NEW HARTFORD POST 1376 THE AMERICAN LEGION









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APRIL

NEWSLETTER

2025







"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

Distribution of Key Cards Wednesdays 4:00 -7:00 PM 2nd-Auxiliary Meeting-6:00 PM 2nd-SAL Meeting-6:00 PM 2nd-Executive Board Meeting-6:00 PM 6th-Chili Cook-Off-1:00-4:00 PM **Open To The Public**

> 7th-Oneida County Golf Meeting @ New Hartford Post 1376-7:00 PM 13th-Sunday Morning Breakfast Serving-8:00 - 11:00 AM 16th-Post Membership Meeting-6:00 PM **Ballot Will Be Set For Elections In May** 17th-Post Color Guard Meeting-6:00 PM 20th-Easter

21st-Oneida County Legion Meeting @ Whitestown Post 1113 Whitesboro-7:00 PM 26th-Frank Arcuri Playing @ the Legion 3:00-6:00 PM 27th-Legion Rider's Meeting-11:00 AM





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)

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

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















COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Please be reminded that we started accepting letters of intent to run for office on the Executive Board on as possible. You are considered delinquent and your March 1st. The last day to submit a letter of intent is April 16th.

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

On Sunday, April 13th we will have our Sunday Morning Breakfast, and during Lent we will serve Lounge, but we encourage sending dues to Krystal our Friday Fish Fry Dinner, every Friday until April 18th again, details are found later in this newsletter.

like our Chili Cook-Off on April 6th, in which you 725-2678. can read about later in the newsletter.

Our monthly Membership Meeting is on Wednesday April 16th. PLEASE NOTE: Our Membership Meetings start at 6:00 PM instead of 6:30 PM as in

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

Whitestown American Legion Post 1113 Whitesboro will host the monthly Oneida County American Legion Meeting on Monday, April 21st 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, April 2nd @ 6:00 PM, upstairs at the Post. All members are welcome.

All letters of intent for running for office must be received by April 2nd at 5:00 pm. A member may be nominated off the floor but must be present at the April 2nd meeting to accept nomination.



NOTICE: Our Spring Basket Raffle has been postponed until September.

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

If you have not sent in your dues, please do as soon door access card has been deactivated. It will be reactivated once dues are received.

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 directly. If you renew on-line, please know it will take a much longer time to receive your new card. We also have several events taking place in April If there are any questions please call me @ (315)

> 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.

I wish you a blessed Easter and please remember those that are not home to celebrate with their fami-

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, April 2nd, 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, Jom Liesch, Commander





BOY SCOUT REPORT





JAMES SIMON

NOAH ESCHENBACH

I am pleased to report that 2 scouts have 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 Noah Eschenbach built a small pavilion at the Root Farm in Clinton.

An Eagle Ceremony for both Eagles will take place at the end of this month.

Yours in Scouting, Jim Gemza, Post Scout Chairman

An Update From The Koberstein's



JOANN KOBERSTEIN

In last month's Newsletter we reported that JoAnn Koberstein was involved in an auto accident and suffered some very serious injuries.

JoAnn is recovering and has sent us an update on her health status. Below is their message on her recovery process:

Ron and I would like to extend our gratitude to our Legion family for their love, support and generosity during my recovery. We are so very fortunate to have such caring people surrounding us during our time of need. I am healing and getting stronger every day.

Thank you so very much.

Ron and JoAnn Koberstein

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



April 20, 2025

New Hartford American Legion would like to wish all of our members and their families a Happy Easter.



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.

New Hartford American Legion





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 of our Unit, assist President at memorial services, report 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 ings, escorts guests into meetings, brings American and box in the Lounge Att: Post Adjutant, or they can be emailed 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 intent to run for office are being accepted starting on published in the May newsletter.

Elections will take place on Wednesday, May 21st ing. 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.

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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 deceased members to County Chaplain.

Sgt. @ Arms - Maintains decorum during Unit meet-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 March 1, 2025 until the April 2nd membership meet-

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.

New Hartford Auxiliary Unit 1376



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 Auxiliary, in good standing. In good standing means you 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 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 tak-
- 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 vear 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 reelected 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



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

April's Entertainment



On Saturday, April 26th, Frank Arcuri will be playing at the Post from 3:00-6:00 PM.

Stop in 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.

Jevy Johnson PC, Post Golf Chairman



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

New Hartford Auxiliary Unit 1376

New Hartford American Legion Presents





Monthly Humor



MIRACULOUS CAR ACCIDENT

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident and it's a bad one. Both of their cars are totally demolished, but amazingly neither of them are hurt.

