The Zaloga Banner

The Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520

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"For God and Country"

June, 2025

Executive Board: Will meet on Tuesday, **June 3rd** at **6:30PM.**

General Membership Meeting: The regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **June 10th** at **7:00PM.** Note: During this meeting the Board of Trustees and Executive Board officers for 2025/2026 will be sworn in.

Board of Trustees: Will meet on Monday **June 16th** at **6:30PM. Note change of day.**

Albany County American Legion: Will meet on Thursday, **June 5th** at the **Zaloga Post at 7:00 PM** for the annual Convention Call.

The **Honor a Vet** will be held on Monday **June 2nd** at **8:30AM** at the **Crossing of Colonie Veterans' Memorial.** This month's honoree will be **Edward J. Crummey Jr., U.S. Army.**

Cemetery Flag Placement

Bob McGraw, our volunteer coordinator, would like to thank the following volunteers who so generously gave of their time to place flags on Veterans' graves at Albany Rural Cemetery. Along with himself, Paul Hart, John Kafer, Floyd Castle, Dan Willis, Richard C. Hart, Gerald L. Opanowski, Travis Winter, George Otty, Ken Secor, Dave Miller (SAC), Chris Heim, Jim Hartz, Elmo Kearsing and Jerry Perry did this honorable annual duty.

Automated External Defibrillator

The post has recently purchased a new AED and a number of Legion family have been trained on its use, as well as on other life saving techniques.

War Dogs

On **September 19th**, Ron Gabriel will be at the Post to give a presentation on the history that dogs have played in the military from World War I to the present time. His presentation will also contain a comparison of military dogs to their more familiar civilian counterparts, police dogs. The presentation is free but if you wish to attend you are advised to contact Penny Deere at (607) 437-1732 or at penylee56@yahoo.com.

Membership

Our current membership stands at 529, which represents 91% of our goal of 580. We need 51 delinquent members to pay their dues so the Post can attain 100%. As a convenience, you can pay your dues online at www.legion.org/renew or drop them off at the Post.

2025/26 Post Officers

Executive Board:
Commander: Kenneth Secor
1st Vice: Robert McGraw
2nd Vice: George Otty
3rd Vice: John Kafer
Adjutant: David Miller
Treasurer: Denis Blais
Chaplain: Elmo Kearsing
Historian: Gene Loparco
Sgts at Arm: Paul Santspree Sr. and Richard Hoke
Membership: Harvey Martel
Service Officer: Kenneth Secor

Board Of Trustees:
President: Harvey Martel
Vice President: Gerald Perry
Treasurer: Denis Blais
Secretary: Larry Schilling
3 Year trustees: John Kafer and Elmo Kearsing
2 Year Trustees: David Miller, George Otty and Robert McGraw
1 Year Trustees: Pat Connolly, Don Robbins and Pete Ubrich
Commander: Ken Secor

October General Meeting

Note: the **October** General Membership meeting will start at 5:00. At its conclusion we will entertain the gentlemen who represented us at this year's Boys' State Leadership Program which will be held at SUNY Morrisville in June.

Commander's Message

Ken Secor

Well May started off warm and then became a bit rainy and cool. I hope the warm weather gets here soon. It has been a busy month with volunteers out distributing poppies, running Bingo every Friday, setting up the hall for events, placing flags at Albany Rural cemetery, Memorial Day ceremonies, the city of Albany Memorial Day parade, and our open house. A great big thank you to all who helped out during the month. Volunteers are the only way we are able to accomplish all these things. If you would like to volunteer for anything we have coming up just contact Bob McGraw at (518) 265-6851. At our June meeting we will have our installation of officers followed by a great meal. We hope to see many of you there. June will be the last meeting before we break for the summer. No meetings in July and August so we can all enjoy the summer months. As always, thanks for being a part of our Legion Family.

Poppies

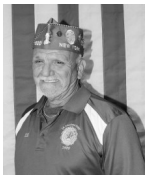
The 2025 Poppy year has come to another successful conclusion. The generosity of the "man (and woman) on the street" is a constant reminder that not all of America has forgotten what the poppy stands for and what Veterans have done and continue to do to make our Country what it is today. As Poppy Co-Chairmen, we want to thank each and every one of the volunteers. Along with ourselves, we recognize Dave Miller, Larry Schilling, Alan Druckman, John Kafer, Jerry and Deb Perry, Paul Santspree, Bud Abere, Bob Baldwin, Vicki and Alan Beckner, Roger and Rosemary Dames, Roger Gulley, Jim Hartz, Chris Heim, Tom Houck, Paul Hulslander, Gene and Linda Loparco, Mike McManus, Bruce Mendini, Denise and Ron Meyers George Otty William Parks, Lori and Wayne Peplowski, John Trong, Jason Scavo, Ray Wolfe, Lucy Gordon, Patrick Caulfield and the bar staff for all of their efforts. Also, a big thanks to our Commander, Ken Secor, for his emphasis on the importance of this project which resulted in a number of additional volunteers to join. George Otty and Roger Gulley, Co-Chairs.

Queen of Hearts

The search for the Lady continues!! As usual, tickets will be available at the bar or prior to BINGO in the hall from 5:30 - 7:00. The cost of a ticket is $2.00 and the purchase of a ticket(s) is open to everyone. The drawing will be held each Friday during the intermission of BINGO and winners need not be present. The current prize, which will obviously continue to grow is in excess of $1,700.00.

