



Mohawk Post No.1450
AMERICAN LEGION

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Wow, what a Year... It's kinda hard to believe that "Ten days to flatten the curve" has lasted for Over a YEAR, & counting !!! But, here we are, still hiding behind masks, 6-feet apart, and Praying that it will all be Over SOON !!!

Needless to say, it's been a "Very Interesting" Winter for Snow-Storms too... Thank God we've been lucky enough to "Dodge" more storms than the ones that Nailed Us. Personally, you can put my "X" in the Column next to: "No-More-Snow" and Commence the Spring-Thaw already !!!

Next, have I mentioned lately all the "GOOD" that we're able to do as a direct result of the Efforts by our Volunteers and all those who support us ?? Each & Every Year, on top of keeping our own doors Open, Your-Post Donates Big-Bucks to many Local & National Charities !! ** And This Year, Even with all the lost-revenue due to the Pandemic, we STILL managed to make over \$15,000 in donations. ** Yes SIR; for ALL you DO: This Brew's for YOU !!!

Now, ya know, I've gotta say Congrats to the "Bucs of Tampa Bay" for their Convincing Superbowl WIN over the Heavily-Favored K.C. Chefs. Never Bet against Gronk & The G.O.A.T. !! Of course, that also means that Golf, NASCAR, Curling, & Axe-Throwing are Front & Center on the Big-Screen !!!

On a serious note, unfortunately, we endured the "passing" of 25 members during this past year. Please keep them and their families in your prayers and let it also serve as a reminder to cherish each and every moment we have with family, & friends.

Lastly, as always, please find time each and every day to give thanks and remembrance to all of our men and women in Uniform and their families left behind, who are currently engaged in personal sacrifice to guarantee our Freedom.

Lippy Lepine, Commander

Free Indoor 9-Hole Mini-Golf at the Post !!!

Be on the Look-Out for Info Posted in the Lounge about Saturday March 20th & April 17th when the course will be OPEN for play from 1-4 PM.

> > Many Thanx to "Cards" McLaughlin, Bobby Kilgallon, Wally Akstull, & Timmy Ketz for Fabricating such an Exciting Nine-Hole Golf Experience !!



**** IN MEMORIUM ****

- Emma Kay Blair – Ballston Lake
- Jim Dellarocco – Melrose, NY
- Bill Furlong Jr - Waterford
- Gene Kaufmann - Waterford
- Samuel Kawola - Albany
- Pat Keyrouze – Clifton Park
- Ned Minahan – Saratoga Springs
- Ted Smetana – Clifton Park
- Ronald Volungus - Rexford

Deceased Members

All three Legion Family Chaplains check the Obit's Daily to identify any Members who may have Passed-Away.

Unfortunately, as happened recently, sometimes a member's Obit goes un-noticed.

**** PLEASE Notify us Immediately if you see an Obit for, or know of any Member who has Passed-Away.**



Bloodmobile:
Wed, MAR-17th
1-6 PM
Walk-Ins Welcome

WELCOME ABOARD

- Chris Jensen - Clifton Park
- John Kearney - Stillwater
- Bobby Lane – Clifton Park
- Allen Reome - Halfmoon
- Margaret Sautter - Halfmoon
- Timothy Slattery - Troy

AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello fellow Auxiliary members! Hope you are all well and staying warm tucked in your homes during this crazy pandemic. I guess we are all working on getting the vaccine & it is not easy to navigate that system. Good luck to everyone with that. The sooner that we get it, the sooner we can begin to get our lives back on track.

Our next Auxiliary meeting is March 10th and again it will be a Zoom meeting. You will receive an email invite to join the meeting. Please let us know if you'll be joining us.

The only fundraiser we have going right now is the Quilt Raffle. Tickets for the raffle have been sent to all members and we hope you will purchase and return the tickets to us and support this fundraiser. A beautiful quilt, made & donated by our own Sandy LaFountain, is on display at the Legion. Tickets must be in by the Mar 13th.

