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MEMORIAL DAY ACTIVITIES JAMES R HICKEY POST #120

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2014

PARADE: 9:00am

MAIN STREET, PALMYRA

Gather at Primary School
Canandaigua Street
at 8:30am

March to Palmyra Cemetery

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

PALMYRA CEMETERY
VETERANS' MEMORIAL

Community is Welcome
Special presentations by Empire Girls State
Citizen **Katharine Dix**, and Boys State Citizen
Brian Hopkins

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

East Palmyra Cemetery

LUNCH: 12:00 Noon

Open to All
James R Hickey Post 120
Palmyra, NY



FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDER



Happy Spring, Legion Family!

March 20, 2014 is officially the first day of Spring, according to our calendars! Let us hope March goes out like a lamb!

We have been busy since our last newsletter! New Year's eve, we had a sold out Prime Rib dinner put on by Depot 25. On February 23, we had a sold out chicken & biscuit dinner. Our last two steak dinners were sell outs! **April 5** is the last steak dinner until October!

On February 10, at the regular Post meeting, we conducted our Post Everlasting Service. The members we transferred to Post everlasting were **Carlton F. Dennie, William B Deys, Patrick R. McPike, Henry B. Nesbitt, Edward Lonneville, and Ronald Cauwels**. Our Post conducted Military Honors at all burials. Bob Trox, Ray Freyn, Dave Borland, and I attended the Four Chaplains Service in Wolcott during the first part of February. Also, in February, Bob Trox, Dave Borland and I attended the opening of the new Drug and Rehab Center and Housing apartments at the VA in Canandaigua.

Cash Bash Tickets are still available – please see Bob Coleman's report in this newsletter.

Dave Borland, 2nd Vice, is doing a fantastic job on our website and PR videos. We are very lucky to have him!

On **March 29**, there will be a Taste of Italy Buffet for \$17. There will be two seatings: 4:30pm and 6:00pm. Call the Post – 597-2412 – to sign up!

In April, the SAL will hold their Shrimp & Pork Raffle – **April 12**, 4pm – 7pm. On **April 18** at 6:30pm, SAL is also raffling an Easter Basket full of homemade chocolates! \$1/ticket; 6 for \$5! We wish you a Blessed Easter, wherever you are – and a worthwhile spring break!

On **May 3**, 10am – 2pm, there will be a clean-up day for the downstairs kitchen and meeting/dining room. We need to thoroughly clean the freezers and refrigerators, floors, tables, etc. Please come and help put a sparkle to that area – we all use it! Wear old clothes!

On Mother's Day, **May 11**, we will be having our traditional Chicken BBQ! \$8.50 pre-sale; \$9.00 at the door! On **May 23**, several of us will be going to the cemetery with Ron Albert's class to put flags on the graves at the Veterans' section. Dave Borland, Bob Trox, and I were invited to his class during the week before Veterans' Day. I asked them at that time if they would like to help us by placing the flags in the Veteran's plot. There are 11 students in his

class, and all have been cleared by the school for this field trip. If any of you would like to come and help the students, give me a call at 597-9243. We will still be doing our evening placing of flags that day at 6pm. We will meet at the Veterans Memorial. Hopefully, Ralph Brongo's Boy Scout Troop will assist us again this year. The Memorial Day Parade will be held on **May 26**. 9:00am start at the Primary School on Canandaigua Street. Services will be held at the Veterans Memorial immediately following the Parade. Services will also be held in East Palmyra, as we have done in the past. Lunch will be available at 12:00 Noon at the American Legion Post.

June 14 – Flag Day – and the Army's Birthday! Stop in at the Post for some cake, and salute to the US Army. Also, remember to fly your flag that day! If you have an unserviceable or worn out flag, bring it to the Post for retirement.

This is the time of year for Post elections. All Post officers are up for election. Post officers will be sworn in at the June meeting. If you want to run for an office, let me or any other officer know.

Please remember the following members in your thoughts and prayers: **Ed Poinon, George Murray, Jim Murray, T.J. Cunningham, Harold Eagley, Elmer VerPlank, Alice Buck, Floyd Bavis and his wife, Jerry, Chuck Collie, Mary Aplin, Anna Marie Nellis. Bernie DeWeaver** passed away on March 11. We performed our Visitation ceremony on March 15; burial will be in the Spring/Summer in East Palmyra. Remember our Service Women and Men!

