

# NEW HARTFORD POST 1376 THE AMERICAN LEGION



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"The Snake"*

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SEPTEMBER

NEWSLETTER

2024



*"THE FRIENDLY POST"*



Hours of Operation:  
Monday-Sunday  
11:00 AM-10:00 PM  
3rd Sunday of the Month:  
10:00 AM-10:00 PM

**DATES**  
2nd-Labor Day  
4th-Executive Board Meeting-6:00 PM  
4th-SAL Meeting-6:00 PM  
4th-Auxiliary Meeting-6:00 PM  
**14th-Nervous Rex The Band**  
**Playing from 1:00-4:00 PM**  
15th-Legion Riders Meeting-11:00 AM  
16th-Oneida County Legion Meeting @  
Clifford J. Fulmer Post 92 Waterville-7:00 PM  
**18th-U.S. Air Force Birthday-1947**  
18th-Post Membership Meeting-6:30 PM  
19th-Post Color Guard Meeting-6:00 PM  
**20th-Trivia Night-6:00 PM**  
21st-Post Golf Tournament @  
Pine Hills Golf Course  
Registration-7:00 AM—Tee Off-8:00 AM



New Kitchen Hours  
Lunches Served :

Monday-Friday  
11:00 AM-2:00 PM

Wednesday Evenings  
4:30-8:30 PM

Saturday  
11:00 AM-2:00 PM  
(No Chili during Summer)

Sunday  
2:00-7:00 PM

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





## COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow members!

As you know, I'm your **Commander** once again, I would like to **start** by saying **I hope** all enjoyed your **Summer** with your loved ones.

As we **start** to come into the **fall season**, we will start some old **favorite fundraisers**. Starting **September 21<sup>st</sup>** we will have our **Annual Rise and Shine Legion Golf Tournament** at **Pine Hills Golf Course**.

On **October 20<sup>th</sup>**, we will start up our monthly **Breakfast Fundraiser** which will occur on the **3rd Sunday** of every month with the **exception** of **May** when it will be on the **2nd Sunday (Mother's Day)**.

I'd like to **congratulate** our past commander **Fred Williams** for his hard work on our **Post newsletter**. **New Hartford Post 1376** won the award for **Best Post Newsletter** at our last **County Convention!** Great job **Fred!**

I would like to **congratulate** all the newly sworn **officers** of all the **Legion** family organizations, I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

I would be **remiss** if I didn't **mention** the **loss** of one of our most **beloved employees** **Lacey Lynn Hurwitz**. **Lacey** was just a **joy** to have on our **staff**. She will be **sorely missed**. **RIP Lacey**. I look forward to seeing you all at the **Post!**

**Thank you**, and as always if you have any **concerns**, feel free to call the **Legion @ (315) 736-7041**.

For the **Good of the Legion**,

*Junior Laraquente*, Post Commander



## AUXILIARY NEWS

The next **meeting** of the **Auxiliary** will take place upstairs at the **Post** on **Wednesday, September 4, 2024** starting at **6:00 PM**. All **new members** are encouraged to attend.

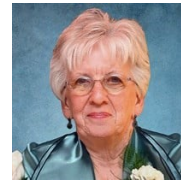
The new **2025 Membership Cards** are in and our dues remain **\$35.00**. Dues can be sent to **Krystal Hodge 20 Abbey Rd. Whitesboro, NY 13492**. They may also be left at the **Post** in the **Auxiliary mailbox** in the **Lounge**, but we encourage sending dues to **Krystal** directly. Doing this will **expedite** the **renewal**. If there are any **questions** please call **Krystal @ (315) 725-2678**.

Please note: It may take a couple of **weeks** to receive **membership card**. **New members** may take

**longer** due to **obtaining** additional **signatures**. Please be patient.

We **encourage** your **friends/family** who qualify to join. You can contact **Krystal** above for details.

