



# American Legion Mohawk Post No.1450

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

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## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Hello everyone!! It's been a very wet winter and thank God not much snow...at least not yet!! It's just about time to get ready to mow those lawns, so I know we'll all be tuning up our mowers.

Thank you to all our volunteer members for their effort over this past year. It has allowed us to donate over \$32,000 to many local and National charities.

Well, the Super Bowl and football may be over, BUT: Now we still have many activities for all of you to take a part in. The TV is still alive with College Basketball, Golf, NASCAR, & AXE-Throwing!!! Plus, we have our own corn hole, trivia, and darts... Also don't forget about BINGO every Monday night & the great group of volunteers who do an excellent job every week!! So if you're looking for a night out with a great group come join the fun!! And be sure to get another couple for "A Nice Night Out"!!

Let's make this new year a super one and it can be with all your help.

Please keep our deceased members families in mind with your prayers. Also don't forget our men and women in uniform and their families who worry about them every day. They are protecting all of us and our freedom.

**God Bless America!!! - Chuck LaFountain Commander**



**!!! Come get your GREEN-ON !!!**

**St. Paddy's at the Post**

**Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\* Irish Beer Specials Noon-6PM \*\***

## **How 'Bout: "A Nice Night OUT !!"**

**Sat, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-10 PM**

**ONLY \$15 per person gets you:**

**\*\* 6-6:30 = Hors D'oeuvres**

**\*\* 6:30-7 = Hot / Cold Buffet**

**\*\* 7-10 = Dancing to the Great "Johnny-Ooooo"**

**\*\* Pre-Sale ONLY – Deadline: Sat, April 20**

**\*\* Tix available & more info in the Bar**

**\*All Members allowed TWO Guest Couples\***



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

Jack Coulombe - Waterford  
Kathy Gallucci - Halfmoon  
Richard Meron - Gansevoort  
David Safford – Halfmoon  
David White – Ft Worth, TX

## **Honorary Life Member**

We award "HLM" to any member who achieves 50 Years Continuous Membership. Meaning, the Post pays their Dues so long as they remain Members of Post-1450.

**Congratulations go to Leroy Bessette of Ballston Spa for meeting this Milestone !!**

## **WELCOME ABOARD**

Dahn Bull – Rexford  
Nicholas Carpenter – Cohoes  
Cathy Gendron – Clifton Park  
Nancy Harrell - Waterford  
Teri Houser – Clifton Park  
Lance Kramer – Clifton Park  
Ronald LaFountain – Troy  
James Pepper JR – Clifton Park  
Mary Pipino – Clifton Park  
Norman Russell - Halfmoon  
Alexandra Santiago - Halfmoon  
Jason Towne – Caroga Lake

## **-- BINGO REPORT --**

Balance 12/31/23 = \$45,092.06  
Receipts = \$4,948.00  
Total Available = \$50,040.06  
Disbursements = \$10,025.71  
Balance on 1/31/24 = \$40,014.35

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy Spring! Our Auxiliary is Blooming with some Awesome Events. Join our meetings and check it out!

**MAR 13 & APR 10: AUX MTG:** 7-8pm. Always open to your fundraising ideas for our Veterans and their families!

**MAR 15: LEGION B'DAY PARTY** – 4-7pm. Come see what the special “Eats” will be!

**MAR 20: BLOODMOBILE:** 1-6pm. Volunteers always needed. Kathy Hedlund, 518-441-7477.

**MAR 23: EASTER EGG HUNT** – 1:00pm. Sign-up sheet at the bar.

**APR 13: BAKE SALE/SON'S BBQ** – Bake sale starts @3:30pm. BBQ starts @4:00pm. More info to follow.

Irish author, Emma Donoghue once said: “Scared is what you're feeling, Brave is what you're doing.”

Always remember to thank a Veteran!

**President Sheila Holman and Kathy Bonk**

## House & Pavilion Under New Management

SONS Squadron-1450 recently assumed Responsibility for all facets of management for both House & Pavilion Events.

Please direct all inquiries as follows:

> **House:** Rick Petuske 518-209-0993  
rpet326@gmail.com

> **Pavilion:** Gregg Gendron 518-339-7959  
ggendron@nycap.rr.com

## Next Bloodmobile

**Wed, Mar-20<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



## MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 509 Paid or 88% of our goal of 575. If your Door-Card Don't work, please pay by mail or at the Post.

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

Membership is Opened to ALL Honorably Discharged Veterans who served at least One-Day of Active Service after Basic Training.

## SAL NEWS

First-Off, here's some very Important news: The Sons have now assumed full-responsibility for running all Events, both in the Hall & at the Pavilion. Please attend our Monthly Meetings, on the 3rd Thursday @ 7PM, and learn how you can get involved.

On the Membership front, we currently have 89% Paid of our 2024 Goal. If your door card Don't work, your Dues Need PAID... Please always be on the look-out for Eligible candidates to help Grow our Squadron.

