



Mohawk Post No.1450 AMERICAN LEGION

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Hello to all our Vets, Sons and Auxiliary!!!

I would like to start with thanking our committee chairs. Bell Jar-Jimmy Keith, Bar Stewart-Jimmy Keith and Assistant-Mike Knise, Bingo-Sam Gallucci, House-Jim Valenti & Ricky Petuski, Finance-Bobby Malo, Pavilion-Greg Gendron, Color Guard-Andy Casucci, Membership and all the other little jobs-Lippy, Plus Wally & the entire landscaping crew. You folks are truly the back bone of Post 1450 and we are extremely proud to have you as our members!!!

The Stewie was another great success., Many-Thanks to J.K. & all that made that possible.

Great job by the Sons for their Chicken-Steak drive-thru that was enjoyed by many.

Summer isn't over yet. Corn hole and all the other activities are still going on. Be on the look-out for other activities this summer and the fall.

Football season is revving up!! Please stop by and enjoy your Post 1450, meet friends and make new ones!!

In closing, as always, please find time each and every day to give thanks and remembrance to our Men and Women in Uniform, and their Families left behind, for their current personal sacrifices, to guarantee our Freedom.

God Bless America and God Bless Post 1450 !!!

Chuck LaFountain, Commander

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Monthly TEAM-TRIVIA Returns

>> Come Join the Fun from 7-9 PM on:

**** THURSDAY – SEP 25th**

**** THURSDAY – OCT 23rd**

Come Join a Team, bring friends & Start a team, Or just come Quench your Thirst and have a Wicked-Pissah Good Time !!!

The Quiz-Master & the Trivia Elves

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**\*\* Please Note: The Post will be CLOSED  
On Labor Day, Monday Sept. 1st**

## > Membership - Eligibility <

**ALL Honorably Discharged Veterans,  
having One-Day Active Duty,  
from Dec. 1941 to Present are  
NOW ELIGIBLE to Join the Legion !!!**

> **SONS** = Male descendants, including stepsons and adopted sons, of a Current Legion Member or a QUALIFIED Deceased Veteran who was "Eligible" for membership.

> **AUXILIARY** = Mother, wife, daughter, sister, granddaughter, or Husband of a Current Legion Member or a QUALIFIED Deceased Veteran who was "Eligible" for membership.

**\*\* DD-214 Required for All New Members & Transfers Except those eligible via a Past or Present Post-1450 Member**



**\*\* Our Prayers & best Wishes go out to All of our Men & Women in Uniform !!!**

**\*\*Please notify Lippy at the Post of any**

**Members who are "Forward Deployed" in support of the War on Terror so we can Pay their Dues.**

## GREAT JOB Down Below !!!

Much-Deserved, Hugs, & Kisses to ALL the dedicated Pavilion Volunteers for yet-another, Successful, Fun-Filled Summer !!!

**Gregg Gendron, The "Big-Cheese"**

## WELCOME ABOARD !!!

Donald Brown - Latham  
Mark Nolan – Mechanicville  
Gerri Ripple – Ballston Spa  
Richard Tepper – Halfmoon  
Valerie Woodward – Clifton Park

## SAL NEWS

I never wanted to see the Hot Days of Summer slip-by but this year I will be very happy to have the Cooler Days and Nights of Autumn.

Now that we've had a two-month break from Meetings, Let's all get reacquainted, starting with the Sept. 18th meeting. Come see what's going on, & have your ideas be heard.

Don't forget to sign up for the Legion Family Picnic on September 20th. Let make it happen!! & also support the latest Aux Fund-Raiser.

The Sons Grab and Go BBQ was very successful & so was the Sons Picnic at the Pavilion. Thank you to all who helped with these events.

Next-Up: the Sons are having a Breakfast on Sunday October 19. Please join us and see what you can do to help.

In closing, always show your patriotism and always remember to thank a Veteran and their families for their sacrifices they have endured on our behalf. **God Bless America !!! combined**

**Marcus Houser, SAL Commander**

### Donations Update

Did you know that Last-Year "We" Donated over \$43,000 to Local / National Charities, or in Scholarships !!!

AND, so far "Year-To-Date, we have already Donated over \$31,000 !! Specifically: Bell Jar = \$19,200, Bingo = \$9,050, & the Post = \$3,690.

