The Zaloga Banner

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"For God and Country"

February, 2025

Executive Board: Will meet on Tuesday, **February 4th** at **6:30PM.**

General Membership Meeting: The regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **February 11th** at **7:00PM.**

Board of Trustees: Will meet on Tuesday **February 18th** at **6:30PM.**

Albany County American Legion: Will meet on Thursday, **February 20th** at the **Legnard-Curtin Post #927, Green Island** at **7:00 PM.**

The **Honor a Vet** will be held on Monday **February 3rd** at the E. T. Ruane Post #476 Cohoes, at **8:30AM**. This month's honoree will be **William A. Nadeau, U. S. Army**. Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony.

Valentine's Day Party

Our annual Valentine's Day party will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 8th**. Appetizers will be served from 6:00 to 7:00pm with a turkey dinner served at 7:00pm. Draft beer, wine and soda will be included for a donation of $25.00. Music for your listening and dancing pleasure will be provided by Kevin Pepe. Tickets are available in the DeMizio Lounge and must be procured by **Feb. 1st.**

Super Bowl Sunday

Join the fun. The Zaloga Post annual Super Bowl party will be held on February 9, 2025 at 6:30pm A $30.00 donation will include draft beer, wine and soda along with snacks starting 1/2 hour before the game until the end of the game. A hot and cold buffet will be served after the 1st quarter. Tickets can be purchased in advance in the DeMizio Lounge. Donation on the day of the game will be $35.00.

Membership

Our membership renewals stand at 454, which represents 78% of our goal of 580. We need 126 members to renew their dues so that the Post can attain 100% membership. As a convenience, you can pay your dues on line at *www.legion.org/renew* or drop it off and/or mail it to the Post. Also, if you know of a member that is financially unable to pay, (nursing home, hospital, financial hardship, etc.) please notify **Harvey Martel** at **(518) 256-2256. Please note:** if your dues have not been paid by **January 1st** you will be placed in a delinquent status and your **beige door key card** will no longer grant you access to the **Post.** You will need to have a **red door key card** and you can only get that by paying your 2025 dues. Also, please remember that the dues for this year is now $45.00. If you have any questions about your membership, you may call the Post at (518) 459-1520 and someone will get back to you.

Post Snow Policy

Because snow has a tendency to accumulate on the roof, and especially on the solar panels on the rear of the building, access to the Post will be restricted to the front of the building after a snow fall. Please comply with safety signs or when instructed by staff. Also, regarding possible cancellations of events at the Post such as Bingo or an actual Post closure, check your local TV stations for community calendar where school closings are normally listed.

Volunteers

As previously mentioned in other editions of this publication, the continued successful running of our Post is significantly dependent on members volunteering their time and talents. Every month there are numerous tasks that require attention and as everybody has heard, "many hands make light work". As Commander Secor mentions in his message on Page 2, we had a number of folks who helped out on New Year's Eve, thus making it a success. Think about helping out and call Bob McGraw at (518) 265-6851.

Commander's Message

January was another busy month at the Post. The New Year's Eve party was a lot of fun and I would like to thank the staff that planned and worked it. Thank you Charlie, Kim, Leslie, Debbie, & Pam. Also a big thanks to all the members who helped out during the mid-winter conference weekend and made our guests feel so welcomed. We had a lot of out of town guests who enjoyed their time here and three posts brought us new license plates for our wall. Dave Miller did an excellent job planning our Super Bowl party which will be enjoyed on a brand new large screen TV that Harvey hung on the wall where the screen was. We also hope to see a lot of you at the Valentines dinner and the Sons Fundraiser. The Sons have posted flyers for their fundraiser in March so please help them spread the word since this raises a lot of money to support their Veteran programs. Lastly, we still need your help to attain our membership goals. Please renew yours as soon as possible and help recruit new members. Thank you for being a part of our Legion family.

Queen of Hearts

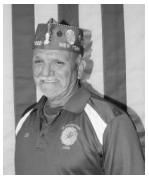
The search for the Lady returns!! The ever popular Queen of Hearts game has again begun. As usual, tickets will be available at the bar or prior to BINGO in the hall from 5:30 - 7:00. This version of the game will be different in that cost of a ticket will be $2.00 and the purchase of a ticket(s) is open to everyone. Drawing is every Friday night during BINGO intermission.

Poppy Distribution

Poppy Chairmen, Roger Gulley and **George Otty** remind us that **May** is **Poppy month**. Yes, it is a few months away, but now is the time to consider helping to make this project of the American Legion as successful as it can be. Don't forget the importance of donations collected from the distribution of this little blossom which go to assist our hospitalized and needy **Veterans**. If you have some time to help distribute these small mementos, which commemorate the sacrifices of men and women who served and died for our **Country** in all wars, contact Chairman Roger Gulley at **(518) 489-0331** or **George Otty** at **(518) 813-0448** and leave a message. They will have various times and locations available to distribute Poppies so please consider donating some of your valuable time to help with this important endeavor. In furtherance of this project, Roger will have a list of times, dates and locations available at our February General Membership meeting.

