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"THE FRIENDLY POST"	DATES Distribution of Key Cards Wednesday's 4:00 -7:00 PM 3rd-Kentucky Derby & Cinco de Mayo Party 3:00-6:00 PM 7th-Executive Board Meeting-6:00 PM 7th-Auxiliary Meeting-6:00 PM	Lets do Lunch	
Hours of Operation: Monday-Sunday	7th-SAL Meeting-6:00 PM 11th-Mothers Day 11th-Sunday Morning Breakfast Serving-8:00-11:00 AM 15th-Post Color Guard Meeting-6:00 PM 18th-Legion Riders Meeting-11:00 PM 19th-Oneida County Legion Meeting @ Clifford J. Fulmer Post 92 Waterville-7:00 PM 21st-Legion Elections Polls Open @ Noon & Close @ 6:30 PM 21st-Post Membership Meeting-6:00 PM 24th-Double Barrell Playing @ Legion-3:00-6:00 PM	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	
11:00 AM-10:00 PM 3rd Sunday of the Month 10: 00 AM-10:00 PM	New Hartford Veterans Memorial Day Post Service-11:00 AMNew Hartford Veterans Memorial Service-3:00 PM 28th-Joint Installation of all Post Officers-5:00 PM 30th-Trivia Night-6:00-7:00 PM	(No Chili during Summer) Sundays Wings-Food Specials Domestic Can Beer @ \$2.00 2:00-7:00 PM	
*****PROUDLY SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS*****   Image: Constraint of the state			



#### **COMMANDER'S MESSAGE**

On Sunday, May 11th we will have our Sunday Morning Breakfast. We have a bunch of events coming up in May, details found later in this newsletter.

Our monthly Membership Meeting is on Wednesday May 21st. PLEASE NOTE: Our Membership Meetings start at 6:00 PM instead of 6:30 PM as in the past.

Elections will take place on Wednesday, May 21st with the polls opening (a) noon and will close one half hour after the start of the membership meeting that small service in remembrance should the family evening. Take the time to get up to the Post and vote.

**Results** of the election will be announced at the end 8799. Thank You. of the May membership meeting and published in the June newsletter.

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

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#### **ONEIDA COUNTY**

**Clifford J. Fulmer American Legion Post 92 Water**ville will host the monthly Oneida County American Legion Meeting on Monday, May 19th starting @ 7:00 PM.

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



### AUXILIARY NEWS

The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held on Wednesday, May 7th @ 6:00 PM, upstairs at the Post. All members are welcome.

### **AUXILIARY ELECTIONS**

At our April Membership Meeting, there were no contested positions for office. The slate of officers from last year will remain the same and published in the June HARTFORD, that is incorrect. Thank you. Newsletter.

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 as possible. You are considered delinquent and your 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 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 (a) (315) 725-2678.

On Saturday May 3rd, the Auxiliary is hosting a Kentucky Derby and Cinco de Mayo Party. Details are found later in this newsletter.

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 like. Requests can be made to Laura @ (315) 794-

The Auxiliary would like to welcome the following new members to our Unit. Please Welcome: Donna Scarafile, Jessica Bussonnais, Karen Loveland, Joann Harris and Deborah Montana.

To date our Auxiliary has 289 members paid-to-

date with 13 new members. This gives us 96% of our quota of 301.

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, May 7th, starting at 6:00 PM.

At our April 2nd Membership Meeting the SAL had no contested offices for this year's elections. The slate of officers for 2025-2026 will remain the same and be published in the June 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

Also, if you have changed your mailing address or any or any other information please send it to Terry at the above address or e-mail a) 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





# **LEGION ELECTIONS**

The following office is being contested in this years Legion election and the names of each nominee running for that office.

EXECUTIVE BOARD Sgt.-at-Arms (Vote For One (1)) Please circle your choice. Chas Rooney Rand Kennedy

**PLEASE NOTE:** The members present at the April 17, 2013 membership meeting, in which a quorum was present, voted to accept any ballot that was filled out by the instructions listed on the ballot above. Example: If they were supposed to vote for 2, and only voted for 1, THE BALLOT WILL BE COUNTED. If they voted for more than the number as instructed on the ballot, Example: They voted for 3, when the ballot called for 2 THE BALLOT WILL BE DISCARDED FOR THAT SECTION OF VOTE ONLY.

Polls will open at 12:00 PM on May 21st and will close one half hour after the start of the General Membership Meeting that evening.

To be eligible to vote you must show an up-to-date 2025 membership card, sign in and fill out your ballot per the instructions listed.

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

New Hartford American Legion



# **AUXILIARY ELECTIONS**

At our April Membership Meeting, there were no contested positions for office. The slate of officers from last year will remain the same and published in the June Newsletter.



# SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION ELECTIONS

At our April 2nd Membership Meeting, the Sons had no contested offices for this year's election.

