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"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

NEWSLETTER



Distribution of Key Cards Wednesdays 4:00 -7:00 PM

1st-New Years Day Post Opens @ 3:00 PM
2nd-Executive Board Meeting-6:00 PM
8th-Auxiliary Meeting-6:00 PM
8th-SAL Meeting-6:00 PM
15th-Post Membership Meeting-6:00 PM
16th-Post Color Guard Meeting-6:00 PM
17th-19th-Mid Winter Conference-Albany
18th-Scot Raymond Playing-3:00-6:00 PM
19th-Sunday Morning Breakfast
Serving 8:00-11:00 AM

20th-Oneida County Legion Meeting @ Clark Mills Post 26, Clark Mills-7:00 PM 25th-Murder Mystery Show & Dinner-5:30 PM 31st-Trivia Night-6:00 PM

2025



NEW KITCHEN HOURS:

Lunches Served Daily

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)

NFL Sundays Wings-Food Specials Domestic Can Beer @ \$2.00 2:00-7:00 PM

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















COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

We will have our Sunday Morning Breakfast scheduled for January 19th and Sunday NFL Football with Food & Drink Specials, details are found later in this newsletter.

The Oneida County American Legion Meeting will be held at Clark Mills Post 26 Clark Mills on Monday, January 20th at 7:00pm.

Our monthly Membership Meeting is on Wednesday January 15th. PLEASE NOTE: Our Membership Meetings start at 6:00 PM instead of 6:30 PM as in the past.

As always please try and attend our meeting with any concerns or ideas you may have. All are welcome.

Once again you can call the Post @ (315)736-7041 with any questions or concerns.

As always, please stay safe and healthy.

For the Good of the Legion,

Junior Laracuente, Post Commander

Get Well Wishes for Someone Who Has Had Surgery

From all of us here at New Hartford American Legion, we would like to wish Commander Laracuente a speedy recovery from his recent surgery. Hope to see vou back soon.



AUXILIARY NEWS

Wednesday, January 8th @ 6:00 PM, upstairs at the Post.

The 2025 Auxiliary membership cards are in and can be purchased now. Dues remain \$35.00.

Please send your renewal to Krystal Hodge 20 Abbey Rd. Whitesboro, NY 13492, or they may be left at the Post in the Auxiliary mailbox in the Lounge but we encourage sending dues to Krystal directly. If you renew on-line, please know it will take a much longer time to receive your new card. If there are any questions please call me @ (315) 725-2678.

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

Please keep our servicemen and women in your prayers.

> Respectfully Submitted, Monica Lawendowski, President



SONS OF THE LEGION REPORT

The next meeting of the Sons will be held on Wednesday, January 8th, starting at 6:00 PM.

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. Dues 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.

> Respectfully Submitted, Jom Liesch, Commander



Clark Mills Post 26 Clark Mills will host the Our next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on monthly Oneida County American Legion Meeting on Monday, January 20h starting @ 7:00 PM.

> Food will be served prior to the start of the meeting. All Legionnaires are welcome to attend.

Feed our Vets Program



As you know, we hold an annual can/bottle drive, but did you know you can leave your clean cans/bottles all year round at our Gazebo pictured above?

Please place your donation in a tied/cinched bag or box inside the Gazebo. All donations will support the Feed Our Vets program.

PLEASE NOTE

It has been greatly appreciated and we have a great start on our yearly donation for Feed our Vets.

We would also appreciate though, if possible to separate bottles and cans into two separate bags we've had a couple bottles break and very close to getting our hands cut with the bottles that have broken. The other thing is, if you could double check to make sure it is a returnable can. Some of the cans that have been returned are not returnable such as "High Noon". They are to be recycled. We would greatly appreciate this and Thank You again for all your help and your continued support of this worthy program.

New Hartford Auxiliary

Interesting



FRED & FRED

On November 2nd, I was at the Port Orange American Legion in Florida and was introduced to a World War II Army Veteran, who happened to have the same first name as me. His name is Fred LaPondira and he served in Europe during the war.