We will be celebrating our Legion's 103rd Birthday on March 15th. It will be our opportunity to thank all the Legionaires for all they have done for our country.. Our service men and women have made many sacrifices for the good of us all and we are very proud to be able to support them and be here when needed.

President Sheila is thinking of you and wishes all a beautiful Easter as we get ready to welcome Spring once again and can't wait for us all to be together again soon.

God bless our service men and women giving their all to protect our freedom during these difficult times.

God Bless America, Kathy Gallucci

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 635 Paid or 92% of our goal of 684. If your Door-Card Don't work, please pay by mail or at the Post.

**** And: Be on the LOOK-OUT !!!**

New Membership Rules Have Opened our Doors to ALL Honorably Discharged Veterans who served at least One-Day of Active Service after Basic Training.

**** Also:** WE Pay Dues for all Active Duty Members who are Forward-Deployed in defense of our Freedom. ** Please let us know of Anybody who is Forward Deployed.

SAL NEWS

Sad but True, that we've been dealing with this pandemic for an entire year !! Many of our day-to-day activities have changed but hopefully things will be able to become more normal as the year continues.

Hopefully, with state restrictions loosening a little, there could be a chance to do some fund raisers later on this year. I miss working with all the Sons during our functions and interacting with the community.

As for Membership, "GG" says we are at 93.7%. Many thanks to those who've already paid and if you haven't, please pay ASAP. Welcome aboard to all new members and I look forward to meeting each of you over a Frosty at the Post !!

Also, a Big Thank-You-Hug to everyone who has been able to stop in and support the post !! I know that wearing masks and social distancing is not the easiest thing to do but, it is both Necessary & Greatly Appreciated.

Lastly, a Special-Thanks to all our Volunteers who allowed the Post to provide Support to so many worthwhile causes over this year !!!

As always, please keep all our Veterans, & their families, in your thoughts & prayers.

Todd Spinner, SONS Commander



**** Tentatively Scheduled:**

**We "Hope" to have some form
Of the 13th Annual Stewie-Open
Projected Date = Sat, June 19th**

4-Man, Best-Ball / Scramble
@ Fairways of Halfmoon,

In Honor of Past CDR, Tim Stewart
All Proceeds support Post-1450 Charities

**Look for More Info
Posted in the Lounge
in early April**

Jim Keith, Tourney Dir. / Divot -Master

NY State Virus Online Info / Resources

> NY State COVID Testing Website:
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>

> NY State COVID Vaccine Website:
<https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>

QUILT RAFFLE

Aux Unit-1450 is raffling a Sandy LaFountain, hand-made Quilt to support Veterans Programs & Local Charities.

Tix Avail. in the Lounge: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Drawing Sat, Mar 13th.

Yellow Ribbon Day Ceremony

Fri, April 9th, 11 AM @ Halfmoon Veterans Memorial Park

Post & Auxiliary LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Criteria Posted in the Lounge = Submit Names & Written Justification in a sealed Envelope ATTN: "Life Membership Committee"

Deadline = April 7th

Urgent Need for Wheel Chairs

For many years we loaned-out Wheel Chairs For-Free. Sadly, most of them never returned...

IF you know of any Un-Wanted / Un-Used Wheel Chairs please contact the Post @ 518-371-4463.

NOTE: Walkers, canes, & crutches are NOT Needed

-- BINGO REPORT --

Bal. 12/31/20 - \$2800.94

Receipts = \$2651.00

Total Avail. = \$5451.94

Disbursements = \$264.42

Bal. 1/31/21 = \$5187.52

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	1 BINGO 7PM	2	3	4 BOD MTG 6:30PM	5	6
7	8 BINGO 7PM	9	10 AUX Mtg Zoom 7PM	11 POST MTG 7PM <u>No Food</u> Sub Svc 1900	12	13
14 D.S.T. Set Clocks Ahead	15 BINGO 7PM Legion B-Day	16	17 Blood Mobile 1-6 PM St Pat's Day	18 SAL MTG 7PM	19	20 Indoor Mini-Golf 1-4 PM
21	22 BINGO 7PM	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 BINGO 7PM	30	31	XXX	XXX	XXX