The slate of officers for 2025-2026 will remain the same. All were present at the meeting and have signed acknowledgements.

The complete slate of officers will be published in the June Newsletter.



### **POST 1376 COLOR GUARD ELECTION**

The Color Guard held their elections at our March 20th Membership Meeting and there were no changes to announce. The list of officers for 2025-2026 will be published in the June Newsletter.



### NEW HARTFORD LEGION RIDERS ELECTIONS

On Sunday May 18th @ 11:00 AM we will hold our elections.

The 2025-2026 slate of officers will be published in the June Newsletter.





Installation of Officers will take place on Wednesday May 28, 2025. It will be a joint installation for the Legion, Auxiliary, Sons, and Riders.

> Evening Agenda: Cocktails @ 5:00 PM Installation @ 6:00 PM Dinner @ 7:00 PM New Hartford American Legion

# New Hartford American Legion's



### **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



# 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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The New Hartford American Legion hosted their Chili Cook-Off on Sunday April 6th.

We would like to say a Big Thank You to all of those who made Chili for the contest. They were all great and it was a great competition.

Thank you to all those who were judges as we are sure it was a tough decision selecting the winners.

Thank you, to all that participated in making this event a success.

The following participants were judged the winners in this year's Chili Cook-Off:

1st Place - Sammy Tantillo 2nd Place - Peggy Combs 3rd Place - Pat Vanetten New Hartford American Legion



# New Hartford Veterans We Need Your Help

The New Hartford American Legion Color Guard would like to honor the Veteran Members of Post 1376.

This Veteran's Day, on November 11, 2025 we will be showcasing the Veteran Members by showing photos of them on the sign outside the Legion. We will also be displaying them inside the Post.

We are asking all Veteran Members to send us a photo. If possible, we would like a photo of them in uniform or any other photo if a uniform one is unavailable. We will also need their name, dates of service and their rank. If you have a digital photo, please email it to:

1376veterans@gmail.com

If you do not have a digital photo, Kathy Converse and JoAnn Koberstein will be available multiple dates and times to assist. You will need to bring in a photo and the information; they will create a digital photo.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give JoAnn Koberstein a call at (315) 527-5806.

We are looking forward to Honoring the Veteran Members.

New Hartford American Legion Color Guard



*May 12, 2024* From all of us here at the New Hartford American Legion, we would like to take the opportunity to wish all of our Mothers a Very Happy Mother's Day. Enjoy your Very Special Day.

New Hartford American Legion New Hartford Auxiliary New Hartford Sons of the American Legion New Hartford Legion Riders



May 26, 2025



THE NEW HARTFORD AMERICAN LEGION The New Hartford American Legion will hold their Memorial Day Service @ 11:00 AM. The service will be held upstairs in the Legion. Food will be served after our service.



THE VETERANS MEMORIAL @ NEW HARTFORD Our service @ The Veterans Memorial in New Hartford will take place @ 3:00 PM.

# **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



As you can see, we will have a full day of fun and activities for our members and their guests. Please stop up to the Legion and join us for a Great Day.



The New Hartford American Legion would like to thank all of our members who participate in bringing food to our events. It is greatly appreciated.

New Hartford American Legion

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# Monthly Humor



# WAKING UP WITH A HANGOVER

Bob wakes up at home with a huge hangover. He forces himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins and a glass of water on the side table. He sits up and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed. He looks around the room and sees that it is in a perfect order, spotless, clean. So is the rest of the house. He takes the aspirins and notices a note on the table: "Honey, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to go shopping. Love you."

He goes to the kitchen and sure enough there is a hot breakfast and the morning newspaper. His son is also at the table eating.

Bob asks, "Son, what happened last night?" His son says, "Well, you came home after 3 a.m., drunk and delirious. Broke some furniture, threw up in the hallway, and gave yourself a black eye when you stumbled into the door."

Confused, Bob asks, "So, why is everything in order and so clean, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me?"

His son replies, "Oh that. Mom dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your pants off you said, 'Lady leave me alone, I'm married.' "

# This Date in Military History



JEFFERSON DAVIS On May 10, 1865: Confederate President Jefferson Davis was captured by Union forces in Irwinville, Georgia.



A little known fact is that the United States Air Force was known as the Army Air Corps before 1947. This group, which had its roots stretching back to 1907 when the Aeronautical Division of the U.S. Signal Corps was first established, provided invaluable service throughout World War I and II, and eventually became reorganized in 1947 in order to become the official air force of the United States military.