Fred was at the Legion with his wife for lunch and we talked for awhile and got to the point where I had to ask how old he was. Fred is 104 years old and his wife is 102!

Fred says his hearing isn't what it used to be, but his eye sight is still good. Both he and his wife get out quite a bit and he still drives. Neither of them need any assistance walking, and they don't even look close to their age. Maybe growing old isn't so bad after all.

Fred Williams PC

Mid Winter Conference Albany, New York







The American Legion Department of New York will host its annual Mid-Winter Conference at The Crowne Plaza – Desmond Hotel in Albany from January 17th to the 19th, 2025. The New Hartford American Legion will be represented at this years convention.

Scholarships



Our Post awards two scholarships each year. One goes to a graduating senior from New Hartford High School and one goes to a child or grandchild of a Post 1376 member. This includes the Auxiliary and the SAL as well as the Legion.

The Scholarship Committee of Gary Fountain, Aaron Starczewski, Terry Johnson, Rich Dizura and Dick Fountain, met earlier this year and have selected the winners of our Post Scholarships.

The New Hartford High School winner is:

Elsie Pauley. She is the daughter of Mike Pauley. She was sponsored by her grandfather, Stephen McKeon a member of our Post. She will attend Binghamton University and will major in Biology/Dentistry.

Madison Castle is the winner of the at large scholarship. Madison attended Oneida High School. She is the daughter of Kyle Castle. She was sponsored by her grandfather, Chester Swire who is a member of our Post. Madison will attend Daemen University and will be studying to become a Physician Assistant.

I had the pleasure of meeting both girls and their parents. These girls have fantastic personalities and should be very successful. Their photos can be found in our year book.

Gavy Fountain, Scholarship Coordinator



SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

As your Post Service Officer, this is a reminder that if any Veteran has any concerns about Veterans Affairs and their rights, please contact me at the number below.

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 Veterans, Gulf War era and post-9/11 Veteran eligibility.

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

Yours in Service,

Dennis Thorp, Post Service Officer

The Herkimer County Historical Society Presents A Murder Mystery Dinner



The New Hartford American Legion will host a Murder Mystery Dinner presented by the Herkimer County Historical Society on Saturday January 25, 2025 starting @ 5:30pm. Tickets are \$45.00 in advance and \$50.00 at the door, which includes dinner and show. A Cash Bar will be available. Tickets went on sale on November 29th at the Bar. All proceeds will go to the American Legion Project to purchase a DAV Van. We thank you in advance for your support.

The New Hartford American Legion

In Grateful Appreciation



The Breakfast Club

As we finished 2024 we would like to thank all of our volunteers who give up a lot of their time to make our American Legion Post active and attractive.

From the "Breakfast Club" pictured above to all those who help out for all of our events, such as our Chicken Barbeques, decorating for all of the Holidays, Toys for Tots, Feed Our Vets & Bottle & Can Drive Fundraisers, and much more.

We can't name everyone who participates without leaving someone out. You all know who you are and we can't thank you enough for all that you do.

We wouldn't be the great Post we are without all of you. Sincerely,

The New Hartford American Legion

January's Entertainment



Scot Raymond

On Saturday, January 18th, Scot Raymond will be playing at the Post from 3:00-6:00 PM.

Stop up an enjoy an afternoon of music with your friends.



SCHOLARSHIPS

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Applications are available at the Bar starting January 1, 2024.

PLEASE NOTE: The last day to submit an application is **April 15th.**

The New Hartford American Legion



Sunday Morning Breakfast JANUARY 19, 2025

The New Hartford American Legion will host our Sunday Morning Breakfast on January 19th at the Post.

MENU

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

Donation:
Adults: \$12.00
Children 5-12: \$5.00
Children under 5-Free
SERVING
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Open To The Public!

This Date in Military History



On January 27, 1945, during World War II, Soviet troops liberated the Nazi concentration camps Auschwitz and Birkenau in Poland.

You said...



