

NEW HARTFORD POST 1376 THE AMERICAN LEGION



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"The Snake"*

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MAY

NEWSLETTER

2017



Hours of Operation:
Monday-Saturday
11:00 AM-12:00 AM
Sunday
12:00 PM-12:00 AM

DATES

- 2nd-Board of Directors Meeting-6:30 PM
- 2nd-Auxiliary Meeting-6:30 PM
- 3rd-Executive Board Meeting-6:30 PM
- 3rd-SAL Meeting-7:00 PM
- 9th-Tuesday Night Dinner
Serving 4:00—7:00 PM
- 14th-Mother's Day
- 15th-Oneida County Legion Meeting @
Lee Legion Post 1794 -Lee Center- 7:00 PM
- 17th-Post Elections-Polls Open-12:00 PM
- 17th-Post Membership Meeting-7:00 PM
- 18th-Post Color Guard Meeting-6:00 PM
- 20th-Armed Forces Day
- 21st-Legion Rider's Meeting-12:15 PM
- 27th- Auxiliary's Chicken BBQ
11:00 AM-Until Sold Out
- 29th-Memorial Day
Post Memorial Day Service-12:00 PM
Memorial Day Service @ Veteran's Memorial-5:00 PM
New Hartford Memorial Day Parade-7:00 PM



"THE FRIENDLY POST"



Lunches Served Daily
Monday-Friday
11:00 AM-2:00 PM



Friday Night Fish Fry
Served Weekly
4:00 PM-7:30 PM

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

With this May approaching, hopefully so are the warm and sunny days. And with May coming so comes the completion of my year as your Post Commander. I would like to thank everyone for your help and support throughout the year, especially all of the officers on the Executive Board, the Auxiliary, Sons, Legion Riders, and Board of Directors and our employees, in getting through this year of learning.

At this time I will announce that I am seeking a second term as your Commander and if elected I will draw on everything I've learned this past year to hopefully help this Post to continue to keep growing and improving. On that note I do want to remind everyone that Post officer's elections will be held on May 17th and I urge everyone to get out there and vote.

This past month we have seen such events as the Wine Tasting, the SAL's Easter Egg Hunt and another breakfast which has not yet happened at the time of this writing but will take place on April 23rd. Along with our Tuesday night dinner and our Friday fish fries, on May 27th the Auxiliary will have a Chicken Barbecue.

Also, May 29th we will be having our Memorial Day ceremonies at our Post which I encourage all to attend to pay homage to all our comrades that have gone before us to bring us the freedoms we enjoy today. Details of our elections are found later in this newsletter.

Last but not least let me wish everyone a safe and happy summer. God bless you all and God bless America.

For the Good of the Legion,
Rand Kennedy, Post Commander



AUXILIARY NEWS

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be on Tuesday, May 2nd starting at 6:30 PM.

We are coming to the end of 2017 membership drive. IF you have not already paid your annual dues, please do so by end of this month. We are at 91% of our quota of 404 members, help us achieve 100%. Contact Janice Hurley at 735-2366 with any questions. Renewals can be sent to her home at 1904 Redfield Ave, Utica 13501 or left in the Auxiliary mailbox in the Lounge. Please talk to your relatives and friends and have them join. We have activities throughout the year and always welcome new faces.

Ladies, let us know of any Auxiliary Members who are sick or in nursing homes. Please contact Janice Keesler at 724-5693 with any information.

Elections are coming up in May. Although letters of intentions were to be in by April's meeting to be listed on the ballot, you may still be nominated off the floor at our May meeting. We are still in need of a President, and Vice President, and Historian. We provide a wonderful service to our Legion and community.

The 4th Annual Wine Tasting to benefit the Sitrin Military Rehab Program was again a great success. Thank you all who supported the event either by volunteering, sponsorship, donations, and attending the event. Sitrin's Military Rehabilitation Program, which provides comprehensive care for service members and veterans who have post-traumatic stress, traumatic brain injuries, amputations, spinal cord injuries and other combat-related conditions. This program is funded solely by the generosity of the community and other donors. Sitrin does not receive any state or federal aid. Service members or veterans who choose to be treated at Sitrin do not pay anything for their care not even a co-pay. This is why your Auxiliary does this fund raiser.