SAL Corner

Joe Eworonsky, Squadron Commander



Hello everyone. I hope this finds everyone well. Hard to believe summer is right around the corner. We had elections at last month's meeting and our new Board will be sworn in June. Please come to the meeting to meet them and support them. It has been my honor and privilege to represent you these past 4 years. Thanks to each and everyone of you for your help throughout the years. Volunteers are always needed. For all that helped with poppies, thank you. Congratulations to Rich Willey the 50/50 winner last month for $99. 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 4:300PM 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
Ed Kearsing - Schenectady Center At home
Frank Loparco - Hospital
Herm Ungerman - Peregrine Nursing Home

"We remember our fallen comrades"

David Matatt	**2/2025**
Gary Snyder	**04/28/25**

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 June meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 17th.** Auxiliary Members Tracey Hubbard and Sonya LaBombard will be hosting the Annual End of the Year Gathering at this meeting. A Turkey Dinner will served at the price of $20.00. Cocktail Hour will be held from 4:30 – 5:30. **Deadline for Reservations is Sunday, June 8th. Please make checks payable to : A.L.A. Unit 1520. Mail all checks to: Sonya LaBombard, 3036 Edgewood Avenue, Schenectady, New York 12306. Sonya may be contacted at 518 – 360 – 7893. Beverly Schilling will be holding her always successful basket and gift cards raffle. If you would like to donate a basket or seek out gift cards from our local merchants, please contact Beverly at 518 772-8711. 2026 Membership dues will collected at the Dinner also. $35.00 for Seniors (18 Years and older) Juniors $8.00 (under 18 years of age)**

2025 -2026 Election of Officers – The following slate of Officers was presented and accepted at the May Metting. **Pamela Tracy – President, Tracey Hubbard – 1st Vice President, Patricia Lito – 2nd Vice President, M. Pat Eworonsky – Secretary, Elizabeth Skop – Treasurer.** Thank You to our **Nominating Committee consisting of Anna Kelly and Ann Trong.** The following appointed positions have been made by President Pam**. Historian – Beverly Schilling, Sgt. At Arms –Cheryl McMullen, Chaplains – Josephine Grace - Funeral Service Co-ordinator and Patricia Lito – Corresponding Chaplain.**

Our **Poppy Distribution Season** has come and gone for another year. This committee has been under the direction of Claire Grant for several years. Every year Claire has a group of "Poppeyettes"that make it a success. This year was no different. Thank you to Claire, Beverly Schilling, Cheryl McMullin, Pat Eworonsky, Ann Trong, Pat Mudgett, Nancy Kelly ,Jeanne Moseley, Darlene Newman, Judy Stoffels, Donna Salamida, Kathy Govel ,Theresa Nobles, Anna Kelly, Sonya LaBombard, Connie Dickenson, Tracey Hubbard, Jo Grace, Brenda Selway, Tina Haskins, Ann Wright, Barbara Shanahan, Phyllis Martel, Lorna McCartan, Vicki Beckner, Myrna Robinson, Cheryl Cervera, Candy Person, Terry Rourke ,Ann Wright, Anne and Joe Forenzo, Pete Ubrich, Dan Ryan and Pam Tracy.

Father's Day Breakfast will be held on June 15th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. The menu will consist of scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries, French toast and made to order waffles along with juice, coffee, tea and pastries. The price is $12.00 for ages 12 and up. $7.00 for ages 6 to eleven years. Children under 6 eat for free. Parties of 8 or more require a reservation. Please contact Pam at 518 522 9259 to make these reservations. Volunteers, please let Pam know if your families will be attending so that you can enjoy breakfast with them someone will cover your station.

50/50 Monthly Drawing goes on even during the summer months. If you would like to be a part of it you see Beverly Schilling at Friday Night Bingo or leave your information in an envelope at the Post with Beverly's name on it. The cost is $1.00 for month per year. It is very helpful if you can enclose mailing labels to place on your ticket stubs. Please be sure that Bev has your contact information.

The **May 50/50 winner was**.Larry Schilling for $164.50.

Our **Annual American Legion Convention will be held in Syracuse on July 17th and 18th.**

The date for the Halloween Party will be Sunday, October 19th. Sign-ups will begin in mid September. The Children's Holiday Party will be held on Sunday, December 7th. Sign-ups will begin in early November. Once again, Pat Eworonsky and Deb Prime will be co-chairing these fun events.

Condolence cards were sent to Bonnie and Carla Perry on the passing of Vincent Perry and Heidi Chapman on the passing of her husband Gary Chapman. Get well cards were sent to Dolores Willey, Mary Ann Davis, Sandra Merritt, Donna Abare, Ruth Zabinski, Donna Rogers, Cynthia Dott, Meta Willis and Gloria Allegretta.

We have come to the closing of another successful year. As you can see, volunteering is the key to this success. I do not know how to express my gratitude to everyone that continues to give of their time. It is so wonderful to host a monthly meeting and see all who come. (There is plenty of room for more). Thank you so much for all of the support.

I wish everyone a safe, peaceful and healthy summer. I look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Call me if you need me. 518 522 9259.

For God and Country – President Pam

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Saturday Night Entertainment

Saturday-June 7th - Brian Zappel

Saturday-June 14th - Bill Perry

Saturday-June 21st - Kevin Pepe

Saturday-June 28th - Bill Perry

Coming Soon

June 15th - Fathers' Day Breakfast
July 4th - Post closed
July 16th - 19th NYS American Legion Department Convention

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