



American Legion Mohawk Post No.1450

**** Hours: Weekdays = Noon-10:30PM / Sat, Sun, & Holidays = Noon-7PM ****

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Hi Everyone, it looks like the snow and cold is coming our way!! Last winter wasn't too bad, so here's hoping for a mild one this year. Hope you all enjoyed the Holidays!!

First I would like to thank the Vets, Sons and Auxiliary for all the work they have put in to make our organization run as well as it does. Our accomplishments are many because of you!!! From the Bell Jar to Bingo and Pavilion and all other areas that make this Post function it takes a lot of work and you have done a great job this year!

I couldn't be more proud of our post. Yes we have a damn good crew!! THANK YOU!!! Speaking of accomplishments how about giving yourselves a Big hand for setting another huge all time record for our annual donations this year of over \$50,000 to local, national and state charities!!

Our Snacks with Santa was a huge success with many happy kiddies!! Many of the parents were once the Lil' kiddies that sat on Santa's lap!!! It's great to see this tradition continue!! So' many thanks to all involved in putting Big smiles on all the Lil' Kiddies faces!! We're hoping Santa continues to visit our Post every year!! After the Snacks with Santa we continued with the Army Navy game!! You all know who I wanted to win!!! Many thanks to those who helped Prep & serve the Halftime Feast, as well as everybody who supported the Ronald McDonald House by contributing to the "Pride Wall".

As always, please make time to give thanks and remembrance to all our men and women in Uniform and their families left behind. Those who are currently engaged in personal sacrifice, and especially those who are "Forward-Deployed", many in harm's way, throughout an Ever-Dangerous World, to guarantee our Freedom!! Wishing you all a Great "2026". God Bless America!!

Chuck LaFountain
Commander

AMERICAN LEGION

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**** Many Thanx to Kelsey & Lindley Keith, Charlie Holmes, & Everyone who contributed to "The-CAN" on Veterans Day, raising \$695 for the V.A.'s X-mas**

Military SICK-CALL

On New Years Day @ the Post
"Nurse" your Hangover & watch lots of Football from Noon to 7-PM

Weekly Football Club Annual Awards Banquet

YES !! We are having a "Scrumptious Dinner" for our End of Year Awards-Banquet on Sat, Jan 17th for Weekly Football-Club Members ONLY.

**** Sign-Up sheet & more Info Posted in the Lounge, \$5 Refundable Deposit, Deadline Jan. 3rd.**

Jim Magoo, The Commish & "Cards", Chief of Stats

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. This New Year let's all resolve to come together with our Vets and Sons to support all activities and fundraisers for Veterans and their families.

Many thanks to those who help sign Xmas cards for our troops and gift wrapping/stuffing stockings and helping at "Snax" with Santa!!

Check out these upcoming events:

January 14 - AUX MEETING - 7:00pm. Come share your ideas for Fundraisers!

January 21 - BLOODMOBILE - 1-6pm. Volunteers always needed – Cheryl Jay 518-479-2474.

January 16-17- MID-WINTER CONFERENCE - Albany Marriott. Contact President Susan for info.

February 11 - AUX MEETING - 7:00pm. Come share your ideas for Fundraisers!

March - AMERICAN LEGION VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY - More info to come.

****Possible BAD WEATHER on meeting nights -**

Look for cancellation on Facebook, AUX website or President Susan will contact those who don't use social media.

****REMINDER**** 2026 DUES are due! Please make checks payable to ALA1450 or American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1450.

***** Congratulations to Nancy Jarose on 50 years of active membership! What a proud accomplishment!*****

"Some people live an entire lifetime and wonder if they have ever made a difference in the world. A Veteran doesn't have that problem." — Ronald Reagan

Remember to thank a Veteran!

Kathy Bonk



POINSETTIA Deliveries

Every year, during the Holiday Season, we deliver plants to the relatives of Regular Members who have "Passed-Away". Thanks to

Cathy Hedlund for planning & to all those who Delivered over 20 Plants again this year !!!

Chuck LaFountain, Chairman

SAL NEWS

Hard to believe it, but here we are at the start of yet another New Year... I know we are Ready & Willing to face whatever 2026 has to offer !!!

First let's start with a Happy 50th Year to the Sons of the American Legion, Mohawk Squadron. That occurred in December 2025. So to Celebrate the Occasion there will be cake to enjoy on Sunday, January 11, 2026

Many-Thanx to Everyone involved in "SNAX with Santa", which was Super-Successful and lots of fun for the kids, Santa & all his Elves !!!

As usual the Army Navy Football Game brought together many members and friends, that we hadn't seen in a while, to Root for your Favorite Team. A Special Thank you to all that made the day possible with great food and fun for All !!! Oh ya, also a Big-Thank You to all who gave \$\$\$ to "The-Wall" !!

The Adult X-mas Party was well attended and a good time was had by all. Let's keep the Good Times Rolling.

Keep the membership renewals coming in. Welcome to all the new members.

2026 should be another busy year. Let's make it a fun one.

In closing let's hope 2026 is a very good year for everyone. Always remember the members we have lost. Please keep our Veterans, all our Military currently serving, along with their families, in your thoughts and prayers.

Marcus Houser, SAL Commander

Legion Membership Report - We currently have 356 Paid, or 69% of our 2026 goal of 518. ** Please Pay ASAP by Mail or at the Post. **NOTE: I don't wanna do it, but: "Unpaid" Door-Cards get LOCKED-OUT On 1 FEB !!!**



***** IN MEMORIAL *****

Jerry Engel – Schenectady

William Gibbons – Halfmoon

Tom Manning – Rensselaer

Mary Miller – Clifton Park

Arthur Phelan – Latham

Ross Quevillon – Latham

T. Michael Walsh - Cohoes

Loraine Zawistowski – Clifton Park

JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	1 Happy New Year !!! Close @ 7pm	2	3
4	5 BINGO 7PM	6	7 B.O.D. 6:30 PM	8 POST MTG 7PM	9	10
11 SAL 50 th Post 1450 Anniv. Cake	12 BINGO 7PM	13	14 AUX MTG 7PM	15 SAL MTG 7PM	16	17 Weekly Football Club Banquet
18	19 MLK Jr. Day BINGO 7PM	20	21 Bloodmobile 1-6 PM	22	23	24
25	26 BINGO 7PM	27	28	29	30	31 Annual Chili Challenge 2 PM

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Groundhog Day BINGO 7PM	3	4	5 B.O.D. <u>6:30 PM</u>	6	7
8 <u>SUPER BOWL</u>	9 BINGO 7PM	10	11 AUX MTG 7PM	12 <u>POST MTG 7PM</u>	13	14 Happy Valentines Day
15	16 BINGO 7PM Presidents Day	17	18	19 SAL MTG <u>7PM</u>	20	21
22	23 BINGO 7PM	24	25	26 TRIVIA 7-9PM	27	28
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

Annual CHILI Challenge

Back by Popular Demand !!

> **SAT. Jan 31st at 2:00 PM** <

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Sign-Up sheet in the Lounge

**** EVERYBODY is a JUDGE !!! ****

> Fabulous Prizes for BEST in Classes <

Come De-Throne the Current Champ !!!!!

WELCOME ABOARD

Sean Bissaillon – Colonie

Melissa Ehler – Halfmoon

Denise Leonard – Rexford

John Miller Jr – Ballston Spa

Patrick Murry – Halfmoon

Joseph Pizzuti - Clifton Park

Julie Simmons – Clifton Park

James Spring - Clifton Park

Nicholas Tisencheck - Clifton Park

Jessica Tisencheck – Clifton Park

Darren Towne – Caroga Lake

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