





#### Mohawk Post No.1450

# AMERICAN LEGION

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#### COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Hello again Everyone!! o, it sure has been a crappy spring so far, but it finally looks like summer is trying hard to make an appearance!!!

I would like to thank everyone for their help in making this year's Memorial Day Remembrance such a Great Event for all of the large crowd in attendance. The Weather was perfect and all enjoyed!! Plus, a Special thanks to Gregg, the Set-Up Crew, & all the kitchen volunteers, Great job!!

Speaking of the Pavilion... There will be plenty more activities throughout the summer, so please keep in mind that we can always welcome more volunteers. There are Many Un-Claimed Aprons available!!

As for the Installation of officers for Legionaries, Sons, and Auxiliary was held, complete with a dinner shared by all together. Many-Thanx to Ricky-P & All the House-Staff!! And, Congratulations to all New &/or Reelected officers !!

\*\* Oh-Ya, Please Note: there will be No Post, Aux, or SONS Meetings in both July & August.

The Belmont is over and I hope your horse was the winner. Saratoga is all a buzz with the season of racing. Here's hoping that many of you will be big winners.

Lastly please remember to thank our men and women in uniform and their families left behind for their service. God Bless all that serve our country to keep us free!! God Bless American Legion Post 1450!!! **Chuck LaFountain, Commander** 

#### > Mark your Calendars <</p>

\*\* <u>Just-4-Us Friday's Return in July !! \*\* 6-11 PM on: Friday Jul. 11<sup>th</sup> & Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> |</u>

Come Join us at the Pavilion for some Fresh-Air Socializing, Fun, & Games.!!!

- \*\* Cash Bar, Burgers & Dogs for sale Too !! \*\* Cornhole, Horseshoes, Bocce, Maybe even: Poker with Patty !!!
  - > Open to All Members & their Guests <

Pavilion-Master Gregg & Poker-Patty

#### \*\*\* Stewie-Open Golf Tournament \*\*\*

Boucoup-Thanx to All those responsible for making this year's Stewie such a HUGE SUCCESS!!!!

Please watch for a list of SPONSORS in our next Newsletter, and Most of All, Please show your Appreciation with your Patronage !!! Jim Keith - Stewie-Golf-Grand-Poohbah

#### **WEEKLY FOOTBALL CLUB**

The **sign-up sheet** for our weekly football club will be posted in early August. This season starts on Sun. Sept. 7th.

\*\* For Legion members & other-half's ONLY. Jim McGowan, A.K.A: "The Commish"

#### **POST-1450 ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC**

>> NOTE: This Event Requires a Minimum of 75 people to sign-up.

Sat. Sept 20th - Noon to 4-PM



\*\* For Members. Significant Others, & Immediate Family ONLY \*

Tickets go on sale In Early August.

# Must purchase Tix by Fri Sept 12th

Adults \$15, Kids under 10 Free. 12-3 = Free Food, Draft Beer, & Soda Gregg Gendron, Boss & Picnic-Kahuna

**U.S. Flag Etiquette -** Anyone can bring worn

or unwanted Flags to the Post. Or the Red Drop-Off Box @ the VFW on Rte-9, to be "Properly Retired".



#### **AUXILIARY NEWS**

Congratulations to all of our newly elected Legion Family Officers! We are also excited to have Susan Carmack as our Auxiliary President for 2025-'26 season! Congratulations, President Susan!

MUCH THANKS to Sheila Holman for her exemplary role as past President, as she has kept our 1450 Auxiliary alive 'n kicking!

#### \*\* Events coming up:

July 15-19 - **DEPARTMENT CONVENTION**.

Syracuse NY. See Sheila Holman for info.

July 16 - **BLOOD DRIVE** - 1-6:00pm. Contact Red Cross for appt: 800-733-2767.

Volunteers always needed. Contact Cheryl Jay. 518-470-9353.

#### \*\*REMINDER: NO MEETINGS July or August.

Sept 10 - **AUX MEETING -** 7:00pm. Come share your ideas on fundraising for our Legion and our Veterans!

