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The Zaloga Banner

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January, 2025

Executive Board: Will meet on Tuesday, **January 7th** at **6:30PM.**

General Membership Meeting: The regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **January 14th** at **7:00PM.**

Board of Trustees: Will meet on Tuesday **January 21st** at **6:30PM.**

Albany County American Legion: Will meet on Thursday, **January 23rd** at the **E. T. Ruane Post #476, Cohoes** at **7:00 PM.**

The **Honor a Vet** will be held on Monday **January 6th** at the No. Albany Post at **8:30AM.** This month's honoree will be **Joe King McLaughlin, U. S. Army.** Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony.

Mid-Winter Conference

This year's Mid-Winter Conference will be held **January 17th - 19th** at the Crowne Plaza/ Desmond Hotel. For a list of meetings and events you may inquire at NYLegion.net, click on "news and events" and then "mid-winter conference". On **Friday, Jan. 17th**, Bingo Fare (hot dogs, hamburgers, fish sandwiches, grilled cheese sandwiches, etc.) will be available from 4:00 to 7:00pm. On **Saturday, Jan. 18th** from 3:00 to 6:30 pm food will be available. Entertainment, (karaoke), will be available in the DeMizio Lounge on Saturday only for your dancing and participation.

Annual Commander's Visitation

The annual visit from our Department/Detachment officers will be held on Wednesday, **January 15th** at the **Joseph E. Zaloga Post, #1520.** This year we welcome **Department Commander, Keith J. Koster, Department President Kim Quick** and **Detachment Commander Gaither Espey** to our County. Cocktail hour will be from 5:00pm to 6:00pm (cash bar) and a Stuffed Chicken Breast dinner will be served at 6:15pm. Tickets are only \$35.00 for this event and may be obtained by contacting reservation chairman **Steve Reidel** at (518) 265-7466. Cut-off date for procuring tickets is December 27th, 2024.

Membership

Our membership renewals stand at 419, which represents 72% of our goal of 580. We need 161 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 are not 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. If you have any questions about your membership, you may call the Post at (518) 459-1520 and someone will get back to you.

St. Valentine's Day Party

Plans are underway for the Post's annual Valentine's Day Party which is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 8th. Watch for flyers posted around the Post and on our web and facebook pages for details and deadlines.

Volunteers

Please consider being part of the solution, that is, joining your cohorts and volunteering at the Post. If interested, contact Bob McGraw at (518) 265-6851.

VA Donation

On Nov. 26th, Dave Miller the Post's Veteran's Affairs Volunteer Services representative presented to Jason Gorman, Assistant Service Chief for Development and Civic Engagement at the VA, checks totaling \$1,000.00 earmarked for the VA Food Pantry and the Veterans' Holiday Fund.



Commander's Message

December was a very busy month but it was full of fun events. We had great turnout for the kids and adult Christmas parties and the Army Navy game. A big thanks to all who helped plan and run these events, we couldn't do it without them. We also conducted a Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony. There were many members and Veterans from other organizations in attendance. We will be having the ceremony every year so make sure to put it on your calendar. I would also like to thank the Auxiliary for decorating the hall and for the beautiful new patriotic Christmas tree in our lobby. Please help us attain our membership goals by renewing yours as soon as possible and recruiting new members. As we head into the new year I wish you all good health and success. Thank you for being a part of our Legion family.



Super Bowl Viewing Party

This year's Super Bowl is scheduled for Feb. 9. Currently plans are afoot to have a party which will include a hot and cold buffet for those interested. Complimentary draft beer, wine and soda will be available from 1/2 hour before the game, during and until 1/2 hour after the game. Ticket prices are available for a donation of \$30.00; \$35.00 the day of the game. Tickets will be available by mid-January. More details will follow. If interested watch for flyers posted throughout the Post as well as on our Facebook and/or web page.

Post Snow Policy

Because snow has a tendency to accumulate on the roof, and especially on the solar panes 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.

Congratulations!!!!

