

NEW HARTFORD POST 1376 THE AMERICAN LEGION



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JANUARY

NEWSLETTER

2018



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

DATES

- 1st-New Years Day Post will open at 3:00 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—7:30 PM
- 15th-Oneida County Legion Meeting @
Whitestown Post 1113- 7:00 PM
- 17th-Post Membership Meeting-7:00 PM
- 18th-Post Color Guard Meeting-6:00 PM
- 19th-21st-Mid Winter Conference-Albany
- 21st-Sunday Morning Breakfast
8:00 AM-12:00 AM



"THE FRIENDLY POST"



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



Friday Fish Fry
Served Weekly
4:00 -8:00 PM

*****PROUDLY SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS*****





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe Holiday. Here at the Post in December our **Auxiliary** once again put on a wonderful Christmas Party luncheon for the **Veterans** in our area nursing homes. Besides lunch they were all given gifts to take with them. If you have never been there when these Veterans come in, it is a very touching sight to see these ladies and gentlemen enter as the Color Guard stands and salutes each and every one of them, thanking them for their service. The Auxiliary also once again put on another fantastic **Children's Christmas Party**. I can't thank these ladies enough for all the time and effort and genuine caring that they put into these events each year. We are truly blessed to have such a fine Auxiliary here at our Post. I would also like to thank all of you that volunteered for both of these events with a shout out to the members of the **Utica College Girls Softball** team for their help with both of these parties.

With this new year all of us here at Post 1376 will continue to strive to maintain, and even look for ways to improve, the excellence and quality of our **American Legion Post**. You can help by getting involved and attend our meetings on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month, September through May. Also, if you know someone that is eligible, but not a member of the American Legion, invite them in as your guest and show them our Post and see if they would be interested in becoming a member.

Again thanks to all of those that have helped me and the Post over the past year.

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



AUXILIARY NEWS

Happy New Year!! The next meeting of the Auxiliary will take place on **Tuesday, January 2, 2018** starting at **6:30 PM**.

This is a reminder that your **2017** membership ex-

pired on **December 31, 2017**. So if you haven't paid your **2017** dues please do so soon.

The **2018** membership cards are in and you can pay your dues anytime. Our dues remain at **\$25.00**. Dues can be sent to **Janice Hurley at 1904 Redfield Ave, Utica, NY 13502**. They may also be left at the Post in the Auxiliary mailbox in the Lounge area. Any questions call **Janice Hurley @ 315-735-2366**. Please talk to your relatives and friends and have them join. Help us reach our goal of **100%**.

December was a busy month for the Auxiliary, spending many hours of preparation for the **Veterans** and **Children's** parties. I would like to thank **ALL** who volunteered their time and energy to make these parties a great success.

I would also like to thank those that supported the Auxiliary's annual **Seafood Sale**. This also was a great success. See you next year!

Please let us know of any **Auxiliary Members** who are sick or in nursing homes. Please contact **Mary Rogalski @ (315) 797-9250** with any information.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Fountain, President



COLOR GUARD REPORT

The next meeting of the Color Guard will be held on Thursday, **January 18th** at **6:00 PM**. If there are any changes you will be notified by **Janice Hurley**.

During **December** the Unit did the **Clinton Holiday Stroll Parade**, the **Veterans Christmas Party** and the **Pearl Harbor Ceremony in New York Mills**.

We are always looking for new faces to join our **Color Guard Family**. If anyone is interested please contact **Capt. Nelson Pohoreskey, Rd. Cdr. Larry Winfield** or **Lt. Duane Clark** at the Post @ **315 736-7041**.

At this time we have participated in **77** Functions and have amassed **753** hours of service given back to our community. As always, we are very proud of our record.

Please have a safe Winter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donald Wisnoski-Historian



QUEEN OF HEARTS UPDATE

The "Search for the Queen" continues . The drawing for the "Queen" is held every **Wednesday at 8:15 PM.**

As of **December 7th** the pot for "Queen" is now at **\$10,220** with **23** cards left.

You can purchase tickets any day at the Bar and at the SAL table Wednesdays in the Lounge.

All **Post 1376 members** and **bona fide guests** over the age of 18 may play The Queen of Hearts.

One ticket will be drawn each week; except the first and twenty-sixth week, when three will be drawn, until the Queen of Hearts is found.

