

NEW HARTFORD POST 1376 THE AMERICAN LEGION



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"The Snake"*

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 <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</p> <p>5th-Executive Board Meeting-6:00 PM 5th-SAL Meeting-6:00 PM Every Friday March 7th to April 18th Friday Fish Fry Serving 5:00-8:00 PM 9th-Daylight Saving Time Begins Turn Clocks Ahead 1 Hour 12th-Auxiliary Meeting-6:00 PM 15th-American Legion Birthday Founded in Paris France-1919</p> <p>15th-St. Patty's Day Party & DJ/Karaoke-3:00-6:00 PM</p> <p>16th-Legion Riders Meeting-11:00 AM 16th-Sunday Morning Breakfast Serving-8:00 AM-11:00 AM 17th-St. Patrick's Day</p> <p>17th Oneida County Legion Meeting @ Kelley-Phillips Post 569 Oriskany Falls-7:00 PM 19th Post Membership Meeting-6:00 PM 20th-Post Color Guard Meeting-6:00 PM 20th-First Day of Spring 21st-Trivia Night-6:00 PM 22nd-SAL's Veterans Dinner-4:00-8:00 PM 22nd-Matt Chase Appearing 3:00-6:00 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

NOTICE: A little food for thought, starting March 1st we will be accepting letters of intent to run for office.

Complete details on everyone's election procedure is found later in this newsletter.

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour as Daylight Savings Time begins, Sunday March 9th.

On Sunday, March 16th we will have our Sunday Morning Breakfast, and during Lent we will serve our Friday Fish Fry Dinner, March 7th-April 18th again, details are found later in this newsletter.

We also have several events taking place in March in which you can read about later in the newsletter.

Our monthly Membership Meeting is on Wednesday March 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



ONEIDA COUNTY

Kelley-Phillips American Legion Post 569 Oriskany Falls will host the monthly Oneida County American Legion Meeting on Monday, March 17th starting @ 7:00 PM.

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



AUXILIARY NEWS

Our next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday, March 12th @ 6:00 PM, upstairs at the Post.

It's election time and I will be accepting letters of intent to run for office starting March 1st until our April 2nd membership meeting. Please refer to election info submitted later in this newsletter.

The Auxiliary will be having a Spring Basket Raffle. It will be held the month of April thru Mother's Day

on May 10th. Winners will be drawn 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 11th. Details are found later in this Newsletter.

We thank all our members for your continued support.



MABEL KIMBALL

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the passing of our lifetime member, Mabel Kimball. Mabel held office as treasurer at one time for our unit. She was a warm, loving woman who always had a kind word and smile for everyone.



CAROLE DAVIS

I am also saddened by the loss of our member, Carole Davis in December. Please keep Chuck and Terry along with their families in your prayers.



LINDA MINEO

On February 21st we lost another sister, Linda Mineo. Our condolences go out to Linda's husband Patrick and her entire family.

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.

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

Jessica Bussonais and Donna Scarafile

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, March 5th, starting at 6:00 PM.

Elections will be coming up in the near future. Details on the Sons election procedure and dates are outlined later in this Newsletter.

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

AUXILIARY'S SPRING BASKET RAFFLE



The Auxiliary will be having a Spring Basket Raffle. It will be held the month of April thru Mother's Day on May 10th. Winners will be drawn 1:00 PM on Sunday, May 11th.

We are asking all members to participate with donations. If you are unable to donate a basket, please consider donating a \$10 minimum item so that we would be able to put together baskets with donations.

Proceeds will go to our ongoing community services for Veterans such as sponsoring a Veteran's family at Christmas, Nursing home veteran Christmas presents and updating Legion ladies rooms. You may drop off items/basket at the Bar with your name and address taped to it so we may properly thank you for your generosity. Any questions contact Babs Clapper @ 315.225.5618 or JoAnn Koberstein @ 315.527.5896.

New Hartford Auxiliary Unit 1376

Wishing You a Speedy Recovery



JOANN KOBERSTEIN

On February 13th, JoAnn Koberstein was involved in a auto accident and suffered some very serious injuries.

