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AMERICAN LEGION

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

YES, we are OPEN once again, with restrictions For your SAFETY !!! And, we look forward to seeing All of your "COVID-Compliant", Masked, But Smiling-Faces again, both Soon & Often !!

Welcome BACK, We Missed YOU !!!

What a Crazy World, huh ?? One minute Life is Great & the next minute BOOM, it Suxx !!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those with heavy-hearts, saddened by the terrible Loss of life & our limited ability to mourn them.

The Good News is: We still live in the USA, the Greatest Country that the World has Ever Known !! AND, while you may notice that our Calendar looks a little "Sparse" these days, if we stay the course, it will Perk-Up again Sooner rather than Later !!

Rest assured, we WILL Beat this !!

As always, please make time to give thanks-to, and acknowledge the many sacrifices made by all those in uniform, and their families, who defend our freedom every day !! **"Lippy" Lepine, Commander**

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

> 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, great-granddaughter, or grandmother 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

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"Honorary Life Members"

In recognition of their many Contributions to Post-1450, "HLM" is awarded to:

Regular member: Harry Loftus

SAL member: Terry Pipino

Additionally, in recognition of 50 Years continuous membership, "HLM" is also awarded to Regular members:

Donald A. Smith Jr. – Clifton Park

Harry Vitas – Malta

"HLM" = Dues are paid by the Post for Life so long as they retain Membership at Post-1450.

"BINGO Update"

We are actively seeking "Clearance" to resume Weekly Bingo as soon as possible.

Rest assured, that we will Only resume Bingo when both Our Players & Workers can **SAFELY do so.** **Roy Kraus, Chairman**

SAL NEWS

Up front, you need to know that the Entire SONS Officer-Team stands Proud & Ready to serve for another year during these troubled times.

Yup, things sure got Different Quick, and Many Events had to be cancelled... No Chicken-BBQ, No Breakfasts, No Pavilion-Extravaganza, NO Nuttin'-Honey !!!

On the bright side, you can't help but be Impressed at the Ingenuity of finding New-Ways to both Celebrate & Social-Distance !!! I'm amazed each time I see people Cheerfully participating in "Rolling-Tributes" for Graduations, Birthdays, Anniversaries, etc... Ya just gotta say, Wow !!!

But still, as creative as we have become, I know we'd all rather return to the "Good-Old-Days" of Way-Back SIX-Months ago !!! To that end, please continue leading the way in personal sacrifice & compliance to hasten End of the Virus.

Hopefully, "Semi-Normal" is right around the corner. Because I know that All our volunteers hunger for the joy & comradery of Playing-Together once again. Also, I Can't wait to see your Smiling-Face-Masks at our next Meeting !!

Through it all, please take every opportunity to remember our Troops, past & present, and their families who have all sacrificed to ensure our safety & freedom. **Good Bless America !!!**

Todd Spinner, SAL Commander

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U.S. Flag Etiquette

** Please bring all worn or unwanted Flags to the Post to be Lawfully & Properly-Disposed.

** Many-Thanx to Our own Bob Newhouse & Jeff Nowc who voluntarily brings flags to the National Cemetery for Proper-Disposal.



FREE LEGAL CLINICS for VETERANS

AT: Stratton VA, Albany 2nd Tues, every month

-&- VETHELP Office, Ballston Spa, 3rd Tues

WHAT? Free 1/2 hour private consultation with an attorney for advice and info regarding legal matters

>> To SIGN UP Call 518-435-1770 <<

Or call to make a legal appointment for either the Stratton VA or VETHELP legal clinic. *

*Other legal clinic places and times are available, OR Call if you need to get in sooner at one of our other clinics.

AUXILIARY NEWS

A Huge Hello to our entire, Wonderful, Post-1450 Auxiliary !!! It has been Wayyyy Too Long & I have missed ALL of You !!!

By now, I'm sure you've heard that all "Sitting" Officers were Extended for another year due to our inability to safely hold Elections. Rest assured, that I as your President, as well as Each & Every Officer are both Proud & Honored to serve you for One More Year !!!

I know our lives have changed dramatically during this Pandemic and it can all seem pretty overwhelming at times, but hopefully, it will all be OK. Please take at least some comfort in knowing that we, as an Auxiliary, have each other to Lean on.

It's Hard to believe that the LAST Official Legion Event was Our Auxiliary's Legion Birthday-Party on March 13th !!! Sad, but True, every event since then has unfortunately been cancelled, Including our Craft Fair & Fashion Show... But STILL, Many Thanx go to our many Volunteers for the Many Hours of Effort given towards them !!

Maybe we can all realize a little "Normalcy" by the opportunity to gather at our Next Auxiliary Meeting, @ 7PM, on Sept. 9th !!! All be it, Socially-Distancing behind a Mask !!!

Till then, please always remember our Troops & their families in your Prayers !!

Stay Safe, hope to see all of you Soon !!

