



The Legion-Air

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Question of the month, "Who is known as the Father of the Legion"?

Theodore Roosevelt Jr., son of a former president and an officer in the American Expeditionary Forces in France, was always quick to insist that no one man can claim to be the founder of The American Legion. But this New Yorker has been described as the father of the Legion – the one who at least provided the organizational spark.

Meetings are for all members of our many Posts. We have tried to make it easier for more to attend. We had a quorum at our last meeting but just made it. Eighteen Posts! It is amazing that the city hall phone rings constantly yet many of the phone calls are questions that are answered at the county meetings. We are doing meetings in person and on zoom. Cannot make the meeting? Why not get on the phone or computer and join us via zoom. If you disagree on something or want to present an idea this would be the time. All members of each Post are invited to attend and speak. We only ask that you give your name and post number when speaking. Our next meeting will be zoom and in person on April 29 at 7 PM sharp. Please attend either in person at the East Aurora Post #362 or on zoom.

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**

Membership – VC Paul Wackowski Greetings! Legionnaires,

The new MyLegion Site to go live April 1, 2021. The Training will take place Tuesday March 30 at 7 PM. This training will provide information about how members can manage their personal information and how officers can manage Post squadron membership. To participate go to; <http://www.legion.org/training-tuesdays>

The new and improved MyLegion.org and MySAL.org coming soon! The officer's portals will be receiving new designs and user interface improvements. This will affect the officer's current outline access to membership information, rosters, reports and online membership processing. There are many points to assist in this process however, they are too long to list in the newsletter due to space consumption. For further information use the following; www.legion.org/membership251882brief-overview-new-mylegionorg-site <http://www.legion.org/membership251625registered-users--mylegionorg-access-benefits-available-you>.

MyLegion Support 883-253-9995 8:00 am - 6:30pm EST Monday thru Friday

General Membership Questions
please call 800-433-3318 Monday thru Friday 8:30am - 5:30pm

As the Legion Membership year will be coming to a close in the next three months [June 30, 2021]. I'm encouraging all Posts to make contact and use the "Buddy System" in checking on those members that have not renewed their membership.

Americanism – VC Gary Wald

The principle on which this country was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry – Franklin D. Roosevelt
Check out the 12-part series on Americanism “To strengthen a Nation” on My Legion.Org if you haven’t already. I think it’s a must for new members.

Virtual Boys State – Tom Deinzer

The deadline for Department online Boys State applications is April 19, 2021. Applications will no longer be available after close of business that day. Send in your completed paperwork to the County Office to be received by April 20. Registration is limited to the first 500 participants. There are currently 353 boys registered. We currently have 17 registered boys in Erie County. Thanks go out to those Posts who are supporting this program.

Law and Order Candidates – Bill Miskell

Time is starting to run out to submit a candidate for a Law and Order Award. There are 8 categories for this award: LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, 911 DESPATCHER, POLICE DEPARTMENT, CORRECTIONS OFFICER, FIRE DEPARTMENT, EMERGENCY SQUAD, FIREFIGHTER, EMT.

The forms are on line at the Department of NY. Somewhere in Erie County there is a candidate for one of these Awards. Keep looking.

Erie County Legionnaire of the Year – Kathleen Garvey

The April 10, 2021 deadline for submitting candidates for 2021 Erie County Legionnaire of the Year is approaching. Posts, lets recognize our outstanding legionnaires. Let’s make this a competitive event. All posts have at least one person who always steps up the plate to help out. Let’s tell those folks we appreciate all they do for the Post and the American Legion. This is an excellent way to recognize our outstanding Legionnaires. Specifics about submitting the resume of a candidate are at: [2021 Guidelines EC Legionnaire of the Year.pdf \(eriecountyal.org\)](#)
Submit the resume of your candidate for Legionnaire of the Year to Kathleen Garvey, 5792 Main Street, Williamsville NY 14221, NO LATER THAN APRIL 10, 2021.



Special Activities – VC Fred Pask

It has been a difficult year selling the 2021 Erie County American Legion Calendars, due to Post’s being closed and Covid-19 restrictions. I still have many Calendars that have been handed out but the stubs and money for the sold tickets have not been returned. As of March meeting, there are still 95 tickets that have been handed out but have not been returned. There are 24 numbers that have been drawn with no stubs, of these there were 6 winners who have not been paid.

I am requesting all unsold Calendars, Stubs and Money be returned to me by ASAP to ensure that all winners are paid in a timely manner. To facilitate returning, unsold Calendars or dropping off money and stubs for sold tickets, please contact me to make arrangements. I am willing to meet at a convenient location. You can mail money and stubs to me at the address listed below.

Fred Pask
102 Golden Pond Estates
Akron, NY 14001

Phone: H **716 542-2065** C **716 512- 4321**

Hopefully we can wrap-up the 2021 Calendar sales project by the end of April 2021.
Stay Safe and healthy;
Thank you

Legion Baseball – Wayne Sorrentino

We are in the planning stages and more info will be coming along very soon. We have 14 teams at this point for the 8th District. Thanks go out to the Posts who continue to support this program.



