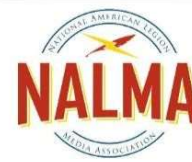




The Legion-Air

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Commander's Message:

I attended the Erie County Fair on Sunday, August 11. Attended Mass, then attended the Memorial Service followed by the parade and the meet and greet tent sponsored by our Mighty Eighth District Commander, Erie County Commander and the Auxiliary President. I want to especially thank the members of Francis Donovan Post #1626 Color Guard for leading the County contingent. A big thank you also to all Erie County Legion members who took part in the parade.

Tuesday August 13, I attended the LL Tillman Post #900 Board meeting followed by a special award presentation. I had the honor of presenting Fred Pask, presently an Erie County Vice Commander, and John Buning their 50-year resolution from the National American Legion.

Erie County Commander Thomas O'Connell, Erie County President Rosemary O'Connell, and 8th District Commander Bill Miskell at the Erie County Fair Memorial Service.



Membership – VC Paul Wackowski

As of this newsletter, I don't have complete Post membership tabulations. I'm anticipating a report from Department by the end of August.

Department of New York has been in the process of moving to their new headquarters since last week Tuesday 09, August and they are anticipating be operational by Monday 19, 2019.

Good news, President Trump has recently signed the "Legion Act" into Law. This will enable us to expand our membership base throughout the Legion Family since all honorably discharged service veterans from World War II to present are now eligible to be a member in The American Legion. Please call me at 262-5245 if you have any questions.

To the entire Legion Family, have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Congratulations go out to the Department American Legion Baseball Champions Hamburg Post #527 pictured with Post Commander John Grotke.



John Kasmer is still looking for additional members to help perform Honor Guard Services at funerals. Contact him at 634-1128.

Special Activities – VC Gary Wald

The Erie County Calendars are now in my possession. There are 10 calendars per batch and I have 100 batches.

I will bring calendars to our Monthly County Meetings, along with a sign out sheet. If you are unable to attend a monthly County Meeting, or prefer to get calendars at other times, I'm sure we can make arrangements. My cell phone number is 716-863-1919. I do not answer the phone unless I can identify the caller, therefore, if I do not answer - please leave a message and I will get back to you. You can also contact me via "E" mail at www.gwald10@aol.com.

I hope to see you soon and have a great day.

Hamburg Post 527 Spaghetti Dinners. On Thursdays, starts Sept. 12th from 4:30 to 7:00 PM. Meatballs, salad, bread. Coffee \$.50 (refills free). Full order \$8.50. Half order \$6.50.

Newell-Faulkner Post 880, 2912 Legion Dr., Eden, 14057, Wednesday 75 cent wings, dine in only. Thursday steak night. Friday night fish fries and specials. Saturday pizza, wing's and sandwiches. Regular menu also Wed.-Sat. Go to kitchen link, www.post880.com.

South Buffalo Post #721 located at 136 Cazenovia St. Buffalo, 14210 is serving dinners every Monday night 5 – 8 PM.

Francis Donovan Post #1626
3210 Genesee St. Cheektowaga 14225, is announcing our new food service. " Custom Culinary Solutions". We will have a new menu. Starting 9/13 from 4-8 with our famous Fish Fry. Stop in for a Culinary meal, or take outs.

Hall for Rent- Available Week-ends or Week days - 40/8 Voiture 51, 810 Rein Road Cheektowaga NY 14225. Call 240-0148. If no answer please leave a message.

From Jake Schu

You can access the PCC meeting schedule and other links, activities and notices by going to the Erie County American Legion website. For PCC events and meetings, choose the Bulletin Board and Events Listings link to the left of the home page. Just scroll down until you see the link listing to the left.