Sept 27 - **CRAFT FAIR/BAKE SALE** - 9am-3pm. Vendor applications on website: **alany1450.org** 

\*\*A note from President Susan; "I am looking forward to working with everyone again. I would appreciate if everyone would look at the different committees we have and think about chairing one or more. Remember, this is all helping our Veterans and keeping us a non-profit organization. In September, I will send a list around to sign up. It would be great if everyone could help out with the committees. Thank you."

American Poet, Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "One flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one Nation, evermore!"

Wishing all a Safe and Healthy Summer! President Susan and Kathy Bonk

\*\* Annual Grave-Decoration in May: Many-Thanx to everyone who voluntarily put New Flags on over 550 Veteran's Graves at our 5 local Cemeteries. Thank You also to the Towns of Halfmoon & Clifton Park for Funding the flags. Jim Keith, Coordinator

#### \*\* Memorial Day\*\*

Moocho-Thanx to Joanne Lussier & Taryn Brady—Anthem-Singers, Staff Evans -Taps, our Color Guard, the Pavilion Crew, and all in Attendance for being True Patriots!! Kevin "A.", M.C. / Event Coordinator

#### **BINGO REPORT**

Balance on 4/30/25 = \$33,510.88 Receipts = \$3,833.00 Total Available = \$53,849.76 Disbursements \$8,983.92 Balance as of 5/31/25 = \$28,359.96

#### **SAL NEWS**

First-off, Congratulations to all the Newly Elected and the Re-Elected Officers within the Legion Family here at the Post. Let us all work together for another successful and fun year at the Post.

The Hall and the Pavilion will be having another busy season, so Please think about Volunteering whenever you can !!. Speaking of Volunteering: How 'bout helping-out on:

\*\* **July 19**<sup>th</sup> for our Drive-Thru Grab-N-Go with either Steak or Chicken, OR...

\*\* August 9<sup>th</sup> for a whole-day of Food, Fun & Music. Steamed Clams will be available & Watch for More Details in the Lounge...

Sons membership is at 99%. Let's get your dues paid for this year.

Here is a Heads-Up: There is NO Sons regular Monthly Meetings in July and August.

Be safe, have fun over the summer, & Celebrate The 4th of July with Pride!!

Always look for ways to help our veterans and their families. Fly the Stars and Stripe

God Bless America!!
Marcus Houser, SAL Commander

#### SONS BBQ ~ Grab-N-Go

Sat. July 19<sup>th</sup>

\*\* Pre-Sale Only \*\* Take-Out Only BBQ Chicken \$15, Steak \$20



Incl: Corn on the Cob, & Baked Potato
\*\* Pick-Up @ Pavilion 4-6PM

#### **SONS Pavilion Picnic – Sat Aug 9th**



\*\* Clams avail. for \$11 \*\*

\*\* See Bartender for Tix \*\*

Legion DART League – Starts Sept 30th

Sign-Up to be Posted Mid-Aug = Members-Only \*\* Prior & New Shooters are Welcome!! Planning Meeting 7-PM, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> **Jeff Hotaling, President** 

#### **Attention: Pavilion Volunteers**

A Special mid-season Shout-Out to All our Wonderful Pavilion Workers!!!

Your Effort & Dedication is Breathtaking, and WE Thank You !!!

Gregg Gendron, Pavilion-Chieftain

# \*\* TRAVERS Day \*\* In the Lounge SAT. Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> 4-7PM

Come Celebrate Travers
Day in the Friendly
Comfort of our Lounge!!

\*\* Bell-Jar Tix Raffled
on the Half-Hour.
J.K., Handi-Capper
Extraordinaire

Bloodmobile Wed July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1- 6PM

\*\* Walk-In's may be available,

\*\* BUT Appointments
are Highly
Recommended
Please Visit:
redcrossblood.org
or Call: 1-800-733-2767
~ ~ Please consider
donating while All
Blood-Types are
Needed.

THE POST WILL BE

Friday, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>,
BUT you're All Invited to
Come watch our ColorGuard go Marching by @
the Clifton Park Parade.

\*\* <u>NOTE</u> \*\* Team-Trivia Returns in SEPT !!!