Tickets will be a series of two part-sequentially numbered raffle tickets. **TICKETS WILL COST \$1.00 EACH**, and you may purchase as many tickets as you want. Each player shall write their name and phone number and card number you would like selected if you are not present at the drawing on the Posts part of the ticket, which shall be deposited into the raffle box.

The purchasing player shall retain the other portion of the ticket as a receipt for verification purposes.

The player holding the winning ticket stub shall be declared the winner of the drawing and shall be entitled to "Search for the Queen of Hearts".

Each winner shall select one of the facedown playing cards, which shall be turned over by the member in charge. If the card turned over is the Queen of Hearts, the holder of the winning ticket selecting that card shall be awarded 60% of the grand prize pool. If the card selected is not the Queen of Hearts, the card shall be defaced and be returned to the game board face up.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bill Brucato, Manager



SONS OF THE LEGION REPORT

We hope everyone had a nice **Thanksgiving** and are in good health. The next meetings of the **Son's of Post 1376** will be held on **Wednesday, January 3rd** starting at **7:00 PM.** The **2018** dues are now **\$25.00.** You can

leave your dues in the **S A L Mailbox** at the Post or send them to **Bob Byrd, 4 Foxcroft Rd. New Hartford, N.Y. 13413.** If you pay by **check**, make it out to **S.A. L. Post 1376.** If you pay by **cash**, please enclose your **name** and **address** with your payment or leave it in the **SAL mailbox** at the **Post** located near the **kitchen.** If you have not received a reminder about your dues, perhaps I do not have a current address on file. You can leave that info in the mailbox or e-mail me at:

rambyrd@roadrunner.com

We would to welcome the following new members to our Squadron. Please Welcome: **Michael Tierney, Joe Zielinski, Joe DePalma, Jr., Daniel Sanders, Chuck Chaffee, and Jordan Scalzo.** We thank members of the Post who supported our scholarship fund by buying raffle tickets for the **55" television.**

As always the Sons thank you for supporting our **Post, our Veterans, and the Sons.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Byrd, Adjutant



A Tribute to Our Veterans

On **Saturday January 6, 2018,** the local **Basketball Referees Association** will sponsor a basketball tournament at **Utica College** as a **Tribute to Our Veterans.**

The games will be held in the campus gymnasium and there is **NO** charge for **veterans.**

Area high school teams will be playing starting at **10:00 AM.** The schedule of teams is as follows:

- Game 1 - 10am - Oriskany vs Clinton**
- Game 2 - Noon - Waterville vs Madison**
- Game 3 - 2pm - Cooperstown vs Sherburne - Earlville**
- Game 4 - 4pm - RFA vs VVS**
- Game 5 - 6pm - Proctor vs Notre Dame**
- Game 6 - 8pm - Whitesboro vs New Hartford**

The **New Hartford American Legion Color Guard** will be present to open this event.

A food drive for the **Veterans** is also included and they would like **children 12 and under** to bring in food items, **not the adults,** for **Feed the Vets,** in conjunction with the **Veterans Outreach Center** in **Utica.**

New Hartford American Legion's Friday Night Fish Fry Dinners

Featuring



Scallops



Fish Fry



Shrimp

Also Stuffed Haddock!!



New England Clam Chowder

Also Fry Our Mouth Watering

Prime Rib!!



All dinners served with:

Fresh Garden Salad

Fresh Bread

Coffee & Tea

Serving

4:00—8:00 PM

All Are Welcome!!

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Visit Us @

www.newhartfordamericanlegionpost1376.com



Sam Tantillo

Our New Post Caterer

We would like to introduce our new **Post Caterer**. His name is **Sam Tantillo** and Sam will cater all Post and private functions, such as **Weddings, Anniversaries, Graduations, Retirement and Birthdays** as our full time Caterer.

If you have a special event coming up stop in and see the menu choices available, or for more information you can call **Sam @ 315-749-3853** to book your special event.

Please take the time to stop up and try our **Friday** and **Second Tuesday** of the Month Dinners.

We thank you in advance for your support.

New Hartford American Legion Post 1376

Executive Board



ALVIN YORK

1887-1964

THIS DATE IN MILITARY HISTORY

On October 8, 1918, U.S. Army Cpl. **Alvin C. York** led an attack that killed 25 German soldiers and resulted in the capture of 132 others in the **Argonne Forest in France**. For his actions in the Argonne Forest, York was awarded his country's highest decoration the **Medal of Honor**.



Monthly Humor



“Better Write it Down”

A couple in their nineties are both having problems remembering things. During a check-up, the doctor tells them that they're physically okay, but they might want to start writing things down to help them remember ..