Please let our **Chaplain, Laura Brucato** know of any **Auxiliary** member that is **sick at home** or convalescing **elsewhere**. Also, please let her know when one of our **sisters** has **passed**. We would like to let our members know that we offer a small **service** in **remembrance** should the family like. **Requests** can be made to **Laura**, who can be reached **@(315)794-8799**  
**Thank You.**

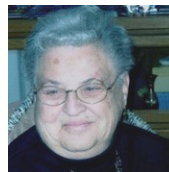


## HELEN HARRINGTON

The **New Hartford Auxiliary** regrets to report the passing of our **sister Helen Harrington** on **June 8, 2024**.

**Helen** was a **Past President** of the **New Hartford American Legion Post 1376 Ladies Auxiliary** for many years.

We also regret to report the **passing** of our **sisters Joan Carroll** on **July 10, 2024** and **Lacey Hurwitz** on **July 17, 2024**.



## JOAN M. CARROLL LACEY L. HURWITZ

On behalf of the **O'Dell-Hurwitz** and **Lawendowski** families, we would like to **thank everyone** for their **love, support** and **compassion** shown during our loss of **Lacey**. **Lacey** touched so many lives in her **short time** on earth as shown by the **attendance** of her **Celebration of Life**. A **big thank you** to the **Auxiliary** for all their **help** and to anyone who **donated food, baskets** and bought **raffle tickets**. There are so many of you and we don't want to **miss anyone**. **Lacey** loved her job at the **Legion** and **loved** all of you!

We finished the year with **289** members paid with **27** new members. This gave us **96%** of our quota of **301**.

The **New Hartford Auxiliary Unit 1376** would like to welcome the following new member to our **Unit**. Please Welcome: **Pauline Florentino**.

Please **pray** for our **service men** and **women** and continue to support our **veterans**. I also ask you to pray and support our **police** and **healthcare workers**.

Yours in Service,

*Monica Lawendowski*, President



## SONS OF THE LEGION REPORT

The next meeting of the Son's will be held on **Wednesday, September 4th** starting at **6:00 PM**.

A reminder that the Sons have the **Queen of Hearts**. Tickets are sold on **Wednesday** evenings until **6:45pm** with the drawing at **7:00pm**.

The **2025 Membership Cards** are in and you can pay your dues anytime. You can do this by mailing it to **Terry Hoffman, 8641 Red Hill Rd. Clinton, NY 13323**, or you can drop them off at the Post in the **SAL mailbox** attn: **Terry Hoffman**. **NOTICE**: Dues have been increased **\$5.00** and now are **\$35.00**. **PLEASE NOTE**: If you receive a **renewal notice** on your dues, make sure you send them to my address above and **NOT** to **8616 Red Hill Rd. NEW HARTFORD**, that is **incorrect**. Thank you. Also if you have **changed your mailing address** or any other **information** please send it to **Terry** at the above **address** or e-mail @ **ltapp@ntcnet.com**

As **always**, we **thank** all our **members** for their **support** of our **Post**, our **Sons** and our **Veterans**.

We finished the year with **422** members paid. This gave us **95%** of our quota of **444**.

As **always**, the **Sons** thank you for your **support** of our **Veterans** and our **Post**.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Tom Liesch* SAL Commander



### ONEIDA COUNTY, NEW YORK

The Oneida County American Legion will hold its' **Monthly Meeting @ Clifford J. Fulmer Post 92 Waterville** on **September 16th**.

**Food** will be served @ **6:00 PM** with the **meeting** to start @ **7:00 PM**. All **Legionnaires** are welcome to attend.



### POST SUGGESTION BOX

As a **reminder** we have a **suggestion box** available to all **members**.

We ask that they **sign** and put in any **suggestions** that they may have that they feel would **help improve** and/or **enhance** our **American Legion Post**.

The **suggestion box** will be located on the **shelf** near the **Pop Corn Machine** in the **Lounge**.



## SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

As your **Post Service Officer**, the following **information** on receiving **benefits** for **service related** conditions you may have **received** during your time on **active duty** may apply to you.

### The PACT Act and your VA benefits

The **PACT Act** is a new law that expands **VA** health care and benefits for **Veterans** exposed to **burn pits**, **Agent Orange**, and other **toxic substances**. It affects **Vietnam era Veteran**, **Gulf War era** and **post-9/11 Veteran** eligibility.

