

NEW HARTFORD POST 1376 THE AMERICAN LEGION



*The AH1 Cobra Gunship #68-15110
"The Snake"*

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FEBRUARY	NEWSLETTER	2025
 <p><i>"THE FRIENDLY POST"</i></p>  <p>Hours of Operation: Monday-Sunday 11:00 AM-10:00 PM</p> <p>3rd Sunday of the Month 10: 00 AM-10:00 PM</p>	<p>DATES</p> <p>Distribution of Key Cards Wednesdays 4:00 -7:00 PM 3rd-Four Chaplains Day-1943 5th-Executive Board Meeting-6:00 PM 5th-Auxiliary Meeting-6:00 PM 5th—SAL Meeting-6:00 PM</p>  <p>9th-Super Bowl Party Upstairs 5:00-10:00 PM</p>  <p>14th-VALENTINES DAY 16th-Sunday Morning Breakfast Serving-8:00-11:00 AM 17th-Oneida County Legion Meeting @ New Hartford American Legion Post 1376--7:00 PM 19th-Post Membership Meeting-6:00 PM 20th-Post Color Guard Meeting-6:00 PM 22nd-Music: Creaser's Bluff Playing-3:00-6:00 PM 28th-Trivia Night-6:00 PM</p>	 <p>NEW KITCHEN HOURS:</p> <p>Lunches Served Daily</p> <p>Monday-Friday 11:00 AM-2:00 PM</p> <p>Wednesday Evenings 4:30-8:30 PM</p> <p>Saturday 11:00 AM-2:00 PM (No Chili during Summer)</p> <p>Sundays Wings-Food Specials Domestic Can Beer @ \$2.00 2:00-7:00 PM</p>

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





COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

With this being the month of February, I would like to wish all of our members and their families a **Happy Valentine's Day**.

On Sunday, February 9th we will have our annual Super Bowl Party, upstairs at the Post starting @ 5:00 PM, and on Sunday, February 16th we will have our Sunday Morning Breakfast, details are found later in this newsletter.

New Hartford will host the Oneida County American Legion Monthly Meeting on Monday, February 17th starting @ 7:00 PM. Food will be served prior to the meeting @ 6:15 PM.

Our monthly Membership Meeting is on Wednesday February 19th. **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



AUXILIARY NEWS

Our next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday, February 5th @ 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.

Veterans Christmas Party Luncheon



On December 7, 2024 our Auxiliary Unit hosted a Christmas Party Luncheon for the Veterans at the Masonic Home.

The Auxiliary brought gifts and lunch to the Masonic Home for our resident veterans for Christmas. Each veteran was able to have a gift wish fulfilled. Lunch was provided by our own Sammy Tantillo Catering. Fun was had by all.

We also adopted a family of five for Christmas. The family was referred to us by Veterans Outreach. The parents were so grateful for the help in making their children's Christmas a little better.

A Big Thanks to all who helped out. This is why the Auxiliary exists and we were proud to represent our American Legion Post.

To date our Auxiliary has 253 members paid, with 9 new members. This gives us 86.3% of our quota.

The Auxiliary would like to welcome the following new members to our Unit. Please Welcome:

Angela Aquiar, Shelly Delmonte, and Robin Horn.

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, February 5th, 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**.

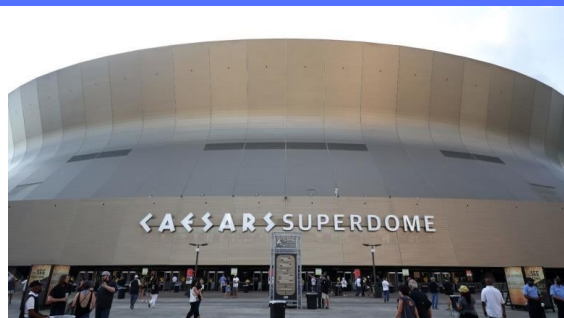
Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Liesch, Commander



ONEIDA COUNTY

New Hartford American Legion Post 1376 New Hartford will host the monthly **Oneida County American Legion Meeting** on **Monday, February 17th** starting @ **7:00 PM**.