SAL Corner

Joe Eworonsky, Squadron Commander



Hello everyone. I hope everyone is well. March 8th will be the Son's Annual Fundraiser here at the post. A $30 donation will include hot and cold buffet and draft beer, wine, and soda. Entertainment provided by one of our own son's DJ Kevin Pepe , tickets are now on sale at the DeMizio Lounge or by calling me @ 5188672562. Let's make this our best fundraiser yet and get these tickets sold. There also will be a raffle for numerous local gift cards and gifts as well as a door prize. We also received his and her recliners to raffle off donated to us by Old Brick Furniture. We will be selling these tickets ahead of the event so stop in and see me. You won't be disappointed. Congratulations to Bob McGraw who was our 50/50 winner for $115.00. Next month you could be the lucky winner, all you need is a dollar and a dream. If you have any suggestions they are always welcomed. Congratulations to Dan Holmes and Allen Beckner on their successful completion of the Leadership Workshop during the mid-winter conference. In closing, please don't forget that if your dues have not been paid by Jan. 1, your membership will be placed in a delinquent status. Finally, and as always, God Bless America and God Bless the American Legion.

BINGO

Every Friday night a BINGO extravaganza is held in our Klimek Hall. Doors open at 4:00PM with games starting at 7:00PM. Each week prizes in excess of $2,300 are awarded. Also available is a gourmet selection of delectable "BINGO fare". Come and enjoy an evening of games with a chance to leave with a profit. You'll enjoy the repartee with the most friendly callers in the area. .

Sick Call

Dave Bernardi - Van Renns. Manor Nursing Home
John Haviland - At home
Joy Kay Innace - At home
Ed Kearsing - Schenectady Center
Herm Ungerman - Peregrine Nursing Home

"We remember our fallen comrades"

Carmen Trifilo 12/29/24

If you know of any Veteran who is ill or suffering extreme hardship please feel free to call **Chaplain Elmo Kearsing at (518) 573-0781.**

Auxiliary News

Pam Tracy, President

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 18th at 7:00PM.** Please bring a favorite dessert to share. Thank you to all of the members that always help to set up, clean up and close up after each meeting. I really appreciate it.

Membership: $35.00 for Seniors (18 years of age and older), Juniors $8.00 (seventeen years of age and younger). Make all checks payable to A.L.A. Unit 1520. They can be mailed to: Pam Tracy, 111 Frederick Ave. Albany, NY 12205. (518) 459-9259. if you leave any form of payment with the bartenders be sure that the payment is in an envelope addressed to me along with your name in the left hand corner. Our unit goal for this year is 394. We have 312 paid to date. I realize that this is the time of the year when dues payments start to fall off but your dues status in the organization is very important. If you have not paid your dues, your membership is in a delinquent status. You can not vote on any matter and you can not partake of any alcoholic beverage on the POST grounds.

50/50 raffle: This drawing takes place at our monthly meeting. The cost per ticket is $1.00. You may purchase as many tickets as you would like. The raffle is vitally important in the operation of our unit's many programs. If you wish to be in the drawing on a monthly basis, you can send a check along with mailing labels to the Post in care of Beverly Schilling or visit her any Friday night at BINGO. Make the check payable to A.L. A. Unit 1520. The drawing runs from January to December, each year.

The winner of the January 50/50 drawing for $190.00 was Cheryl McMullin.

New Members: The Unit would like to welcome all of our 2024/25 new members, they are: Marilyn Cataldo, Kathleen McDonald, Diane Murrane, Theresa Rourke, Natalie Nicholson, Tricia Zboray, Tracey Pecak, Nancy Sanders, Christine Perkinson, Denise Rozen, Brenda Selway, Lucila Gordon, Frances Buist, Clare Kokenburg, Donna Bates Bond, Sheila Pier, Cathryn Motta, Tonjua Welch, Tamara Craig, Denise Nagengast and Vicki Bracken. I hope to see all of you at our monthly meetings.

Chaplain's Corner: Good will cards were sent to: Donna Rogers, Kathy Gobel, Josephine Grace, Virginia Volk and Debbie LaRose.

Annual Valentine's Day Dance: February 8th, 2025 – Cocktail Hour 6:00Pm—7:00PM. Dinner at 7:00PM. The meal will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and delicious dessert. Draft beer, wine and soda included in the price of $25.00 per person. Tickets are available from our wonderful bartenders. Please list every individual persons name that you are buying tickets for. This makes it much easier to do the seating assignments.

Dates to Remember: February County Meeting will be held at Blanchard-Currey Unit 1040 on February 25th 2025. Sons Squadron 1520 yearly fundraiser will be held at the Zaloga Post on Saturday March 8th. The price is $30.00 per person. This price include cheese, pepperoni and cracker trays, draft beer, wine and soda and a hot and cold buffet. There will be 50/50 drawing, multiple item raffle, his and hers recliner raffle and a door prize raffle. Tickets are on sale at the bar. Purchase deadline is February 28th 2025.

Winter is upon us. Stay safe and stay warm.

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Pamela Tracy, President

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Saturday Night Entertainment

Saturday-Feb. 1st - Brian Zappel

Saturday-Feb. 8th - Bill Perry

Saturday-Feb. 15th - Kevin Pepe

Saturday-Feb. 22nd - Bill Perry

Coming Soon

Feb. 8th - Valentine's Day Party
Feb. 9th - Super Bowl Party
March 8th - Sal Fund Raiser

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