**\*\* Plus:** The SONS & Auxiliary, Combined, Annually donate over \$20,000 !!

>> SO, Give Yourself a BIG-HAND, Cuz You Deserve it !!! **Chuck LaFountain, CDR**

### U.S. Flag Etiquette

**\*\* Please bring all worn or unwanted Flags to the Post or to the Red Drop-Box at the VFW on Route-9 to be Properly "Retired"**



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



**\* For Members & Family ONLY \***

**SAT. Sept 20th - Noon to 4-PM**

**Must Buy Tix = Fri Sep 12th**

**.\$15 per person, kids under 10 Free.**

**Noon-3 = Free Food & Draft Beer**

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

**Gregg G. = Boss-Man / Picnic-Kahuna**

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hope all had a safe and healthy summer.

Check-Out the below list of upcoming Events as we welcome back our New/Old President-Susan! As you can see, she's more than ready to plan events in support of our Veterans and their families! Here's what's going on:

Sept 10 - **AUX MEETING** - 7:00pm. Come give a warm welcome to our new Officers & have your Voice be Heard!

Sept 17 - **BLOOD DRIVE** - 1-6pm. Contact Red Cross for appt: 800-733-2767. Volunteers always needed. Contact Cheryl Jay 518-479-2474.

Sept 27 - **CRAFT FAIR, FLEA-MARKET, BAKE SALE** - 9am-3pm. Vendor applications are on website, **alany1450.org**. Contact Sandy Mincher to bake some goodies!

Sept 15 - **FALL CONFERENCE** - 9:30am. Amsterdam NY. See President Susan for info.

Oct 8 - **AUX MEETING** - 7:00pm. Come help plan our future fundraisers!

Oct 16 - **AUX COUNTY MEETING** - 7:00pm. Held at our Post 1450. See President Susan for info.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING** - Kim Quick is in the process of setting this up. More info to follow.

**Famous Advice:** U.S. Army General George S Patton Jr once said, "Lead me, follow me, or get the hell out of my way."

**REMINDER: 2026 DUES** are now being accepted. **Adults = \$35. Juniors 20 and under = \$9.** AUX members 75+ years old, please contact Pres. Sheila.

**Always, Please remember to Thank a Vet!**  
**President Susan & Kathy Bonk**

### **Auxiliary Unit-1450 CRAFT-FAIR**

**Sat. - Sept 27<sup>th</sup> = 9 AM - 4 PM**

Now seeking VENDORS

**\*\* For Registration Or more Info:**

**Call: 518-937-0277 or**

**E-Mail: [alaunit1450@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit1450@gmail.com)**



### **BINGO Report**

Balance on 6/30/25 = \$33,182.70,  
Rcpts = \$6,335.00, Total Avail = \$39,517.70,  
Disbursements = \$4,887.06,  
Balance on 7/31/25 = 34,630.64

**Sam Gallooch, Bingo Chairman**

## SEPTEMBER – 2025

| Sun | Mon                              | Tue                        | Wed                                      | Thu                                           | Fri                             | Sat                                |
|-----|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| XXX | 1<br>Labor<br>Day Post<br>Closed | 2                          | 3<br>Sar.<br>County<br>Meeting           | 4<br>B.O.D.<br>Mtg<br>6:30                    | 5<br>Football<br>Club<br>BEGINS | 6                                  |
| 7   | 8<br>BINGO<br>7PM                | 9                          | 10<br>AUX<br>MTG<br><u>7-PM</u>          | 11<br>POST MTG<br>7-PM                        | 12                              | 13                                 |
| 14  | 15<br>BINGO<br>7PM               | 16                         | 17<br><u>Blood-<br/>Mobile</u><br>1-6 PM | 18<br>SAL MTG<br><u>7-PM</u><br><br>USAF 1947 | 19                              | 20<br>Family<br>Day<br>12-4PM      |
| 21  | 22<br>BINGO<br>7PM               | 23<br>Darts<br>Mtg<br>7-PM | 24                                       | 25<br>TRIVIA<br>7-9 PM                        | 26                              | 27<br>AUX<br>Craft Fair<br>9am-4pm |
| 28  | 29<br>BINGO<br>7PM               | 30<br>Dahhts<br>Stahts     | XXX                                      | XXX                                           | XXX                             | XXX                                |

