



The Legion-Air

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Commander's Message:

As you read this newsletter known as the "LEGION-AIR", one person and one person only is responsible to get it out to all of us. I want to thank Jim Bojanowski for the great job he does getting the news out to all of us. It is highly informative to us. For example, the officers get to give you a report, Posts get to advertise what they are doing. So, I sure do hope that after you read it you print it and post it at your Post and those who are holding meetings read it at your meeting.

Membership is so important to our Posts, Erie County and our District. Please feel free to ask for help if you need it.

Sadly, we must cancel the service at Forest Lawn on Veterans Day due to Covid. Please watch for what will be done by e-mail. If your Post is doing something to honor Veterans, please send a short report to the Legion-Air editor Jim Bojanowski.

Commander Thomas O'Connell and LOY Chairperson Kathleen Garvey present the 2020 Erie County Legionnaire of the Year Certificate and Pin to James Koester of Hamburg Post #527.



Membership – VC Paul Wackowski

Six Recruiting Tips To Bring In A New Member

Be prepared to answer what this organization will do for them.

"We are an organization of givers", we volunteer our time because we believe in the cause. It's not about what we receive but about what we give. Whether it's filling that void or providing that camaraderie that we need to discuss.

Be Confident and knowledgeable About The Organization.

Take the Legion's Online Basic Training course if you haven't already at legion.org/training.

Passively Recruit.

Most important thing that we can do is thank a veteran you see for what they have done for this nation. "You can than just if they're a member or consider continuing their service by joining. But at the end of the day. It's all about thanking them, it's that Buddy Check".

Show Pride.

"Display your pride in the organization by what you wear, what you say and what you display in public. Set the example by demonstrating the highest degree of professionalism and patriotisms as it relates to the American Legion".

Have an American Legion Application With You To Give.

Overcome Objection.

"Nine times out of 10, whatever that objection is it's a falsity - It's not true. Those are generally easy to overcome because they have a misperception about who we are and what we do. So as long as we understand our organization, we can talk them through the misinformation. One out of 10 times whatever, their objection is, is valid. That one objection you say, well, join me, and let's make it better.

Americanism – VC Gary Wald

Some important November dates in History

Nov 1, 1936 The Rome-Berlin Axis was proclaimed by Italian Benito Mussolini
Nov 4, 1862 Richard Gatling patented his first rapid-fire machine-gun
Nov 4, 1979 Iranian Militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Teheran Iran and took 90 hostages including 52 Americans
Nov 6, 1860 Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th President of the US with 180 of 303 possible electoral votes and 40 percent of the popular vote.
Nov 6, 1854 John Philip Sousa was born in Washington DC in 1854
Nov 9, 1872 The Great Boston Fire started destroying nearly 800 buildings
Nov 10, 1871, the U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1879
Nov 11, 1918, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of WWI
Nov 11, 1938, Irving Berlin's God Bless American was first performed by Kate Smith
Nov, 1972, The U.S. turned over its military base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese symbolizing the end of direct American military participation in the Vietnam War.
Nov 13, 1942, the five Sullivan Brothers were lost in the sinking of the cruiser USS Juneau
Nov 15, 1969, the largest antiwar rally in US history occurred as 250,000 persons gathered in Washington, D.C., to protest the Vietnam War
Nov 17, 1800, the U.S. Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, D.C.
Nov 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a National Cemetery.
Nov 19-20, 1990, the Cold War came to an end during a summit in Paris.
Nov 20, 1789, New Jersey became the first state to ratify the Bill Of Rights.
Nov 20, 1943, the Battle of Tarawa began
Nov 20, 1945, the Nuremberg War Crime Trials began
Nov 22, 1718, Blackbeard the pirate was killed off the coast of North Carolina
Nov 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.
Nov 26, 1789, The first American holiday, Thanksgiving Day, was proclaimed by President George Washington



Special Activities – VC Fred Pask

The 2021 Legion Calendar sales are off to a good start. As of October 29 we have recorded 184 sales for a total deposit of \$4,600. There are approximately 24 Posts that have calendars for sale as of this date. I am requesting that any Posts that do not have calendars, to pick up a pack (10) to take back to their respective Posts at the next County Meeting. They make good Christmas Stocking Stuffers. The Early Bird drawing winner was Alice Popielski, of Buffalo. If you have questions or need calendars call me at (H) 716 542-2065, (C) 716 512-4321.
Thank you and stay healthy

Important November dates continued;

Nov 29, 1929, Richard Byrd and Bernt Balchen completed the first airplane flight to the South Pole
Have a Wonderful Thanksgiving and Stay Safe out there. VC Gary Wald

Veterans Day 2020

Erie County American Legion annual services at Forest Lawn Cemetery has been canceled due to the Covid pandemic. A special WBEN radio program sponsored by Forest Lawn Cemetery will be broadcast. Details will be forwarded.

