



# Mohawk Post No.1450 AMERICAN LEGION

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## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

HeIIIIloooo again Post-1450 !!! Well, it looks like we've Finally moved Beyond the threat of anymore White-Stuff, and all-in-all, in hindsight, this Winter wasn't really that bad... Hell, I'm even out & about sporting my "cute-little-summer pants" !!! Plus, it sure is nice to see the Yanx & Mets are, once again, playing on TV. "Playing", Yes, But "Winning"... We shall See !!!

Anywho... Better weather should lie dead-ahead, meaning the Pavilion will soon Re-Open for another Fun-Filled season of Volunteerism down in "GENDRON-Land" !!! 1st-Up this year, as usual, is our Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, With-Refreshments !!! Please be sure to invite & urge all family, friends, & neighbors to attend as we pay respects and Honor those who have given their lives in defense of our Freedom !!

Speaking of volunteering... It never ceases to Amaze me the way our Legion Family collectively supports each other !!! And, it's not Just me who notices. Many times, over the years & during recent events, I've been approached with Praise about how the entire "Legion Family" comes together as a Team to contribute to the success of events at our Post. You are All the BEST and make me Proud to be a member of Post-1450 !!!!

That said, please Stick your Legion Calendar prominently on the Fridge so you won't Miss any of the upcoming Fun at the Post !!! And hey, why not Pitch-In and Volunteer if & when you can !!!

May is a very important Month on the Legion-Calendar due to our Annual Elections. Please make Every Effort to attend your Monthly Membership meeting to help shape our future with your Vote.

With that in mind, our focus needs to be on maintaining & even Growing our Membership. If we hope to continue our current level of Giving, then we all must continue to seek-out New Members.

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!!**

**Chuck LaFountain, 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 MEMORIAL \*\***

Robert DuBois – Clifton Park  
Donald Frieberger – Clifton Park  
Donald J. Marr - Troy  
John Murray JR - Waterford

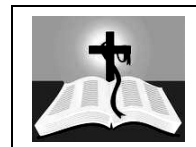
## **WELCOME ABOARD**

Tim Burtnick – Clifton Park  
George Castracani – Waterford  
Kelly Costello – Clifton Park  
Jessica Girard - Clifton Park  
Leath Green – Halfmoon  
Christopher Hawks – Sar Springs  
Billy Hodges IV – Ballston Spa  
Denise Landry – Waterford  
Anthony Morelli – Clifton Park  
James Patnaude – Cohoes  
Christine Serafini - Schenectady  
James Shinski – Stillwater  
Michael Traider – Clifton Park

## **\*\* Feedback Requested \*\***

We are trying to create a Data-Base of E-Mail-Addresses. Please send yours To the Post at: [americanlegion1450@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegion1450@gmail.com)

## **+ CHAPLAIN'S CORNER +**



Many Thanks to all those who Already attend wakes to pay Final Respects to Deceased Members.

If you'd like to join us in this deeply rewarding duty, which is also greatly appreciated by loved ones, please either E-Mail: [samjg1@gmail.com](mailto:samjg1@gmail.com), or call: 518-527-8999.

**Sam Gallucci, Chaplain**

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello all.... Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Easter Holiday. \*\* Our Auxiliary always has something going on so check this out:

**May 8 – AUX MEETING** – 7pm. Annual Election.

Come have your voice be heard in helping elect your Officers for 2024-2025!

**MAY 10 & 11 – POPPY DISTRIBUTION** – 9am-3pm, Walmart in Clifton Park. Sign up with Kathy Hedlund.

**May 15 – BLOODMOBILE** – 1-6pm. Volunteers always needed. Contact Kathy Hedlund 518-441-7477.

**MAY 27 – MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY** – 11am

**JUN 7 & 8 – SPRING CONFERENCE** – Plattsburgh.

Contact Pres. Sheila if interested.

**JUNE 13 (THURS) – COMBINED INSTALLATION**

DINNER at 6pm. Swearing-in & Meeting to follow.

**JULY 16-19 – DEPARTMENT CONVENTION** – Niagara Falls. Please support our Post 1450's own Kim Quick, being installed as Dept NY President AND Gaither Espy as Dept Detachment Commander. Congrat's to both!

**JULY 20 – SON'S STEAK-CLAM ROAST** – Check the Bar for Tix. AUX raffle drawing to be pulled on this date.

**BINGO VOLUNTEERS** needed for Mon. nights, Please Contact Sandy Mincher, 518-542-2328.

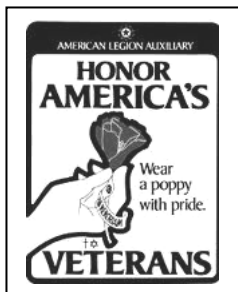
**CRAFT FAIR IN OCTOBER** – Vendor Applications are now available on our website at: [alany1450.org](http://alany1450.org).