#### **THOMAS JEFFERSON**

"I predict future happiness for Americans if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people, under the pretense of taking care of them." THOMAS JEFFERSON

> American Founding Father 3rd president of the United States 1743-1826



Sunday Morning Breakfast Mother's Day May 11, 2025 The New Hartford American Legion will host our Sunday Morning Breakfast on May 11th 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 **MARCH 2025** LOTTERY NUMBERS **DATE/NUMBER**

1/890 2/674 3/320 4/823 5/599 6/018 7/566 8/406 9/772 10/968 11/736 12/719 13/147 14/406 16/346 20/835 9th. 15/053 17/876 18/663 19/217 21/545 24/498 25/483 26/404 22/134 23/370 27/167 28/597 29/371 30/516 31/247

**NOTE:** On March 8th and March 14th the same left. number (406) was drawn. This is NOT a typo.

**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,** 

*Jerry* Johnson PC, Lottery Chairman

# May's Entertainment



On Saturday, May 24th, Double Barrell will be playing at the Legion from 3:00-6:00 PM for Members & Guests.

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



Stop in and test your knowledge and we hope every one has a good time.

# New Hartford American Legion

# New Hartford American Legion Queen of Hearts Update



The "Queen" started back up on Wednesday April

The hunt for the "Queen" continues, as of April 17th the "Queen" now stands @ \$1241 with 50 cards

The drawing for the "Queen" is held every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. You can purchase tickets any day at port these numbers. The official numbers are those 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	<b>\$10.00</b>
ANY 7,8, OR 9	<b>\$15.00</b>
ANY 10, Jack or King	<b>\$20.00</b>
ANY Ace	\$30.00
ANY Queen other than Hearts	\$50.00
ANY Joker	<b>\$100.00</b>

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

New Hartford Sons of the American Legion

### **COLOR GUARD REPORT**



The next meeting of the Color Guard will be held on Thursday, May 15th, starting at 6:00 PM.

The Color Guard held their elections at our March 20th Membership Meeting and their were no changes to announce. The list of officers remain the same for 2025-2026 & will be published in the June Newsletter.

We will be very busy this month as Memorial Day approaches. Our Post Service is scheduled for Monday May 26th @ 11:00 AM and our service at the Veterans Memorial in New Hartford will be at 3:00 PM.



Pictured above: Left to Right: Joanne & Dick Fountain Duane Clark, Mary Fletcher & Bob Fletcher (Photographer), not shown.

On March 9th the New Hartford American Legion Color Guard provided the posting of the Colors at a filmmakers reception at the Rock Valley Brewery. Many veterans groups from the Mohawk Valley were present. The Color Guard was invited and attended the pre release of the film, "My Dead Friend Zoe" at Little Falls Valley Cinema in Little Falls, NY.

"My Dead Friend Zoe" is a dark drama and dark comedy that follows the journey of Merit (Sonequa Martin-Green), a U.S. Army Afghanistan veteran who is at odds with her family and grapples with the presence and death of Zoe (Natalie Morales), her dead best friend from the Army. Despite the persistence of her VA group counselor (Morgan Freeman), the tough love of her mother (Gloria Reuben) and the levity of an unexpected love interest, Merit's cozy-dysfunctional friendship with Zoe keeps the duo insulated from the world. Ed Harris also stars in the movie.

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.

To date the Color Guard has 106 hours of Community Service for 2025.

Membership in the Guard, is open to any member in good standing in the Legion, Auxiliary or the Sons. If interested, please call the Post @ (315) 736-7041 and leave your name and number.

The Post Color Guard is pleased to welcome new member, Robert Heinzl, a U.S. Air Force veteran to our unit.

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

New Hartford American Legion Color Guard



#### **LEGION RIDERS REPORT**

The next meeting of the Legion Riders will be on Sunday, May 18th @ 11:00 AM in which our elections will be held.

Installation of officers will be held on Wednesday May 28th starting at 5:00 PM.

The 2025-2026 slate of officers will be published in the June Newsletter.

I do not have the details for June as it is a unique month because of the Vietnam Get Together, I believe is heading back to Camden on a Saturday. Last year's was a little disappointing so we will play it by ear. I'll keep you all informed as we get closer.

July's meeting and ride is scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> with the donations going to the American Legion Legacy Fund. This fund is for fallen soldier's children's education.

The August ride is for FOV in Utica; September's gets donated to the Utica Development Center for homeless Veteran's and October's is our annual Community Run. (Course and charity TBD by you.)

**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 ... <u>www.AmericanLegionRiders.net</u> National ... <u>www.legion.org/riders</u> 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, May 21st starting at 6:00 PM.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!**

Please plan on attending this meeting, as the results of our election will be announced at the end of this meeting.

We currently have 437 members paid so far, including 20 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 member to our Post. Please welcome: Steven M. Scholl

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 Fost 1376



LEGION COMMANDER Junior Laracuente



SAL COMMANDER *Jom Leisch* 



AUXILIARY PRESIDENT Monica Lawendowski



LEGION RIDERS DIRECTOR *Tim Converse* 



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



EARL REED U.S. NAVY

**ROBERT SCHEPISI** 

**ROGER BULLOCK** 

**THOMAS LARKIN Sr.** 

**GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST O'LORD**