The Home page link is <http://eriecountyal.org>



Americanism – VC Fred Pask

Pledge of Allegiance

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by students and teachers in our nation's schools should be a regular part of school activities. In support of keeping "under God" in the Pledge. The American Legion affirms pledging allegiance to the U. S. Flag is the voluntary offering of a patriotic oath to the nation, no one should be denied this opportunity. The removal of these words will set a precedent that questions the propriety of numerous references to a supreme being in historical documents, on currency and on many government buildings (including the Supreme Court)

1 "Pillar 3: Americanism" American Legion Americanism Commission

Special Olympics – Wayne Sorrentino

The Picnic will be held at the George F. Lamm Post #622 in the Grove on Sunday, September 15, starting at noon. We continue to plan for a much better and bigger turnout than last year. Depew Post #1528 has agreed to do the cooking. Music will be by Just "In" Sound, hosted by Justin Connors for your dancing pleasure. The Erie County Sheriff's Mounted Unit will attend since there's no Buffalo Bills home game that day. All volunteers from The American Legion Family are encouraged to participate and sign in by 1130 hours. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this very worthwhile annual event. If you are so inclined, you can also support us financially by sending your check, payable to "Erie County Committee of The American Legion" to their City Hall office: 609 City Hall, 65 Niagara Square, Buffalo, NY 14202, earmarked "Special Olympics Picnic 2019". Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated and allow us to continue this great tradition. Thank you.

Dawn Samuelson of Homestead Stables demonstrates their Horse Therapy session at the AJ Jurek Post Erie County Meeting.



Francis J. Donovan Post #1626 Color Guard leads the Erie County marching contingent.



Erie County Booth at the Fair.



Thursday County Meeting Dates

Executive Dinner Meeting: 6:30 PM

Regular meeting starts approximately at 8 PM

September 26, Troop I Post #665

432 Franklin St. Buffalo, NY 14202

Menu: Meatloaf, potato, vegetable

October 24, Concord Post #431

November 21, Thomas E. Tehan Post #1449

Sunday October 6

8th District Meeting – Allegany County

Morrison-Hayes Post #702

36 Jefferson St.

Wellsville, NY 14895

12:00 PM - Membership Meeting

1:00 PM – General Meeting

Save the Date!

National Commander Dinner will be held

Friday October 18 at Hamburg Post #527.

FYI To receive an electronic copy of the monthly newsletter, please send a request email to the Erie County Office at veteran14202@verizon.net. You will get the newsletter quicker than thru the US Postal mail and you can always retrieve a copy from your files when needed.

Paperwork DUE – Jim Bojanowski

Remember to send in your new Officer

Certification Form, Exec Delegate & Alternate.

Erie County Website – eriecountyal.org

Office Hours, M,W,F – 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM



SUBMISSIONS
For the October
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Saturday September 14

All American Legion Color Guards are welcome to participate in our annual SNI Fall Festival Parade. Meet at Iroquois Post #1587 at 9:30 AM for coffee/donuts. Shuttle to start point at 10 AM, lineup at 10:30 AM, Parade start at NOON. Horseshoe Memorial & Luncheon (w50/50) following the parade. Contact Cmdr. Ron Cook Jr. at 910-322-2450, email RonCookPost1587Cdr@gmail.com

Sunday September 15

ALL YOU CAN EAT Pancake Breakfast at A. J. Jurek Post #1672, 655 New Rd., Swormville, 14051, from 8 AM to 12:30 PM. Fresh, hot, buttermilk pancakes, "Egglands Best" eggs, link & patty sausage, juice & coffee or tea. Adults \$8,

Sunday September 22

Annual ERIECO Corn Roast will take place at the George F. Lamm Post #622, in the Grove, from 1-5 PM. Tickets are \$12 per person and will be available at the door. Included is corn-on-the-cob, hot dogs, salads, desserts, coffee, tea, pop, and beer.

Wednesday September 25

Hamburg Legion Post 527 Chicken and Rib Dinner from 3 - 7 PM. Pre-Event tickets \$14, day of \$15. {Eat in or take out} Chicken and Ribs by Weidners. Contact Jim Koester 716-570 -1349 or Post 716-649-4667 for tickets

Saturday September 28

Jesse Clipper Post #420, 100th year dinner & music at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. \$55/person. For tickets call 986-1025

Sunday October 13

Hamburg Post 527 Soup-A-Thon, 1 to 5 PM, Taste all the Homemade Soups for \$7 Bread, butter, and crackers included. There will also be a Theme Basket Raffle.

Send in your articles for the Legion-Air to thelegionair@gmail.com by 9/27 for the October edition. PCC Jim Bojanowski Editor