We will hold a Chicken BBQ on Saturday, May 27th from 11:00am until Sold Out. Donation is \$10.

We are looking for volunteers to help plant flowers in front of the Legion and around the walk way leading to and around the Helicopter. Date of event is May 20th @ 10:00am. Interested members may contact Monica Lawendowski @ 315-723-0504. Rain date will be May 21st.

The New Hartford Auxiliary Unit 1376 would like to welcome the following new members to our Unit. Please Welcome: **Deanna M. Johnson, dual membership (Legion and Auxiliary), Meggie Macturk, Charlotte Macturk, and Kelley M. Renninger.**

Please pray for our service men and women and continue to support our veterans.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monica Lawendowski, President



BOY SCOUT REPORT

On Saturday March 25th I attended the Eagle Court of Honor for Troop 4's newest Eagle Scout Jimi Wadnola which was held at the Willowvale Fire Co. in Chadwicks. Jimi is our 66th Eagle Scout and I extended my best wishes and congratulations along with those from Commander Kennedy and New Hartford Post #1376.

For his Eagle project Jimi was in charge of building a nature trail and info kiosk for the Root Farm in Sauquoit. Eagle Scout is the highest youth achievement in Scouting and requires many hours of dedicated work to complete. Scouts looking to earn Eagle need to complete 21 merit badges as well as plan, coordinate and lead the execution of a service project to fulfill the community service requirement which Jimi has done rather nicely.

Also; on the following Saturday April 1st I attended Troop 4's 50th anniversary celebration at the St. Thomas Church Parish Center in New Hartford. It was at that time that I formally presented our Legion's annual donation check to the Troop to assist them with defraying their yearly operating costs which was very much appreciated by all in attendance.

The Troop was established in 1967 with the Holy Name Society of St. Thomas Church as the original Charter Organization. Our Post took over in 1974 and has been with Troop 4 since that time which is 44 years and counting!

Yours in Scouting,
Rick Watkajtyz, Post Scout Chairman



THIS DATE IN MILITARY HISTORY

On April 4, 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the notorious Nazi concentration camp Buchenwald in Germany.



May 29, 2017

Memorial Day, originally called **Decoration Day**, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While **Waterloo N.Y.** was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by **President Lyndon Johnson** in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.



General John Logan

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by **General John Logan**, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his **General Order No. 11**. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

New Hartford American Legion Memorial Day Schedule

May 29, 2017

Post Memorial Day Service

12:00 PM

Memorial Day Service @ Veteran's Memorial

5:00 PM

New Hartford Memorial Day Parade

7:00 PM



COLOR GUARD REPORT

The next meeting of the Color Guard will be held on Thursday, May 18th starting at 6:00 PM.

If there are any changes you will be notified by Janice Hurley.

During the past month we attended the Wakes and Funerals for John Rutledge, David Sprague and Edward Oleskey. Our sympathies are extended to their families.

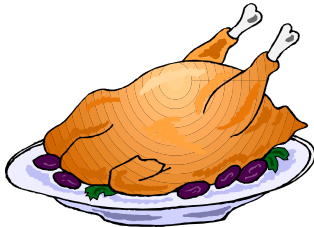
Also during the month of March, our Unit participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Veterans Bowling Tournament at Pin-O-Rama Lanes.

The Color Guard's slate of officers for the 2017-2018 year will remain the same.

At this time we have taken part in 14 Functions with 176 hours of service. As always we are very proud of this.

