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## **AMERICAN LEGION REOPENS AFTER FIRE**

**Uniontown, PA** – Following a nearly devastating fire last summer, American Legion LaFayette Post 51 reopens today.

A gathering place for countless Fayette County veterans, Post 51 has become a community staple over the years.

The Legion will host a grand reopening ceremony at 4:30 p.m. today at 508 East Main St., Uniontown. A performance by the VFW Band and other festivities are planned.

Ahead of the ceremony, Fayette County commissioners Vincent Vicites, Angela Zimmerlink and Dave Lohr have offered their congratulations and support.

Commissioner Lohr, a U.S. Navy veteran, said many people don't realize the American Legion is the nation's largest wartime veterans' service organization.

"Devoted to service personnel and veterans alike, the Legion advocates patriotism and honor," Lohr said. "They promote mutual helpfulness and provide a range of programs and activities, including sponsorship of wholesome programs in the community, such as the annual Americanism Day Parade."

Lohr said Fayette County "stands out in terms of military involvement" due to its high number of veterans, which are a testament to our communities' dedication to service.

"When the legion burned down, it really left a void in the lives of our wartime veterans," he said. "What a blessing it is that they have been able to rebuild and are ready to continue their service in our community."

Commissioner Zimmerlink said all legions are important because they exist for the veterans.

"Post 51 is one which is very active in sponsoring events throughout the year," Zimmerlink said. "I urge every resident to attend their public events and support the veterans as they deserve it and much more."

Chairman Vicites said Post 51 is one of the best veteran organizations in Fayette County.

"They do a lot for the community, sponsoring various programs and helping the veterans they serve," Vicites said. "Remember - America is number one thanks to our veterans."

For more information on upcoming events at Post 51, visit [www.americanlegionpapost51.org](http://www.americanlegionpapost51.org).

To learn more about Fayette County, visit [www.FayetteCountyPA.org](http://www.FayetteCountyPA.org).

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