



Mohawk Post No.1450 AMERICAN LEGION

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

First off, I wanna say a Humongous Thank you to everyone who attended our "Abbreviated" Memorial Day Service !!! There's No-Better-Way to showcase our Post & our People, than by coming together to Embrace & Celebrate Patriotism !!!

Next, Congratulations and best of luck to all our newly elected / re-elected officers within the Legion, Sons, and Auxiliary !!! We all look forward to another Year of Success & Harmony !!

AND: Much Love & Appreciation goes to "Saint-Sheila-1450" for her Many Contributions to the Legion Family !!!! Plus, many Thanx to the Auxiliary for the Two, NEW, Beautiful Benches in our lobby !! Made from Recycled-Plastic, they were one of the Auxiliary's final "Sheila-Driven" projects.

Seeing as our Governor has finally seen fit to Ease Restrictions, Now is a good time to remind everyone to stay SAFE as we venture back outside in our "cute little summer-pants" !! ** Oh Ya, we even have the Triumphant-Return of FREE POPCORN, which is once-gain available in the Lounge !!!!

In closing, never forget that freedom is not free !! Please make time to give thanks to all the men and women currently in uniform, and their families left behind, as they sacrifice to preserve our freedom.

God Bless America and God Bless Post 1450 !!!

Lippy Lepine, Commander

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> > Now Forming a NEW, Wednesday Night < < Bean-Bag / Cornhole League

** Play Starts **7-PM Wed. Sept. 8th**

League will last for 11 play-weeks

** Sign-Up **Mid-August** in Lounge as a 2-Person team -or- as a Single -or- as a Single to Join a team.

>> **Only room for 24 Shooters** <<

** PRIORITY = Prior Shooters,

Then = New Shooters.

** Planning Meeting date TBA

Tom & Terry, The Czar's of Cornhole



Honorary Life Member

In recognition of his many years & significant contributions to Post-1450, Congratulations go to this year's HLM recipient, **Sam Gallucci** !!

We also award "HLM" to any member who achieves 50 Years Continuous Membership.

Congratulations go to **Jeffrey Beers** of Ballston Lake, NY for meeting this Milestone !!

** Note - "HLM" means that their Dues are paid by the Post, as long as they remain Members of Post-1450.

WEEKLY FOOTBALL CLUB

The **sign-up sheet** for our weekly football club will be posted in **early August**. ** For Legion members and their other half's ONLY. This season starts on Sun. **Sept. 12th**.

Jim McGowan, The Club "Commish"

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



* For Members & Family ONLY *

Sat., Sept 25th - Noon to 4:00-PM

Tickets go on sale in Early August.

Must Purchase = FRI. Sept 17th

\$5 per person, kids under 10 Free.

Noon-3 = Free Food & Draft Beer

Free Bounce-House & Games for the Kiddies !!

Rich Murray = Boss-Man / Picnic-Kahuna

Wheel Chairs

Many-Many Thanx to All who "answered the call" by Donating Wheel Chairs. Thanx to You, we now have Plenty to Loan-Out, & are no longer "Actively" seeking donations.

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

Summer is here, and it's time enjoy the sunshine and relax after dealing with the COVID last year. I know it was a trying year with so many restrictions to deal with.

We still managed to do a few things this year like the "Trunk-For-Treats on Halloween and Easter for the Kiddies.

It is with sadness that we say good-bye to our Past President Sheila Holman. AND, she will be the 1st to tell you that this is NOT a one-person operation. The great spirit of cooperation within our membership is how we get the job done. Please, let us continue to work together in that same spirit.

Thank you to all who have renewed & Welcome to all our new members. I look forward to seeing you all when we resume our meetings in September.

We will again be marching in Clifton Park's 4th of July Parade. Please come join us to participate or just to watch the festivities. This is a great way to honor our Vets and Celebrate America.

Don't forget to come out and donate blood, Walk-In's are always Welcome, the need is great and your donation helps a lot toward filling that need.

