

ORGANIZE POST OF AMERICAN LEGION HERE

Tuesday evening, March first, the ex-service men of Iola and vicinity met at the Woodman Hall to organize a local American Legion Post. A number of the Legion men of Waupaca came over to help with the work of organization. Three among them addressed the meeting – Messer's Kreuger, Barnes and Peth.

The following officers were elected at the meeting:

Post Commander – Alvin G. Nelson

Vice Commander – Alvin Peterson

Adjutant – Dr. A. R. Bellerue

Historian – Dr. C. Berg

Chaplain – Ed Fryck

Sargent at Arms – J. LeRoy Strand

Being newly organized, plans for the work are not completed. It is planned, however, to hold regular monthly meetings. The date for the next meeting will be announced in a later issue of the Herald.

All men in this community who are eligible for membership are urged to unite with the local Legion Post. Any man who served in the World War and was honorably discharged may become a member.

The American Legion is a national organization which has proven itself capable politically and active in promoting best interests of America.

It has rendered worth while service to a great many disabled veterans whose claims for compensation have been denied or overlooked, and to widows and orphans. In our own county there are families and individuals who have received aid through the services of the Waupaca American Legion Post.

The Legion has a national trust fund of five million dollars which is used to care for children who were made orphans by the war.

The Legion is a soldier's organization, a fraternity of men who are bound together by experience of the Great War, which they hold in common memory and which make it a fellowship of real meaning.

Note: *The American Legion Barney Sheveland Post 14 was chartered five months later on August 2, 1927.*

The Iola Herald used initials instead of first names, first names have been used in these articles when known to better identify the Legion members.

Woodman Hall was located on the west side of 100 N. Main Street above one of the buildings that was destroyed during the Father's Day Fire in 1999. Woodman's was an Insurance Fraternity.

Post Commander – Alvin G. Nelson was Lee Nelson's father.

Sargent of Arms – J. Leroy Strand was known as Roy Strand and owned the Corner Bar located at Main Street and Depot Street and the Bowling Alley located next door to the south.

\$5,000,000 in 1927, today would be about \$15,222,800. (April 2021)

The Great War is today referred to as World War I.