JoAnn, along with her husband Ron are very active members of our American Legion Post. JoAnn is a member and holds office in our Auxiliary Unit, Legion Riders and our Post Color Guard.

JoAnn gives a great deal of her time volunteering with many projects such as our Sunday Breakfast Club, fundraisers and other projects throughout the year. She has a great personality and always has a smile on her face.

Please keep JoAnn in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

New Hartford American Legion

AUXILIARY'S BOTTLE & CAN DRIVE



We continue to accept clean bottles/cans. They may be left at our Gazebo pictured above. We will not have a trailer at our BBQ anymore. You may bring your donations all year long.

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



LEGION ELECTION PROCEDURE

Any Legionnaire in good standing may run for any office on the Executive Board, the only exception is for the office of Commander where you must have served at least one year at any one time in the past on the Executive Board to be eligible to run for the office of Commander.

In good standing means you are paid up-to-date on your dues and are not on suspension.

The following positions are up for election:

Commander - 1st Vice Commander - 2nd Vice Commander - 3rd Vice Commander - Adjutant - Treasurer - Chaplain - Historian - Sergeant-At-Arms and (4) Executive Committeemen.

Please remember that letters of intent to run for office are being accepted, starting March 1, 2025 until the April 16th membership meeting. Letters of Intent can be dropped off at the Legion and put in the Legion mail box in the Lounge Att: Post Adjutant, or they can be e-mailed to the Post Adjutant, Terry Johnson @ eyeman@roadrunner.com

You can be nominated from the floor at the April membership meeting but you must be present to accept the nomination. Nominations will close at the end of the April 16th membership meeting and the ballot will be published in the May newsletter.

Elections will take place on Wednesday, May 21st with the polls opening @ noon and will close one half hour after the start of the membership meeting that evening.

Results of the election will be announced at the end of the May membership meeting and published in the June newsletter.

New Hartford American Legion



AUXILIARY'S ELECTION PROCEDURE

Any Auxiliary member in good standing may run for any office. In good standing means you are paid up-to-date on your dues and are not on suspension.

The following positions are up for election:

President - Holds monthly meetings, coordinates fund

raisers, reports to county committees, attend county meetings, perform memorial services for members when requested and liaison between the New Hartford Legion and the family.

1st Vice President – Takes care of membership and takes the President's position if the President is unable to do her duties.

2nd Vice President - Charge of Veterans Christmas Event and supports 1st Vice President.

3rd Vice President - supports 2nd Vice President.

Secretary - Takes minutes of meetings and some correspondence such as thank you notes.

Treasurer - In charge of all finances of the Auxiliary Unit such as deposits, paying invoices, monthly balancing of accounts, report to Unit at monthly meetings.

Historian - In charge of keeping pictorial record of all activities our Unit participates in.

Chaplain - Recites prayers at opening and closing of our meeting, send get well and sympathy cards on behalf of our Unit, assist President at memorial services, report deceased members to County Chaplain.

Sgt. @ Arms - Maintains decorum during Unit meetings, escorts guests into meetings, brings American and Auxiliary flags and gavel to Unit meetings and holds Unit's monthly meeting 50/50 drawing.

Executive Committee (2 Positions) - Responsible for making decisions not privy to general membership such as, but not limited to, disciplinary action.

If you are interested, please remember the letters of intent to run for office are being accepted starting on March 1, 2025 until the April 2nd membership meeting.

Letters of intent to run can be dropped off at the Post in the Auxiliary mail box or e-mail to:

Monica Lawendowski @ poppies1376@aol.com.

You may be nominated from the floor at the April membership meeting but you must be present to accept nomination. Nominations will close at the end of April's meeting and a ballot will be published in the May newsletter.

In the event that more than one member is running for a position, an election will take place May 7th with the polls opening at noon and will close 1/2 hour (5:30 PM) before our 6:00 PM meeting. If only one member running for position for each position, then a majority vote will prevail at the May 7th meeting.

