The Zaloga Banner

The Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520

Serving Our Community, State and Nation since 1946

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"For God and Country"

June, 2024

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

General Membership Meeting: The regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, **June 11th** at **7:00PM. Note:** At this meeting all Executive Board members as well as Board of Trustee positions will be sworn in.

Board of Trustees: Will meet on Monday **June 17th** at **6:30PM. Note change from normal day.**

Albany County American Legion: Will meet on Thursday, **June 6th** at the **Zaloga Post, 1520** at **7:00 PM** for the annual "**Convention Call".**

The **Honor a Vet** will be held on Monday **June 3rd** at **8:30AM** at the Blanchard Currey Post 1040. This month's honoree will be **Thomas C Skultety, U.S. Army.** Refreshments will be served immediately following the ceremony.

Membership

Our current membership stands at 556, which represents 95% of our goal of 581. We are currently 3rd in the County. We need 25 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. If you have not paid your 2024 dues, your green key card will not allow you access to the Post; entrance will only be allowed with a beige key card, and you can only get that when you pay your dues. If you know of a member who is financially unable to pay his/her dues currently, please notify Harvey Martel at (518) 256-2256.

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' grave at Albany Rural Cemetery. Along with himself, Larry and Bev Schilling, Rich Hoke, Ken Secor, Shari Falkenheimer, John Kafer, David Miller, Roger Gulley, George Otty, John Trong, Chris Heim, Elmo Kearsing, Jerry Perry, John Thompson, Paul Hart, Richard Hart and Dan Willis.

Poppies

The 2024 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 Chairman, I want to thank each and every one of the volunteers. Along with himself, Dave Miller, Larry Schilling, Alan Druckman, John Kafer, Jerry and Deb Perry, Paul Santspree, Bob Baldwin, Tom Houck, Kelly and Anna Emerson, Paul Hulslander, Roger Dames, Chris Heim, Gene Loparco, Bill Parkis, Denise Meyers, Vic Fernandez and the Zaloga Bar staff for their efforts to make this year as successful as it has been. Roger Gulley, Chairman.

2024/25 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: David Miller, George Otty and Robert McGraw
2 Year Trustees: Pat Connolly, Don Robbins and Pete Ubrich
1 Year trustees: John Kafer and Elmo Kearsing
Commander: Ken Secor

Commander's Message

This is my final newsletter as your Commander. The last two years have been quite an experience with the many changes the Post has gone through. I did not get many projects I would have liked to see completed, as many other more important projects popped up to keep the Post running and providing the services to all of our member

Summer is here and I wish all of our members and families a safe and healthy time. Please do not forget to provide whatever assistance, you can, to help all your new officers, keeping the Post in great standing with services the American Legion Pillars stand for and have accomplished over the previous years.

I have included in this newsletter, the Joseph E. Zaloga Post # 1520 changes to our Constitution and By-Laws. These changes are for all of the members to look over and if anyone has some other input please contact a Post Officer, so it can be considered, as a vote to accept the changes will take place at the 7:00 PM September 10, 2024 General Meeting; by those that are in attendance that night.

I want to thank everyone that provided me with assistance and guidance over the past two years. I hope all the Post members will keep the Post in a positive position in the community and to keep your membership up to date. This year we did not quite reach our goal, but we accomplished many things.

Joseph E. Zaloga Post # 1520 Changes to the Constitution

All Articles: Wherever "he, his," - **To** "he/she, his/her, their or eliminate".

Article 1:

Section 2 – Address location change

Article III:

Section 1 – **Change:** His military rank **To** their military rank.

Section 3 – **Change:** shall perform his duty **To** shall perform their duty; **Change:** according to his own **To** according to their own.

Article IV:

Section 2 – **Remove:** sentence 3 **insert** Upon approval of eligibility the application shall be accepted.

Section 8 – **Change:** however, that he change **To** however, that member; **Change:** arrears in his dues **To** arrears in dues; **Change:** interval between his expulsion. **To** interval between expulsion.

Section 9 – **Change:**Post stating his membership **To** their membership; **Change:** which his dues **To** which their dues.

Article V:

Section 3 – **Change:** Post Officers shall be elected and installed in the month of June **To** Post Officers shall be elected one month prior to the annual meeting and installed at the June annual meeting.

Article VII:

Section 2 – **remove:** completely and **insert** - We the undersigned…..Held at the City of Albany, State of New York on November 13, 1986 to Town of Colonie, State of New York May , 2024.

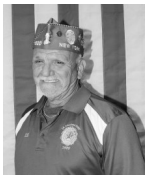
All Sections: Change: "He, His, Chairman" **To** "He/she, His/Her, Chairperson, These"

Article IV:

Section 11 – **Change:** assigned to him **To** - assigned by Post.

