



Mohawk Post No.1450
AMERICAN LEGION

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I've heard it said that: "Slow & Steady Wins the Race" ... Well Boys & Girls, we are most-certainly going SLOW, But we also seem to Finally be making a little Progress. For example, this was Just a Postcard last year !! But now, Progress allows us to at least do a "Modified-Return" for many events that were completely Cancelled last year.

Speaking of "Progress", this Year we WILL Have a Memorial Day Ceremony !! Unfortunately, it will be Scaled-Down & Very Brief @ the Tank, with No Refreshments. Please try to attend this Brief, but Important, ceremony to Honor all those who have given their lives to secure our Freedom !!

Another sign of Progress is the promise of better weather lying just ahead... What-cha-say we stow-away all that Flannel & bust-out them "cute-little-summer pants" !!

Warmer weather also means that, after a whole year Off, the Pavilion will soon Re-Open for another Fun-Filled season of Volunteerism under the watchful eye of our New Pit-Boss, Richey Murray !!! Please try to Volunteer an hour or two on Sat, May 22nd to Help bring our Pavilion back to Life !!

Speaking of volunteering... It never ceases to Amaze me the way our collective Legion Family supports each other. Countless times over the years, I've been approached with Praise over how "We" All come together as a Team & contribute to the success of events at the Post. You are All the BEST and make me Proud to be a member of Post-1450 !!!!

Soooooo, if "Slow & Steady Wins the Race", then I guess we'll have to be Patient just a little longer... Personally, this going Slow stuff is really Hard to do, but I AM "Optimistic" about the near future.

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 serve our country to preserve & guarantee our freedom.

God Bless America!!
John "Lippy" Lepine, Commander



U.S. Flag Etiquette - Worn or unwanted Flags must be properly Disposed of. *** Anyone can bring worn or unwanted Flags to the Post for "Proper-Disposal". Or use the Red Drop-Off Box at the VFW Post on Route-9.



**** IN MEMORIAM ****

- Ronald Burke SR – Albany
- Ruth Cooper – Cohoes
- David Hunt – Ballston Lake
- Mary Marks – Cohoes
- Arthur Spinner - Mechanicville
- John Story – Clinton
- Edward Marois - Watervliet

WELCOME ABOARD

- Carmon Audino – Cohoes
- Eugene Crisafulli - Voorheesville
- Scott Fellows – Halfmoon

Forward Deployed Members

** Please notify Lippy at the Post of any Members now Forward Deployed to support the War on Terror so we can Pay their Dues.
 ** Our Prayers go to All our Men & Women in Uniform, serving around the globe defending of our freedom !!!

Honorary Life Member

The Post awards "HLM" to any member who achieves 50 Years continuous membership. "HLM" means that thier Dues are paid by the Post, as long as they remain Members of Post-1450.

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we never Officially Recognized this year's Recipients. So, Belated Congratulations go to:
Donald A Smith Jr – Clifton Park
-&- Harry Vitas - Malta

AUXILIARY NEWS

Yeeeeee – Haaaaah - - Oh Happy Spring !!!! Enjoy the sunshine while you can !!!

Our nominating committee is busy planning for the annual election of officers at our May 12th meeting. ALL Votes count so please save the date to make your voice be heard. We'll keep you posted on specifics. There will be a combined installation meeting in June with No Dinner.

This year's poppy drive is Friday and Saturday May 7 and 8 at Walmart on Route-9. There is a sign-up sheet in the lounge & Cathy Hedlund is coordinating volunteers. Feel free to give her a call at 518-441-7477 for more info.

Plans for Memorial Day will be announced soon. Read the newsletter or watch for an email.

Our annual craft-fair is scheduled for Sat., September 25th and applications will be available within the next two weeks. Sign up early.

The District Convention will be held on Friday & Saturday, June 5th & 6th and will be "Virtual" again this year.

Thanks to all who participated in our Easter "Trunk-A-Treat" and a special shout out to our amazing Easter Bunny (aka: Becca!). The Joy on the kid's faces was Priceless, Great job!

And to all of you who care for our children we wish you a Happy Mother's Day and Father's Day!

Lastly, we recently mourned the loss of two Auxiliary Members: Mary Marks and Ruthie Cooper. We Thank them for their many years of service to our Unit, the community, and especially our Veterans. We will miss your smile and generous spirit of love. Our hearts and prayers go out to family, friends and all who hold your memory dear. Rest in Peace.

Be kind, display our flag and God Bless America.

