be treasurer of the Post, committees, and any other sources obtaining funds.
- Sec. 2. The standing committees of this Post shall be as follows:
  - a) Membership
  - b) Poppy Drive
  - c) Publicity
  - d) Youth Activities
  - e) Relief
  - f) Americanism
  - g) Community Activities
  - h) Safety
- Sec. 3. A committee may authorize such expenditures for minor emergency repairs that may be necessary for the preservation and protection of the Post's equipment, provided that the total amount so expended between any two regular meetings shall not exceed the amount of \$50.00.
- Sec. 4. All expenditures of a Committee shall be made only by regular voucher and check drawn by the Quartermaster. All such checks shall be signed by the Commander and countersigned by the Quartermaster.
- Sec. 5. All Committees shall keep a expenditures and shall, at every meeting of the Post, report all monies received and all expenditures made since the last meeting.

### **ARTICE VII CONTROL OF SUBSIDIARY UNITS**

- Sec. 1. For purposes of this Article, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Order of the Cootie and its Ladies Auxiliary are governed by Articles XI and XII respectively of the

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National By-Laws and Manual of Procedure of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and their respective By-Laws and Regulations.

**ARTICLE VIII  
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS**

- Sec. 1. Expenditures of funds shall be made only after prior authorization by the Post and on a proper voucher drawn by the Quartermaster and approved by the Commander. All checks for the expenditure of Post funds shall be numbered in sequence, the number of each check to correspond with the voucher authorizing the same and in addition to the signature of the Quartermaster, shall be countersigned by the Post Commander.
- Sec. 2. The Post Commander will have a discretionary budget not to exceed \$500.00 in any given fiscal year. This budget is to be used solely for emergency expenditures that need to be dealt with before the next Post meeting. The Post will have the opportunity to either approve or disapprove this expenditure at the next meeting.
- Sec. 3. The adoption of this Article shall constitute authorization by the Post for the payment of bills, when and as due, for postage, insurance, and the printing of the Post newsletter provided that the amounts to be paid monthly shall have been previously established by the Post.
- Sec. 4. No other payment or expenditures shall be made except on the specific authorization of the Post in each and every case.

**ARTICLE IX  
COMPENSATION**

- Sec. 1. No compensation shall be paid to any officer of this Post for his services as such officer, except as hereafter may be provided:
  - Mileage to and lunch at 6<sup>th</sup>
  - District Meetings
  - Mileage to Mid-Winter and State Convention

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- Death gratuity of \$200.00 for a member of this Post
- \$25.00 to a member of this Post who is hospitalized overnight not to exceed \$50.00 in a fiscal year

- Sec. 2. For services rendered, the Post may, by majority vote, pay the annual dues of the Adjutant and Quartermaster for the periods or parts of periods they serve as such, and such other compensation commensurate with their duties as may be determined and specified by vote of the Post.

**ARTICLE X  
FUND RAISING  
PROMOTION/SOLICITATIONS**

- Sec. 1. This Post shall solicit funds or donations only by prior vote of a majority of the members present, agreeing to the proposition. It shall not solicit funds or donations or otherwise engage in fund-raising activities or projects outside the immediate geographical area or community of the Post.
- Sec. 2. This Post shall not enter into any agreement with a promoter for the purpose of raising funds unless the said promoter shall have first furnished a good and sufficient surety bond in a principal sum sufficient to give the Post ample protection. The said bond shall be subject to the approval of the Adjutant, bear the endorsement of the Post Commander and be kept in the possession of the Post Quartermaster. The bond will be conditioned on the payment to the Post Quartermaster of all monies due the Post as a result of the solicitation within thirty (30) days of the close of the campaign. If the promoter has made satisfactory settlement within the thirty day period, then surety will be determined to be discharged; otherwise the bond will remain in full force and effect.
- Sec. 3. If the bond cannot be furnished, then all collections shall be made by the members of the Post sponsoring the campaign or entertainment and said

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Members of the Post sponsoring the Funds shall be paid to a bonded officer of the Post who shall hold the funds in his custody pending proper pro rata distribution.

- Sec. 4. Fund-raising organizations or individuals conducting solicitations, activities or projects for a profit shall not be engaged or used by the Post for such purpose unless such engagement is made by written agreement between the Post and the organization or individuals providing those services. The form of any such written agreement must be submitted to the Department Commander for review at least thirty (30) days prior to the Post entering into any such agreement.
- Sec. 5. Unless previously authorized by a majority vote of the Post, no solicitations or ticket sales shall be permitted at any Post meeting or social functions without being first approved by the Post members.

**ARTICLE XI  
MISCELLANEOUS**

- Sec. 1. Every member of this Post shall keep the Post Adjutant and Quartermaster advised of his current address by promptly reporting any change of same.
- Sec. 2. One copy of these By-Laws shall be issued to each elected and appointed officer of this Post.
- Sec. 3. In all Post procedure not provided for by the Congressional Charter, Department and District 6 By-Laws or these By-Laws, Demeter's Manual shall be the authority, and it shall be the duty of the Post Adjutant, in an advisory way, when called upon to do so by the Post Commander to advise the Post Commander on the proper rule or rules.