All of our events are under the direction of Capt. Nelson Pohoreskey, Rd. Cdr. Larry Winfield, Lt. Duane Clark.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald Wisnoski, Historian



*****MAY'S*****

TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER

ROAST TURKEY

Herb Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes
Salad, Rolls, Coffee & Tea

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

Serving from 4:00—7:00 pm

Donation—\$12.00

Inside Dining & Take Out Available

Call 736-7041

or

Visit us @

www.newhartfordamericanlegionpost1376.com



New Hartford American Legion Presents Our



Serving 4:00 PM-7:30 PM

*All Dinners include a Garden Salad &
Fresh Baked Bread*

Fresh Haddock

*Fried or Baked, Served with a choice of Fries,
Mac Salad, or a Baked Potato*

Sea Scallops

*Mouth-watering Fresh Sea Scallops, Deep
Fried to a Golden Perfection. Served with a
choice of Fries, Mac Salad, or Baked Potato*

Combo Plate

A Full Fish Fry & Scallops Combined

Smaller Combo Plate

Half Piece of Haddock

&

Smaller Portion of Scallops

Chicken Riggies

*Our Home Town Favorite, Chicken, Peppers, &
Onions served in a Thick, Creamy Vodka Sauce,
Served Mild or Hot*

For The Kids

Chicken Tenders & Fries

or

Hot Dog & Fries

Please call ahead for parties of 6 or more.

736-7041



SAL NEWS

The next meeting of the Son's of Post 1376 will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd starting at 7:00 PM.

For the 3rd straight year **New Hartford SAL Squadron 1376** remains the largest Squadron in the Department of New York.

We are asking that if you have not renewed your membership in the Sons to please get your dues in as soon as possible. The 2017 cards have been in for some time now. If you are not sure you have paid your dues, just check your membership card, if it says 2017 on it you are paid. if not, your dues are due. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Dues remain at \$20.00 and can be mailed to: **Bob Byrd, 4 Foxcroft Rd., New Hartford, NY 13413** or put them in the SAL mailbox at the Post. Checks for dues can be made payable to SAL Post 1376. **PLEASE NOTE**; If you pay by cash, ask for a receipt and make sure your name is on the envelope. Also, if your address has changed please let me know so we can be sure you will receive your newsletter.

New Hartford Post SAL Squadron 1376 would like to welcome the following new members to our Squadron. Please welcome: **Christopher Salatino, Russell Cahill, Paul Lazzaro, Timothy Schoen, Robert Koberstein, Gene Wojcik, Terrence Lipinski, Walter Bobrowicz, Nathan Wadsworth Jr., and Dominick Hiffa.**

We thank all our members for their support of our Post, State and our Veterans.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Byrd, Adjutant



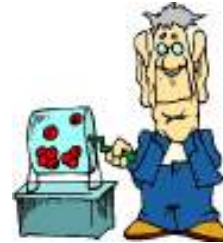
QUEEN OF HEARTS UPDATE

The "Queen of Hearts" was drawn recently and the winner was Glenn Hurlburt. The total amount of the "Queen" was \$16,721. Glenn received 60% of that total or \$10,032.60. Congratulations to Glenn

and a Big Thank You to all who participated in our "Queen of Hearts".

The hunt for the "Queen" will resume on June 1st with the first drawing on June 7th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Bruccato, Manager



POST LOTTERY REPORT MARCH 2017 LOTTERY NUMBERS

DATE/NUMBER

1/556 2/879 3/409 4/500 5/325 6/612 7/205 8/131
9/783 10/114 11/838 12/427 13/567 14/Post Closed
15/719 16/335 17/147 18/869 19/791 20/769 21/453
22/200 23/500 24/661 25/391 26/060 27/065 28/550
29/350 30/391 31/065

Disclaimer: Every effort is made to accurately report these numbers. The official numbers are those recorded on the Post Lottery Payment Log Book by the Fund Raiser Chairman. The Post will not be responsible for typos in the newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jerry Johnson PC, Lottery Chairman

You said...



"Freedom is not worth fighting for if it means no more than license for everyone to get as much as he can for himself."

DOROTHY CANFIELD FISHER

**American author and essayist
(1879-1958)**



Monthly Humor



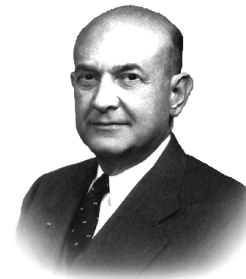
These great questions and answers are from the days when Hollywood Squares' game show responses were spontaneous, not scripted, as they are now!