Kathy Gallucci



Poppy Distribution Day

May 7 & 8 at Walmart on Rte-9

Come honor past sacrifices & contribute to the continuing needs of our Veterans when the Post-1450 Auxiliary will be distributing bright Red poppies.

**** Volunteer Sign-Up in the Lounge ****
Poppies Also available in the Lounge

Looking for Volunteers to CROCHET

Aux. Unit-1450 is actively seeking Volunteers with experience doing CROCHET.

** All materials to be Provided, for Free, by the Aux.

>> For more Info, or to Volunteer, please Contact Kathy Hedlund at: 518-441-7477.

SAL NEWS

Rumor has it, Spring is here & I know we're all eager to get outside to suck-up all that fresh air after being cooped-up all winter.

Thank you to all the Volunteers who helped make the Easter Trunk-or-Treat a success. Although the weather wasn't on our side the kids had a fun time getting eggs and candy indoors. The Easter Bunny was able to stop by and say hi to everyone.

Don't forget to attend our annual Elections on May 20th. I strongly urge all members to show up & be heard by Voting for your favorite Officer Candidates.

Many thanks to all those who have already Paid-up, recruited New Members or helped-out by "Motivating" a Renewal towards making our annual goal !! And, if you haven't Renewed for 2021 yet, you can Still mail it in, or pay at the Post. **PLEASE ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR NEW MEMBERS !!**

We're hoping to have a Chicken BBQ at the Pavilion in August this year, be sure to check the next newsletter for more info.

God Bless America, fly your flag proudly, and always thank All our Veterans, Past & Present, for their service.

Todd Spinner, SAL Commander

National Poppy Program History

The memorial poppy is a national symbol of sacrifice, designed & intended to honor the men and women who have served and died for our country in all wars.

All Poppies are handmade by disabled or hospitalized veterans with Supplies provided free of charge by the Legion Auxiliary. Veterans are paid a small stipend for their assembly work and **100% of the proceeds go to the rehab & assistance of veterans and their families.**

Urgent Need for "Gently-Used" Wheel Chairs

For many years we have loaned-out Wheel Chairs For-Free.

Sadly, most of them never returned...

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

NOTE: Walkers, canes, crutches and other items Are NOT Needed

MAY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 BINGO 7PM	4	5	6 B.O.D. 6:30PM	7 AUX Poppies	8 AUX Poppies
9 Happy Mother's <u>Day</u>	10 BINGO 7PM	11	12 AUX MTG 7PM ANNUAL ELECTIONS	13 PST MTG 7PM ANNUAL ELECTIONS NO Food	14	15
16	17 BINGO 7PM	18	19 BLOOD- MOBILE 1-6 PM	20 SAL MTG 7PM Annual ELECTIONS	21	22 PAV Opening Work Party 8-AM
23	24 BINGO 7PM	25	26	27 Grave Decoration 6PM	28 Grave Décor. Rain Date 6PM	29 PAV Work Party 8-AM ** If Nec. **
30	31 NO BINGO MEMORIAL DAY Service 11AM <u>No Refreshments</u> Close @ 7PM	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX

JUN 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	1	2	3 B.O.D. 6:30 PM Annual CORP. Mtg @ 7:30	4	5
6	7 BINGO 7PM	8	9	10 <u>Combined</u> <u>Installation & Meetings</u> 6:30 PM <u>Install Officers</u> <u>No Dinner</u>	11	12
13	14 BINGO 7PM <u>Flag Day</u> US Army 1775	15	16	17	18 Pavilion <u>Wrk-Prty 8AM</u>	19 <u>Pavilion Wrk-Prty 8AM</u> Stewie-Open Golf & Picnic
20 Happy Father's Day	21 BINGO 7PM	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 BINGO 7PM	29	30	JULY 1	JULY 2	JULY 3

**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 1450 Officers**

Commander	John 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

President	Lippy Lepine
Secretary	Mike Prendergast
Treasurer	Ron Lamont
Mike Knise	Jim Johnson
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 st Vice President	Ruth Cooper
2 nd Vice President	Sandy Mincher
Secretary	Kathy Bonk
Treasurer	Kim Quick
Chaplain	Pat Rudebush
Historian	Kathy Gallucci
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cheryl Jay

S.A.L

Commander	Todd Spinner
1 st Vice Commander	Dave Blair
2 nd Vice Commander	Bill Holman
3 rd Vice Commander	Gregg Gendron
Treasurer	Bob Keiths
Adjutant	Ken Decerce
Historian	Vinnie Boombatz
Chaplain	Mike Lenigan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Franky Brammer

**** NOTICE to ALL Members of Mohawk Post 1450 ****

Annual Corporation Meeting June 3, 2021

As required by ARTICLE IX of the Bylaws of Mohawk Post #1450, Inc. (as amended) the annual Corporation Meeting will take place on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:30pm. You must be a Paid-Up member for the year 2021 to attend the annual Corporation meeting and you must present your paid membership card for 2021 at the door.