WE ARE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE! The bathroom downstairs is done! The chair lift is working! So, let's get to those meetings and fun times! Thank you to all who contributed personally to help us accomplish this, and to all of you who supported the many functions we had to raise these funds. A special thank you to Amber Jenkins for all her work the last six years to make this happen.

Please read the other reports in this newsletter. If you have any questions, give me a call at 315-597- 9243, or the Post home at 315-597-2412.

Yours for the Legion

Ann

Ann F. Guest, Commander

**PLEASE BE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS
AND MAILING ADDRESS!**

SPECIAL FEATURE



ARMY SARGEANT CHRISTOPHER R. BACH reported to Ft. Leonardwood, MO for boot camp on October 17, 2007. He specialized in equipment operation.

He received active duty orders in March 2013, reporting to Ft. Dix, NJ for pre-mobilization training for 75 days, preparing to go to Afghanistan. Sgt. Bach left May 20, 2013, with his deployment being part of the Transition Advisory Team assigned to the Northern Providence of Afghanistan, attached to the German Engineer Element. He was awarded the German Marksmanship Award "Schutzenschnur Stufe 1 BRONZE."

Chris has committed to a 6 year re-enlistment while deployed. He will resume training duties with the 3rd Platoon 770 Engineer Company. As of February 8, he returned home to his wife, Holly, and two sons, Mason and Carter.

Chris is a member of the James R. Hickey Post #120/Palmyra, Holly is a member of the Auxiliary, Ray Murray (father-in-law) is a member of the SAL, and George Murray (uncle) is a member of James R. Hickey Post #120/Palmyra!

Please contact us to feature your/our soldier in the next newsletter!



Sons of the American Legion

Hang on everyone! Spring is almost here! The Sons of the American Legion and Post 120 are working on a couple of things to put you in a great state of mind for the Easter season.

Our Annual Shrimp & Pork Raffle is scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 4:00pm – 7:00pm. There will be refreshments and door prizes. Some of the raffle items to be included are Shrimp, Pork Loin, Bacon, Pork Roast, and Ham. Following the raffle, the Legion will be featuring a DJ and karaoke by Creekside Entertainment – 7pm til 11pm. There will be plenty of fun for everyone!! Please come and join us.

For those of you with a sweet tooth, we have an exceptional basket of goodies that we are raffling off on Friday, April 18. This is our first Easter basket raffle of homemade chocolates by Palmyra's own The Candy Corner on Main Street. This overflowing basket of sweets is a "must see" for anyone who loves candy or chocolate! Tickets to win are available at the Legion for only \$1, or six tickets for \$5. You need not be present to win. Make sure you get your tickets!!

Once again, if you know of anyone who would like to join our family and become a member of The Sons of the American Legion, please have them contact me at 315-945-1231. We always welcome new members!

Kind Regards,

Paul

Paul Hamilton, Commander
Sons of the American Legion

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS AND LABELS!!

These labels support school purchases as money is earned with redemptions to purchase needed school supplies & equipment. You may submit these labels to the bartender or bring to your meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Debi Price Murray at 315-945-5558.

For information about which boxtops and labels to save, click on these links!

Box Tops for Education: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Labels for Education: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>



AUXILIARY CORNER

Annual Dues

We haven't reached our membership goal yet but we're sooo close! Twenty-five more paid memberships and we're there! Send in your \$20.00 membership payable to The American Auxiliary Unit 120. Send it to 128 Cuyler St., Palmyra, NY 14522
c/o Kathleen York.



Monthly Steak Dinners

Call now for tickets for your last dinner of the year on Saturday, April 5! You'll enjoy a strip steak complete with soup/salad, baked potato, vegetable, roll, homemade dessert and coffee. We sold out last month! You can't beat the price - \$14! Call the Legion to reserve tickets or buy them at the door.



2014 Military Teen Camp

This program is another way to support teens while a parent is deployed. There are 100 spots sponsored for military kids with first priority going to Surviving children and Wounded Service Members children. They are on first come first serve slots. You will need to secure the spot with \$25 pre-registration fee. This is a great deal for overnight camp!

Eligibility: Any child ages 11-15

Details: \$25.00 registration fee (Registration opens March 3rd).

