



Mohawk Post No.1450
AMERICAN LEGION

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone!! Looks like Spring has arrived and hopefully no more snow!! A little less rain and wind would be nice. I can almost hear those lawnmowers idling and ready to go!! Hope everyone enjoyed their Easter. Now we look forward to our Memorial Day service and the opening of our pavilion. Remember to bring the whole family along with friends to our service. There are many parties planned throughout the spring and summer and we are always looking for volunteers to help. Can you donate a few hours to help your Post 1450? It would be greatly appreciated. May is an important month on our Legion calendar with the annual election of officers. Please make an effort to attend your monthly membership meeting to help shape our future with your vote. If we hope to continue our current level of giving, then we all must seek out new members. In closing never forget that freedom is not free!! Take time to thank our men and women currently in uniform and their families left behind as they serve our country to preserve and guarantee our FREEDOM!! God Bless America!!

**Chuck LaFountain
Commander**

**** House & Pavilion:** Please direct all inquiries to:

> **House:** Rick Petuske 518-209-0993
rpets326@gmail.com

> **Pavilion:** Gregg Gendron 518-339-7959
ggendron@nycap.rr.com

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**Sunday Snax are taking the Summer OFF  
& will Resume in the Fall**

**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 Dibble – Lake Placid, FL  
Ray Dozois – Clifton Park  
Dominick Izzo III – Latham  
John Keevern – Clifton Park

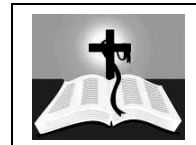
**WELCOME ABOARD**

Christopher Bishop – Clifton Park  
Richard D'Aleo – Clifton Park  
Michael Furdyna – Ballston Lake  
Lue Oquendo – Rexford  
Sophia Trentini - Rexford

**Heads-Up to ALL  
Legion Family Members  
There is NO SONS, AUX, or  
Regular-Veterans Meetings in  
July & August**

**\*\* Feedback Requested \*\***  
Trying to keep our Records up-to-date: please info us if you know of any address changes or Member deaths 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

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Easter Holiday.

Our Auxiliary always has something going on, so check this out:

**May 8 -9** – Distribution of Poppies at the Halfmoon Walmart from 9 AM to 3PM. Kathy Hedlund is looking for volunteers to help. Please call Kathy at 518-441-7477

**May 13 - AUX MEETING** - 7pm. Annual election. Come have your voice be heard in helping elect your Officers for 2026–2027!

**May 20 - BLOODMOBILE** - 1-6pm. Volunteers always needed. Contact Cheryl Jay 518-479-2474.

**May 25 - MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY** - 11am

**June 11 - COMBINED INSTALLATION DINNER** - 6pm. Swearing in & Meeting to follow.

**June 5-6 - SPRING CONFERENCE** at Lake Placid, NY.

**July 14-18 - DEPARTMENT CONVENTION** in Syracuse, NY

**\*REMINDER: NO AUX MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST.**

*“If you want to thank a soldier, be the kind of American worth fighting for.”* Author unknown. Enjoy and have a safe Summer.

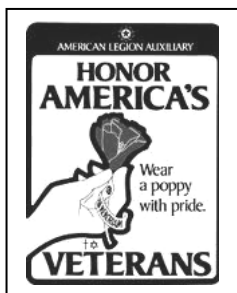
**Always Thank a Veteran!**

**President Susan Carmack and Kathy Bonk**

### Poppy Distribution Day

**May 8 & 9 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 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6-PM

Menu To Be Determined

**MUST Sign-Up in the Lounge**

**BEFORE Fri., May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Installation Ceremony & Regular Meetings to follow**



**Did You Know we have...**

- ~ FREE Shuffleboard
- ~ FREE Dartboards
- ~ 25 Cent Pool Table
- ~ Cornhole Boards & Bags On-Request

## SAL NEWS

There is truly nothing like Springtime in the Northeast: where morning frost graciously gives way to afternoon sunshine. Wait just a minute. It is SNOWING again. We're all ready for the real thing, but in the meantime, at least the **Boys of Summer** are back! Come down to the Post, grab a seat, and let's watch a game or two while we wait for the thaw.

### **Membership & Dues**

A friendly reminder: if you find the door isn't opening for you, it's likely because your dues haven't been updated. Please ensure you are current on your membership. While you're at it, keep an eye out for potential new members—let's keep our Post growing.

**Easter:** The Easter Bunny made a wonderful visit to the Post! It was great to see the children having such a fun time. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the day special.

