



IROQUOIS POST



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**POST COMMANDER
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Iroquois Post 1587 has earned many accolades over the past 3.5 years, despite the COVID19 restrictive challenges and budgetary limitations. However, we continue to provide support activities for our Veterans and community. Our 21st Century mission statement has paved the way for our organization to focus on our four primary pillars. These pillars include Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation (*Caring for Veterans & their families*); National Security & Preparedness (*Supporting our Active Duty Warriors & Addressing Local Challenges*); Americanism (*Fostering Student Achievement Initiatives*); and Children & Youth (*Develop and Execute Community Youth Programs to strengthen the Family Unit*).

Our success comes from our all-volunteer membership, which reflects our many achievements. Membership is crucial and plays a critical role in meeting our goals to include but not limited to the following community engagement activities.

Formulated a balanced annual calendar, which allows for prudent budgetary projections to prioritize our quarterly goals. We facilitate and participate in quarterly Veteran honoring's; numerous PR festival & event Color Guard opportunities; lead the Marvin “Joe” Curry Powwow celebration; provide Title VI student scholarship awards to four separate school districts; participated in the Six Nations “*Day of Remembrance*,” Post was invited to Washington DC for the National Native American Veterans Memorial dedication; provided safety brochures w/candy at a Halloween Jamboree with the SNI CCC; held our Iroquois Sachem Challenge junior leadership summer youth program; Honored our Warriors Bill Jones, Dan Jimeron, Leonard Wheeler, Wayne Steeproch, Ron Jamieson, Patricia Schindler, and Annette Repicci with an Eagle Feather this past year; and we ended 2022 with a Veteran Peer-to-Peer Christmas luncheon w/VOC-WNY. Our Friday evening Bingo fundraiser is scheduled for 27JAN2023@7pm. The Post Executive Committee leadership is working hard to ensure we continue to provide service support activities for our Veterans.

The Post also conducted its six-week Iroquois Sachem youth program on the Allegany Territory where SNI Tribal Councilor Tina Abrams attended the youth program graduation with her encouraging supportive remarks. Post received partnership recognition from the US Defense Department for joining the Vietnam War Commemoration Program. This program is designed to encourage our Vietnam War Veterans to be identified with an official welcome home event. Please feel free to reach out to us if anyone is interested in being recognized as a Vietnam War Veteran. Nominee’s do not need to be a member of the Post to be recognized.

We also received approval to be apart of the Veteran Farmer Coalition to assist our Veterans with grant funding opportunities to improve their local farming and ranching efforts.

The Post is always looking for new members to be part of our dedicated all-volunteer organization and we look forward to having you as a member of our Post. Nya:weh! (Thank you!)

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Post Adjutant: (Executive Officer/Administrative Continuity)

As a Post, I’ve been working tirelessly to improve Post administrative operations to ensure monthly reports are completed and recorded in a timely matter with a functional financial reporting system. My aim is to continue to ensure proper Post operations are captured accurately. I make myself available to assist other officers and committee chairs for their Post Operational efforts. The Post has established an online capability at mylegion.org to facilitate our membership renewal efforts. We continue to work with American Legion Department of New York for updating Post Constitution & Bylaws.

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First Vice Commander: (Membership/Teacher of Democracy)

Regular Session Meetings - Follows Robert’s Rule

Membership: The Post has leveraged internet technologies to advance our Post membership processing for 2022 and 2023 with a new legion.org network for all members to access. Our annual 2024 membership renewal window opens in July each year with an annual “Early Bird” membership luncheon drive where members can come to the Post to renew their membership or show their online payment to receive a free meal (see Post calendar). This Early Bird incentive shows our dedicated support to our mission. Please note that ANY Veteran with honorable credentials can join our Post. Membership dues for 2024 will be **\$39.50**, which is the lowest in NYS. Please go to mylegion.org to renew your membership. **Nancy Scott**

Executive Committee: approved use of advanced technology platforms to improve Post operations

Post Chaplain: Post Member Fallen Comrade Notification:

- Stuart Jamieson (USMC-WWII)
- Albert Jacob (USA-Vietnam)
- Barry Parker (USAF-Vietnam)
- Marvin Nephew (USA-Vietnam)
- Ronald Crouse (USA-Vietnam)



MILITARY WORD SEARCH

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- veteran
- freedom
- Marines
- hero
- soldier
- war
- Army
- military
- serve
- honor
- Navy
- protect
- country
- Air Force

Second Vice Commander: (Americanism & Special Activities)

My goal is to coordinate events and activities for Veterans to feel appreciated within the community. Our BINGO Fund-raising efforts is one of our activities that we conduct to serve our Veterans with fun Jackpot winning opportunities.

Pat Schindler—All Events subject to change/cancellation

- Post Executive Committee Meeting 17JAN2023@6pm
- Post Regular Session Meeting 17JAN2023@7pm
- Bingo Fundraiser 27JAN2023@7pm doors open 6pm
- National American Legion Magazine Visit 28 & 29JAN2023
- Bandits Game Native Night 04FEB2023@7:30pm
- Post EC & Regular Session Mtg 07FEB2023@6pm & 7pm
- Post Everlasting Ceremony at Post 07MAR2023@7pm
- Vietnam War Commemoration (Post) 29MAR2023@11am
- Post Officer Nominations (Post) 04APR2023@7pm
- Post Elections (Post) 02MAY2023@5-7pm
- Post Mtg (Post) 02MAY2023@7:30pm-ish
- Memorial Day Event at the SAAB 29MAY2023@11am
- Student Scholarship Awards JUN2023—date/time TBD
- Marvin “Joe” Curry Vets Powwow 15&16JUL2023@10am
- Iroquois Sachem Youth Program (Allagany)03JUL-11AUG23

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OR

Open Projects:

- Working to create a Vietnam War Memorial at the Post
- Working to acquire a newer Van to improve Post Operations
- Basil G. Williams Baseball Field improvement efforts
- Working to establish a Tribal Veteran Service Officer

Correspondence & Announcements:

- Received Partnership with Veteran Farmer Coalition
- Received approval to acquire a UH-1 Iroquois Helicopter