**ARTICLE XII  
AMENDMENTS**

- Sec. 1. These By-Laws shall become effective after adoption by this Post and after review by the District 6, Department Commander, and Commander-in-Chief

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of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

- Sec. 2. Unless otherwise provided, these By-Laws may be amended by the Post by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a stated meeting therefore provided: however, such amendments have been read at a preceding meeting and each member notified, at least thirty (30) days in advance by first class mail, of the contents of the amendments and the date on which the proposed amendments are to be presented for adoption. All amendments shall be forwarded through channels and reviewed by the District 6, Department Commander and the Commander-in-Chief before becoming effective.
- Sec. 3. Wherever these By-Laws or subsequent amendments may be found to be in conflict with the present or any future National, Department, or District 6 By-Laws, the latter shall prevail and be binding upon this Post as though written herein.

These By-Laws were adopted, subject to the review of the Commander-in-Chief, District 6 Commander, and the Commander of the Department of Wisconsin, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008, at a regular meeting of this Post in the city of Germantown and County of Washington, State of Wisconsin.

The next Post meeting will be will be **June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the American Legion Hall located at N120W15932 Freistadt Road.**

Darrell Brown  
Commander  
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# LADIES AUXILIARY GERMANTOWN MEMORIAL POST 9202

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Greetings Sisters:

As I look out my window, I see the beauty of nature – trees leafed out, shrubs and flowers in bloom and the sun is shining. For me, this is a very uplifting way to begin my day as I reflect upon this past week's events.

The Buddy Poppy weekends were very successful. Our Relief Fund received a healthy boost of \$900.00+! It was very heartwarming to see so many donators supporting the Veterans. I had one teenage employee give 11 cents – all she had! She asked if we would be back the next weekend when she was paid. Unfortunately we wouldn't be back. One comment that was made frequently was that it's spring and poppy time. I was impressed on how many people associated Buddy Poppy and spring as a yearly tradition. For those who helped, **THANK YOU** very much. Next year we will have more poppies available.

Your returning officers were installed at our meeting by Past President Mary Heimann. Thank you Mary for doing this. I'm looking forward to the next year as we support our Veterans.

For a small Auxiliary we can be very proud of our achievements. We obtained 100% in membership on October 31, 2007. Because of this we received a \$5.00 check from District. We received two certificates from National for our contributions to Operation Uplink and Snowball Express. Multiple contributions were sent to Hospital projects to help hospitalized Veterans and the Veterans living at King, Tomah or other Veteran facilities. Donations were made to Veteran and Family Support programs as well as for a small Auxiliary we can be very proud of our achievements. We obtained 100% in membership on October 31, 2007. Because of this we received a \$5.00 check from District. We received two certificates from National for our contributions to Operation Uplink and Snowball Express. Multiple contributions were sent to Hospital projects to help hospitalized Veterans and the Veterans living at King, Tomah or other Veteran facilities. Donations were made to Veteran and Family Support programs as well as Scholarship and other programs. Even though our Auxiliary is small, every little bit helps. We sent care boxes on 2 separate occasions to our active duty Comrades and donated money to help defray postage expenses to send a package of stuffed animals and toys to Comrade Stephanie Ewert in Afghanistan. The animals

and toys will be distributed to orphanages in that country as a part of a Humanitarian Project.

My most awarding project was the setting up a POW/MIA Single Man Missing Table in the Germantown Library with the help of Commander Darrell. I suggested we take this endeavor one step further and do a 6 Man Missing Table at the Annual Awards Banquet. Many comments were made by those who attended the Banquet. It only takes one seed to be planted for ideas to grow and the Post planted more seeds in the Community for awareness of the Veterans. This Post was the major factor in the Village agreeing to fly the POW/MIA Flag in its rightful place beneath the American Flag at the Village Hall.

Thank you Sisters, for a very supportive year. Our May meeting was attended by 9 sisters – a fantastic turn out! Prior to the meeting State Senator Alberta Darling spoke briefly to the Post and Auxiliary in appreciation for all the work and support that is given to help all Veterans. Senator Darling is very proactive in helping and supporting the Veterans from Wisconsin. The Department Commander Bill Hustad announced that the Post had made "All State". Congratulations Comrades for a job well done!

I'll be attending the State Convention in Milwaukee from 26 – 28 June. Being relatively new to the Auxiliary/VFW, I found the last State Convention very informative. Last year I was awed by all the accomplishments that the Department of Wisconsin Auxiliary had made through the support of all the Auxiliaries throughout Wisconsin. Hopefully we can make the same or better the accomplishments in the 2008/2009 year.

Our next meeting will be **June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** in the **American Legion Hall** located at **120W15932 Freistadt Road**. "New" forces are always more than "Welcomed". After the meeting a luncheon will be provided under the capable direction of Mary Heimann.

In Friendship  
Mary Brown  
President