Dates: July 20-25

Location: 4-H Camp Wabasso
43101 County Rte. 21
Redwood, NY 13679



For more information contact Erin Fulton at (315) 788-8450 or eaf235@cornell.edu

Past Events

- **Bakeless Bake Sale** - A **BIG thank-you** to those who so generously gave to support the Auxiliary's many charitable activities for veterans. The total money raised hasn't yet been calculated as the event lasted through March 17. But don't fear . . . if you have forgotten to return your envelope, it's never too late! Thank you, Pat, for coordinating this event once again!
- **Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon** - The Auxiliary, in conjunction with the Post, held a chicken and biscuit Sunday dinner. The food was catered by Depot 25 in Shortsville. At a cost of \$8 for adults and \$4 for children, this event was a sell out! "Delicious" was a word heard frequently that day and "When's the next one?"
- **Donations** – A donation was made to Palmyra-Macedon School District's **Backpack Program**. This is a weekend wellness program, which provides healthy, nutritional food for Palmyra-Macedon students in need over weekends and school breaks.
- **Donations** – A donation was also made to Palmyra's **Food Pantry**. This pantry aids residents of Palmyra and Macedon and is located at Zion Episcopal Church in Palmyra.

Upcoming Events



- **Poppies:** Be on the lookout for Poppies over the Memorial Day Weekend. You'll see us at Breen's May 22nd-25th. Don't forget to pick one/two/or more up! Thanks to all our Legion and community members' donations. Last year, all of our poppy supply was collected by our community before Memorial Day! Let's do another repeat! Thank you, Bev Ingutti, for organizing this event each year!
- **Memorial Day Parade:** Our Boys State and Empire Girls State reps from 2013 will be presenting at the Memorial Service following the Parade on Monday, May 26.
- **End of the Year Dinner:** In June, we install our new officers and celebrate by going out to dinner. Come to our May meeting to nominate members for office for 2013-2014. Then, help us decide where to go to celebrate for our June meeting! **Meetings are held the first Monday of each month and begin downstairs at 7:00 p.m.**

Submitted by Carolyn Bradstreet for the American Legion Auxiliary 3/14/14

Carolyn

Dorothy Sobus – President

CLUB HAPPENINGS!!

Hopefully by the time you receive this newsletter, the snow will be melting, the birds will be singing, and the smiles will be across all of our faces as the warm weather returns!!! We hope that all of you will come out of hibernation and join in on all the fun activities we have going on at the Post home!!

Specials at the Post

Our "50¢ nights" are doing well, so we have decided to extend that special for the next quarter!! Thank you to all that have come out to support your Post home during our specials and every other day of the week as well! We will hold these specials TUESDAYS from 4:00-close and SATURDAYS from 4:00-close. Buy your first drink for full price and get your second drink for 50¢! What a great deal!!

(DOES NOT APPLY DURING FUNCTIONS)

HANDICAP BATHROOM & LIFT

It is with great pleasure and incredible pride that I announce our Post home is completely handicap accessible for all members and guests, both upstairs in our main gathering area and in the basement, where we hold meetings and dinners!!!! I have been working on this project for the better part of six years gathering donations, creating floor plans, getting prices (that were too high), being told that what I wanted to do was not possible for us, etc. With the help of **Kathleen York** at one of our past executive meetings, she gave us a lead....his name is **Frank Record**. After several meetings with Frank, we signed a contract and started the project. It was a very slow start as Frank has a full time job like most of us do and had to schedule this undertaking on nights and weekends. I'm sure there are plenty of you reading this that have an idea that this project saw some bumps due to the age and structure of this building; this was NO EASY TASK!!

Our new chair lift is installed and in working order thanks to a veteran out of Fairport, NY by the name of Paul. Paul has passed away and donated all his “like new” equipment to us for the benefit of our members and guests. If you see **Barb Buckingham** (my mother in-law), please thank her for facilitating that donation!

Please come down to the Post home and take a peek! If any of you weren't able to come to join your meetings, accessibility is now available to you! If you would like to hold a function here, give us a call, we can accommodate you!!! The important part with this project is that now **everyone** has the ability to enjoy the entire facility!!!

EVENT PLANNING

We are booking parties for the spring and summer months. The calendar is already filling up fast so if you would like to rent the hall or have a party catered; please contact us with your information. Give us a call and we will provide you with customized details!!