The Quiz-Master & Trivia-Elves

~ ~ <u>2025 = Dues</u> ~ ~ Legion - \$45 AUX- \$35 / JRM- \$9.00 SONS- \$25 / JRM- \$15

#### **JULY**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	1	2	3	4	5
			Army Air Corps 1926	B.O.D. 6:30-PM	HAPPY 4 <sup>th</sup> / POST CLOSED	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	BINGO 7-PM		** No Aux Meeting	** No Post Meeting	Just-4-Us	
13	14 BINGO 7-PM	15	16	** No SONS Meeting	18	19 SONS Grab-N-Go @ The Pavilion
20	BINGO 7-PM	22	23 BLOOD MOBILE 1-6 PM	24	25	26
27	BINGO 7-PM	29	30	31	xxx	XXX

#### **AUGUST**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	xxx	1	2
3	4 BINGO 7-PM USCG 1790	5	6	7 B.O.D. 6:30-PM	8	9 SONS Picnic @ The Pavilion
10	BINGO 7-PM	12	13 ** No Aux Meeting	14 ** No Post Meeting	15 Just-4-Us	16
17	BINGO 7-PM	19	20	21 ** No SONS Meeting	22	23 TRAVERS in Lounge 4-7 PM
24/31	BINGO 7-PM	26	27	28	29	30

### \*\*\* Congratulations & Best of Luck to All our Newly-Elected Officers \*\*\*

\*\* We look forward to another Happy, Healthy & Productive year of Close-Cooperation & Harmony For the entire Post-1450 Family !!!

Chuck LaFountain, Commander, Mohawk Post-1450 Susan Carmack, President, Unit-1450

Marcus Houser, Commander, Squadron-1450

# AMERICAN LEGION Post 1450 Officers

Chuck LaFountain Commander 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Commander Greg Mincher 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander John Desautels 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Tom McLaughlin Lippy Lepine Adjutant Finance Officer Bob Malo Chaplain Sam Gallucci Service Officer Jim Valenti Sergeant-at-Arms Jeff Nowc

#### **Board of Directors**

President Chuck LaFountain Secretary Lippy Lepine Bob Malo Treasurer Jeff Nowc Mike Knise Tom McLaughlin Jim Keith Sam Gallucci Gil Lebel Jim Valenti Kevin A. Walsh **Greg Mincher** Jim Johnson

#### **Auxiliary**

Susan Carmack President 1st Vice President Cheryl Jay 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Sandy Mincher Jamie Ballestero Secretary Treasurer Kim Quick Chaplain Pat Rudebush Historian Sheila Holman Sergeant-at-Arms Kathy Hedlund

#### SONS

Commander Marcus Houser 1st Vice Commander Dave Blair 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander Pete Lapan 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander Gregg Gendron Treasurer Bob Keith Adjutant Kevin A. Walsh Historian Chuck DeCerce Steve Bizan Chaplain Sergeant-at-Arms Frank Brammer



#### \*\* IN MEMORIAL \*\*

Sid Cisco – Naples, FL Robert Garland – Sarnac Lake Charles Meyer – Scotia John Prevost – Sar. Springs

#### **Membership Report:**

We have 514 Paid, Goal of 574, or 89.5% & You still have time to Pay 2025 Dues !!! \*\* New, 2026 Dues notices will be here soon.

"Lippy", Membership

#### WELCOME ABOARD

Christine Greinert - Halfmoon Bianca Harper - Galway John Lyons - Glenville Charlene Whitman – Mech. Steven Whitman - Mechanicville

# Check-Out our New 'Tronic Billboard



Watch for Info & Updates

#### MOHAWK POST SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

We are very proud to see so many students expend the time and effort necessary to apply. Once again, this year, having so many highly-qualified applicants certainly made the final choices difficult.

# \*\*\* Congratulations to this year's recipients Totaling \$6,000 in Scholarships:

Kate Wachowiak Molly Atkinson
Julian VanAllen Mason Little
Molly Krolak Eva Hurley
Blake Kilgallon Kyle Coulombe

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We wish Each & Every applicant the utmost success in the future !! Lippy Lepine & Bob Keith, Scholarship Committee Chairs

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