Also the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) **Whole Health Systems** approach invites **Veterans** everywhere to take charge of their health and well-being and to live life to the fullest. The VA commitment is to empower, equip, and treat **Veterans** based on their priorities with the support of **Whole Health Peer Facilitators** who serve as partners on the **Veterans** health team. This is an essential element of the **VA's new Whole Health System**. You can go on line to **va.gov/wholehealth** to learn about all of the programs available.

For complete information on benefits you may be eligible for please contact your **Service Officer, Dennis Thorp @ (315) 725-9871**.

Thank You.

Yours in Service,

*Dennis Thorp*, Post Service Officer

### *Important Notice!!*

### *Legion, Auxiliary & Sons*



**NOTE**: **Key Cards** will be available every **Wednesday** from **4:00-7:00 PM @** the "**Queen of Hearts**" table in the **Lounge**. Just show your **up-to-date membership card** and receive your new **Key Card**. Once again, **New Hartford American Legion** thanks you in advance for your **cooperation** and **understanding** in helping us **institute** this new system at our **Post**.

*New Hartford American Legion*



### HENRY "JACK" IRVING

It is with sadness that we report the passing of long time member Jack Irving on July 20th. Jack, a World War II US Navy Veteran was a 73 year member of the American Legion and a Past Commander of our Post. Jack was also a member of the original Post Color Guard.

Jack spent many hours at our Legion with his late wife Marie and enjoying his friendship with every one especially good friends Bill and Ione Thomas. Jack enjoyed representing our Legion in the County Bowling League and playing golf.

Tim Moore spent quite a bit of time with Jack over the last years of Jack's life bringing him to the Post when Jack was able and his many visits to see him.

Jack was rendered Military Honors with the Navy attending and the Post Color Guard with a Rifle Salute and the playing of Taps.

*The New Hartford American Legion*



### LACEY LYNN HURWITZ

The New Hartford American Legion regrets to report the passing of one of our employees, and Auxiliary Member, Lacey Hurwitz on July 17th.

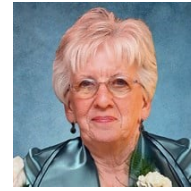
Lacey, only 30 years of age, was taken way too soon. She had a great personality and was very easy to talk to and made you feel welcomed when you were at the Post.

Lacey was to be married in September to Evan Lawendowski, the son of our Auxiliary President Monica Lawendowski and her husband, Gary.

Our deepest condolences go out to Lacey's family, to her fiancé Evan and the Lawendowski family.

The New Hartford American Legion Ladies Auxiliary conducted their service at calling hours for Lacey on July 26th.

*The New Hartford American Legion*



### HELEN HARRINGTON

The New Hartford American Legion regrets to report the passing of Helen Harrington on June 8, 2024.

Helen served as Auxiliary President for several years switching every other year with Janice Kessler. Helen was totaly committed to the mission of the Auxiliary and was instrumental in the growth of our Auxiliary Unit. Our condolences go out to her husband Richard and Helen's entire family.

*The New Hartford American Legion*



### HELEN JANE GOSSIN

With sadness we report the passing of Post Chaplain, Don Gossin's wife Helen on July 30th. Don has been our Post Chaplain for well over ten years.

Don and Helen celebrated their 61st Anniversary this past January.

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Don and to Helen's entire family.

*The New Hartford American Legion*

### *The American Legion 106th*

#### *Department of New York Convention*

The American Legion Department of New York Convention was held in Niagara County in the City of Niagara Falls, New York from July 15-19, 2024. Past Commanders Duane Clark and Fred Williams represented the New Hartford American Legion at the convention. We attended meetings on membership and compliance along with the general membership meetings each day.

The report on membership had good news that membership has increased state wide and on the bad news side is a lot of Posts and Department its self are having trouble filling positions on their Executive Boards.

There is also a bill in the Senate asking for approval to allow Video Games in American Legion Posts.

*Duane Clark PPC PC & Fred Williams PC*

## Town of New Hartford's Veterans Memorial



On Sunday, September 29th at 2:30pm, the Town of New Hartford will dedicate its newly renovated Veterans Park to our VETERANS and Residents of New Hartford.