- Q . Do female frogs croak?
A. Paul Lynde: If you hold their little heads under water long enough.
- Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be?
A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.
- Q. You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?
A.. Don Knotts: That's what's been keeping me awake.
- Q. According to Cosmopolitan, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?
A.. Rose Marie: No wait until morning.
- Q. As you grow older, do you tend to gesture more or less with your hands while talking?
A. Rose Marie: You ask me one more growing old question Peter, and I'll give you a gesture you'll never forget.
- Q. Paul, why do Hell's Angels wear leather?
A. Paul Lynde: Because chiffon wrinkles too easily.
- Q. In bowling, what's a perfect score?
A. Rose Marie: Ralph, the pin boy.
- Q. During a tornado, are you safer in the bedroom or in the closet?
A. Rose Marie: Unfortunately Peter, I'm always safe in the bedroom.

- Q. When you pat a dog on its head he will wag his tail. What will a goose do?
A. Paul Lynde: Make him bark?
- Q. According to Ann Landers, is there anything wrong with getting into the habit of kissing a lot of people?
A. Charley Weaver: It got me out of the army.
- Q. Jackie Gleason recently revealed that he firmly believes in them and has actually seen them on at least two occasions. What are they?
A. Charley Weaver: His feet.



May 20, 2017



*Louis Johnson
(1891-1966)*

On August 31, 1949, **Louis Johnson**, who was the United States' Secretary of Defense, announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the armed forces' unification under one department – the Department of Defense. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day too.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950. The theme for that day was

“Teamed for Defense”, which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, the day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the military in civilian life.

Armed Forces Day was a day for the military to show "state-of-the-art" equipment to Americans. It was also a day to honor and acknowledge Americans in the armed forces. Parades, open houses, receptions and air shows were held at the inaugural Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today and is part of Armed Forces Week.



LEGION RIDERS REPORT

Our April meeting was held on Sunday, April 23rd, where nominations for office were held.

The May meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 12:15 where officers will be installed, the results will be announced in a later newsletter.

Upcoming events include a May ride for the DAV fund, (Disabled American Veteran's), a Vietnam Run in June and many, many more throughout the year. Much thanks goes out to the Sons of the American Legion who will help contribute and add to our donations for some of these causes.

Riders / Supporters: the 2017 membership dues are now due; please make your check out to the American Legion Riders Post #1376 or drop off dues in an envelope in our mailbox with your name on it and address it to Tom Liesch.

Your 2017 ALR ID cards and receipt will be returned.

Please visit our face-book site... New Hartford American Legion Riders... or browse the website: www.AmericanLegionRiders.net, or National at www.legion.org/riders.

Ride to Live - Live to Ride!
For the Good of the Legion,
Jim Converse, President



May 14, 2017

The modern holiday of **Mother's Day** was first celebrated in 1908, when **Anna Jarvis** held a memorial for her mother at **St Andrew's Methodist Church** in **Grafton, West Virginia**. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine.



*St Andrew's Methodist Church
International Mother's Day Shrine.*

Her campaign to make "Mother's Day" a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, **Ann Reeves Jarvis**, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the **American Civil War**, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers, because she believed that they were "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".



*Ann Reeves Jarvis
(1834-1905)*



*Anna Jarvis
(1864-1948)*



President Woodrow Wilson
(1856-1924)

In 1914, **President Woodrow Wilson** signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.



NOTICE!!

Legionnaires, Sons of the Legion, Ladies Auxiliary and Legion Riders, if you would like to have a photo or news release published in the Utica OD or the New Hartford Town Crier, please contact **Bob Rothdiener @ (315) 768-1315**. Bob is the appointed Director of Public Relations for the New Hartford American Legion and will assist you in every way he can to have your articles published.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Rothdiener



Post elections will take place on **Wednesday, May 17, 2017**, with the **Polls opening at 12:00 Noon**. The Polls will remain open until 1/2 hour after the start of the general membership meeting that evening, which is scheduled to start at 7:00 PM.