Here's a few events to Support:

\*\* Sign-Up Kids & Grandkids, ages 1-8, before March 18th for the Sons Easter Egg Hunt on Sat March 23rd @1:00 PM.

\*\* Sat, Apr 13, 4-6 PM - SONS Chicken BBQ **PRE-Sale Only** & Aux Bake-Sale and then at 7PM, Beach-Karaoke in the Lounge.

\*\*Sat, Apr 27<sup>th</sup> 6-10 PM – “A Nice Night Out”

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

**Marcus Houser, SONS Commander**



## 2024 Stewie-Open

**The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Stewie-Open  
Projected Date = Sat, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 in the Lounge in April**

**Jim Keith, Tourney Dir. / Divot -Master**

>> - **Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>** - <<

## SAL Chicken BBQ 4-6 PM

Open to Public, Eat-in or Take-Out

**\$15 - PRE-SALE Only - \$15**

1/2 Chicken, pot., veg, Roll, & desert

~ **Deadline for Tix = Thurs. Apr. 4th**



~ **Beach Karaoke In the Lounge** ~

**\*\* Swimming starts @ 7-PM \*\***

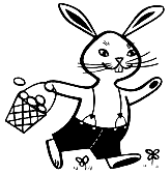
Bring your Bathing-Suit, Lotion, Sunglasses, & “Aloha-Attire” to Sing the Night-Away with the Amazing Johnny-Ohhh !!!

**\*\* Fabulous Prizes for best Outfits**



**Auxiliary Sponsored**  
**Legion Birthday**  
**Party**  
**Friday Mar 15th**  
**\*\* Free: Pizza**  
**From 4-7 PM**

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Sat. March 23 @ 1-PM**



Kids & Grandkids, Of  
 Post-1450 Members Only.  
 Ages 1-8  
**\*\* Sign-Up in the Lounge**  
**NLT Mon. Mar 18th**

**Post & Auxiliary**  
**LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Criteria Posted in the  
 Lounge = Submit  
 Names & Written  
 Justification  
 in a sealed Envelope  
 ATTN: "Life  
 Membership  
 Committee"  
**Deadline = April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**"Seeking Donations for  
 the Veterans Shelters" -**  
 Two "Needs-Lists" are  
 posted in the lounge. - -  
 Please help Support this  
 effort in the MENS &  
 LADIES bins provided.  
**Susan Carmack,**  
**Donation Coordinator**

**Yellow Ribbon Day**  
**Ceremony**

Tues, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM  
 @ Halfmoon Veterans  
 Memorial Park

**March**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	1	2
3	4 BINGO 7PM	5	6	7 BOD MTG 6:30PM	8	9
10 D.S.T. Set Clocks Ahead	11 BINGO 7PM Sub Svc 1900	12	13 AUX Mtg 7PM	14 POST MTG 7PM	15 AUX Legion Birthday Party 4-7PM	16 St Paddy's at the Post Irish Beer Specials
17 St Patty's Day	18 BINGO 7PM	19 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of SPRING	20 Blood Mobile 1-6 PM	21 SAL MTG 7PM	22	23 SONS Easter Egg Hunt 1PM
24 31 <sup>st</sup> Easter Closed	25 BINGO 7PM	26	27	28	29	30

**April**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	1 BINGO 7PM April Fools Day	2	3	4 BOD MTG 6:30PM	5	6
7	8 BINGO 7PM	9 Yellow Ribbon Day	10 AUX Mtg 7PM Life Mbr Deadline	11 Post Mtg 7PM	12	13 SONS Chkn BBQ Beach Karaoke
14	15 BINGO 7PM Scholrshp Deadline	16	17	18 SAL MTG 7PM	19	20
21	22 BINGO 7PM	23	24	25	26	27 A Nice Night OUT 6-10 PM
28	29 BINGO 7PM	30	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

**AMERICAN LEGION  
Post 1450 Officers**

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

**Board of Directors**

President	Chuck LaFountain
Secretary	Lippy
Treasurer	Bob Malo
Mike Knise	Sam Gallucci
Greg Mincher	Jim Keith
Roy Kraus	Gil Lebel
Cards McLaughlin	Kevin A. Walsh
Jim Valenti	Jimmy Johnson
Jeff Nowc	

**Auxiliary**

President	Sheila Holman
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Susan Carmack
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Jamie Ballestero
Secretary	Kathy Bonk
Treasurer	Margaret Sautter
Chaplain	Pat Rudebush
Historian	Margaret Sautter
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cheryl Jay

**S.A.L.**

Commander	Marcus Houser
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Bucky Blair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Bill Holman
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	Gregg Gendron
Treasurer	Bobby Keith
Adjutant	Kevin "A"
Historian	Ken DeCerce
Chaplain	Steve Bizan
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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**\*\* Best of Luck in advance to All Applicants !!!  
Lippy Lepine, 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 15<sup>th</sup>. Bob Keith, Scholarship Committee Chairman**