Enjoy the summer, stay safe, and stop by the Legion to see what's happening. See you there!

God Bless America – Susan Carmack, Unit-1450 President

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Auxiliary Unit-1450 CRAFT-FAIR

Sat. - Sept. 25th = 9 AM – 4 PM

Now seeking VENDORS to Show-Off / Sell your Wares !!
Vendor Deadline: Sept. 11th

** For Registration Or more Info:

Call: 518-937-0277 or

E-Mail: alaunit1450@gmail.com



** **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 buying the flags. **Jim Keith, Coordinator**

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** Memorial Day **

Moocho-Thanx to Joanne Lussier– Anthem-Singer, & all in Attendance for being True Patriots !!

Lippy, Event Coordinator



BINGO REPORT

Balance on 4/30/21 = \$8,351.85
Receipts = \$3,952.00
Total Available = \$12,303.85
Disbursements \$1,053.44
Balance as of 5/31/21 = \$11,250.41

SAL NEWS

Well, Hey-Now!! !!!! Would you look at that... The Sun finally came out & now Baseball and golf are in full swing !! Be sure to stop by the Post to watch your favorite teams and enjoy the company.

Welcome-Aboard to all our New Members & Renewals who helped us go over 100% for 2021 !!

Big thanks to all the volunteers who helped-out in & around the Post this year. For example, the new stone work in front of the building looks amazing.

While we're at it, also many Thanks to all those involved with flag decorating at our local cemeteries & everyone who supported our Memorial Day Service.

Back by popular demand: Our next event, on August 14th, is our annual Chicken BBQ at the Pavilion. ** Tickets go on sale July 1st. DEADLINE to buy tickets will be August 9th.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer and remember to try and volunteer if & when you have time. Hope to see you all at the Legion.

Always Remember to THANK Our VETERANS and display our glorious flag every day.

God Bless America !!

Todd Spinner, SAL Commander



Annual Sons Chicken BBQ

Saturday, August 14th
Noon to 6PM

** 1/2 Chicken = \$30

** Includes: potato, corn, Dinner-roll, Coffee, Soda, And Draft Beer.

Noon to 3pm = Burgers, Dogs, and Clam Chowder

** 4pm = Dinner is served !!

*** PRESALE ONLY = Available in the Lounge ***

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Membership Report

We currently have 654 Paid for a Goal of 684, or 96% & **You still have time to Pay 2021 Dues !!** ** New / 2022 Dues notices will arrive soon,

"Lippy" Lepine, Membership

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### Legion DART League – Starts Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

The Sign-Up sheet will be Posted in Mid-August. Only room for 48 Shooters. \*\* All Prior & New Shooters are Welcome !! \*\* Planning Meeting @ 7:06-PM, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> **Bill Tylah, President**

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Attention: Pavilion Workers

A Special mid-season Shout-Out of **THANX** to All our Dedicated Pavilion Volunteers for making the Transition to New Management so SMOOTH !! Your Effort & Dedication is Breathtaking & WE Thank You !!! **Rich Murray, Supreme Pavilion Commander**

**** TRAVERS Day ****

In the Lounge

SAT. Aug 28th 4-7PM

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

** Cash Bar, Free Snax, Free Pizza @ 6PM, Scratch Tix on the Half-Hour.

**J.K., Handi-Capper
Extraordinaire**

Bloodmobile

**Wed July 21st
1- 6PM**

**** Walk-Ins Welcome ****

~ ~ Please consider donating while All Blood-Types are Needed.