**REMINDER: NO AUX MEETINGS IN JUL & AUG.**

**\*\*President Sheila** would like to **THANK** our Auxiliary Officers, Committee Chairs, Bingo Workers, Blood Mobile, Waitresses, Craft Fair, Veteran's Birthday Party, Fundraising volunteers. We couldn't have provided support to our Active Duty & Vet's without all of you and your Voluntary Efforts. God Bless you all!

English writer/philosopher G.K. Chesterton once said, "The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him."

**President Sheila Holman and Secretary Kathy Bonk**



### Poppy Distribution Day

**May 10 & 11 at Walmart on Rte-9**

Come honor the past sacrifices & contribute to the continuing needs of our Veterans when the Unit-1450 Auxiliary will be distributing bright Red poppies. **\*\* Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet in the Lounge & Poppies are Also available in the Lounge**



### Combined Installation Dinner

Thurs. June 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6-PM

Menu To Be Determined

**MUST Sign-Up in the Lounge BEFORE Fri., May 31st**

## SAL NEWS

According to the calendar, Spring has Sprung but apparently someone forgot to tell Mother Nature. She forced the Easter Egg Hunt inside. But fun was Still had by all. Let's hope Summer's arrival is nicer.

Our Chicken BBQ was a great success and the Beach Party afterwards was also well attended. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Memorial Day is just around the corner. Please try to attend this years' service & bring family & friends with you.

We have been getting a good turnout for our meetings, let's keep it going. Elections are at the May meeting.

Paid membership is at 100%. And, if you haven't Renewed for 2024 yet, you Still have time to either mail it in, or pay at the Post.

And, PLEASE ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR NEW MEMBERS !!

Our first catered event was a success. We were praised for the location, food and service. Thank you to all those who made it possible. We will be having more events, so please come out and help.

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

**Marcus Houser, SAL Commander**

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### 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.**

### "Light-Weight" Wheel Chairs

Currently seeking "Gently-Used", "Light-Weight" / "Transport" Wheel Chairs.

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

**NOTE: Heavy Wheel Chairs, Walkers, canes, crutches and other items Are NOT Needed at this time.**

## MAY 2024

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

## JUN 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	1
2	3 BINGO 7PM	4	5	6 B.O.D. 6:30 PM Annual CORP. Mtg @ 7:30	7	8 Belmont Stakes
9	10 BINGO 7PM	11	12 <u>US Army 1775</u>	13 Combined Installation Dinner Install Officers & Meetings	14 Pavilion Wrk-Prty 8AM <u>Flag Day</u>	15 <u>Pavilion Wrk-Prty 8AM</u> Stewie-Open Golf & Picnic
16 Happy Father's Day	17 BINGO 7PM	18	19	20	21	22
23 / 30	24 BINGO 7PM	25	26	27	28	29

**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	John Lepine
Treasurer	Bob Malo
Mike Knise	Jim Johnson
Tom McLaughlin	Jim Keith
Roy Kraus	Gil Lebel
Jim Valenti	Kevin A. Walsh
Sam Gallucci	Jeff Nowc
Greg Mincher	

**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	Dave Blair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander	Bill Holman
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander	Gregg Gendron
Treasurer	Bob Keith
Adjutant	Kevin A Walsh
Historian	Ken DeCerce
Chaplain	Steve Bizan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Franky Brammer

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

**Annual Corporation Meeting June 6, 2024**

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 6, 2024 at 7:30pm. You must be a Paid-Up member for the year 2024 to attend the annual Corporation meeting and you must present your paid membership card at the door.

**\*\* Four, One-Year terms** – The new terms will expire in 2025 and are currently being held by **Jeff Nowc, Tom McLaughlin, Greg Mincher, and Jimmy Johnson.**

**\*\* Two, Two-Year terms**- The new terms will expire in 2026 and are presently held by **Gil Lebel & Sam Gallucci.**

**\*\* One, Three-Year term**- The new term will expire in 2027 and is presently held by **Kevin A. Walsh.**

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

**\*\* All “Regular” members of Mohawk Post #1450 are also 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 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM**

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

**Commander:** Chuck LaFountain

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice:** Greg Mincher

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice:** Roy Kraus

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice:** John Desautels

**Finance Off:** Bob Malo

**Chaplain:** Sam Gallucci

**Service Off:** Jim Valenti

**SGT at Arms:** Jeff Nowc

**Adjutant:** Lippy Lepine

\*\* 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 12th

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>> **Next Bloodmobile** <<  
Wed. May 15<sup>th</sup>  
1-6PM at the Post



Walk-In's may be available,

\*\* **BUT Appointments are Highly Recommended**

Please Visit: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
or Call: 1-800-733-2767

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

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> **Happy Father's Day** <  
Sunday, June 16th



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

\*\*\* Volunteers needed on **Sat, May 4th** to help Open the Pavilion for another Summer.