After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says, "So you're a man, that's interesting. I'm a woman. Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left, but fortunately we are unhurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be friends and live together in peace for the rest of our days."

The man replied, "I agree with you completely. This must be a sign from God."

The woman continued, "And look at this, here's another miracle. My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine didn't break. Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune." Then she hands the bottle to the man.

The man shakes his head in agreement, opens it and takes a few very large swigs from the bottle and then hands it back to the woman.

The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

The woman replies, "No. I think I'll just wait for the police.

This Date in Military History



On April 28, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson sent more than twenty-two thousand U.S. troops to the Dominican Republic to help stabilize the country, which was in the throes of a civil war, and to protect American interests in the region and prevent the formation of a Cuban-type communist regime.





Hugs that last over 20 seconds releases chemicals in your body called "Oxytocin" that makes you trust someone more.





"The only reason they say 'Women and children first' is to test the strength of the lifeboats."

Jean Kerr

Irish-American author and playwright (1922-2003)



Sunday Morning Breakfast APRIL 13, 2025

The New Hartford American Legion will host our Sunday Morning Breakfast on April 13th 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!



POST LOTTERY REPORT **FEBRUARY 2025** LOTTERY NUMBERS

DATE/NUMBER

2/445 3/204 4/145 5/689 6/292 7/229 8/097 9/717 10/351 11/742 12/110 13/593 14/886 16/752 17/998 18/935 19/114 15/029 21/479 22/654 23/824 24/705 25/585 26/157 27/109 28/318

Disclaimer: Every effort is made to accurately rerecorded 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,

Jevy 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.

New Hartford American Legion

New Hartford American Legion Queen of Hearts Update



The "Queen of Hearts" was recently hit on Wednes-20/403 day March 19th. The winner was Theresa Jones who won \$1770.60 which was 60% of the Grand Prize Pool of \$2951.00. Congratulations Theresa!

Tickets for the next "Queen of Hearts" will go on port these numbers. The official numbers are those sale shortly. Please call the Post @ 315-736-7041 for information on the starting date.

The New Hartford American Legion thanks all who participated in the "Queen of Hearts".

New Hartford Sons of the American Legion Bill Brucato, Manager





Sam Jantillo's Catering

The New Hartford Sons would like to say a Big Thank You to Red Lobster Manager, Chet Galinski and Post Caterer, Sam Tantillo for all the help they gave to the New Hartford Sons for the Veterans Honor Dinner held on March 22nd.

Both Chet and Sam generously gave of their time, with Chet and Red Lobster donating a large portion of the food as well as four \$25 gift certificates and Sammy for his help in putting on the dinner, setting up and serving.

Four Veterans were randomly drawn from those that attended as winners. The dinner was a great suc-

Please support, both Chet & Red Lobster and Sam when you book your special event at the Legion as they do for all of us.

New Hartford Sons of the American Legion

COLOR GUARD REPORT



The next meeting of the Color Guard will be held on Thursday, April 17th, 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





TRIVIA NIGHT HAS BEEN CANCELED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH AND APRIL WE'RE SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE

There will be no Trivia this month. It will resume in May.

We are looking for someone to fill in for Monica when she is away. Anyone interested please contact the Legion @ (315) 736-7041 and leave your phone number along with a message. Thank you.



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



LEGION RIDERS REPORT

PLEASE NOTE: The April meeting will be moved to Sunday, April 27th as the 20th is Easter Sunday.

The next meeting of the Legion Riders will be on Sunday, April 27th @ 11:00 AM

As of this writing, we will also hold our first official ride after our May 18th meeting, money raised will be donated to the Disabled American Veterans Fund.

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 website:

State ... www.AmericanLegionRiders.net

National ... www.legion.org/riders

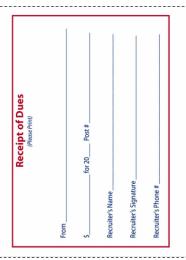
Ours ... alrpost1376@gmail.com

For the Good of the Legion,

Jim Converse, Director







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, April 16th starting at 6:00 PM.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

Please plan on attending this meeting, as the slate of officers will be announced and the ballot set for elections in May.

We currently have 437 members paid so far, including 19 new members. This gives us 85% 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: Joseph H. Maurer, Eli Lieby, Gregory J. Carman, and Jacob M. Abulencia.

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



Monica Lawendowski



SAL COMMANDER Jom Leisch



LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR Tim Converse



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



RONALD W. RAYMER U.S. ARMY

GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST O'LORD