



# Mohawk Post No.1450 AMERICAN LEGION

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## COMMANDERS MESSAGE

What a year, Huh ?? And now, you can be certain that Winter & all that damn White-Crap will soon be here too... And yet, 2021 has gotta be Way-Better than 2020 was !!!

But hey, you've gotta admit that, while our Events-Calendar may be a little sparse, at least the Legion's still Open & we're doing it Safely !! Yup, we've got a Damn-Good crew here at Post-1450 !!! There's no-way to "Individually" recognize Each of you, so how 'bout we just say "Moochos-Gracias" to EVERY Volunteer in our entire Legion Family !!!

I've mentioned in the past, that many of a Veteran's Holiday-Memories include the separation that they and their Families endured due to being deployed... Well, not much has changed, as many service men & women are Still "Forward-Deployed" throughout a World that continues to be a dangerous place...

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

Lastly, it seems like the Holiday's usually stir-up memories of the Past... Which kinda makes you wonder how this Holiday Season will be remembered ?? Just maybe, despite all the Sacrifices we've already made & all the Negative-Happenings, hopefully we can still find a way to make a few Good-Memories to Cherish.

And That, boys & girls, is my Christmas-Wish for each of You !!!

**Happy Holidays & God Bless America!!!**

**"Lippy" Lepine, Commander**

**Legion Membership Report** - We currently have 553 Paid, or 81% of our 2021 goal of 684. \*\* Please Pay ASAP by Mail or at the Post and include any changes to your Contact-Info.

**NOTE: I don't wanna do it, but "Unpaid" Door-Cards get LOCKED-OUT On 1 FEB !!!**

## Weekly Football Club Annual Awards

As the Season winds down, Congrat's go to All Participants for your Effort & Expertise !!! Unfortunately, due to the Virus, we are Not allowed to come together for a Banquet & Formally recognize Individual Achievements this year.

Look-Out for the List of & "Distribution-Method" of Annual-Awards soon to be Posted in the Lounge.

**Jim Magoo, League-Commish & Chief-Statistician**

## AMERICAN LEGION

### Post 1450 Officers

Commander	Lippy Lepine
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Roy Kraus
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	John Desautels
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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

President	Lippy Lepine
Secretary	Mike Prendergast
Treasurer	Ron Lamont
Mike Knise	Joel Rouillard
Bob Malo	Jim Keith
Roy Kraus	Gil Lebel
Jim Valenti	Jim Olsakovsky
Sam Gallucci	Doug Ludwig
Greg Mincher	Chuck LaFountain

### Auxiliary

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

### S.A.L

Commander	Toad Spinner
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander	Bucky Blair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Craig Messier
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	Gregg Gendron
Treasurer	Bob Keith
Adjutant	Ken Decerce
Historian	Vinnie Berdar
Chaplain	Mike Lenigan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Frank Brammer

**Perhaps you've heard that  
our Big-Screen Projector  
is DEAD....**

**Well, C'mon Down and  
Check-Out our New 85" TV !!**

Many Thanx to Al Demarco and Rosemary Zullo for their Generous Donations which made our Amazing New Toy Possible !!!

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy New Year to All as we begin a 2021 filled with hope for the future !! I'm sure we're all itching to get back to our normal lives so please, please, Please wear your masks & continue to Social distance.

Many Thanks to all who donated plastic tops and caps that will be used to Build the Two Special Benches we are having made. We have now Met our goal and are No Longer Accepting tops & caps.

This year's Midwinter Conference will be 100% virtual from Jan, 23rd starting at 8:30 PM and ending around 12:30 AM. Check our website ([www.alany1450.org](http://www.alany1450.org)) for the Zoom number to join in the conference.

Due to the surge in COVID-19 & flu season our Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, & Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> Auxiliary Meetings will also be virtual. See our website for the Link to join the meetings, & watch for a monthly E-Mail. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces !!! If you have any questions or need information you can email us at [alaunit1450@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit1450@gmail.com).

On behalf of our President, Sheila Holman & All our Officers, we wish you all a happy, healthy and safe New Year, and we are looking forward, with Much-Optimism, to seeing you all In-Person in the not too distant future.

**God bless you and God bless America!**

**Kathy Gallucci**

## SPECIAL QUILT RAFFLE

Sandy LaFountain has, Once-Again, generously donated one of her beautiful hand-made Quilts to be raffled as an Aux Unit-1450 fundraiser to help support all of the Veterans Programs & Local Charities that we give to.

Tickets go on sale Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Lounge. Tix Cost \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

The quilt will be on display in the lounge & the winner will be drawn Sat, Mar 13th.

Please help support our Auxiliary by purchasing a chance to win this beautiful quilt.