**Chicken BBQ:** Thanks to everyone who supported our Chicken BBQ. It was a fantastic success because of your hard work and appetite!

**The Pavilion:** We are getting ready to open for the season. If you'd like to volunteer, please see **Gregg Grendon** for the schedule.

**Officer Elections (May 21):** We will be holding elections for officers during our meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Please make every effort to attend. If you've ever considered taking on a leadership role, we would love to see you step up!

**Memorial Day:** Service is just around the corner. Please plan to attend this year's ceremony and bring your family and friends along to honor the day.

**A Final Thought:** As always, fly your flag proudly. Take a moment today to thank our Veterans—past and present—for their selfless service.

God Bless America,

**Marcus Houser, SAL Commander**

### “Light-Weight” Wheel Chairs

Currently seeking **“Gently-Used”**, **“Light-Weight”** / **“Transport”** Wheel Chairs. contact the Post @ 518-371-4463. **NOTE: Heavy Wheel Chairs, Walkers, canes, crutches and other items Are NOT Needed at this time.**

## MAY 2026

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

## JUN 2026

| Sun                                                    | Mon                 | Tue | Wed   | Thu                                                                     | Fri   | Sat                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-----|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| May 31st                                               | 1<br>BINGO 7PM      | 2   | 3     | 4<br><u>B.O.D. 6:30 PM</u><br>Annual CORP. Mtg<br>@ 7:30                | 5     | 6<br>Belmont<br>Stakes             |
| 7                                                      | 8<br><br>BINGO 7PM  | 9   | 10    | 11<br>Combined<br>Installation Dinner<br>Install Officers<br>& Meetings | 12    | 13                                 |
| 14<br><u>Flag Day</u><br><u>US Army</u><br><u>1775</u> | 15<br><br>BINGO 7PM | 16  | 17    | 18                                                                      | 19    | 20<br>Stewie-Open<br>Golf & Picnic |
| 21<br><br>Happy<br>Father's <u>Day</u>                 | 22<br><br>BINGO 7PM | 23  | 24    | 25                                                                      | 26    | 27                                 |
| 28                                                     | 29<br>BINGO 7PM     | 30  | Jul 1 | Jul 2<br>BOD 6:30 PM                                                    | Jul 3 | Jul 4<br>HAPPY 4TH                 |

**AMERICAN LEGION  
Post 1450 Officers**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Commander                      | Chuck LaFountain |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander | Greg Mincher     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander | John Desautels   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander | Tom McLaughlin   |
| Adjutant                       | Lippy Lepine     |
| Finance Officer                | Bob Malo         |
| Chaplain                       | Sam Gallucci     |
| Service Officer                | Jim Valenti      |
| Sergeant-at-Arms               | Jeff Nowc        |

**Board of Directors**

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| President      | Chuck LaFountain |
| Secretary      | Lippy            |
| Treasurer      | Bob Malo         |
| Mike Knise     | Jim Johnson      |
| Tom McLaughlin | Jim Keith        |
| Greg Minch     | Gil Lebel        |
| Jim Valenti    | Kevin A. Walsh   |
| Sam Gallucci   | Jeff Nowc        |

**Auxiliary**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| President                      | Susan Carmack    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Cheryl Jay       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Sandy Mincher    |
| Secretary                      | Jamie Ballestero |
| Treasurer                      | Kim Quick        |
| Chaplain                       | Pat Rudebush     |
| Historian                      | Sheila Holman    |
| Sergeant-at-Arms               | Kathy Hedlund    |

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|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Commander                      | Marcus Houser     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Commander | Bucky Blair       |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Commander | Pete Lapan        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Commander | Gregg Gendron     |
| Treasurer                      | Bob Keith         |
| Adjutant                       | Kevin A. Walsh    |
| Historian                      | Chuck DeCerco     |
| Chaplain                       | Uncle-Steve Bizan |
| Sergeant-at-Arms               | Frank Brammer     |

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

**Annual Corporation Meeting June 4, 2026**

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 4, 2026 at 7:30pm. You must be a Paid-Up member for the year 2026 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 2026 and are currently being held by **Jeff Nowc, Tom McLaughlin, and two Vacancies.**

**\*\* Two, Two-Year terms**- The new terms will expire in 2028 and are presently held by **Gil Lebel & Sam Gallucci**

**\*\* One, Three-Year term**- The new term will expire in 2029 and is presently held by **Mike Knise.**

**\*\* 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.

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