Later that night, while watching TV, the old man gets up from his chair 'Want anything while I'm in the kitchen?' he asks.

'Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?'

'Sure.'

'Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?' she asks.

'No, I can remember it.'

'Well, I'd like some strawberries on top, too. Maybe you should write it down, so as not to forget it?'

He says, 'I can remember that. You want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries.'

'I'd also like whipped cream. I'm certain you'll forget that, write it down?' she asks.

Irritated, he says, 'I don't need to write it down, I can remember it! Ice cream with strawberries and whipped cream - I got it, for goodness sake!'

Then he toddles into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes, the old man returns from the kitchen and hands his wife a plate of bacon and eggs. She stares at the plate for a moment and says,

'Where's my toast?'



Writers Honoring Veterans

On Tuesday, November 7th at our Post, 10 veterans were presented a beautiful printed book of their times during the Wars and their lives after.

The books were written by a group of volunteer professional writers.

A master booklet with all the stories will be distributed to all of the high schools in the area.

The project is on going and more veterans will receive this honor.

The commitment to this historical project was coordinated by Mr. Brian Miga with the assistance of Post 1376 members, Joe Fracola, Stash Babiarz, Bob Rothdiener and Fred Griffith.

The veterans receiving the honors were:

WORLD WAR II

Joseph Rositano, Nina “Dolly” Marvin,
Sylvester Puccio, Albert Circelli.

KOREAN WAR

Donald Rothdiener

VIET NAM

David Wilson, Joseph Costello, Gary Markowicz

Two who gave the ultimate sacrifice:

IRAQ

George Wood

AFGANISTAN

Daniel Geary

Coordinator,
Brian Miga



SAL Scholarship Benefit Raffle

The Sons of Post 1376 recently raffled off a 55” Smart TV. The proceeds provides funding for our Scholarship Program.

The winner of this years raffle was Bernie Ro-back. Congratulations Bernie!!

You said...



Mahalia Jackson

1911-1972

“It’s easy to be independent when you’ve got money. But to be independent when you haven’t got a thing—that’s the Lord’s test.”

Did you know?



The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.



The New Hartford American Legion will host our **Sunday Morning Breakfast** on **January 21st** from **8 AM to 12 PM** at the Post. The menu will be:

- Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage Hash, Sausage Gravy, Home Fries**
- Pancakes, French Toast**
- Toast, Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice**
- Fruit Cocktail**

Donation:

Adults: \$10.00

Children 5-12: \$5.00

Children under 5-Free



AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS REPORT

The next meeting of the Riders will be held in the Spring. Feel free to visit our facebook site... New Hartford American Legion Riders...or the State... www.AmericanLegionRiders.net...or National at ... www.legion.org/riders ...

For the Good of the Legion,
Jim Converse, President



JANUARY’S

****TUESDAY NIGHT DINNER****

“ITALIAN NIGHT”

BAKED ZITI, MEATBALLS & SAUSAGE

**Garlic Bread, Salad,
Coffee & Tea**

TUESDAY JANUARY 9, 2018

Serving from 4:00—7:30 pm

Donation—\$11.00

Inside Dining & Take Out Available

Call (315) 736-7041 or Visit us @

www.newhartfordamericanlegionpost1376.com



BOY SCOUT REPORT

On **November 27, 2017** we received a letter of thanks from the **Feed Our Vets** organization in conjunction with the **Veterans Outreach Center** of Utica.

We collected over **1965** items and a **\$10.00** cash donation towards this very worthy cause.

A big thank you went out to the **New Hartford American Legion** for letting us use their parking lot year after year to pick up these food items.

You are invited to stop down to the **Veterans Outreach Center**, (The old **YMCA** on **Washington St.** in **Utica**), to see how your donation is being used at their pantry. You can call **Joe Ancona @**

794-3310 to set up a tour.

Yours in Scouting,

Rick Wathajts, Post Scout Chairman



POST LOTTERY REPORT

NOVEMBER 2017

LOTTERY NUMBERS

DATE-NUMBER

1-909 2-236 3-378 4-698 5-901 6-768 7-993 8-648 9
-509 10-094 11-176 12-938 13-852 14-790 15-440 16
-946 17-176 18-969 19-242 20-667 21-426 22-149 23
-Post Closed 24-120 25-476 26-718 27-923 28-027
29-101 30-388

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.