## OCTOBER – 2025

| Sun                             | Mon                                     | Tue | Wed                                          | Thu                             | Fri                                    | Sat                      |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| XXX                             | XXX                                     | XXX | 1                                            | 2<br>B.O.D.<br>MTG<br>6:30-PM   | 3                                      | 4                        |
| 5                               | 6<br>BINGO<br>7PM                       | 7   | 8<br><u>AUX</u><br><u>Mtg</u><br><u>7-PM</u> | 9<br>POST<br>MTG<br><u>7-PM</u> | 10                                     | 11                       |
| 12                              | 13                                      | 14  | 15                                           | 16                              | 17                                     | 18                       |
|                                 | BINGO<br><u>7PM</u><br><br>USN<br>1775  |     |                                              | SAL<br>MTG<br>7-PM              |                                        | Scary<br>Karaoke<br>7-10 |
| 19<br>SONS<br>BRKFST<br>8-11:30 | 20<br>BINGO<br>7PM                      | 21  | 22                                           | 23<br>TRIVIA<br>7-9 PM          | 24                                     | 25                       |
| <u>26</u>                       | <u>27</u><br><u>BINGO</u><br><u>7PM</u> | 28  | 29                                           | 30                              | 31<br><u>Happy</u><br><u>Halloween</u> | XXX                      |

### “MEMBERSHIP REPORT”

We closed-out 2025 with 518 Paid, or 90% of our Goal of 574. Many 2026 Renewals have already begun rolling-in !! Moocho-Thanx to the 200-Plus members who have already Earned their highly coveted “Early-Bird” stamp !!

**“Lippy”,  
Membership Chairman**

### > NOTES <

**\*\* Next Blood Mobile is:  
Wed, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, 1-6 PM**  
**\*\* Walk-In's may be available,**  
**\*\* BUT Appointments are  
Highly Recommended**  
Please Visit: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
or Call: 1-800-733-2767  
**~ ~ Please consider donating  
while All Blood-Types are  
Needed.**

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Monday Sept. 1st**

**2026 Membership Dues are  
Now being accepted !!**

**> Regular Members = \$45**  
**> AUX = \$35 / Under-18 = \$9**  
**> SAL = \$25 / Under 18 = \$15**

**\*\* Pay Early by Mail  
–or– at the Post \*\***

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### “CHAPLAIN’s CORNER”

Many, Many Thanks to All those who faithfully attend the “Wakes” to pay respect to our Deceased Members.

Anyone interested in getting on the List to become a part of this Much Appreciated and Extremely Rewarding duty, please contact me at the Post.

**Sam Gallucci, Chaplain**

**AMERICAN LEGION  
Post 1450 Officers**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Commander                      | Chuck LaFountain |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander | Greg Mincher     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander | John Desautels   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander | Tom McLaughlin   |
| Adjutant                       | Lippy Lepine     |
| 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     |
| Treasurer    | Bob Malo         |
| Mike Knise   | Kevin A.         |
| Jeff Nowc    | Jim Keith        |
| Greg Minch   | Gil Lebel        |
| Jim Valenti  | Jim Johnson      |
| Sam Gallooch | Cards McLaughlin |

**AUXILIARY**

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

**SONS**

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Commander                      | Marcus Houser     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander | Bucky Blair       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander | Pete Lapan        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander | Gregg Gendron     |
| Treasurer                      | Bobby Keith       |
| Adjutant                       | Kevin A. Walsh    |
| Historian                      | Chuck DeCerece    |
| Chaplain                       | Uncle-Steve Bizan |
| Sergeant-at-Arms               | Lil-Bub Brammer   |



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

Grace Kwazneski – Waterford  
William Ryan – Loudonville  
Michael Savage - Schenectady

**Attention ALL Post-1450 Members**

>> It is CRUCIAL that your Loved-Ones have Ready-Access to your DD-214 in time of need.

>> All-Hands are URGED to Verify that We have YOUR DD-214 "On-File" at the Post.

>> Note: For many years the Post was NOT Required to Retain DD-214's so Many are Missing.

> > **Please Contact Lippy @ 518-488-9925**  
**Or E-Mail: [americanlegion1450@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegion1450@gmail.com)**  
**to Verify that we have it on-file.**

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**Get Veterans Records ON-LINE**

Most veterans & their next-of-kin can obtain free copies of their DD Form 214 (Report of Separation) and other military and medical records ON-Line AT:

**<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>**

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