



Mohawk Post No.1450 **AMERICAN LEGION**

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COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Hello to all our Vets, Sons and Auxiliary!!!

I would like to start with thanking our committee chairs. Bell Jar-Jimmy Keith, Bar Stewart-Jimmy Keith and Assistant-Mike Knise, Bingo-Sam Gallucci, House-Jim Valenti & Ricky Petuski, Finance-Bobby Malo, Pavilion-Greg Gendron, Color Guard-Andy Casucci, Membership and all the other little jobs-Lippy, Plus Wally & the entire landscaping crew. You folks are truly the back bone of Post 1450 and we are extremely proud to have you as our members!!!

The Stewie was another great success., Many-Thanks to J.K. & all that made that possible.

Great job by the Sons for their Chicken-Steak drive-thru that was enjoyed by many.

Summer isn't over yet. Corn hole and all the other activities are still going on. Be on the look-out for other activities this summer and the fall.

Football season is revving up!! Please stop by and enjoy your Post 1450, meet friends and make new ones!!

In closing, as always, please find time each and every day to give thanks and remembrance to our Men and Women in Uniform, and their Families left behind, for their current personal sacrifices, to guarantee our Freedom.

God Bless America and God Bless Post 1450 !!!

Chuck LaFountain, Commander

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Monthly TEAM-TRIVIA Returns

>> Come Join the Fun from 7-9 PM on:

**** THURSDAY – SEP 24th**

**** THURSDAY – OCT 29th**

Come Join a Team, bring friends & Start a team, Or just come Quench your Thirst and have a Wicked-Pissah Good Time !!!

The Quiz-Master & the Trivia Elves

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**\*\* Please Note: The Post will be CLOSED  
On Labor Day, Monday Sept. 7th**

### **> Membership - Eligibility <**

**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 eligible via a  
Past or Present Post-1450 Member**



**\*\* Our Prayers & best  
Wishes go out to All of  
our Men & Women in  
Uniform !!!**

**\*\*Please notify Lippy  
at the Post of any**

**Members who are "Forward Deployed" in  
support of the War on Terror so we can Pay  
their Dues.**

### **GREAT JOB Down Below !!!**

**Much-Deserved, Hugs, & Kisses to ALL  
the dedicated Pavilion Volunteers for yet-  
another, Successful, Fun-Filled Summer !!!**

**Gregg Gendron, The "Big-Cheese"**

### **WELCOME ABOARD !!!**

**Dean Burdick - Waterford  
Christopher Kilmer – Clifton Park  
Lisa Rose - Altamont  
Howard Rubinger – Clifton Park  
Heather Schmidt – Troy**

## SAL NEWS

The boys of summer are in full swing and pretty soon the pig skin will be flying high.

Now that we've had a one-month break, Let's all get reacquainted, starting with the Sept. 17th meeting. Come see what's going on, & have your ideas be heard.

Don't forget to support the Auxiliary Fund-Raisers. Like the Bake Sale they are having at our Son's Breakfast on October 18th. Come help us prepare and serve the food.

The Sons grab n go BBQ was very successful. Thank you to all who helped & especially to Petuske's Produce for donating the Veggies.

Our Membership Report shows we are over 100% of 2026's goal, many Thanx to Gregg Gendron & All who Renewed !!! **\*\* 2027 Dues are now being accepted.**

In closing, always show your patriotism and always remember to thank our Veterans and their families along with Active Military for their sacrifices they are and have endured on our behalf.

**God Bless America !!!**

**Marcus Houser, SAL Commander**

### Donations Update

Did you know that Last-Year "We" Donated over \$67,000 to Local / National Charities, or in Scholarships !!!

**\*\* Plus:** The SONS & Auxiliary, Combined, Annually donate over \$20,000 !!

AND, so far "Year-To-Date, we have already Donated over \$29,000 !! Specifically: Bell Jar = \$18,600, Bingo = \$10,500, & the Post = \$300.

>> SO, Give Yourself a BIG-HAND, Cuz You Deserve it !!! **Chuck LaFountain, CDR**

### U.S. Flag Etiquette

**\*\* Please bring all worn or unwanted Flags to the Post or to the Red Drop-Box at the VFW on Route-9 to be Properly "Retired"**



### 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**  
**Sam & the "Red-Shirts"**  
**Can't wait to see Ya !!**

## AUXILIARY NEWS

Hope all had a safe and healthy summer.

Check-Out the below list of upcoming Events as we welcome back our New/Old President-Sheila! As you can see, she's more than ready to plan events in support of our Veterans and their families! Here's what's going on:

**Sep 9 - AUX MEETING - 6:00pm.** Come give a warm welcome to our new Officers and have your voice be heard!

**Sep 16 - BLOODMOBILE - 1 - 6pm.**

Volunteers always needed.

Contact Cheryl Jay. 518-479-2474.

**Sep 17 - AUX COUNTY MEETING - 6:00pm.**  
Post 91, Mechanicville.

**Oct 4 - FALL CONFERENCE - Post 0574,**  
Hudson Falls. Contact Pres. Sheila for more info.

**Oct 14 - AUX MEETING - 6:00pm.** Come help pack **Holiday Boxes for our Military!** Accepting donations of non-perishable food items (Gum, Lifesavers, Peanut Butter Crackers, etc). A box will be set up at our Post for donations.

