



The Post Dispatch



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Special points of interest:

- Legion membership Stands at 166. We're one over our quota of 165.
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, 2008—see commanders column for information
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From the Commander—Jim Gooley

May is a very busy month for us. On the 10th at 10 AM we met at the Post to place flags on Veteran's graves in the local cemeteries. This was accomplished with the help of several willing young men in Boy Scout uniforms as well as six Legionnaires. The Legionnaires were Joe Gaiser, Bill Mayers, Vic Spaulding, Bill Batdorf, George Teachout and Jim Gooley. The scouts were Scoutmaster Ruch Dzialo, Assistant Scoutmaster Dan Turk, and scouts Quinton Brown, Derrick Tratt, Mike Lavoie, Nate Loucks, Connor Laughlin and Anthony Lozipone. Thanks to all!

On Monday, the 26th we will celebrate Memorial Day at St. Pat's at 6:15 PM then Oakwood at 6:30, and then caravan to the Post for a program honoring deceased vets.

Friday the 30th at 4 PM we'll start our spaghetti supper with the Munchkins at the high school. This is a fundraiser for us and we REALLY need it.

On Saturday the 31st, the Oz Parade happens and we need people to carry flags and rifles.

Much work has been started at the Post to achieve the new space available. The med storage room has been

emptied, the door reversed, boxes moved to the outside storage room, which had to be emptied and old food discarded and good stuff taken to the food pantry. All this was done by a few men; Button, Stucker, Mayers, Runkowski and Gooley. MUCH work remains to be done to set up our much smaller space. We need to move all our stuff from the Bingo Room to the Party Room area.

This month are ELECTIONS! Please attend the meeting and vote. Thank you.

Auxiliary News—Caroline Button

Membership is 8 juniors and 91 seniors, 99 total towards a goal of 105. We have lost five since January: Jeanne Seamons being the most recent. Before that, Mae Winker. Our sincere sympathy goes out to these families.

May 18 is our next meeting with elections of officers. Unit Past President Carol Mayers will be the installing officer with Barb Schwitter and I switching chairs. Gladys Mayer is back home and will resume her chaplain's place. Karen Turk will be

treasurer and Donna Baker is secretary.

Poppies were distributed last month. People will be at P&C with them, asking people to wear a poppy to show support for our programs at the Syracuse VA, Oxford Vet's Home and Bath Hospital.

Our trip to Syracuse VA was another success. Jim and I went from our Post, Al Pavigliante from Canastota and Millie Kent from Morrisville.

Canastota, Cazenovia, Earleville and Chittenango contribute to the cost, which was \$265.00. The canteen books cost \$200 and the refreshments were \$65.00. As I have said before, the residents really appreciate this time and effort. It's a small return for what they have given us.

Caroline Button, Membership and Vice President

Emergency Services Day



Post 1287 Recognizes two for Emergency Services Day

On the left is Sgt. Jeffery Sawyer of the Criminal Division on the right is Sgt. Robert Taylor of the corrections division. Both outstanding deputies of the Madison County Sheriffs Office.

*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*

Scouts Rocket into the Atmosphere

On Saturday, April 25th, shouts of excitement and glee erupted at Post 1287 as a happy group of scouts discovered that their home-made bottle rockets really would fly! The gang had spent the previous Wednesday sweating over their creations, hoping to be the one whose rocket flew highest and furthest. Saturday came, and so did the fun.

The scouts we're hosting – both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts – are being kept busy, learning and sharing. Saturday's activities saw nearly as many

adults as boys – a critically important part of their growth into responsible, respectable citizens. This is where scouting shines – it is a family activity too. And Post 1287 is a part of it.

One of the Legion's major programs is in the area of Children and Youth. Supporting Scouting has long been a part of this, and we can be proud of the fact that our post is sharing in this most worthy of endeavors.

I don't know whose rocket went highest. I did see several fly well

above the rooftops. But what I saw that sticks in my mind is young men sharing, learning, and basically having a lot of fun. And that's a hell of a lot better than some of the stuff they could be doing without us and their adult guidance resources. Kewl, huh? - Bill Mayers

Dates to Remember

- Monday, May 19, 2008—7:30 PM—Legion and Auxiliary meeting. Auxiliary will hold installation of officers
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- Sunday, June 1, 2008 1:00 PM County Convention at Munnsville Post
- Saturday, June 14, 2008 6:00 PM District Dinner at Vestal Post 89
- Sunday, June 15, 2008 1:00 Pm District Convention at Vestal Post 89
- Monday, June 16, 2008—7:30 PM—Legion and Auxiliary meeting. Legion elections of officers.
- NO meetings in July or August

Legion Boys State

Like to work with boys? We can give you the opportunity at American Legion Boys State at Morrisville State College. There's a need for help with the sports program as well as the Government program. For information, call Jim Button 687-6344

Oz-Stravaganza!

The Oz-Stravaganza! 2008 PARADE WILL BE ON SATURDAY, MAY 31ST AT 3:00 PM. Festivities begin on May 30th and continue until June 1st.

Friday May 30th 4-7 PM at Chittenango High School: spaghetti dinner followed by a free program in the auditorium.

At 9:30 PM in the Community Recognition Park there'll be FIREWORKS! (Yahoo!)

Saturday May 31st: 10-6 and Sunday June 1st 10-5 Activities include:

Petting zoo

A variety of stage entertainments

Crafts

Oz souvenirs and memorabilia

Plenty of food, snacks and beverages

Munchkin autographs

Chittenango Oz History

Games

Spray paint art

Caricature drawings

Sand art

Look for: amusement rides in Oz-Stravaganza/Dr. West Park

Friday 5pm – 11 pm Saturday 10 am – 1 pm Sunday Noon – 5 pm.

“The Wizard’s Wonderful Silent Auction” #1 Saturday 2 – 5 pm

“The Wizard’s Wonderful Silent Auction” #2 Sunday 11:30 – 2:30 pm

Both days a wide variety of Oz and sports memorabilia, Chittenango Pottery, Autographed books and photos, Munchkin photos, souvenir caricatures and so much more.

Hey, Chittenango: COME ON DOWN and support your community!

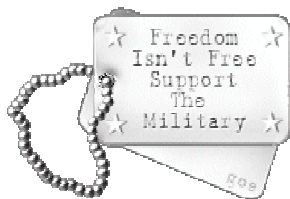
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Who are we—from National Web sites.



The American Legion

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.

<http://www.legion.org/homepage.php>

The American Legion

Auxiliary is a remarkable organization with dedicated women across the country, devoted to America's veterans, young people and communities. The women of the American Legion Auxiliary make a difference in the lives of all Americans. They educate children, organize community events and help our nation's veterans through legislative action and volunteerism. The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's larg-

est women's patriotic service organization with nearly 1 million members in 10,100 communities. Auxiliary members are a unique group of women, joined in the fellowship of volunteerism, patriotism and dedication to veterans, young people and communities.

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