**THE POST WILL BE
CLOSED**

**Sunday, JULY 4TH,
BUT you're All Invited to
Come watch our Color-Guard go Marching by and display your Legion Colors & Patriotic-Pride @ the Clifton Park Parade.**

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**** NOTE ****

**Team-Trivia
Returns
in September !!!
The Quiz-Master &
Trivia-Elves**

~ ~ **2021 = Dues** ~ ~
Legion - \$45

AUX- \$25 / JRM- \$7.00
SONS- \$25 / JRM- \$12

JULY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	1 B.O.D. 6:30-PM Army Air Corp 1926	2	3
4 <u>HAPPY 4th</u> POST <u>CLOSED</u>	5 BINGO 7-PM	6	7	8 POST MTG 7-PM No Dinner	9	10
11	12 BINGO 7-PM	13	14	15 SAL MTG 7-PM	16	17
18	19 BINGO 7-PM	20	21 BLOOD MOBILE 1-6 PM	22	23	24
25	26 BINGO 7-PM	27	28	29	30	31

AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 BINGO 7-PM USCG 1790	3	4	5 B.O.D. MTG 6:30-PM	6	7
8	9 BINGO 7-PM	10	11	12 POST MTG 7PM NO DINNER	13	14 S.A.L. Chicken BBQ 12-6 PM
15	16 BINGO 7-PM	17	18	19 SAL MTG 7PM	20	21 AUX Monopoly 9-Noon
22	23 BINGO 7-PM	24	25	26	27	28 TRAVERS in Lounge 4-7 PM
29	30 BINGO 7-PM	31	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

***** 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 !!!**

“Lippy” Lepine, Commander, Mohawk Post-1450

Susan Carmack, President, Unit-1450

Todd Spinner, Commander, Squadron-1450

*** **Stewie-Open Golf Tournament** ***

Boucoup-Thanx to Everyone involved in making this year's Stewie another Fantastic 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 – Tourney-Hacker & Grand-Poohbah

AMERICAN LEGION
Post 1450 Officers

Commander	John Lepine
1 st Vice Commander	Roy Kraus
2 nd Vice Commander	John Desautels
3 rd Vice Commander	Greg Mincher
Adjutant	Bob Malo
Finance Officer	Ron Lamont
Chaplain	Sam Gallucci
Service Officer	Jim Valenti
Sergeant-at-Arms	Doug Ludwig
Historian	Bob Thyrring
Board of Directors	
President	John Lepine
Secretary	Bob Malo
Treasurer	Ron Lamont
Mike Knise	Doug Ludwig
Tom McLaughlin	Jim Keith
Roy Kraus	Gil Lebel
Jim Valenti	Jim Olsakovsky
Greg Mincher	Jim Johnson
Sam Gallucci	Chuck LaFountain

Auxiliary

President	Susan Carmack
1 st Vice President	Sandy Mincher
2 nd Vice President	Cheryl Jay
Secretary	Kathy Bonk
Treasurer	Kathy Hedlund
Chaplain	Pat Rudebush
Historian	Vacant
Sergeant-at-Arms	Vacant

SONS

Commander	Toad Spinner
1 st Vice Commander	Dave Blair
2 nd Vice Commander	Craig Messier
3 rd Vice Commander	Gregg Gendron
Treasurer	Bob Keaths
Adjutant	Ken DeCerce
Historian	Vinny Berdar
Chaplain	Mikey Lenigan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Frank Brammer



**** IN MEMORIAM ****

Ruth Cooper – Waterford
David Chank - Clifton Park
Earl Kent JR – Ballston Lake
Joseph Kosek JR – Ballston Lk.
Ronald “Roger” McKay SR–
Spring Hill, FL

**** IN MEMORIAM ****

Ira Meredith – Mechanicville
Doug Pollock SR - Latham
Michael Popolizio – Mech.
Michael Prendergast- Cohoes

WELCOME ABOARD

Robert Travis – Clifton Park
Pat Moffre - Halfmoon

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 scholarship recipients:**

Margaret Schanz - Shenendehowa H.S. - \$1,000
Michael Roos - Shenendehowa H.S. - \$1,000
Givanna Bianchi – Non-Shen - \$1,000
Lucas Rivera - Shenendehowa H.S. - \$500
Maya Agosti - Shenendehowa H.S. - \$500
Jake Houle – SAL Scholarship Winner - \$1,000

We wish Each and Every applicant the utmost success in the future.

Ron Lamont & Bob Keith, Scholarship Committee Chairs

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