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



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.

New Hartford American Legion

Four Chaplains Day



USAT DORCHESTER

This year, **February 3, 1943** marks the **82nd** anniversary of the sinking of the **United States Army Transport Dorchester (SC-290583)** a converted luxury liner that was crossing the North Atlantic, transporting more than **900** troops to an American base in **Greenland**, and the legendary acts of selflessness of **four Army chaplains** who were aboard.

Four Chaplains Day, as U.S. Congress has declared, honors the **four chaplains** who went down with their ship and gave their life jackets to other passengers.

Moving among them were **four Army chaplains: George Fox (Methodist), Alexander Goode (Jewish), Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and John Washington (Roman Catholic)**.

The chaplains talked with and listened to the men -- soothing apprehensions, offering encouragement or sharing a joke. By their concern, their camaraderie with the men and one another, and their very presence, they brought solace. The self-sacrifice of the **four chaplains** was a heroic act. It was not the only heroic act aboard the **Dorchester**. But it was the identity of these **four young men**, representing **three great faiths** of the American people that adds symbolism to their sacrifice.

Fox, Goode, Poling and Washington were posthumously awarded the **Distinguished Service Cross** and the **Purple Heart**, and in **1948**, Congress declared **Feb. 3** to be **Four Chaplains Day**. The **four chaplains** were also honored with a **U.S. postage stamp** that year.



Because of the **Medal of Honor's** strict requirements of heroism under fire, Congress authorized a one-time **Chaplain's Medal for Heroism** on **July 14, 1960**. The award was presented to the chaplains' next of kin **Jan. 18, 1961**.





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 @ (315) 725-9871**. Thank You

Yours in Service,
Dennis Thorp, Post Service Officer



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 **SAL** as well as the **Legion**.

Applications are available at the **Bar** starting **January 1, 2025**.

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

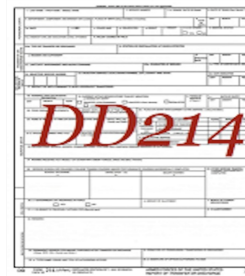
The New Hartford American Legion

February's Entertainment



On **Saturday, February 22nd**, **Creaser's Bluff**, an **Acoustic Duo** will be playing at the **Post** from **3:00-6:00 PM**.

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



OBTAINING DD-214 FORMS

We have had several inquires about how to get a copy of service records, namely the DD-214 form (discharge papers) that is required when joining the American Legion.

Below is one way to obtain a DD-214.

The DD-214 can now be requested online, but **ONLY BY:**

A military veteran, or next of kin of a deceased, former member of the military. The next of kin can be any of the following: surviving spouse that has not remarried, father, mother, son, daughter, sister, or brother. Persons fitting one of these two categories can request military records online from the **eVetRecs Website**. Be sure to read all instructions before beginning the request process.

If you are not the veteran or next of kin, you must complete the **Standard Form 180 (SF 180)**. You must then mail it or **fax it** to the appropriate address on the form.

The Defense Department issues to each veteran a DD-214, identifying the veteran's condition of discharge - honorable, general, other than honorable, dishonorable or bad conduct.

For complete instructions on how to apply for a copy of your DD-214, see **Veterans' Service Records** from the National Archives and Records Administration.

To apply for a copy of your DD-214, you will need to submit a form SF-180 Request Pertaining to Military Records, which you can download from:

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/obtain_copies/standard_form_180.pdf

Be sure to download and complete **BOTH SIDES** of the SF-180. The back of the form contains important mailing addresses and instructions.

You will need the free Adobe Acrobat .pdf file viewer to print the SF-180. **Download Adobe Acrobat**. The Standard Form 180 is formatted for legal size paper (8.5" x 14"). Please print that way if your printer can accommodate that. If your printer can only print on letter size paper (8.5" x 11"), select "shrink to fit" when the Adobe Acrobat Reader "Print" dialog box appears.



