The Zaloga Banner

The Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520

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"For God and Country"

September, 2024

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

General Membership Meeting: The regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **September 10th** at **7:00PM.** Note: Immediately following the meeting we will hold our 23rd **911** and **POW** ceremonies. Also, during the meeting the changes proposed to the Post By-Laws, which were listed in the June Banner, will be discussed and voted on.

Board of Trustees: Will meet on Tuesday **September 17th** at **6:30PM.**

Albany County American Legion: Will meet on Thursday, **September 26th** at the **Voorheesville Post #1493, Voorheesville** at **7:00 PM.**

The **Honor a Vet** will be held on Tuesday **September 3rd** at **8:30AM** at the Sheehy-Palmer VFW Post, 525 Delaware Ave., in Albany. This month's honoree will be **Charles A Gaylord 3rd**, **U. S. Navy.**

October General Meeting

Note: the **October** General Membership meeting will start at 6:30. At its conclusion we will entertain the gentlemen who represented us at this year's Boys' State Leadership Program which was held at SUNY Morrisville in June. As an added feature, one of our graduates was selected and attended Boys' Nation held in Washington DC and he will speak to us as well. It would be nice if we have a good turn-out to show these boys that we do care about the future.

Dart Leagues

Mens: The Post men's dart league will commence shooting on Thursday, Sept. 5th at 7:00 PM and is looking for shooters, both permanent and subs. For more information, contact Gerry Perry at (518) 458-1238 or leave your name and phone number at the bar (518) 459-1520 and he will get back to you.

Mixed: the Post mixed league shoots on Sunday nights beginning September 8th at 6:30 PM. They are currently looking for two permanent darters; subs are also welcome. For more information call Claire Grant at (518) 527-2934.

Membership

The Post ended its 2024 membership year (Aug. 23 - July 24) with a total of 557 members for 95.8% of our 581 goal. We have not yet received our 2025 membership goal. We have just finished the first month of the 2025 membership solicitation year (Aug. 24 - July 25) and so far, we have received 298 renewal/ transfers and 6 new members. We want to say **THANK YOU** to those 292 Legionnaires who already paid their dues. In the past, it has taken up to 10 months to obtain the remainder of our membership; please help us and submit your membership dues when you receive your dues notice from the National HQ. In September, a second "Dues Notice" will be sent out by the National HQ to those Legionnaires who have not yet paid their 2025 dues. For your convenience, you can pay your dues "online" at *www.nylegion.net*, click on "membership", scroll down to "renew" online. Dues for the 2025 year (this year increased to $45.00) are required to be paid by December 31st. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact Harvey Martel at *membership@zalogapost1520.org.* or call (518) 459-1520 and leave a message with the bartender and he will get back to you. For your information, the membership year runs from January - December each year and the dues solicitation year runs from August - July for the next year. Did you know that if you are a member of the U.S. Armed Forces and are currently on "federal active duty" the Post will pay your membership dues? All you must do is provide us with a copy of your active-duty orders or a copy of your military ID card.

9/11 Ceremony and Breakfast

On Wednesday, September 11, 2024 we will conduct a ceremony to remember the tragic events of September 11, 2001 which will be followed with a breakfast. Breakfast reservations for the ceremony and breakfast must be made by September 1st by contacting Ken Secor at kenscott25@gmail.com.

Commander's Message

I would like to start off by saying it is an honor to be elected to serve as the next Commander for this Post. We have a great group of officers that I look forward to working with this coming year. It's hard to believe that summer is almost over. That means we will start having meetings and events here at the Post. We have our usual events and we have added some new ones which we hope you will all enjoy so keep an eye on the newsletter for more information on them.

Those who know me, I am always open to any suggestions for anything involving our Post. Keep in mind that we may not be able to implement all suggestions but we will look into all of them to see if they are feasible.

As we move into the year, we hope to see more members at the meetings and events. I personally look forward to getting to know all the 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 will commence on October 1st. As usual, tickets will be available at the bar or prior to Friday nigjht 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 $5.00 and the purchase of a ticket is open to everyone.

New Member Incentive

Bring a prospective, qualified individual to a General Membership meeting and earn a challenge coin if/when that prospective individual joins our Post. We are working on other incentives for various, numerous programs at this time. More to come.

Cornhole

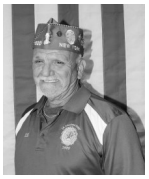
To all those aficionados of the popular game formerly known as "bean bag toss", a weekly get together to enjoy this popular pastime is being "tossed" about at the Post. If you have an interest in joining please contact Wayne the bartender at (518) 459 -1520 for more information.

Volunteers

As previously stated in this newsletter, volunteers are always needed and welcome to help at the various events at our Post. As an example, in November, on Veterans' Day to be exact, after the parade (in which additional marchers are wanted and welcome) the Post will hold the usual Open House in the DeMizio Lounge. At the same time a luncheon for Gold Star families will be held in the hall. If you are willing and able, contact Bob McGraw at (518) 265-6851.

