

Story #917 Hans Streich

Seaman Hans Streich (1916-2009) was a Mazomanie World War II veteran and a charter member of the Mazomanie Greening – Buelow American Legion Post #437.

Hans enlisted in the Navy on March 18, 1943 in Milwaukee. His serial number was 8683789. He mustered out on September 4, 1946, having served aboard the *USS Franklin* when it was bombed by the Japanese during World War II. For his courage and devotion to his country he was awarded the Bronze Star. He also served during the Korean conflict. Following his retirement, Hans volunteered for the VA Hospital and served on the board of Camp American Legion in Lake Tomahawk for 40 years. He was a devoted member of the Mazomanie American Legion Post No. 437 and served as a commander for two years.

Hans Adolph Streich was born in the Woodford Cheese Factory in Brownstown, Green County WI, the son of Swiss born cheesemaker John Streich and Anna Frauchiger. Hans grew up in the Ridgeway / Mazomanie area as a farmer where he met the girl of his dreams, Marion Gorst (1916-1995) and were married in January 11, 1939. She was the daughter of Berry Township farmer Lawrence Gorst and Grace Hawley. In 1940, they moved to Madison where he worked for the Madison School District. His October 16, 1940 Draft Card listed him as 5'-8", 148 # with a light completion, brown hair and hazel eyes. He was 24 years old, married and working for Vince Power.

After the war, Hans returned to Dane County, continuing to work for the Madison School District as a school custodian until his retirement in 1980. Hans passed away in Madison on February 28, 2009 and is buried in the Mazomanie St. Barnabas Cemetery with his wife.