Results of the election will be announced at the end of May's membership meeting and published in the June newsletter.

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SON'S OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ELECTION PROCEDURE

Any SAL member in good standing may run for any office. In good standing means you are paid up-to-date on your dues and are not on suspension.

Any nominations for officers should be put into the SAL mailbox on or prior to the Wednesday, April 2, 2025 meeting.

If anyone is planning on nominating someone in person at the April meeting, then the person who is being nominated as well as the person nominating them must be present at the April meeting.

The SAL Elections will be held at this May's meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

Results of our elections will be published in the June Newsletter.

New Hartford Sons of the American Legion



NEW HARTFORD LEGION RIDERS ELECTION PROCEDURE

The Officers for our Riders must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Be a member of Post 1376.
- 2) Be a Post 1376 Rider.
- 3) Been a Rider for more than one year.
- 4) Be in good standing with the Legion and ALR dues paid up-to-date.

All Officers are voted in and serve for one year.

Officers are encouraged to attend meetings and events.

Officers include...

- 1) Director
- 2) Vice Director
- 3) Treasurer
- 4) Secretary
- 5) Sgt.- at-Arms
- 6) Historian
- 7) Chaplain

New Hartford American Legion Riders



POST COLOR GUARD ELECTION PROCEDURE

Any person shall be eligible for membership in the Color Guard who is:

A. A member of Post 1376 Legionnaire, S.A.L or Auxiliary, in good standing. In good standing means you are a paid up-to-date member on your dues and are not on suspension.

B. Prospective candidates will be considered by the Color Guard membership.

C. If the candidate is accepted, full membership will commence immediately.

D. All members are volunteers and serve as such.

E. Prior to a vote of acceptance by the Color Guard, a prospective member must attend a regular meeting, for an informal discussion before the acceptance vote is taken.

F. A majority vote of the Color Guard membership shall be necessary for acceptance, at its regular meeting, into the Color Guard by a raise of hands and motion accepted by the members.

Commander, First Vice Commander, Road Captain, Secretary, Treasurer/Quarter Master, and Sergeant - of - Arms will be elected at the April Color Guard Meeting each year exclusively from the members of the Color Guard.

Nominations will be at the March meeting. All elections shall be done by raise of hands and motion accepted by membership.

The positions of the Chaplain and Historian shall be appointed each year by the elected Color Guard Commander.

The elected Officers serve One (1) year, but may be re-elected unlimited terms, if elected by the membership.

Term of Office will be One (1) year – May 1st – April 30th.

New Hartford American Legion Color Guard



FISH FRY DINNER
\$15 DONATION



Presents

**TANTILLO CATERING
FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY!**

**AND OTHER SPECIALS
EVERY FRIDAY FROM
MARCH 7TH - APRIL 18TH
5PM - 8PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**



8616 CLINTON ST.



FISH TACOS

CRAB CAKES!



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 have been available at the Bar since January 1, 2025.

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

The New Hartford American Legion

March's Entertainment



On Saturday, March 22nd, Matt Chase will be playing his Country Music at the Post from 3:00-6:00 PM.

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



Oneida County American Legion Golf League

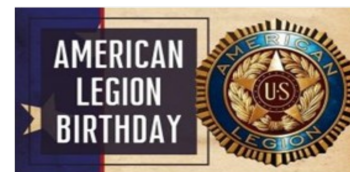
Golfers: The Oneida County American Legion Golf League will hold it's annual organizational meeting at New Hartford American Legion Post 1376 on Monday, April 7, 2025 @ 7:00 PM.

Play is 16 weeks on Mondays @ Crystal Springs Golf Course in Vernon.

Format is 2 man teams with both individual and team handicapped scoring. Play is open to both Legion and SAL members.

New members are welcome to attend the meeting or call Trevor Wheeler @ 315-269-7854 or you can e-mail Terry Johnson @ eveman@roadrunner.com or call me @ 315-534-4213.