God Bless America !!!

Sheila Holman, President

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NOTE: Blood Mobile Wed, Sept 16th, 1-6 PM

-&- The Post is CLOSED on Labor Day, Monday the 7th of September



***** IN MEMORIUM *****

John Bell - Watervliet
Martin Corbett - Clifton Park
Jack Crowmer - Sumter, SC
Harry Green - Ballston Lake
Michael Lahoff - Clifton Park
John Lane - Clifton Park
Theodore Schapp - Clifton Park
Frank Vandenburg - Waterford
Robert Wick - Halfmoon

SEPTEMBER – 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	1	2 County Mtg @ <u>Post- 1450</u>	3 B.O.D. MTG 6:30-PM	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY Post Closed	8	9 AUX MTG <u>7-PM</u>	10 POST MTG 7-PM	11 FOOTBALL	12
13	14 .	15	16 Blood- Mobile <u>1-6 PM</u>	17 SAL MTG <u>7-PM</u> USAF 1947	18 FOOTBALL	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 FOOTBALL	26
27	28	29 Darts Mtg 7-PM	30	XXX	XXX	XXX

OCTOBER - 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	1 B.O.D. MTG 6:30-PM	2 FOOTBALL	3
4	5	6 DAHRHTS 7-PM	7 <u>AUX Mtg</u> <u>7-PM</u>	8 POST MTG 7-PM	9 FOOTBALL	10
11	12	13 DAHHTS <u>7-PM</u> USN 1775	14	15 SAL MTG <u>7-PM</u>	16 FOOTBALL	17
18	19	20 DAHTS 7-PM	21	22	23 FOOTBALL	24
25	26	27 DAHHTS 7-PM	28	29	<u>30</u> FOOTBALL	<u>31</u> Happy Halloween

WEEKLY FOOTBALL

A sign-up sheet is posted
In the Lounge.

**** NOTE: OPEN to
MEMBERS & their
“Significant- Others”
ONLY.**

> **Season starts Friday,
Sept. 11th** ** Stop by the
Lounge Every Friday to play

> > **\$34 “Banquet-Fee”
Due at Sign-Up.**

> > Look for more Info
Posted in the Lounge

**Jim McGowan, Commish,
Sultan of Stats**

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Possible / Maybe

“DAHHT’s” League

A Sign-Up sheet is Posted
in The Lounge & a Planning
Meeting will be held at 7PM
On Tues. Sept 29th.

Bill Tyler, Dahhht’s Guru

CORNHOLE Update

The Season is **Tentatively**
set to Resume in Mid-Sept
**Please Check for further
Info in the Lounge.**

*** Tournament details to be
announced in the near
future.

**Terry & “Cards”
League Corn-Keeper**

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“MEMBERSHIP REPORT”

We ended 2020 with 683
Paid, or 95.5% of our Goal
of 715. Many Renewals for
2021 have already been
processed, Moocho-Thanx
to the over 300+ members
who have already Earned
the highly coveted “Early-
Bird” stamp !!

“Lippy” Lepine, Chairman

**AMERICAN LEGION
Post 1450 Officers**

Commander	Lippy 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
Historian	Vacant

Board of Directors

President	Lippy Lepine
Secretary	Mike Prendergast
Treasurer	Re-Run Lamont
Mike Knise	Chuck LaFountain
Doug Ludwig	Jim Keith
K-Roy Kraus	Gil Lebel
Jim Valenti	Jimmy Ooooo
Sam Gallooch	Butchy Newell
Greg Minch	Joel Roulard-ski

AUXILIARY

President	Sheila Holman
1 st Vice President	Susan Carmack
2 nd Vice President	Sandy Mincher
Secretary	Kathy Bonk
Treasurer	Kim Quick
Chaplain	Ruthie Cooper
Historian	Elaine Ooooo
Sergeant-at-Arms	Cheryl Jay

SONS

Commander	Toad Spinner
1 st Vice Commander	Bucky Blair
2 nd Vice Commander	Craig Messier
3 rd Vice Commander	Gregg Gendron
Treasurer	Bobby Keath
Adjutant	Ken Decerce
Historian	Vinny Berdar
Chaplain	Mikey Lenigan
Sergeant-at-Arms	Lil-Bub Brammer

WELCOME ABOARD !!!
 Patricia Breau – Rexford
 Robert Cehowski – Ballston Lake
 Tony Durivage – Clifton Park
 Robert Vickers – Clifton Park

2021 Membership Dues Are DUE !!
 > **Regular** = \$45, > **AUX** = \$25 / Under-21 = \$7
 > **SONS** = \$25 / Under 21 = \$12
**** Pay Early = by Mail –or– at the Post ****

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
to Verify that we have it.

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Get Veterans Records ON-LINE
 Most veterans & their next-of-kin can obtain free copies of their
 DD Form 214 (Report of Separation) and other military and
 medical records ON-Line AT:
<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

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