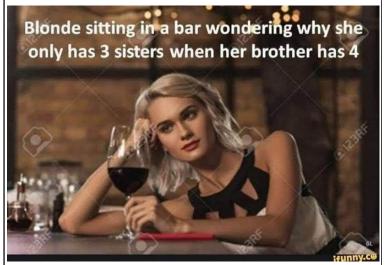
"History is principally the inaccurate narration of events which ought not to have happened."

ERNEST ALBERT HOOTEN

American anthropologist

(1887-1954)









OSCAR the GROUCH

An unbelievably rude waiter at Oscar's Tavern in New York so unintentionally amused Muppet creator Jim Henson and *Sesame Street* director Jon Stone that he inspired the creation of Oscar the Grouch.



JANUARY 31, 2025

On Friday, January 31st, starting @ 6:00 PM come and join us for Trivia Night. The Kitchen will be open.

RULES for TRIVIA NIGHT:

No more than 6 to a Team No use of Cell Phones No calling out answers

Stop in and test your knowledge and we hope every

one has a good time.

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POST LOTTERY REPORT NOVEMBER 2024 LOTTERY NUMBERS

DATE/NUMBER

1/184 2/770 3/444 4/173 5/553 6/932 7/459 8/780 9/176 10/510 11/332 12/133 13/104 15/059 16/225 17/668 18/713 19/639 20/836 21/601 22/946 23/213 24/638 25/781 26/170 27/674 28/POST CLOSED 29/004 30/839

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,

Jevry Johnson PC, Lottery Chairman









Every Sunday afternoon during NFL football season the New Hartford American Legion will have Wings and Food Specials with Domestic Can Beer @ \$2.00 ea. from 2:00-7:00 pm. Stop in for some great food and drink while rooting for your favorite team.

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New Key Card System



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.

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New Hartford American Legion House Rules for the Queen of Hearts



The hunt for the "Queen" continues, as of December 19th the "Queen" now stands @ \$1492with 48 cards left.

The drawing for the "Queen" is held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. You can purchase tickets any day at the Bar or 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 wish.

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.

The player drawing a card other than the Queen of Hearts shall be awarded a cash prize valued according to the following schedule:

CARD DRAWN	PAYOUT
ANY 2,3,4,5 OR 6	\$10.00
ANY 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

Should the owner of the ticket drawn not be present a volunteer will select the card.

New Hartford Sons of the American Legion Bill Brucato, Manager

COLOR GUARD REPORT



The next meeting of the Color Guard will be held on Thursday, January 16th, starting at 6:00 PM.

On December 7th the Color Guard was present at the Pearl Harbor Ceremony in New York Mills. A Rifle Salute and playing of Taps was rendered.

There is a interesting article on the next page of this newsletter about a relic piece of the USS Arizona BB 39 that was on display at the ceremony.



DOUGLAS PRATT

On December 18th the Color Guard rendered Military Honors for long time Post Member, Douglas Pratt, with a Rifle Salute and playing of Taps.

Our events are under the direction of Captain, Dick Fountain, Road Commander, Larry Winfield, Lieutenant, Duane Clark.

As always it is an Honor to be requested to do a service for one of our departed Veterans or represent our American Legion Post in any community event.

We truly appreciate all of the support we receive from our New Hartford American Legion Post.

New Hartford American Legion Color Guard

BOY SCOUT REPORT





I am pleased to report that two of our scouts attained the rank of Eagle Scout this year in Troop 4 of New Hartford.

For their service projects, James Simon did a special food drive for the "Feed the Vets Organization" and also, Noah Eschenbach built a small pavilion at the Root Farm in Clinton. An Eagle Ceremony for both Eagles will take place in early 2025.

Yours in Scouting,

Jim Gemza, Post Scout Chairman



LEGION RIDERS REPORT

The Post 1376 American Legion Riders last meeting of 2024 was held on Sunday, November 17th. This finished our 16th season serving the American Legion, our Veterans and our community.

The Riders would like to thank our Supporters for all of their help and contributions throughout the year. There is no way that we could do what we do without them.

The New Hartford American Legion Riders and Supporters will continue our service to American Veterans and their interests.