## POINSETTIA Deliveries



Every year, during the Holiday Season, we deliver plants to the relatives of Regular Members who have "Passed-Away" during that year. \*\* Many-Thanx to everyone who Voluntarily Hand-Delivered nearly 20 Plants again this year !!! **Chuck LaFountain, Chairman**

## SAL NEWS

2020 is finally over, Amen & Good-Riddens !!! Hopefully 2021 will be a much more Healthy, Happy, & Successful Year !!!

Although we were unable to host our annual Christmas party for the Veterans-Shelter In-Person, due to the Virus, the Sons were Still able to donate gift cards remotely, to all of the Vets. Much appreciation goes to the Auxiliary for funding the food and helping deliver it & the cards to the Vets.

Also, Many-Thanks to all our "Elfin-Volunteers" for doing such a Great job decorating the Post to help bolster all of our Holiday spirit !!

Man it's been a Rough Year for our pocketbook... Due to all the COVID-19 Restrictions we've been forced to pretty-much Cancel most of our Traditional Fundraisers for the year. But hey, we're still gonna be OK !!!

Finally, Thank-You to everyone for Filling B.K.'s Can on Veterans Day, yielding another Great Donation to the V.A. X-Mas Party !!

Lastly remember to thank a vet every day !! If it wasn't for them we wouldn't be living in the greatest country on Earth !! God Bless and have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Todd Spinner, SAL Commander**

## WELCOME ABOARD

Janet Gaudons – Ballston Lake  
Joseph Thyrring - Halfmoon  
Paul Thyrring - Halfmoon  
Richard Thyrring - Halfmoon  
Dennis Honsinger - Waterford



## \*\*\* IN MEMORIUM \*\*\*

James Austin – Clifton Park  
Donovan Ayotte - Halfmoon  
Nick Belini Sr – Glenmont  
Robert "Bob" Berry – Ballston Lake  
Frank Drobneck – Clifton Park  
J. Howard "Howie" Mcnab – Stuart, FL  
Charles "Butch" Newell – Clifton Park  
Alan J. Stebbins – Caledonia  
Ed Wysomski – Clifton Park

## JAN 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	1 Happy New Year !!! Closed @ 7PM	2
3	4 BINGO 7PM	5	6	7 B.O.D. MTG 6:30 PM	8	9
10	11 BINGO 7PM	12	13 Bloodmobile 1-6 PM	14 POST MTG 7PM No DINNER	15	16
17	18 MLK Jr. Day BINGO 7PM	19	20	21 SAL MTG <u>7PM</u>	22	23
24 / 31	25 BINGO 7PM	26	27	28	29	30

## FEB 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	1 BINGO 7PM	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 B.O.D. 6:30 PM	5	6
7 <u>SUPER BOWL</u>	8 BINGO 7PM	9	10	11 <u>POST MTG</u> 7PM <u>No DINNER</u>	12	13
14 Happy Valentines Day	15 BINGO 7PM Presidents Day	16	17	18 SAL MTG <u>7PM</u>	19	20
21	22 BINGO 7PM	23	24	25	26	27
28	MARCH – 1st BINGO 7PM	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6

**\*\*\* New Color Guard Members Needed \*\*\***

Capt. Andy Casucci is **seeking New Members**, no Experience Necessary.

It is imperative that this, our Most Visible Duty, remain "Active".

For more info, please contact Lippy at the Post A.S.A.P.

**\*\* Many Thanks to Every Color Guard member, past & present,  
for all your Effort & Dedication.**

**Andy Casucci, Captain**

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Organization  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
ALBANY, NY  
PERMIT #202

**\*\*\* 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, awarded for American Studies. Below are the 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 !!!  
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 H.S. Senior who is a Minimum 1-Year Member in Good Standing of SAL Sqdron-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**

**> SAL Membership Report <**

We currently have 242 Paid & a Goal of 284, or 85%. If Your Card doesn't say "**2021**", please pay Now by mail or at the post. \*\* \$25 for senior & \$12 for Jr.'s. Also, **Please include name & address** to keep Data current.

**Gregg Gendron, SONS Affiliation-Kahuna**

**> Auxiliary Membership Report <**

We have a Goal of 233, with 186 Paid, or 79.83%. If that Ain't you, Please Pay Now either by Mail or at the Post to keep your Door-Card On !!

**Kim Quick, Aux-Associateship Guru**

**\*\* Big Thanx to Bobby Keith** and also to Everyone who stuffed his can on Veterans Day with over **\$531** for the Stratton V.A. Veteran's X-mas Party.