SAL Corner

Joe Eworonsky, Squadron Commander



Hello everyone. I hope everyone is well. At our May meeting we had a guest speaker who trains service dogs for Veteran's and first responders. Her speech and dedication were very inspiring. Our June meeting will be the installation of our new board of officers; come and meet them and show your support. A special thanks goes out to Chris Heim, John Trong, Bob Baldwin and Emerson Kelly, for their time with poppy distributing. Please like our Facebook page so you have an idea of what is happening. Kudos to Bob Baldwin for keeping us posted. On that note have a safe and happy summer. 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 selection of "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. Note: there will be no BINGO on 7/19 because the majority of the BINGO staff will be attending this year's Department convention.

Queen of Hearts

In early May, the elusive lady (Queen of Hearts) was located. Due to anemic ticket sales leading up to the momentous event, we are discontinuing our Queen of Hearts game.

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

Our June meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 18th.** The Unit will be hosting the Annual End of the Year Gathering. A Turkey Dinner will served at the price of $25.00. Cocktail Hour will be held from 4:30 – 5:30. **Deadline for Reservations is Wednesday, June 5th. 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. 2025 Membership dues will collected at the Dinner also. $35.00 for Seniors (18 Years and older) Juniors $8.00 (under 18 years of age)**

2024 -2025 Election of Officers – The following slate of Officers was presented and Elected 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 Linda Loparco, Ann Trong and Carly Perry.** The following appointed positions have been made by President Pam**. Historian – Beverly Schilling, Sgt. At Arms – Bonnie Perry and Cheryl McMullen, Chaplains – Josphine 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 "Poppets" that make it a success. This year was no different. Thank you to Claire, Beverly Schilling, Cheryl McMullin, Pat Eworonsky, Ann Trong, Pat Mudgett, MaryAnn Davis, Linda LoParco, Nancy Kelly, Jeanne Moseley, O'Rea Smith, Jean Gannon, Judy Stoffels, Donna Salamida, Kathy Govel ,Theresa Nobles, Anna Kelly, Sonya LaBombard, Connie Dickenson, Tracey Hubbard and Pam Tracy.

Father's Day Breakfast will be held on June 16th 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. We can use all the volunteers that can give their time. Everything will be cleaned up by 12:30. All workers please note that if your families come to eat, please sit down and enjoy the meal with them.

50/50 Monthly drawing goes on even during the summer months. If you would like to be a part of it 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 Kathryn Martin**. She collected **$158.00. Not too bad for a $1.00 ticket**.

Our **Annual American Legion Convention will be held in Niagara Falls in July.** This year we will have two delegates attending.

They are Mary Ann Davis and Patricia Mudgett. Enjoy Yourself and Travel Safe.

Information on the **Annual Children's Halloween and Christmas Parties will be posted in the September Newsletter**.

Get Well Cards were sent to Kathleen Sitcer, Donna Sullivan and Dolores Willey. Sympathy Card sent to the family of Joanne Casserly

I think that we can all agree that summer is here already. Please stay safe and enjoy the weather.

I hope that as all of you read this monthly letter, you do see how important it is to be an active member of our Auxiliary.

We are a tiny Village that works hard to get the job done. Please JOIN this village.

For God and Country – President Pam

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Joseph E. Zaloga Post # 1520 Changes to the By-Laws continued

Article IX:
Section 1- **Change:** meetings of the Post shall be held at the Post Headquarters on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month at 8:00 PM, **TO** - The regular meetings of the Post shall be held at the Post Headquarters on the second (2nd) Tuesday at 7:00 PM or on special occasions at 6:30 PM; except during the months of July and August, at which time business may be transacted and brought up for proper action.

Article XIII:
Section 1 – **Change:** group of men **To** – group of men/women

Article XIV:
Section 1 – **Change:** shall be elected at each annual meeting **To –** shall be elected the month before the annual meeting.
Section 2 – **Change:** The candidates for election shall be nominated in the following manner; At the regular monthly meeting preceding the annual meeting **To** – At the regular monthly meeting in April, elected in May and installed in June.
Section 3 – **Change:** These names shall be presented for election by ballad **To** election by voice at the May meeting.
Section 4 – **Change:** In the event there is not a majority received by a candidate after the first ballad **To** In the event there is not a majority received by a candidate after the first voice vote a new vote by ballot of the top two (2) shall be taken until the election is decided.
Section V – **Remove** this section completely
Change to: We the undersign, duly elected officers, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the By-Laws of the Joseph E. Zaloga Post # 1520 of the American Legion of New York State, as adopted at a duly called and constituted meeting of said Post, held in the Town of Colonie, County of Albany, State of New York, on **DATE:**

Saturday Night Entertainment

Saturday-June 1st - Brian Zapel

Saturday-June 8th - Scott McNellis

Saturday-June 15th - Kevin Pepe

Saturday-June 22th - Scott McNellis

Saturtday-June 29th - Bill Perry

Coming Soon

June 16th - Fathers' Day Breakfast
June 18th - Auxiliary Installation Dinner (served by Legion Executive Board "waitstaff"
July 16th - 19th - Department Convention

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Go to **www.legion.org**

Support Our Troops and especially our Members that are serving our Country