Congratulations must be extended to the following individuals who exemplify what we need more of around our Post. First, at the annual Past Commanders' Dinner the **Volunteer of the Year** was presented to Virginia Volk for her tireless work supervising the BINGO snack bar every Friday night. Also, **Legionnaire of the Year** certificates were presented to Harvey Martel and Denis Blais for their dedicated service throughout the year. Again, congratulations to all three. You deserved it.



SAL Corner

Joe Eworonsky, Squadron Commander



Hello everyone. Happy New Year. I hope everyone had a nice and healthy holiday season. Please see Dave Bishop if your 2025 membership dues has not been paid. The children's Christmas Party, hosted by our Auxiliary was a huge success. A special thanks to John Trong and Emerson Kelly for their help in the kitchen and for cleanup. A special thanks to Bev Schilling and Patty Eworonsky, along with the Auxiliary and SAL members who cooked and decorated the Hall. Also, a special thanks to Harvey Martel who provided the food for the volunteers. Our fund raiser is just a few months away, on March 8th. Help is appreciated; come to a meeting to find out more, it is always a fun night. Our lucky 50/50 winner was our Aux. President, Pam Tracy who won \$137. Congratulations. It could be you next month. 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. .



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.



Sick Call

Dave Bernardi - Van Renns. Manor Nursing Home
Ed Kearsing - Schnectady Center
Herm Ungerman - Peregrine Nursing Home

"We remember our fallen comrades"

Robert (Bob) Sagar 11/27/24

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

Our next monthly meeting will be held on **Tues. Jan. 21st, 2025 at 7:00PM**. Please bring a favorite dessert to share. Thank you to all the members who always help to set up, clean up and close up after each meeting. I really appreciate it.



Pam Tracy,
President

Membership: \$35.00 for seniors (18 years of age and older), Juniors \$8.00 (17 years of age and younger). Make all checks payable to A. L. A. Unit 1520. 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 year when dues payments start to fall off but your dues status in the organization is very important. Dues that have not been paid by Dec. 31, 2024 are in a delinquent state.

Chaplin's Corner: A get well card was sent to Donna Rogers. She is recovering from knee surgery and is making great progress.

County Visitation Dinner: will be held on Wed., January 15th at our Post rooms. Cocktail hour will be from 5:00 to 6:00 PM with a stuffed chicken breast dinner complete with baked potato, green beans, salad, rolls and strawberry shortcake served at 6:15. The cost is \$35.00 per person. **Reservations must be made prior to December 27th.** Contact Patricia Mudgett at (518) 489-7084 for tickets. Come out and meet our **Department Commander Keith Koster, Auxiliary President Kimberly Quick and Detachment Commander Gaither Espey** who will be honored at this dinner.

Mid Winter Conference: The conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel on Wolf Road. The dates are January 17-19th. If anyone is interested in attending please contact me at (518) 459-9259.

Thank You: A special "thank you" to all of the members who came out on Dec. 2nd to wrap gifts for the children attending the annual Holiday Party. This group also transformed the hall into a work of art with holiday decorations. Joyce M., Linda L., Anna and Emerson K., Beverly S., Cheryl M., Carla and Bonnie P., Pat and Joe E., Donna S., Linda A., Vicki and Alan B., Denise and Jim R., Ann T., Candy. P. Cheryl C., Alysa S., Wendy N., Lori P., Ann W., Carol S., Jeanne M., Ellen R., Tina and Ron F., Brenda and Richard W., O'Rhea S., Teri R., Judy S., Melissa G., Ken S. and Harvey M. Thank you to all of the Santa's helpers.

Winter is upon us. Please stay warm and healthy.

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Pam Tracy, President

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Saturday Night Entertainment

Saturday-Jan. 4th - Brian Zappel

Saturday-Jan. 11th - Bill Perry

Saturday-Jan. 18th - Kevin Pepe

Saturday-Jan. 25th - T/B/A



Coming Soon

Jan. 1st - Post closed.

Jan. 15th - Annual Department Visitation Dinner

Jan, 17th - 19th Mid-Winter Conference at Desmond/Crowne Plaza

Feb. 8th - Annual Valentine's Day Party

Feb. 9th - Super Bowl Party

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