**Next Bloodmobile**

**Wed, JAN-13<sup>th</sup> 1-6 PM  
Walk-In's Welcome !!!**



**Military SICK-CALL**

**On New Years Day @ the Post  
"Nurse" your Hangover & watch  
College Football on the Big-Screen  
from Noon to 7-PM**

**SUPERBOWL on the Big-Screen**

**\*\* Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> \*\***

\*\* Unfortunately, due to COVID:  
No Food & limited seating  
**Good LUCK to ALL !!!**



**Building & Grounds**

Please be on the Look-Out & Notify a Board-Member or Bartender if you see anything that may be a safety Hazard Or just need some fixin'.

**Chuck Lafountain, Post-Handyman**



**-- BINGO REPORT --**

Bal. On 10/31/20 =  
\$1,067.29  
Receipts = \$1,445.00  
Total-Avail. = \$2,512.29  
Disbursements =  
\$336.80

Balance on 11/30/20 = \$2,175.49

**Roy Kraus,  
Ball-Caller Extraordinaire**

**Forward Deployed Members**

\*\* Please notify Lippy if any Members are "Forward Deployed" to support the War on Terror so we Pay their Dues. As always, our Prayers & best wishes go out to All those in Uniform serving around the globe to defend freedom.  
**Lippy, Leg. Affiliation Coord.**

> > **News Flash "ARMY WINS" < <**

This Just In, the **ARMY Beats Navy On the Field, 15 -0**, & the ARMY WON the Challenge Wall Too !! After a Late Flurry, the Army Vaulted-Ahead \$736 to \$735 = \$1,471 for the local Food Pantry's !! Many -Thanx to ALL-Hands for supporting such a noble cause !!

PLUS, Big-Hugs to Gil, Jimmy-V, Doug-L., & All our Selfless Volunteers for making another VERY Special & Memorable Day at the Post for ALL !!!!!



**"Be Careful out there"**

Fast-Eddy Jordan is back at-it, prowling the parking lot, which means that we all need to be careful, Walking & Driving at the Post.



\*\*\*Please tell the Bartender of any Slippery or Un-Safe conditions. **Thank You, The Board of Directors**



**Local COVID-19 Testing**

**\*\* Results in 3-5 Days \*\***

**At: Saratoga Hospital** 211 Church Street  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Who: Symptomatic or Exposure to Positive Case

\*\* How: Appointment and referral from physician or local health department is required.

\*\* Contact your doctor for assessment.

(Providers may call 518-587-2397 to set up appointment.)

**\*\* At: Capital District Mobile Testing Center University at Albany**, Colonial Quad 1400  
Washington Ave Albany, NY 12206

\*\* Who: Symptomatic or Exposure to Positive Case Appointment is required.

\*\* How: Take the online assessment at:

**<https://covid19screening.health.ny.gov/>**,  
or call 1-888-364-3065.

Drive-thru site Vehicle required

**> Many Thanx to the SONS Holiday Decorating Crew** - Once again, your voluntary efforts transformed the Post into a Winter Wonderland & helped Santa make memories that will last a Lifetime !!! Please know that You are ALL Greatly Appreciated !!!



**Speaking of BINGO...**

C'Mon down every Monday Night and Join in the FUN At the Safest Bingo around

**> Open to the First 50 Players thru the Door**

**Doors Open @ 4:30-PM**

**First ball pulled at 7-PM**

**\*\* Masks Required at All Times when not actually Eating or Drinking**

Roy and the "Red-Shirts"

Would Love to see Ya !!!

**+ CHAPLAIN'S CORNER +**



Many Thanks to all those Who Already attend the wakes to pay Final Respects to Deceased members.

If you'd like to join us in this deeply rewarding duty which is greatly appreciated by loved ones, please either:

E-Mail me: [samjg1@gmail.com](mailto:samjg1@gmail.com),  
or call me at 518-527-8999.

**Sam Gallucci, Chaplain**



**Seeking "New Members"**

Honorably Discharged -or- Still Serving Veterans, who have successfully completed Basic Training, & served at least One Day of Active-Duty from:

**\*\* Dec 7, 1941 – to Present**

**Applications Available in the Bar**

**CORNHOLE Tourney Sat Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**> Sign-Up as a Team or Single <**  
Two-Person Teams, Double Elimination

\*\* Sign-Up Sheet & More Info posted in the Lounge. **Terry Pipino & "Cards" Mclaughlin, Super Holer's of the Corn**

**U.S. Flag Etiquette**

Worn or unwanted Flags, by Law, must be Properly Disposed of.



\*\* Anyone can bring worn or unwanted Flags to the Post for "Proper-Disposal".

\*\* Many Thanx to all those who have already used the Bin in the Coatroom to ensure our Flags are Properly Retired.