POST FUND RAISER: The new lottery starts **January 1**. If you have not yet turned in your 2018 ticket-do so ASAP. After January 1, tickets play from when received. Also there is still time to **sell ten tickets** and earn a free **2019 membership** or a free **Tuesday dinner** if you **sell five**. Tickets available at the bar. Next newsletter we will let you know how well the 2017 Lottery did and report on our multi ticket sellers for 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jerry Johnson PC, Lottery Chairman



Important Notice!!

We still have **membership cards** in the file box of members that paid or joined in **2017** and haven't renewed their membership. If you are not sure you paid your dues, check your membership card. If it doesn't say **2018** on it, you have not paid your dues.

With over **40 members** who have left us this past year we need you to reconsider and get your dues in soon. The 2018 membership cards have been in for some time now and you can help us retain our membership strength to be able to do all the good things the American Legion has to offer.

Just a little reminder, and a fact, that since the start of **Desert Storm** in early **1991**, that's **26 years** ago, along with the **War on Terrorism**, we have very few of these veterans who belong to the **American Legion**. If they served during this period and are either on active duty or have been separated honorably from active duty and served at least one day during this period they are **eligible** to join the **American Legion**.

We can all be recruiters and we know there are a lot of our members who know who these veterans are. Get out and talk to them. Bring them up to our Post and show them around. Get them involved!

Remember: **"It is not the Price you pay to be a Member, it is the Price that you paid to be Eligible"**

For the **Good of the Legion** we **Thank You**.

New Hartford American Legion Post 1376



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018** starting at **7:00 PM**.

We currently have **589** members paid so far, which includes **16** new members. This gives us **76%** of our quota of **770**.

The **2018 Membership Cards** are in. You can renew anytime. Dues remain **\$40.00**. Thank You.

NOTICE PLEASE READ!!

"If you pay your Legion membership online, you will have to send the Post membership chairperson 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."

New Hartford American Legion Post 1376 would like to welcome the following new member to our Post. Please welcome: **Michael J. Kosowski, Ronald McLean and George M. Martin and Jeffery McLean**.

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



“For Those Who Served Our Country”

APPEAL FUND DRIVE: OUTDOOR LED SIGN



Chartered January 10, 1946 the New Hartford American Legion Post 1376 has become one of the largest American Legion Posts in New York State. We have been at our current location 8616 Clinton Road, New Hartford, New York since 1986. Our original sign is now over 30 years old. We want to update and replace it with a new digital LED sign. Please help us reach our fund raising goal.



In appreciation, your donation of \$50.00 or more, you will receive a beautiful “Made in U.S.A.” American Flag, 3 ft. x 5 ft.

**Notify
The
Community
of
Important
Events,
News
and
Alerts**

Benefits of a new LED color Outdoor Sign:

- Bolder, brighter, high-resolution full color LED sign
- Attention grabbing visuals
- Ultra-wide viewing angles
- Withstand harsh weather
- Immediate positive results
- Easy to use messaging software
- Better & faster information put out to the public
- Great location – intersection of major highways
- Missing Person Alerts
- Weather Advisory Notices
- Parade Information
- Legion Dinners – Tuesdays – Friday Fish Fry
- Emergency News Briefs
- National Disaster Recovery Alerts



NEW HARTFORD AMERICAN LEGION POST 1376 APPEAL FUND DRIVE 2017

DONATION RETURN CARD - New LED Sign Appeal

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Cell Phone (____) _____
 Email _____

Check off donation level:

[] Other \$ _____
 [] \$25.00
 [] \$50.00
 [] \$75.00
 [] \$100.00

Make check payable to: New Hartford American Legion Post 1376. Please mail or drop off your donation to: New Hartford American Legion Post 1376, 8616 Clinton Street, New Hartford, NY 13413. Any questions, feel free to contact TERRY TESAK, PHONE: (315) 794-7211.

*All donations are 501-C tax deductible.
 All donations are appreciated.*

Please donate by Veterans Day, November 11, 2017.
 Donations of \$50 or more, please stop by the N.H. American Legion and pick up a “Made in USA” American Flag, 3 ft x 5 ft, for you to display proudly at your home or office.



American FLAGS donated by our friends at
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Rand Kennedy, Legion Commander
Joanne Fountain, Auxiliary President
Don Wisnowski, SAL Commander
Tim Converse, Riders President



TAPS

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

MALCOLM R. DESIMONE
JOSEPH S. PAL

GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST O'LORD