**** "Term Extensions" caused by the COVID-19 Virus require the following seats on the Board of Directors will be filled:**

**** Four, One-Year terms** – The new terms will expire in 2022 and are currently being held by **Doug Ludwig, Sam Gallucci, Greg Mincher, and Jimmy Johnson.**

**** Four, Two-Year terms**- The new terms will expire in 2023 and are presently held by **Gil Lebel, Jimmy Oooo, Roy Kraus & Mike Knise.**

**** One, Three-Year term**- The new term will expire in 2024 and is presently held by Jim Keith.

****One, Three-Year term** - which will expire in 2025 and is currently being held by **Bob Malo.**

**** Note:** "Automatic-Seats" on the Board include the current Post Commander, Immediate Past Commander, Adjutant, and Finance Officer.

**** All members of Mohawk Post #1450 are automatically members of the Corporation;** and as such are eligible to vote if their dues are paid-up for the current membership year to elect the Board of Directors to govern the Corporation for the coming year.

REMINDER: Any amendment to the Bylaws of the Corporation may be made at the annual Corporation meeting in June or at a two-thirds vote of eligible member attending; provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at least one month before the annual Corporation meeting or special Corporation meeting.

>**ATTENTION: May's Post Meeting & Annual Election of Officers to be held THURS. May 13th @ 7PM**

** The "Nomination Committee" presents the following Slate:

Commander: John Lepine

1st Vice: Roy Kraus

2nd Vice: John Desautels

3rd Vice: Vacant

Finance Off: Ron Lamont

Chaplain: Sam Gallucci

Service Off: Jim Valenti

SGT at Arms: Greg Mincher

Historian: Vacant

Adjutant: Mike Prendergast

** NOTE: Any Current Member can be Nominated to fill Any Officer Position listed above

** All Members URGED to Attend & Vote !!

** Must present a CURRENT Membership Card to Vote.



>> **Mother's Day** <<
Sunday, May 9th

>> **Next Bloodmobile** <<
Wed. May 19th
1-6PM at the Post
Walk-In's Welcome !!!





>>> **FLAG DAY** <<<<
Monday, June 14th
Fly the Flag Proudly !!

> **Happy Father's Day** <
Sunday, June 20th



*** **Pavilion Opening & Work Parties** ***

*** Volunteers are needed on **Sat, May 22nd** to help square-away the Kitchen, Grounds, & back parking lot at the Pavilion for another Summer. *** **Additional Work-Parties and Party-Prep dates & Times will be posted in the Lounge.** > > All Hands Welcome !! < < *** If you can spare a few hours it would be greatly appreciated !!!

*** Thank You in advance for your Help !!
Richey Murray, Pavilion Pit-Boss

Membership Report – We currently have 642 Members Paid compared to our Goal of 684, or 93%. Please be on the Look-Out for the other 42 who can be either New-Mmbers or "Renewals". **Lippy Lepine, Membership**

> **Kentucky Derby on the Bigscreen** <
Come watch the Derby at the Post
Sat., May 1st from 4-7 PM
** Bell Jar Tix Ruffled every 30 minutes !!



> **Grave Decoration - Thursday, May 27th 6PM meet at the Post (Rain date Fri 28th)**

To honor all of our departed veterans, we Will be decorating the five cemeteries in our area on Thursday, May 27th @ 6-PM. If you have an hour or so to spare, please stop by and help. **Jim Keith, Chairman**



The Public Is Invited to a Brief MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
** At the Tank **
Monday, May 31st, 11AM
** No refreshments this year **

"CHAPLAIN'S CORNER" - Many, Many Thanks to All of you who faithfully attend "Wakes" to pay respect to our Deceased Members. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this Much Appreciated and Extremely Rewarding duty, please contact me at the Post. **Sam Gallucci, Chaplain**

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BINGO REPORT

Balance on 2/28/21 = \$5,278.73, Rcpts = \$5,084.00
Total Avail. = \$11,289.09, Disbrsmnts = \$3,255.00
Balance on 3/31/21 = \$7,181.61

** C'Mon down every Monday Night for the Friendliest Bingo around !! ** **Open to the Public / First 58 Thru the Door** **



Many Thanx Up-Front, to all our Dedicated "Outdoor" Volunteers for the many hours spent keeping our Grounds look so nice All Summer long !!!