Terry Johnson PC, Post Golf Chairman



HISTORY of the AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion was formed on March 15, 1919, in Paris, France, by a thousand officers and men of the American Expeditionary Forces (A. E. F.), and it was chartered on September 16, 1919, by the United States Congress.

On March 15th the American Legion will celebrate its 106th Birthday.

Much as the birthday of the United States is celebrated on July 4th – for the day in 1776 when revolting patriots declared the independence of the British colonies and the spirit of America was born – March 15th is the day the American Legion came to life.

Each year, Legion Posts across the country hold events – public, private or both – to commemorate this anniversary.



Just a reminder, the Blue Bin in our parking lot is for clothing and rags. The Veteran's Outreach Center will separate and use accordingly. They will be accepting all clothing as to support the veteran's whole family

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Monthly Humor



HER FIRST FOOTBALL GAME

A guy took his girl friend to her first football game. They had great seats right behind their team's bench. After the game, he asked her how she liked the experience.

"Oh, I really liked it," she replied, "especially the cute guys with all the big muscles; but I just couldn't understand why they were killing each other over 25 cents."

Dumbfounded, her date asked, "What do you mean?"

"Well, I saw them flip a coin and one team got it and then for the rest of the game, all they kept screaming was: 'Get the quarterback! Get the quarterback!' Helloooo? It's only 25 cents!"



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!  **8616 CLINTON ST.**

CHILI COOK OFF!
SUNDAY APRIL 6TH
1:00PM-4:00PM
ALL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS ARE WELCOMED TO PARTICIPATE
TROPHY WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNER!
OTHER PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO RUNNER UPS!
\$5 DONATION TO JUDGE THE COOK OFF!



On **March 15th** we will have a **St. Patrick's Day Party** with a **DJ & Karaoke**. We ask that you bring a **dish to pass**.

Please **stop up** to the **Post** and join us for a **good time**.



Sunday Morning Breakfast MARCH 16, 2025

The New Hartford American Legion will host our Sunday Morning Breakfast on March 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!



Sons of New Hartford American Legion Post 1376



Presents a Dinner of Honor

March 22, 2025

Serving 4:00—8:00 PM

The Sons of New Hartford American Legion will host a **Dinner of Honor** for all **Veteran Members** of the **New Hartford American Legion** and a **guest**, as we will pay for the one guest as well as the **Veteran member**. Anyone after that will be **charged**.

There is a donation of **\$20.00** per person.

This donation will be refunded to the **Veteran member** and **guest** that attend the dinner.

You can get tickets anytime from the **bar tenders** or on **Wednesdays** when we sell tickets for the **Queen of Hearts**.

Please come and join us in honoring our **Veteran Members**.

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St. Patrick's Day, a feast day (March 17th) of **St. Patrick**, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

Boston held its first **St. Patrick's Day** parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762.

Since 1962 Chicago has colored its river green to mark the holiday. (Although blue was the color traditionally associated with **St. Patrick**, green is now commonly connected with the day.)

Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the “wearing of the green”—sporting an item of green clothing or a **shamrock**, the Irish national plant, in the lapel.

Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday, and even beer is sometimes dyed green to celebrate the day. Although some of these practices eventually were adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists.

To all of our **Irish** friends and those who will be **Irish** for the day we wish you a **Happy St. Patrick's Day**.

New Hartford American Legion

This Date in Military History



On **March 5, 1770**: The Boston Massacre took place as British soldiers who'd been taunted by a crowd of colonists opened fire, killing five people.

Did you know?

The 3rd Infantry Division



THE DOGFACE SOLDIER

Moderato

I WOULD-NT GIVE A BEAN TO BE A FAN-CY PANTS MARINE
I'D RA-THER BE A DOO-FACE SOL-DIER LIKE I
AM — I WOULD-NT TRADE MY OLD-O D'S FOR
ALL THE NA-VY'S DUN-GA-REES FOR I'M THE WALK-ING
PRIDE OF UN-CLE SAM — I ON ALL THE POST-ERS THAT I
READ IT SAYS THE AR-MY BUILDS MEN — SO THEY'RE
TEAR-ING ME DOWN TO BUILD ME O-VER A-GAIN — I'M
JUST A DOO-FACE SOL-DIER WITH A RI-FLE ON MY
SHOU-LDER AND I EAT A KRAUT FOR BREAK-FAST EV'RY DAY
— SO FEED ME AM-MUN-I-TION. KEEP ME
IN THE THIRD DIV-I-SION, YOUR DOO-FACE SOL-DIER
BOYS O — KAY.