Wednesday April 14

PCC meeting at 7pm at the Donovan Post #1626.

Sunday April 18

Milton J Brounshidle Post #205, 3354 Delaware Ave., Kenmore, 14217 is having a drive thru Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ dinner from 1 - 5 PM. Call 874-4011 or 834-2161 for tickets.

Sunday April 18

ALL YOU AN EAT Pancake Breakfast at A. J. Jurek Post #1672, 655 New Rd. Swormville, 14051. From 8 AM to Noon. Fresh, hot, buttermilk pancakes, "Egglands Best" eggs, link & patty sausage, juice & coffee or tea. Adults \$9, children under 12 \$4, children under 5 free.

Sunday April 25

Milton J Brounshidle Post #205, 3354 Delaware Ave., Kenmore, 14217 is having a Pancake Breakfast with Eggs, Sausage, OJ, Coffee, & Tea. 9 AM to 1 PM. Adults \$8, 12 and under \$5, 5 and under Free.

Sunday April 25

Frank L Gierlach Post #1320, 50 Gates St., Sloan NY 14212 will be hosting a drive through Spaghetti Dinner from Noon to 4 PM or until sold out. The cost is \$10 per dinner.

Wednesday April 28

Niagara Frontier Post #1041 will have a Spaghetti and Meatball dinner, includes chef salad and a soft drink. \$7.50 in advance, \$8.50 at the door. Eat in or take out. 5:00 to 7.00 PM. Call 716-876-5730 for reservations. Send check to Post 1041, 533 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY 14207.

Sunday May 16

The FJ Donovan Post is having a Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ dinner from 12-6 pm. or until sold out. You can get pre-sale tickets at the Post for \$11.00. Tickets are \$12.00 the day of the event. Call 896-3346 for more information.

Monday May 24

Matthew Glab Post #1477, 1965 Abbott Rd, Lackawanna, NY 14218, is sponsoring a Blood Drive from Noon to 5 PM. For An appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org. and enter sponsor code GLABPOST, or call 1-800 RED CROSS



Thursday County Meetings

We will be returning to in person Regular County meeting for the month of April while following all government Covid-19 guidelines. Current guidelines as of this publication is 100-person maximum, wearing masks, and social distancing. There will be a contact tracing sign in sheet at the door.

The meeting will be held at 7 PM on Thursday April 29 at East Aurora Post #362, located at 1 Legion Drive, East Aurora, 14052. We will have a Zoom meeting set up for those who cannot attend in person.

Future Regular County Meeting planned for; Thursday May 20 Akron Post #900

The Erie County Convention is planned to be held at East Aurora Post #362 on Saturday June 5. **NOTE DATE CHANGE** Please support their convention program book ads/boosters.

Sunday April 11, 8th District Conference will be in Wyoming County, at the Arcade VFW/American Legion Post #737.

Erie County Scholarship Award applications were mailed out to all Erie County Schools and Posts. The awards will be presented at the County Convention. Please support this effort if you can. Both the County and the PNC Michael J. Kogutek scholarship applications can be found on the Erie County website.

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Both awards must be received at the County Office by Friday May 7, 2021.



SUBMISSIONS
For the May/June
"The Legion-Air"
Due April 30
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Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown honored Paul Woods, who fought in the Pacific Theater during WWII, during his Birthday Celebration with a Proclamation of the City of Buffalo, where he designated February 20, 2021 as a Holiday in the City of Buffalo. Paul Woods says "A bullet knows no race, rank or status, we were all brothers on the battlefield". Paul Woods is a member of Jesse Clipper Post #430.

Newell Faulkner Post #880 2912 Legion Drive, Eden, NY 14057. Hours: Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 3 to 9 PM, Fri. 11 am to 9 PM & Sat. Noon to 9 PM. DINE - IN OR TAKE OUT
Tuesday Taco Night, Wednesday 75 Cent Wings, Thursday Steak Night, Friday Fish Fry & Specials
Saturday Pizza & Wings and Sandwiches, Regular menu also available, Wed. - Sat.
www.post880.com go to kitchen link

Francis J. Donovan Post #1626, 3210 Genesee St. Cheektowaga, NY 14225. Dining room is now open, take out available. Friday 4 - 8 PM. A full menu and our Fish Fry meal. Prepared by Chef Rosie call her at 896-3346. Live Singers during dinner hour. Michael Stewart 1st and 3rd Fridays 6-8 PM. GD Rose, 2nd and 4th Fridays 6-8 PM.

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. No dinners Thursday April 1. Final dinners served this season, April 29.

Matthew Glab Post #1477 1965 Abbott Rd, Lackawanna, NY 14218, Wednesday "Wings & Burgers", Friday Fish Fry or Salmon, see menu on Facebook. Dine in or take out. Hall and Pavilion for rent. Call 825-3733 or email glabpost@aol.com

Send in your articles for the Legion-Air to thelegionair@gmail.com by 4/30 for the May/June 2021 edition. PCC Jim Bojanowski Editor

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