> **Our Entire "Lawn-Manicurist-Team"**
> **The Grass-Cutter Tag-Team Members**

> **Dougg Ludwig & the Weed-Whacker All-Stars**
> **Chuck LaFountain, Mower Service Crew-Chief**

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\*\* **EDITORS CORNER** \*\*

Please help keep our Database Current by notifying the Post Immediately if your Address Changes. \*\* PLUS: We're always looking for Items of Interest for the Newsletter. Please submit input by mail or leave for me at the Post. **"Lippy" Lepine, Editor, Wordsmith, Everybody's Personal Servant**

**Combined Installation Ceremony**

Thurs. June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30-PM

\*\* Unfortunately, No Dinner this Year \*\*

**14th ANNUAL "STEWIE INVITATIONAL"**  
**In Honor of Past Commander, Tim Stewart**  
**\*\*\*SATURDAY – JUNE 19th\*\***

>> Open to the Public <<  
**\*\* Singles Welcome \*\***

> 4-Man/Best Ball Scramble <  
**\*\* Shotgun-Start \*\***

At Fairways of Halfmoon

**\*\* COST: \$100 per person  
 \$400 per Foursome**

**\*\* WIN a Brand New Car For a "Hole-In-One" \*\***

**\*\* All Proceeds benefit Charities of Mohawk Post 1450 \*\***

**\*\*\*\* Price Includes: \*\*\*\***



**At the course:** Greens-Fees, Cart, Coffee & Donuts, Snazzy Commemorative Freeby-Keep-Sake & the Famous Bloody-Mary Cart!!

**At the Post:** Picnic complete with: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage & Peppers, Chicken Wings, Clam Chowder, Gil's Beans, Draft Beer & Soda.

**SPONSORS WANTED !!!**

Do you know a business or individual who might be interested in sponsoring a Hole for \$100 or donating money or merchandise to become a Prize-Sponsor???

**\*\* See the Flyer at the Post: Sponsors get a Great Advertising with a Sign on the Course & at the Post, PLUS a listing in our Newsletter sent to over 1400 Homes locally !!! For more info contact:**

Jim Keith (371-5743), Lippy (488-9925)  
 or E-Mail to: [jlepine@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jlepine@nycap.rr.com)

**Jim Keith, Legion Golf-PRO / Tournament Director**



**\*\* Building & Grounds \*\***

Please be on the Lookout for anything that doesn't look quite-right.

**\*\* IF you do see something that needs fixin, Please tell a Board-Member or just leave a Note in the lounge for me.**

Many Thanx, in advance, for

helping to keep our Post both Clean & Safe for All !!

**Chuck LaFountain, "Mister-Fix-It"**

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

Captain, Andy Casucci, is currently seeking New Members, NO Experience Necessary.

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

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

**\*\* Many Thanks to Every Color Guard member, past & present, for your Effort and Dedication. Andy Casucci, Captain**



**BINGO !!**

C'Mon down every Monday and Join in the FUN !!!  
 At the Friendliest Bingo Around !!!

**\*\*\* Open to the Public \*\*\***  
**\*\*\* First 58 Thru the Door \*\*\***

Progressive-Jackpot", Bell-Jar-Tix, and Lots of MASKED, but Smiling-Faces !!!

**\*\* Doors Open 4:30-PM, Bingo at 7-PM \*\***  
**Roy & the "Red-Shirts" Can't wait to see Ya**

**Auxiliary Unit-1450**

**CRAFT-FAIR**

**Saturday, Sept. 25th**

**9 AM – 4 PM**

Now seeking VENDERS to Show-Off and /or Sell your Wares !!

**\*\* For Registration Or for more info,**

**Call: 518-937-0277 -or- E-Mail: [alaunit1450@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit1450@gmail.com)**



**DUES – DUES – DUES**

**\*\* You STILL have time to PAY for 2021 !!!**

> Regular Members = \$45

> Aux. - 21 and up = \$25 / Under-21 = \$7.00

> S.A.L.- 21 and up = \$25 / Under-21 = \$12

**\*\* Pay by Mail or drop them off at the Post.**

**> Important – Membership - News <**

**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 who Derive eligibility via a Past or Present Post-1450 Member**

***Please always be on the look-out for NEW Members to join our Legion Family***