The beginning of the next season is scheduled for March 2025.

Note: Riders & Supporters: if you have not already done so, the 2025 membership dues are now due: please make your check out to the American Legion Riders Post #1376 8616 Clinton Street, New Hartford, NY 13413. Or you can drop off \$15.00 w/ your name and address, (and new email; if applicable), with cash or check, in our mailbox – address it to our Treasurer Tom Liesch; a receipt will be returned to you ASAP.

Please be sure to remain in good standing by keeping up with your annual dues.

Ride to Live - Live to Ride!

Please visit our face-book site or browse our website:

State ... www.AmericanLegionRiders.net

National ... www.legion.org/riders
Ours ... alrpost1376@gmail.com

For the Good of the Legion, **Tim Converse**, Director



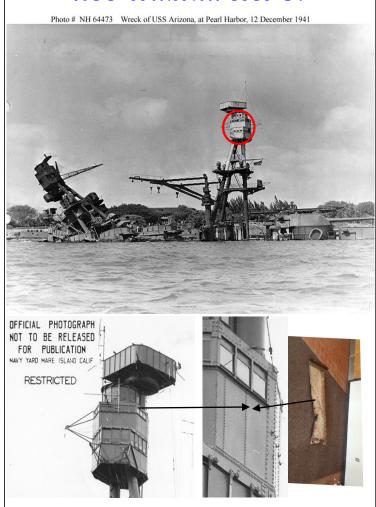
POST SUGGESTION BOX

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.

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USS Arizona BB 39



On December 7th our Post Color Guard was honored once again, to have been asked to appear at the 83rd Anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, which we have done for the past several years.

This year there was a piece of the Super Structure of the USS Arizona BB 39 on display.

With the help of Fred Griffiths, he sent us a copy of the attached paperwork granting the request for a piece of the USS Arizona to be permanently displayed here.

The piece of the USS Arizona Aft Super Structure relic is what New York Mills has received. Unfortunately, the Bator Post #21 Polish Legion American Veterans was unable to secure a safe and public place to display the relic as was requested by the US Naval Historical Center before to it folded and became part of the NYS Department of New York PLAV.

Pictures above show the possible location of the Aft Super Structure from which the relic piece may have come from. The picture on the bottom right is the relic piece that was received here and was displayed at the Pearl Harbor Ceremony in New York Mills on December 7th.

Respectfully Submitted, Fred Williams PC







Date: Sunday, Feb. 9 Time: 6:30 p.m. ET

Location: Caesars Superdome (New Orleans)

New Orleans will host the Super Bowl in 2025, with the game taking place at the Caesars Superdome, home of the Saints.

Be sure to sign up and get a seat for the big game. Details are found on the flyer posted above. Enjoy the game and enjoy the day.

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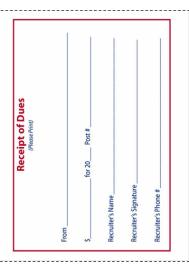
POST LIBRARY

We would like to remind all of our members that we have a library with a book case full of interesting books to read that is located in the downstairs back meeting room for your convenience.

Any member is welcomed to take a book and bring it back when they are finished or do a book swap. Thank You.

New Hartford American Legion

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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 port of the American Legion and our Post. 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 Attn: Membership Chairperson** 8616 Clinton St. **New Hartford, NY 13413-3400**

Remember:

"It is not the price you pay to belong. It's the price you paid to be eligible."



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8th starting at 6:00 PM.

We currently have 360 members paid so far, including 13 new members. This gives us 70% of our quota of 513.

The new 2025 cards are now out. You can renew your dues anytime. Our dues are now \$50.00.

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."

As always we truly appreciate your continued sup-

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

New Hartford American Legion Fost 1376



LEGION COMMANDER
Junior Laracuente,



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT Monica Lawendowski



SAL COMMANDER

Tom Leisch



LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR

Tim Converse



TAPS
New Hartford American Legion Post 1376 regrets to report that the following member has left us:



DOUGLAS PRATT U.S. ARMY

GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST O'LORD