Niagara Frontier Auxiliary Unit 1041

is sponsoring a collection of winter coats, sweat-shirts and sweatpants during October and November. All sizes are needed. These are the only items currently being accepted by the VA due to COVID. All items must be brand new. No used articles please. Contact Rosemary at 716-867-5516 for more information.

Hamburg Post #527

2 Memorial Dr. off Evans St. in the Village of Hamburg. TO GO ONLY
Spaghetti Dinners on Thursdays 4 to 7 PM.
Pasta, Sauce, Meatball(s), Salad, Bread, Butter. Phone in orders after 2 PM at 208-7852.
Open to All, Walk-in's Welcome, Curbside Service. Regular Order \$7. Large Order \$9.

Tuesday, November 3rd

Chicken Bar-B-Que by Weidner BBQ, 2 – 6 PM
\$12 Half Chicken at Matthew Glab Post #1477,
1965 Abbott Road, Lackawanna, Take out only.

Thursday November 12

PCC meeting will be at 7 PM at the Depew Post.
Change from normal Wednesday. Our meetings
will go back to every three months, starting in
January. Also, we will be holding our Christmas
dinner January 13 at the Donovan Post. We will
restart our lottery ticket fundraiser. Tickets will be
available in November.

Sunday November 15

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

Saturday November 21

Polish Dinner Platter at Matthew Glab Post
#1477. \$16. Presale preferred.
Kielbasa, Golabki, & Pierogies.

Newell Faulkner Post #880 2912 Legion Drive,
Eden, NY 14057 **DINE IN & TAKE OUT**
Wednesday's, 75 Cent Wings,
Thursday's Steak Night
Friday Nights, Fish Fries and Specials
Saturday, Pizza & Wing's and Sandwiches.
Regular menu also available, Wed.-Sat.
MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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Francis J. Donovan Post #1626, 3210 Genesee
St. Cheektowaga, NY 14225
Dining Room open Friday 4-8pm. For Fish fry's
with full menu and monthly Specials. Take-outs
still available call 896-3346.

Matthew Glab Post #1477, 1965 Abbott Road,
Lackawanna, NY. Fish Fries from 4 to 8 PM.



Thursday County Meeting Dates

The next Erie County American Legion Executive Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 11/19 at 7 PM at Matthew Glab Post #1477, 1965 Abbott Rd., Lackawanna, NY 14218.

The meeting will follow current Covid virus guidelines for late November 2020. We will continue our modified Executive Meeting only for this 11/19 date. Casual Legion dress. Dinners will NOT be served.

Please contact the Commander or Adjutant if you have a report to be added to the agenda.

Future Meetings;

December 17, Francis J. Donovan #1626
January 28, no Post identified yet

Thanks again to the 18 Posts who were able to make the 10/29 County meeting; 64, 205, 362, 430, 527, 622, 735, 799, 838, 880, 900, 1041, 1131, 1320, 1586, 1587, 1626, & 1672. We did have a quorum.

Four Posts have not turned in their updated Officer list. They are 78, 721, 1449, & 1659. Reminder notices were sent out.

FYI To receive email copy of the newsletter, please send a request email to the Erie County Office at veteran14202@verizon.net. By special exception, a newsletter can be mailed.

Erie County Website – eriecountyal.org
Office Hours, M,W,F – 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY



SUBMISSIONS
For the December
"The Legion-Air"
Due November 20
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Finance Officer Joe Porempski Memorandum to Posts:

Just a reminder that PUFL per capita of \$ 2.00 per member to the County is due now as it is not remitted by the Department out of the dues they send you. It is your responsibility to remit it to the County as noted in the Department communication sent to you. Please send in the respective per capita to County headquarters as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.



Army T/Sgt. E5 Vannie T. Harris

Honored Sgt-at-Arms Perry Civils a member of The American Legion Jesse Clipper Post No. 430 is shown presenting The American Flag to Mrs. Daisey Harris, the widow of Army T/Sgt. Vannie T. Harris.

Sergeant Harris passed on April 28, 2020. He was 90 years old. Because of Covid-19 restrictions, The Jesse Clipper Post's regular Honor Guard Unit was unable to perform. The ceremony took place in the backyard of Mrs. Harris' daughter Karol Shropshire.



On October 27, NYS Senator Patrick Gallivan announced Captain John Levulis will be posthumously inducted into the NYS Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. A short ceremony took place near the monument that was John's Eagle Scout project. Senator Gallivan and Eden Supervisor Missy Hartman both spoke at the ceremony. Senator Gallivan presented a Proclamation to John's parents, Barb and Gary Levulis. Newell-Faulkner Post Commander Blidy also received a copy of the proclamation to be hung at the Post.

Send in your articles for the Legion-Air to thelegionair@gmail.com by 11/20 for the December edition. PCC Jim Bojanowski Editor

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