Sunday Morning Breakfast FEBRUARY 16, 2025

The New Hartford American Legion will host our Sunday Morning Breakfast on February 16th 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 February 17, 1815: The United States and Britain exchanged the instruments of ratification for the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812.

You said...



“God gave me everything, and I blew it.
For the kids out there, don’t be like me.
I’m no role model!”

MICKEY MANTLE

Professional baseball player
Hall of Fame
(1931-1995)



Monthly Humor



HUSBAND & WIFE

Wife: Honey can you please help me, cleaning the garden?

Husband: Do I look like a gardener?

Wife: Sorry Honey, OK then, fix the bathroom door.

Husband: Do I look like a carpenter?...then the husband walks out. After coming from where he went, he found the garden cleaned and the bathroom door fixed.

Husband: I knew my wife could do this all by herself.

Wife: Its not me.

Husband: Who then?

Wife: John our neighbor.

Husband: How much did you pay him?

Wife: No money, he just gave me two options, bread or sex.

Husband: Hope you gave him bread.

Wife: Do I look like a baker?

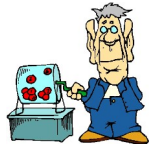
The Husband Fainted!!!

Did you know?



JUNEAU, ALASKA

In terms of area, Juneau, Alaska, is the largest city in the United States, yet it can only be reached by boat or plane.



**POST LOTTERY REPORT
DECEMBER 2024
LOTTERY NUMBERS**

DATE/NUMBER

1/362 2/958 3/200 4/751 5/840 6/968 7/123
8/792 9/375 10/689 11/282 12/905 13/959 14/027
15/670 16/924 17/488 18/211 19/849 20/780
21/574 22/290 23/803 24/114 25/Post Closed
26/038 27/259 28/744 29/655 30/990 31/548

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,

Terry Johnson PC, Lottery Chairman

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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FEBRUARY 28, 2025

On **Friday February 28th** 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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House Rules for the Queen of Hearts***



The hunt for the **“Queen”** continues, as of **January 16th** the **“Queen”** now stands @ **\$1709** with **46** 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, February 20th**, starting at **6:00 PM**.



JAMES D. "DENNY" CALLAHAN

On January 14th our Post Color Guard rendered Military Honors to U.S. Army Veteran James D. "Denny" Callahan with a Rifle Salute and playing of Taps.

Afterwards, representatives of the Army folded and presented the solemn flag to his widow and the attending Post Color Guard members paid their respects.

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



February 14th

From all of us at the New Hartford American Legion we would like to wish everyone a **Happy Valentine's Day**.

New Hartford American Legion

New Hartford Auxiliary

New Hartford Sons of the Legion

New Hartford Legion Riders



LEGION RIDERS REPORT

The Post 1376 American Legion Riders are currently on winter break.

Our first meeting of 2025, is scheduled for **Sunday, March 16th at 11:00 AM**.

I'm looking forward to our 17th season so please attend our meetings with your ideas on how to improve our rides, parades and escorts.

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 web-site:

State ... www.AmericanLegionRiders.net

National ... www.legion.org/riders

Ours ... alrpost1376@gmail.com

For the Good of the Legion,
Jim 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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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.

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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	



30-009 Signature of applicant _____ Date _____ Name of recruiter _____

Receipt of Dues
(Please Print)

From _____ Post # _____

\$ _____ for 20 _____

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
 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, February 19th** starting at **6:00 PM**.

We currently have **393** members paid so far, including **15** new members. This gives us **76%** 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**."

New **Hartford American Legion Post 1376** would like to welcome the following new members to our **Post**. Please welcome: **David Pierre, Michael Nelson, Paul Perini, Connor Passacqntando, and Kevin Kehoe, and James D. Freel**.

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



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 members have left us:**



ROBERT A. WILLIAMS
U.S. MARINE CORPS



ROBERT WHEELER Sr.
U.S. ARMY



ROBERT M. BROOKS
U.S. ARMY

GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST O'LORD