\*\*\* **Additional Work-Parties will be posted in the Lounge.** >> **All Hands Welcome !!**

**Gregg Gendron, Pav. Pit-Boss**

**Membership Report** – We currently have 523 Members Paid compared to our Goal of 575, or 91%. Please be on the Look-Out for the other 52 who can be either New-Mmbers or "Renewals". **Lippy Lepine, Membership**

> **Horseracing on the Bigscreen** <  
**Kentucky Derby, Preakness, & Belmont**



Come watch @ the Post  
See Calendar for dates

\*\* Bell Jar Tix Raffled  
Every 30 minutes  
From 5-7 PM !!



> **Grave Decoration - Thursday, May 23rd 6PM meet at the Post (Rain date Fri 24<sup>th</sup>)**

To honor all of our departed veterans, we Will be decorating the five cemeteries in our area on Thursday, May 23rd @ 6-PM. If you have an hour or so to spare, please stop by and help. **Jim Keith, Chairman**



**The Public Is Invited to our Annual MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**  
\*\* At the Pavilion \*\*  
**Monday, May 27th, 11AM**  
Refreshments available after Service

**BINGO REPORT**

Balance on 2/29/24 = \$43,042.47, Receipts = \$6,025.00  
Total Avail. = \$49,067.47, Disbursements = \$4,084.15  
Balance on 3/31/24 = \$44,983.32

\*\* C'Mon down every Monday Night for the Friendliest Bingo around !!  
\*\* **Open to the Public** \*\*

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

> **Our Entire "Lawn-Manicurist-Team"**  
> **The Grass-Cutter Tag-Team**  
> **The Weed-Whacker All-Stars**

> **& Charming-Chuck The Mower Service Crew-Chief**

**Attention ALL Post-1450 Members**

>> It is CRUCIAL that your Loved-Ones have Ready-Access to your DD-214 in time of need.

>> All-Hands are URGED to Verify that We have YOUR DD-214 "On-File" at the Post.

>> Note: For many years the Post was NOT Required to Retain DD-214's so Many are Missing.

>> Please Contact Lippy @ 518-488-9925

Or E-Mail: [americanlegion1450@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegion1450@gmail.com) to Verify that we have it on-file.

**Get Veterans Records ON-LINE**

Most veterans & their next-of-kin can obtain free copies of their DD Form 214 (Report of Separation) ON-Line

AT: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military->

**17th ANNUAL "STEWIE INVITATIONAL"**  
**In Honor of Past Commander, Tim Stewart**  
**\*\*\*SATURDAY – JUNE 15th\*\***

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

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

At Fairways of Halfmoon

**\*\* COST: \$125 per person  
 \$500 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 Freebie-Keep-Sake & the  
 World-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 Great Advertising with a Sign on the Course & at the Post, PLUS a listing in our Newsletter sent to over 1200 Homes locally !!! For more info contact:**

Jim Keith (371-5743), Lippy (488-9925)  
 or E-Mail to: [americanlegion1450@gmail.com](mailto:americanlegion1450@gmail.com)

**Jim Keith, Legion Golf-Baller / 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 & Terry, The "Mister-Fix-It-Boyz"**

**\*\* 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 Mon. Night  
 and Join in the FUN !!!  
 At the Friendliest Bingo  
 Around !!!

**\*\*\* Open to the Public \*\*\***

**Doors Open 4:30-PM**

**First Ball at 7-PM**

**Roy & the "Red-Shirts" Can't wait to see Ya**

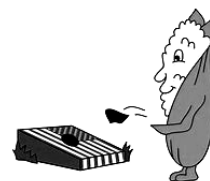
**Fresh-Air CORNHOLE Tournament**

Be on the Look-Out for more Info

about Summer-FUN &  
 Games at the Pavilion

Teams = Random-Draw  
 \$10 Entry Fee / \$\$-Prizes

**\*\* Beer, Wine, Soda &  
 Burgers, Dogs for Sale**



**Auxiliary Unit-1450**

**CRAFT-FAIR**

**A Sat, in Oct**

**9 AM – 4 PM**

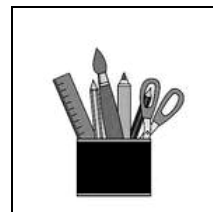
Now seeking VENDERS

**\*\* For Reg. Or more Info:**

Apply our website [https://ala](https://alaunit1450.com)

**Or Call: 518-937-0277**

**Or E-Mail: [alaunit1450@gmail.com](mailto:alaunit1450@gmail.com)**



**DUES – DUES – DUES**

**\*\* You STILL have time to PAY for 2024 !!!**

> Regular Members = \$45

> Aux. - 18 and up = \$35 / Under-18 = \$9.00

> S.A.L.- 18 and up = \$25 / Under-18 = \$15

**\*\* 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**