**Oct 18 - BAKE SALE with the SON's BREAKFAST -** Let us know what you can bake!

**>> REMINDER: 2027 DUES** are now being accepted. **Adults = \$35. Juniors-20 and under = \$9.** AUX members 75+ years old, contact Pres. Sheila **no later than November 15th.**

**\*\* Author, William Safire once said, "When duty calls, that's when character counts."**

**Always, Please remember to Thank a Vet!**  
**President Sheila & Kathy Bonk**



**\*\*\* IN MEMORIAL \*\*\***

Michael Kelly - Waterford  
Larry Williams - Clifton Park

### BINGO Report

Balance on 6/30/26 = \$37,279.09,  
Rcpts = \$7,454.00, Total Avail = \$44,733.09,  
Disbursements = \$5,624.91,  
Balance on 7/31/26 = 39,108.18

**Sam Gallooch, Bingo Chairman**

## SEPTEMBER – 2026

| Sun | Mon                                                     | Tue                        | Wed                                      | Thu                        | Fri                                                          | Sat |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| XXX |                                                         | 1                          | 2                                        | 3<br>B.O.D.<br>Mtg<br>6:30 | 4                                                            | 5   |
| 6   | 7<br><b>NO<br/>BINGO</b><br>Labor<br>Day Post<br>Closed | 8                          | 9<br>AUX<br>MTG<br><u>7-PM</u>           | 10<br>POST MTG<br>7-PM     | 11<br>Football<br><u>BEGINS</u><br>Patriot<br>Day<br>9/11/01 | 12  |
| 13  | 14<br>BINGO<br>7PM                                      | 15                         | 16<br><u>Blood-<br/>Mobile</u><br>1-6 PM | 17<br>SAL MTG<br>7-PM      | 18<br><i>USAF<br/>1947</i>                                   | 19  |
| 20  | 21<br>BINGO<br>7PM                                      | 22<br>Darts<br>Mtg<br>7-PM | 23                                       | 24<br>TRIVIA<br>7-9 PM     | 25                                                           | 26  |
| 27  | 28<br>BINGO<br>7PM                                      | 29<br>Dahhts<br>Stahts     | 30                                       | XXX                        | XXX                                                          | XXX |

## OCTOBER – 2026

| Sun                                                           | Mon                              | Tue                                    | Wed                     | Thu                           | Fri | Sat                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|
| XXX                                                           | XXX                              | XXX                                    | XXX                     | 1<br>B.O.D.<br>MTG<br>6:30-PM | 2   | 3                                |
| 4                                                             | 5<br>BINGO<br>7PM                | 6<br>Darts                             | 7<br>AUX<br>Mtg<br>7-PM | 8<br>POST<br>MTG<br>7-PM      | 9   | 10                               |
| 11                                                            | 12<br>BINGO<br><u>7PM</u>        | 13<br>Darts<br><br><i>USN<br/>1775</i> | 14                      | 15<br>SAL<br>MTG<br>7-PM      | 16  | 17<br>Scary<br>Karaoke<br>7-10   |
| 18<br>SONS<br>BRKFST<br><u>8-11:30</u><br>AUX<br>Bake<br>Sale | 19<br>BINGO<br>7PM               | 20<br>Darts                            | 21                      | 22                            | 23  | 24                               |
| <u>25</u>                                                     | <u>26</u><br>BINGO<br><u>7PM</u> | 27<br>Darts                            | 28                      | 29<br>TRIVIA<br>7-9 PM        | 30  | 31<br><u>Happy<br/>Halloween</u> |

### “MEMBERSHIP REPORT”

We closed-out 2026 with 495 Paid, or 95% of our Goal of 518. Many 2027 Renewals have already begun rolling-in !! Moocho-Thanx to the 200-Plus members who have already Earned their highly coveted “Early-Bird” stamp !!

**“Lippy”,  
Membership Chairman**

### > NOTES <

**\*\* Next Blood Mobile is:  
Wed, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>, 1-6 PM**

**\*\* Walk-In's may be available,**

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

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

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

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Monday Sept. 7th**

**2027 Membership Dues are  
Now being accepted !!**

**> Regular Members = \$45**

**> AUX = \$35 / Under-18 = \$9**

**> SAL = \$25 / Under 21 = \$15**

**\*\* Pay Early by Mail**

**–or– at the Post \*\***

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### “CHAPLAIN's CORNER”

Many, Many Thanks to All those who faithfully attend the “Wakes” to pay respect to our Deceased Members.

Anyone interested in getting on the List to become a part of this Much Appreciated and Extremely Rewarding duty, please contact me at the Post.

**Sam Gallucci, Chaplain**

**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 | Cards 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 Lepine     |
| Treasurer    | Bob Malo         |
| Mike Knise   | Kevin A.         |
| Jeff Nowc    | Jim Keith        |
| Greg Minch   | Gil Lebel        |
| Jim Valenti  | Jim Johnson      |
| Sam Gallooch | Cards McLaughlin |
| Mal Ford     |                  |

**AUXILIARY**

|                                |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| President                      | Sheila Holman |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | Cheryl Jay    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President | Sandy Mincher |
| Secretary                      | Kim Quick     |
| Treasurer                      | Diana Newell  |
| Chaplain                       | Pat Rudebush  |
| Historian                      | Linda Zoller  |
| Sergeant-at-Arms               | Kathy Hedlund |

**SONS**

|                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 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                      | Bobby Keith       |
| Adjutant                       | Kevin A. Walsh    |
| Historian                      | Chuck DeCerece    |
| Chaplain                       | Uncle-Steve Bizan |
| Sergeant-at-Arms               | Lil-Bub Brammer   |

**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.

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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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