Results of the election will be announced at the end of our meeting.

This is your opportunity to have your voice heard for the candidate you want to see in office for your American Legion Post.

Mark your calendar and make it a point to get up to the Post and vote.

For the Good of the Legion,
Vic Gazzilli, Post Adjutant



The following is the Ballot that is being presented to the New Hartford Legion Membership for their vote on May 17, 2017:

For the Office of :
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEEMAN

Vote for Four (4) or less

Dave Excell, Sr
Bob Hobin
Harry Hertline
Fred Williams
Terry Tesak

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Vote for Two (2) or less

Vic Gazzilli
Duane Clark
Mickey Nackley
Everett Colp

Polls Open @ 12:00 PM until 7:30 PM



There were no contested offices for the Auxiliary this year. One vote will be cast for the slate of officers presented before our membership meeting.



The following is the Ballot that is being presented to the New Hartford Sons of the Legion Squadron for their vote on May 3, 2017:

For the Office of :
COMMANDER

Don Wisnoski
Mike LaBounty

3rd VICE COMMANDER

Frank Verminski
Ed Ruffing

Polls Open @ 12:00PM until 7:00PM.



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**NEW HARTFORD AMERICAN LEGION
LADIES AUXILIARY**

When: Saturday, May 27, 2017

Time: 11:00 AM Until Sold Out

MENU

1/2 Chicken

Salt Potatoes, Coleslaw & Roll

Donation: \$10.00

Orders will be Take-Out Only

We Thank You in advance for your support.

New Hartford Ladies Auxiliary



The kitchen dishwasher was invented by the socialite wife of an Illinois politician, not because she was fed up with the ho-hum chore of dirty dishes but because she had had it with careless servants who too frequently broke her expensive china while washing it.



The New Hartford SAL would like to thank our Post for all of the support we have received throughout the past year.

Our recent Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our Post members went very well and the kids had a lot

of fun.

We want to also thank all who participate in the "Queen of Hearts" that the Sons hold through out the year. This fund raiser has helped out our Legion and our SAL Squadron greatly. Again, Thank You for your support of the Sons and our Post.

New Hartford SAL Squadron 1376



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our next membership meetings will take place on Wednesday, May 17th starting at 7:00 PM. It is at this meeting that the results of our Post election will be announced.

Please plan on attending our meeting and voice any concerns that you may have. As always, there will be refreshments served after the meeting.

We currently have 746 members paid so far, which includes 24 new members. This gives us 91% of our quota of 810.

NOTICE PLEASE READ!!

"If you pay your Legion membership online, you will have to send the Post membership person proof that you paid your dues. There is a receipt at the bottom of your online confirmation to send to the Post. I cannot send your membership card until I receive this confirmation. Please send this in as soon as possible."

This is a reminder that the new 2017 Membership Cards have been in for sometime now. Also please be reminded that our dues will remain at \$40.00. Please note that if you receive a renewal notice from National and you have paid your 2017 dues, just disregard the notice and throw it away. If you are not sure you have paid your dues, just check your membership card, if it says 2017 on it, you are paid. Thank You.

New Hartford American Legion Post 1376 would like to welcome the following new members to our Post. Please welcome: **Victor J. Cardillo, John P. Lazzaro and Chris Roach.**

As always we truly appreciate your continued support of our Post and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet Keesler & Dick Fountain
Post Membership Chairpersons

NEW HARTFORD AMERICAN LEGION POST 1376



Pictured from the Left:
Tim Converse, Riders President
Monica Lawendowski, Auxiliary President
Rand Kennedy, Legion Commander
Don Wisnowski, SAL Commander



TAPS

New Hartford American Legion Post 1376
regrets to report that the following members have left us:

JOHN E. RUTLEDGE
WALTER L. GILFEDDER
JOHN F. WORTH
DAVE SPRAGUE

GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST O'LORD