SAL Corner

Joe Eworonsky, Squadron Commander



Hello everyone. I hope everyone had a safe and fun summer. It is hard to believe it is September already. I hope to see everyone at our Sept. 10 meeting. Please join us as we have a exciting year of activities coming soon. But first renew your membership for the upcoming year and please see Dave Bishop. Dues for the upcoming year is $40. Get them in so we can get our membership at 100%, sooner than later. Keep passing the word around as we are always welcoming new members. At the June meeting our new board was sworn in, come to a meeting and meet them and your fellow members, and if you have any suggestions they are always welcomed. A CORNHOLE league is being Discussed. Please see Wayne your bartender on Mondays or Thursdays and your fellow Son for information. We also are planning our dinner/dance fundraiser for March as well as other fundraisers so ideas and assistance are always welcomed. We could use 1 or 2 members to do our monthly 50/50. Feel free to call me or email me about any thoughts or issues at 518 867 2562 or peworonsky@aol.com. On that note: 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 4:30PM 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" prepared by various world renowned chefs. 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
Bill Kearsing - At home
Pete Lito - At home
Herm Ungerman - Peregrine Nursing Home
Richard Willey - At home

"We remember our fallen comrades"

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

Welcome Back. Our first meeting of the Fall will be held on **Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00pm**

Please bring a dessert to share.

County Meeting will be held **on September 24, 2024 at 7:00pm** at the **Blanchard – Curry Unit in Delmar.**

Membership: All Auxiliary members should have received your renewal notices by now. I will be accepting payments at the September meeting - $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 please be sure that the payment is in an envelope addressed to me along with your name in the left hand corner. All 2025 dues must be paid by December 31, 2024 to remain in good standing.

50/50 Monthly Raffle: As always, Beverly Schilling continues to work 12 months a year to make this a success. Teri Rourke was the winner of the June drawing $201.00, Yolanda Farmer won $195.00 in July and the winner of the August drawing was Sheree Wright for $164.00. The cost of this raffle is $1.00 a ticket. If you would like to be a continuous member of this raffle club, please see Bev at Bingo on Friday night or leave the payment with the bartender. Again, please be sure that you have your name along with Bev's on the envelope. Make checks payable to: A.L.A. Unit 1520. It is very helpful to Bev is if you would enclose mailing labels for your tickets. You can purchase as many subscriptions as you want. The raffle year runs from January to December You may get onboard at any time during the year. Just pay $1.00 for each remaining month in the calendar year.

Father's Day Breakfast: Our Unit owes a big "Thank You" to the members that gave so generously of their time to make this event a success. Chef Claire Grant cooked the meal along with the help of Deana Barna. It was Yummy!! Our expert waffle station was handled by Beverly Schilling and Cheryl McMullin. Our serving and waitressing staff consisted of MaryAnn Davis, Linda Loparco. Nancy Kelly, Patty Eworonsky, Carol Smith, Lori Peplowski and Anna Kelly. We must also thank Larry Schilling, Joe Eworonsky, Jerry Perry, John Trong, Ken Secor, Emerson Kelly, Dave Bishop and Harvey Martel for appearing at different times to do the heavy work.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Day: October 22, 2024: Pat Lito will be selling the store coupons at the September Meeting. The cost is still $5.00 per coupon. These coupons allow additional savings on all items in the store. Get a big jump on the Christmas shopping or splurge on yourself. This event is a fund raiser for the Unit. If you feel that you can sell a few coupons for the Unit on your own, please let Pat know. We will need people to man a table at the store to also sell the coupons. A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting.

Chaplains Corner: Condolences were sent to members on the passing of their loved ones. They are: Kathy Govel (Husband), Patty Eworonsky (Brother), Joanne Flanagan (Daughter in Law) Cindy Dott (Mother Theresa "Teri" Dott), Harvey Martel (Sister) and the family of Kathleen Stallmer. **Get Well Cards:** The Unit hopes that the following members are feeling much better**.** They are: Marilyn Cataldo, Betty Chiffolo, Sandy Carmichael, Joyce Micare, Cheryl McMullin, Lorna McCarten, Carol Smith, Jeanne Moseley and Tracey Hubbard. As you can see by this list, the Chaplain and the Corresponding Chaplain have been very busy these summer months. They need your help. If you know of a member that has passed away, please contact Jo Grace at 518 573-3957 with the information so that she may contact the Funeral Director(s) to do a service. Contact Pat Lito at 518 459-3842 if you are aware of a member that is not feeling well or has gone to an assisted living /nursing home facility . All of this is very helpful to our Chaplains. There will be a sign -up sheet at the September meeting for anyone that is interested in being on the Wake service committee.

Halloween Party: October 27, 2024 from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. The sign-up box is in the bar area. Please fill out the form completely. The age(s) are 10 years and younger. The cost is $3.00 per child. Two adults are allowed per child. There will be a limit of 50 children attending. Volunteers are needed. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September meeting. Any questions, contact Patty Eworonsky at 518-334-0279.

Save The Dates: Past Commanders Dinner – November 23, 2024. Children's Holiday Party – December 8, 2024 – 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Adults Holiday Party – December 15, 2024.

I hope to see many of you at the September meeting. We have a busy few months coming up and I really appreciate your attendance and help. You are all very valuable to the Unit.

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Note: We are in the process of creating a new Zaloga Post Facebook page and expect it to be on line some time this month. The official web site address will be available in October's newsletter.

Saturday Night Entertainment

Saturday-Sept. 7th - Brian Zapel

Saturday-Sept. 14th - Scott Mc Nellis

Saturday-Sept. 21st - Kevin Pepe

Saturday-Sept. 28th - Bill Perry

Coming Soon

Sept. 2nd - Post closed for Labor Day
Sept. 7th - Blue Jean Ball
Sept. 11th - 911 Commemorative Breakfast

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Go to **www.legion.org**

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