Elect Kascmer Commander of AMVET Post

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Joseph Kascmer, veteran of 15 months duty overseas, was elected Commander of American Veterans of World War 2, Post No. 1, at a meeting held last night at the group's temporary headquarters, 324 West Fourth Street.

The new commander enlisted in the Army in May, 1942, and after basic training and a brief period as a cadreman at Camp Wheeler, Ga., he was sent to Fort Benning, Ga., where he attended the Officers Candidate School.

Graduating as a 2nd Lt. in January, 1943, he was shipped overseas in time to join with the 147th Infantry in mopping-up operations on Guadalcanal. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge while over-

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seas, and on his return to the States was granted an honorable discharge.

Other officers elected were: Frank Kelleher, first vice-commander; Wallace Worth, second vice-commander; Thomas J. Rich, third vice-commander; William Bratsch, adjutant; Michael Zumas, finance officer; and Walter R. Hoffert, provost marshal.

One of the high-lights of the meeting was the admittance to membership of the first three women members. Mrs. Olga C. Thompson, a veteran of World War 2 was admitted to regular membership; while 1st Lt. Jennie Putar, Army Nurse Corps, and T/5 Marie Rogacs, a medical technician, were admitted as members-at-large.

Committees charged with plans for the coming "GI Lucky" dance to be held at the Beethoven Maennerchor on August 24, reported that all arrangements are made and that progress is extremely satisfactory. Posters announcing the dance were distributed to the members.

Edward Weisenberg presided at the business meeting. At the close of the session, refreshments were served.

Next meeting of the local post will be held Thursday, August 23, at the headquarter in the Hauser Chevrolet Building.