



The Post Dispatch



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Special points of interest:

- March 9, 2008 Legion Birthday dinner
- April 2008—Entertain Veterans at Syracuse VA Hospital
- May 30—Memorial Day observance
- November 9, 2008 4:00 pm Veterans Day Dinner

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From the Commander's Desk—Jim Gooley

It's been a busy time here at the Post, with many things going on. The Boy and Cub Scouts have kept me hopping on Wednesday evenings and with special meetings such as the Pine Wood Derby on weekends.

The key to the safety deposit box has been found and the corporate papers for the Veteran's Club were found. Now we can move forward with important decisions for the future.

There are many people still using the Post for activities of various sorts and this keeps the Buttons on their toes.

The box beetles are so far winning the fight to stay with us this winter without paying rent but we're fight-

ing back and will not give up!

Our faithful Bingo teams are keeping us afloat but could use more help. Call the post to sign up to help on a Saturday night.

We still meet on the 3rd Monday at 7:30 and I hope to see you there. It's your post; come help run it.

Bingo Team Captains: Please inform your teams we have had the Pepsi machine serviced. It was a MESS! But after maintenance, which is part of our contract with the supplier and does NOT cost us extra, it's now functioning well. But Captains, it needs your attention! After it has been used, and is going to sit idle for several days, you need to go in the

closet and SHUTOFF the CO2 tank! This, according to the service technician, will prevent a lot of problems with the thing in future.

Your Commander had the unique and pleasing experience recently, of hand delivering a check from National to a local hero. A soldier who was injured in Iraq and lives in Bridgeport received this check from National and the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes. He is most appreciative, and Bonus: he is not only healing from his injuries, he will be joining our Post!

Your Commander
Jim Gooley

Legion Birthday Dinner

On Sunday, March 9 2008 at 2:00 pm. The William H. Cain, Post 1287 with celebrate the 89th birthday of the American Legion. All members are their quests are encouraged to attend.

The Post will furnish Meatloaf and scalloped potatoes. Please bring a dish to

pass and your own mess gear.

From the <http://legion.org/homepage.php> website.

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, war-time veterans organization, devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is a not-for-profit

community-service organization which now numbers nearly 3 million members, men and women, in nearly 15,000 American Legion posts worldwide.

Dates to Remember



MEETINGS

Post 18 February 7:30
17 March 7:30
21 April 7:30
19 May 7:30
23 June 7:30

County Legion and Auxiliary meetings
2 March 2 PM at New Woodstock
6 April 2 PM De Ruyter
4 May 2 PM Earlville
1 June 1 PM Munnsville (County Convention)

Executive meeting at 7:00 PM

The Auxiliary meets the same time and dates as the Legion

District 20 April 1:00 PM Post 376 Oxford

14 June 6:00 PM Post 89 Vestal – Dinner. Then on the 15th at 1:00 PM will be 6th District Convention at Post 89.

Joe Barilla from Post 88 in Cazenovia is running for District Commander.

Auxiliary

*What have you done
for America's
veterans, children
and our community
lately. Let us not
forget our obligation
as citizens and
Legion and
Auxiliary members*

Membership is at 90, with 82 seniors and 8 juniors paid and 15 letters are in the mail to remind folks we need their dues to make our goal of 105.

We've sent \$9,650.00 in manufacturer's coupons to N.E.A.D.S. in Rome and Ft. Drum to help families of service members with their shopping, groceries and etc.

I know this is just February but April will be here soon and time to make another trip to the Syracuse Veteran's Hospital to entertain the men and women who have protected our freedom. So mark your calendar for April 11, 2008 if you would like to help. It is very rewarding to see them enjoy the horse races on DVD and also the cheese, cracker

and chips with coffee or lemonade. Of course they also appreciate the canteen books they win and can use in the hospital store or cafeteria. We can use the extra hands and feet to serve them.

Contact Caroline Button at 687-6344 to obtain more information or volunteer.

Notice:

The Veteran's Club of Chittenango, which owns the building at 77 Mohawk street, is considering turning the building over to the Town of Sullivan. If you have any questions or concerns, come to the March meeting at the American Legion Post 1287.

Editors Musings

As I motor around Madison County and the Mohawk Valley region, I see a heartwarming number of American flags displayed on businesses and private homes. Sadly, a fair number of these are in pretty sorry shape and need replaced. They aren't terribly expensive. I've gotten into the habit of mentioning it when I visit a business whose

flag is in need of replacement. But it appears that more than just one mention is needed. So please join me: when you observe a flag, whether at the Post Office, a school or other public building, or on a private business, please ask the management to do the right thing and replace it. And don't forget your own: when they get frayed around

the edges, it's time to replace them and bring the old one to the Post. Plans are in the works for a formal ceremony, involving the Scouts, to dispose of them properly and respectfully. Young folks need to experience this simple act of respect and acknowledgement; help us help them. Replace your worn flags.

Co—Editors thoughts. As I format the newsletter I notice that only two auxiliary members out of 90 and three Legion members out of 154 have submitted items for this issue. Please submit items for the May newsletter by April 26, 2008. Submission methods—Leave at the post marked “May 08 newsletter”, snail mail to the post or email to anoldmick@yahoo.com.

BOYS STATE Volunteers needed

American Legion Boys State will be held 27 June to 3 July at Morrisville State College. Counselors are needed! Anyone interested in helping with this very important Legion program please call Jim Button at 687-6344. Let's

help give these young men a start in the right direction!

For more information on American Legion new York Boys State you can visit their 2007 web site at <http://www.nyamericanlegionboysstate.com/>.

Legion Membership

MEMBERSHIP: We have 154 paid up members for 2008. If you haven't paid your dues please do so as we lack only 11 members to meet our quota of 165. If you meet a friend or another person you know is eligible, ask them to join the Legion. Let's try together to sign up those 11 members we need. In this area, we're ALL



Post Officers and Contact Numbers

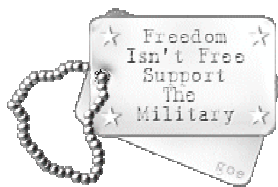
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Important Dates



Sunday, March 2, 2008—
2:00 Pm _ County Legion
and Auxiliary— New Wood-
stock

Sunday, March 9, 2008 Day-
light Saving Time Starts—
Turn your clocks ahead 1
hour

Sunday, March 9, 2008—
2:00 PM - Legion Birthday
dinner.

Monday, March 17, 2008—
7:00 PM Legion Executive
meeting

Monday, March 17, 2008—
7:30 PM—Legion and Auxil-

iary meeting

Sunday, April 6, 2008—2:00
PM—County Legion and
Auxiliary—De Ruyter

Sunday, April 20, 2008— 6th
District Legion meeting—
1:00 PM Post 376 Oxford

Monday, April 21, 2008—
7:00 PM Legion Executive
meeting

Monday, April 21, 2008—
7:30 PM—Legion and Auxil-
iary meeting

Sunday, May 4, 2008—2:00
Pm _ County Legion and

Auxiliary— Earlville

Monday, May 19, 2008—
7:00 PM Legion Executive
meeting

Monday, May 19, 2008—
7:30 PM—Legion and Auxil-
iary meeting

Friday, May 30, 2008—
Memorial Day—
Arrangement information
will be available in the next
issue of the newsletter.