We will also dedicate a special monument to the 12 Oneida County Gold Star Families whose sons were killed in action in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars.

Owen Jassak's Flags will also be on display from Friday, September 27th - October 5, 2024, in honor and memory of our Armed Forces.

Please join us for a very special ceremony. Thank you to the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 944 and the New Hartford American Legion Post 1376 for their help with the events!

## The Band Nervous Rex



**SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**

On Saturday September 14th The Band Nervous Rex will be playing at our Legion Post from 1:00-4:00 PM.

Plan on stopping up to the Post and enjoy an afternoon of great music and a few of your favorite drinks with your friends.

*New Hartford American Legion*

# The Pines at Utica

Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation



This past July 27th The Pines at Utica sponsored a Tee Off Fore Veterans Golf Tournament held at Twin Ponds Golf & Country Club.

The New Hartford American Legion would like to thank The Pines for their support and generosity in donating the proceeds from the Tournament to our Legion Post.

The Pines has sponsored events in the past at our Post like a Luncheon and a Lasagna Dinner. They do an awful lot for us and we can't thank them enough. Once again Thank You.

*New Hartford American Legion*



**SEPTEMBER 20, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

On Friday September 20th starting @ 6:00 PM come and join us for Trivia Night.

**RULES for TRIVIA NIGHT:**

**No more than 6 to a Team**

**No use of Cell Phones**

**No calling out answers**

We hope we have a good turn out and we hope every one has a good time.

*New Hartford American Legion*

## Monthly Humor



### LOST IN A HOT AIR BALLOON

A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am." The woman below replied, "You're in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You're between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude."

"You must be an engineer," said the balloonist.

"I am," replied the woman, "How did you know?"

"Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is, technically correct, but I've no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I'm still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help at all. If anything, you've delayed my trip."

The woman below responded, "You must be in Management."

"I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you're going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise, which you've no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."

## This Date in Military History



**HL HUNLEY**



**USS HOUSATONIC**

On **February 17, 1864**: During the **Civil War**: the Union ship **USS Housatonic** was rammed and sunk in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, by the Confederate hand-cranked submarine **HL Hunley** in the first naval attack of its kind; the **Hunley** also sunk.



The coffee shop frequented by **Jerry, George, Elaine,** and **Kramer** was called Monk's because there was a Thelonious Monk poster in the office where Seinfeld and co-creator Larry David would write.

You said...



"We are effectively destroying ourselves by violence masquerading as love."

**R.D. LAING**

Scottish psychiatrist  
(1927-1989)



**Member**  
*appreciation*

On **Saturday August 10th** the **Sons of Post 1376** held a **Member Appreciation Day** at our **Legion Post**.

**Hot Dogs** with all the **fixings** and **Chips** were provided at **no cost** to **members** present. There was also **\$2.00 Cans of Beer** available.

It was well **attended** and all had a **good time**. We want to **thank** all of the **volunteers** that helped put this **together** and make it a great **success**.

The **Sons** have always been **supportive** of our **American Legion Post** and we **appreciate** all they do for us. **Thank You Again!**

*New Hartford American Legion*



## COLOR GUARD REPORT

The next meeting of the Color Guard will be held on **Thursday, September 19th at 6:00 PM.**

The Color Guard was very busy this summer. We participated in services for the following:

**WILLIAM K. OWEN Jr.**

May 31, 2024, US Army Veteran

**MICHAEL W. "BIG MIKE" CIENAVA**

June 1, 2024, US Army Veteran

**DENNIS D. STARING**

June 7, 2024, US Army Veteran

**RICHARD J. BRUNETT**

June 25, 2024 US Army Veteran

**SANTIAGO CORDERO GONZALEZ**

July 14, 2024, US Army Veteran

**Ms. LACEY LYNN HURWITZ**

July 17, 2024 Auxiliary Member Post 1376

**HENRY "JACK" IRVING**

July 20, 2024 US Navy Veteran

The Guard also rendered services for **The Folds of Honor Golf Tournament** and the **Harley Davidson Memorial Bike Ride.**

The Color Guard held a **Fund Raiser** this past July with 1st Prize being a **Trail Mate Cooler** and a **Board of Scratch Off Lottery Tickets.**

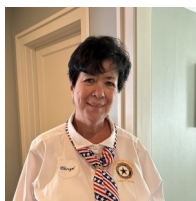


2nd Prize was a **Heineken Cooler** filled with **Heineken Beer.**



The **Fundraiser** was a **success** and we thank **everyone** who participated by buying tickets.