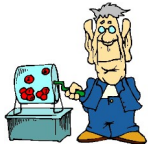
“Dogface Soldier”

In 1942, Lieutenant Ken Hart and Corporal Bert Gold, both natives of Long Beach, New York, who were then serving in the United States Army, co-wrote the song, “**Dogface Soldier**”. Both men were later assigned to other branches of the service, one in South America, the other to the Pacific Theater and the song nearly faded into obscurity. Meanwhile the song had been carried to North Africa by a G.I. with a guitar who played it for his buddies while they were in camp. The song struck home and soon caught on ... spreading from mouth to mouth and unit to unit without help from the radio, sheet music, or records. It became the most popular song sung by American servicemen during the Second World War.

You said...



“If men were angels,
no government would be necessary.”
JAMES MADISON
Fourth President of the United States
(1751-1836)



**POST LOTTERY REPORT
JANUARY 2025
LOTTERY NUMBERS**

DATE/NUMBER

1/186 2/814 3/377 4/209 5/441 6/379 7/440
8/524 9/964 10/355 11/365 12/414 13/436 14/375
15/188 16/605 17/077 18/996 19/116 20/490
21/159 22/710 23/402 24/176 25/829 26/445
27/333 28/535 29/031 30/369 31/018

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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MARCH 21, 2025

On **Friday March 21st** 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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***New Hartford American Legion
House Rules for the Queen of Hearts***



The hunt for the **“Queen”** continues, as of **February 20th** the **“Queen”** now stands @ **\$2263** with **41** 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, March 20th**, starting at **6:00 PM**.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!



**TUESDAY MARCH 11TH
11:00AM - 2:00PM
(OR SOLDOUT)**

**CORN BEEF
SANDWICH
AND CHIPS!**

\$8.00 Donation (with fries \$9.00)

Sponsored by

The Pines at Utica
Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation



On **March 11th** **The Pines at Utica Center for Nursing Rehabilitation** will sponsor a luncheon special, celebrating **St. Patrick's Day**.

As always, we thank the **Pines** for their continued support of our **American Legion Post**.

New Hartford American Legion



MARCH 9, 2025

On **Sunday March 9th**, **Daylight Savings Time** begins. Turn your clocks ahead one hour.



LEGION RIDERS REPORT

Riders & Supporters: Welcome to our **seventeenth** season: The **American Legion Riders** was formed to promote the mission of the **American Legion Post #1376**. Riders and Supporters include members of our **Legion**, the **Auxiliary** and the **Sons of our American Legion**. Our meetings are usually held on the **third**, sometimes the **fourth Sunday** of each month at **11:00 am** and a ride follows at noon.

100% of all proceeds/donations from the above rides are donated directly to a **Veteran's** cause or a **community charity**. (5 rides/donations to Veterans* – 1 ride for community*) * **Details** are available upon request.

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

Please Note: The **April** meeting will be moved to **Sunday, April 27th** as the **20th** is **Easter Sunday**. There will be a **Legion** breakfast before the **March** meeting so come on in earlier if you are hungry.

RIDERS ELECTIONS

Nominations for officers will take place our **April 27th** meeting, and our **elections** and **installation** will be held in **May** and results will be announced in the **June Newsletter**.

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

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

We currently have **422** members paid so far, including **15** new members. This gives us **82%** 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 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 Laracuenta



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
Monica Lawendowski



SAL COMMANDER
Tom Leisch



LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR
Tim Converse



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



DAVID T. BALDWIN
U. S. ARMY



WILLIAM L. HUGO Jr.
U.S. ARMY

GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST O'LORD