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	1 BOD MTG 6:30PM	2	3
4 Happy Easter Post CLOSED	5 BINGO 7PM	6	7 AUX Mtg Zoom 7PM Life Mbr Deadline	8 Post Mtg 7PM No Food	9 Yellow Ribbon Day 11 AM Halfmoon Vets Park	10
11	12 BINGO 7PM	13	14	15 SAL MTG 7PM Schlrship Deadline	16	17 Indoor Mini-Golf 1-4 PM
18	19 BINGO 7PM	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 BINGO 7PM	27 Golf Star ts	28	29	30	XXX

**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 1450 Officers**

Commander	Lippy Lepine
1 st Vice Commander	Roy Kraus
2 nd Vice Commander	John Desautels
3 rd Vice Commander	Joel Rouillard
Adjutant	Mike Prendergast
Finance Officer	Ron Lamont
Chaplain	Sam Gallucci
Service Officer	Jim Valenti
Sergeant-at-Arms	Greg Mincher

Board of Directors

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Secretary	Mike Prendergast
Treasurer	Ron Lamont
Mike Knise	Sam Gallucci
Greg Minchner	Jim Keith
Roy Kraus	Gil Lebel
Joel Rouillard	Jim Olsakovsky
Jim Valenti	Bob Malo
Doug Ludwig	Chucky LaFountain

Auxiliary

President	Sheila Holman
1 st Vice President	Susan Carmack
2 nd Vice President	Sandy Mincher
Secretary	Kathy Bonk
Treasurer	Kim Quick
Chaplain	Linda Pasinello
Historian	Elaine Ooooo
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cheryl Jay

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Treasurer	Bob Keeth
Adjutant	Ken Decerce
Historian	Vinnie Boombatz
Chaplain	Mike Lenigan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Frank Brammer

***** MOHAWK POST-1450 Offers The Following
ROBERT NIELSON, STAN STAGE, TIM STEWART
AMERICAN STUDIES SCHOLARSHIPS**

Each year Mohawk Post-1450 sponsors up to 6 (Six) scholarships for High School Seniors. These scholarships are awarded for American Studies. Listed below are the 4 (Four) ways to Qualify:

1. Shenendehowa High School Senior who is a U.S. Citizen. ** One \$1,000 & One \$500 Scholarship available.
2. Shenendehowa High School Senior who is the Child or Grandchild of a Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. ** One \$1,000 & One \$500 Scholarship available.
3. Any High School Senior outside the Shenendehowa School District who is the Child or Grandchild of a Member in Good-Standing of Post-1450, Auxiliary Unit-1450, or SAL Squadron-1450. **One \$1,000 Scholarship.
4. A Member in Good-Standing of SAL Squadron-1450 who is a graduating Senior from any High School District. ** One \$1,000 Scholarship available.

** Applications are available in the Shenendehowa High School Guidance Dept. and at Post-1450 upon request.

** **Completed application Packages must be received At the Post >> No Later Than April 15th.**

> > **Grading Criteria includes:** American Studies, Academic Records & Standing, Extracurricular Activities, and Community Service involvement.

**** Best of Luck in advance to All Applicants !!!**

Ron Lamont, Scholarship Committee Chairman



**SONS of the American Legion Squadron-1450
ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP**

SAL Squadron-1450 is now accepting applications for a \$500 Scholarship to be awarded to a Deserving High School Senior who has been a Member in Good Standing for a minimum of one year of either SAL Squadron-1450 or Aux. Unit-1450. * Applications are Only available at the Post & must be received at the Post **No Later Than April 15th**. **Bob Keeth, Scholarship Committee Chairman**

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