We especially want to thank **Cheryl Bowen** who donated the **Heineken Cooler.** Cheryl is a former member of the **Color Guard,** and we appreciate her support.



**CHERYL BOWEN**

Membership in the **Color Guard** is open to any member of the **Legion, Auxiliary or Sons,** in good standing in our Post.

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

As always, we want to thank everyone for their support, and it is an honor for us to serve. Thank You.

*New Hartford American Legion Color Guard*

*Auxiliary's Donation*

*For Feed Our Vets*



Pictured above, left to right: **Mary Gerth-McMahon, Sheila Ryan, Cheryl Bowen, Joseph Ancona, (Pantry Director), Joanne and Richard Fountain**

On **July 10th,** a donation was made to **Feed Our Vets** for **\$1500.00** by the **New Hartford American Legion Auxiliary Unit 1376.**

The money was raised with **Bottle & Can Donations** over the past **10** months. We will continue collecting **bottles/cans** for our future donations to support our **veterans** in need.

We want to **truly thank** all who took the time to drop off your **bottles & cans** to help support this worthy program. Thank You.

*New Hartford American Legion Auxiliary*

**SKINS, PLENTY OF PRIZES!**

**SIGNUP SHEET AT THE BAR!**

**CASINO HOLE DOUBLE YOUR MONEY! FULL CASH BAR AT 9TH HOLE!**

**New Hartford American Legion Post 1376**

**RISE & SHINE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**POST 1376 \*\*\*\*\***

**The 17th Annual Golf outing**  
**Saturday September 21st**  
**Pine Hills golf course, Frankfort, NY**  
**\$80 per player, captain and crew**  
**coffee and doughnuts**  
**refreshments on the course with hotdogs and hamburgers at the turn.**  
**A buffet dinner afterward at the New Hartford American Legion.**  
**each foursome must have at least two members and two guests**



## AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS REPORT

This month's meeting and ride will be on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Proceeds from this ride will be donated to the Utica Feed-Our-Vets and our October run will be designated for the Utica Development Center. November will bring us Veteran's Day and we will participate in the Whitesboro Parade and our last meeting for 2024.

The American Legion Riders and Supporters of Post 1376 have been active again this year. Proceeds from Riders and Supporters, our Legionnaires and our SAL donations were delivered to the following charities - the Disabled American Veterans Fund - May -, hand delivered to the Vietnam Get-Together Administrator - June -, the American Legion Legacy Fund - July. We have more rides to come - our annual Utica's Feed - Our - Vets, Utica Development Center for Homeless Vets and a Community Run.

We have also participated in Parades and Honor Veterans events.

Attached, you will find our latest Riders endeavor...



We will be holding a fall raffle. We will be raffling off \$200.00 worth of Scratch Off Tickets along with a \$100.00 bill. Donations are \$5.00 a ticket. Please see a Rider, Supporter or the Bartender.

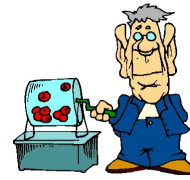
The drawing will be held on October 26, 2024. Don't miss your chance to win.

Thanks to all for your encouragement and support.

2025 dues are now being accepted. Place \$15.00, cash or a check to the American Legion Riders-Post 1376, att: Tom Liesch in the Riders mailbox at the Post, or mail it to New Hartford American Legion 8616 Clinton St. New Hartford NY 13413, att. Tom Liesch. Be sure to include your name and a receipt will be returned to you.

You can check us out on facebook, or on the web @ [www.AmericanLegionRiders.net](http://www.AmericanLegionRiders.net) or national at [www.legion.org/riders](http://www.legion.org/riders) ... or get in touch with us at our new email... [alrpost1376@gmail.com](mailto:alrpost1376@gmail.com).

For God and Country,  
*Jim Converse*, Director



## POST LOTTERY REPORT

### MAY 2024

#### LOTTERY NUMBERS

DATE/NUMBER

1/199 2/857 3/487 4/152 5/814 6/593 7/600 8/987  
9/287 10/120 11/132 12/988 13/837 14/021  
15/831 16/127 17/740 18/472 19/075 20/691  
21/932 22/429 23/068 24/911 25/840 26/569  
27/942 28/247 29/509 30/614 31/538

### JUNE 2024

#### LOTTERY NUMBERS

DATE/NUMBER

1/896 2/580 3/941 4/117 5/192 6/752 7/775 8/341  
9/956 10/291 11/065 12/098 \*13/154 14/258  
15/074 16/545 17/497 \*18/154 19/900 20/164  
21/208 22/979 23/181 24/034 25/872 26/814  
27/511 28/955 29/502 30/291

\*6/13 & 6/18 were both 154 and is not a typo

### JULY 2024

#### LOTTERY NUMBERS

DATE/NUMBER

1/759 2/086 3/365 4/873 5/471 6/289 7/812 8/474  
9/669 10/865 11/976 12/530 13/526 14/744  
15/713 16/027 17/908 18/528 19/483 20/277  
21/403 22/034 23/239 24/423 25/835 26/247469  
27/409 28/024 29/253 30/776 31/719

**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,

*Ferry Johnson* PC, Lottery Chairman

*Happy 77th Birthday  
United States Air Force*



*September 18, 1947*



*New Hartford American Legion  
House Rules for the Queen of Hearts*



The hunt for the "Queen" continues, as of August 22nd the "Queen" now stands @ \$5251 with 23 cards left.

All Post 1376 members, (Legionnaires, Auxiliary & S.A.L.) and bona fide guests over 18 years of age may play the Queen of Hearts.

The search for the Queen of Hearts will consist of a drawing each Wednesday @ 7:15 PM. One Ticket will be drawn each week; except the first and twenty-sixth week, when three tickets will be drawn, until the Queen of Hearts is found.

Tickets will consist of two part sequentially numbered raffle tickets. TICKETS WILL COST \$1.00 EACH. Each player shall write his/her name and phone number 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 playing card turned over is the Queen of Hearts, the holder of the winning ticket 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 returned to the game board face up. The player drawing a card other than the Queen of Hearts shall be awarded a cash prize according to the following schedule:

**CARD DRAWN PAYOUT**

ANY 2,3,4, or 5	\$10.00
ANY 6,7,8, or 9	\$15.00
ANY 10, Jack or King	\$20.00
ANY Ace	\$30.00
ANY Queen other than Hearts	\$50.00
ANY Joker	\$100.00

*The winning player need not be present to win. Should the owner of the winning ticket not be present, a volunteer will select the card.*

*New Hartford Sons of the American Legion  
Bill Brucato, Manager*

*About Our Service Officer  
Dennis Thorp*



An interesting article was published in the Rome Sentinel Newspaper in June on our Service Officer Dennis Thorp. This is part of the article published;

Dennis Thorpe, a combat medic in the Army, has a journey that exemplifies resilience, dedication, and the profound impact of military service. Reflecting on his experiences, he opens up about his time in the service, the challenges he faced, and his ongoing commitment to supporting fellow veterans.

During his deployment, he served with Task Force South First Field Forces, assigned to an artillery unit. This unit was uniquely positioned, surrounded by elite infantry units like the Green Berets, the Army Rangers, and the 101st Airborne. They played a crucial part in the Vietnamese insurgents' resistance movement, a period marked by intense and unforgettable experiences.

His time in the military left a profound mark on him. "I learned to distance myself from a lot of people because of the fact that I've seen so many of them lost," he shares, revealing the deep emotional scars left by his service. The specter of PTSD continues to haunt him, a reminder of the sacrifices made by those in uniform.

He expresses strong feelings about the current state of veterans' rights and support services. "I think they stink, I really do. They are taking away a lot of benefits without people realizing it," he states, highlighting the need for greater awareness and advocacy for veterans' issues.

Today, he serves as a service officer for the American Legion in New Hartford. For the past 20 years, he has worked closely with veterans from Desert Storm and subsequent conflicts, offering support and guidance. His dedication to aiding new veterans is a testament to his enduring commitment to his comrades.

I would like to add a note of personal thanks to Dennis for all he has and continues to do for all of our Veterans.

New Hartford American Legion is very lucky to have Dennis representing us in this important role.

*Fred Williams PC*

### The American Legion Membership Application

LEGION ACT

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Birth) \_\_\_\_\_

(Mailing Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) \_\_\_\_\_ (State) \_\_\_\_\_ (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_ (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_

(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_  Male  Female (Gender) \_\_\_\_\_ (Dues) \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941 and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

Please check appropriate service era and branch of service below

<input type="checkbox"/> Global War on Terror	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Army
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf War	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Navy
<input type="checkbox"/> Panama	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Air Force
<input type="checkbox"/> Lebanon/Grenada	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Marines
<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Coast Guard
<input type="checkbox"/> Korea	<input type="checkbox"/> Merchant Marines (WWII only)
<input type="checkbox"/> WWII	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Conflicts	

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Name of recruiter \_\_\_\_\_

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Receipt of Dues

(Please Print)

From \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Recruiter's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Cut Along Dotted Line

## New Eligibility Requirements For The American Legion

The **LEGION Act**, signed into law **July 30, 2019**, expands **eligibility** in **The American Legion** to include **veterans** who served in **U.S. military conflicts** previously **unrecognized** by **Congress** as war eras.

If you have **served** at least **one day** of federal active duty in the **United States Armed Forces** since **December 7, 1941**, and have been **honorably discharged** or are **still serving** - you are **eligible** for **membership** in **The American Legion!**

**\*Because eligibility dates remain open, all active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible to join The American Legion at this time, until the date of the end of hostilities as determined by the government of the United States.**

**\*\*U.S. Merchant Marine eligible only from December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946 (WWII).**

A copy of your **DD-214** or **Honorable Discharge Certificate** confirming your **eligibility** is required when joining.

Above is the **new membership application form** for the **American Legion**. If you know of someone who may be interested in joining, cut this form out for them.

Dues are currently **\$50.00**, checks can be made out to **New Hartford American Legion Post 1376** and they can mail it along with a copy of their **DD214** discharge papers to:

*New Hartford American Legion  
8616 Clinton St.  
New Hartford, NY 13413-3400*

*Remember: "It's not the price to pay to belong.  
It's the price you paid to be eligible."*



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 18th** starting at **6:30 PM**.

We currently have **236** members paid so far, which includes **3** new members. This gives us **46%** of our new quota of **513**.

The **2025** membership cards are in and you can pay your dues anytime. **Thank You. NOTE:** Our **2025 Dues** has increased **\$5.00** to **\$50.00** that started **July 1st**. This comes as a **directive** from **American Legion National**. **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 members to our **Post**. Please welcome: **Timothy Mootz, James Mulvihill, Robin Horn, Richard J. Naperkowski, Richard Moore, Donald Deluca, Frederick Silber, Robert J. Heinzl and Ricardo Salading.**

As always, we truly appreciate your continued support of the **American Legion** and our **Post**.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Janet Keesler & Duane Clark*  
Post Membership Chairpersons

# *New Hartford American Legion Post 1376*



*Junior Loraquente*  
POST COMMANDER



*Tom Liesch*  
SAL COMMANDER



*Monica Lawendowski*  
AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



*Tim Converse*  
LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR

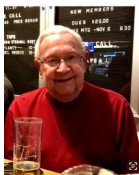


## **TAPS**

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



**RICHARD J. BRUNETT   MICHAEL W. "BIG MIKE" CIENAVA   GREGORY J. EICHLER**



**HENRY "JACK" IRVING**

**ALAN SAYLES**

**MICHAEL J. SHERRY**

**GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST O'LORD**