REMEMBER: We are now handicap-accessible for the banquet/meeting hall!

NEWSLETTERS

Our 2nd Vice Commander, Dave Borland has been working very hard on our Post home website. It looks really great! There is so much information to absorb with all of our activities, including the posting of our quarterly newsletters. **WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!!!** Instead of emailing you the newsletter, we would like to send you an email stating the newsletter is ready to read and to head to our website. That way, not only will you be able to read the newsletter, but you will also get to see all the great things that Dave has been working on. We are very thankful to have a savvy Vet to do this for us! What do you think about that? If you have email, please send your feedback our way so that we can make a decision based on **YOUR OPINION!!!** Don't worry, this won't happen overnight, it will take time and we will keep you posted on shared thoughts and opinions. Until that happens, please continue to watch your email for the quarterly newsletters. We will give you ample notification if any changes will be made. **This year is going to be great, I guarantee it!!**

As always, if you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to call or email. This is YOUR club; without you and **MOST IMPORTANTLY** our veterans, we would not have this beautiful place to call our own!! Phone us at 315-597-2412 or drop us a line at jhickeycorp120@yahoo.com.

Be sure to check us out on our website: www.palmyraamericanlegion.com.

Amber Jenkins
Amber
Director of Operations

DID YOU KNOW?

Together we can make a difference.

Empire Girls State 2014

Kayla Kern, daughter of Rebecca Timmerman, will represent Palmyra and the **American Legion Auxiliary** at Empire Girls State 2014. **Abigail Snelling**, daughter of Anne & Jeffrey Snelling is our alternate candidate. In the event that Kayla is unable to attend, Abigail will take her place. Empire Girls State will be held at SUNY Brockport, June 30 - July 6, 2014. Kayla will work with 360 other girls from around New York State to design and create a government from the county to the state level. This activity allows each girl to learn the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship in a democratic society. Kayla will also learn proper flag etiquette and participate in the creation and execution of either a flag lowering or raising ceremony.

Boys State 2014

Spencer East, Ben Griffin, and Eric Hedges will be representing the **American Legion Post** at Boys State 2014. Boys State will be held at SUNY Morrisville, June 27 – July 3, 2014. At Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreational programs.

Please Join Us!!

Saturday, April 5 - Steak Dinner - 5pm – 7pm (*or til sold out!!*)

Monday, April 7 – Auxiliary Meeting

Monday, April 14 – Post Meeting

Wednesday, April 16 – SAL Meeting

Monday, May 5 – Auxiliary Meeting

Monday, May 12 – Post Meeting

Wednesday, May 21 – SAL Meeting

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day Parade & Post Luncheon

Monday, June 2 – Auxiliary Meeting

Monday, June 9 – Post Meeting

Wednesday, June 17 – SAL Meeting

YOU SHOULD KNOW . . .

AED MACHINE

At the March 10 Post meeting, Town Supervisor Ken Miller presented the Post with an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine. This was obtained by a grant from Ralph Cater's estate. Six of the AEDs were presented to various locations in Palmyra. Dave Jankowski sat on the committee for the disbursements. Finger Lakes Ambulance will offer the training for all who wish to participate. Time and date to be determined.

POPPY DISTRIBUTION

The American Legion Auxiliary members will be distributing poppies over the Memorial Day weekend at Breen's Market in Palmyra!

CASH BASH UPDATE!

Since our last newsletter, we have made some changes to the format of the CASH BASH! After receiving feedback from our members, we have decided to cancel our original drawing date and plan for a date when we have sold the total 200 tickets. This will guarantee the maximum payout amount. At that time, ticket buyers will be notified of the new drawing date.

At the drawing, we also added an open bar from 5:30pm – 7:30pm. We will still host a buffet that will begin at 6:00pm, with the drawing of the winning tickets at 7:00pm. We hope that these changes will insure a successful fundraiser for the Post.

Tickets are being sold at the Post bar, and by the following members:

**Dave Borland, Bob Coleman, Ray Freyn,
Ann Guest, Dave Jankowski, Bob Trox**

Your support of the CASH BASH is greatly appreciated!!

Sincerely,

Bob

Bob Coleman

You and Your Post

The following are excerpts from information that was received from Mr. James W. Casey, Adjutant, American Legion Department of New York. For the complete document, please go to our web site at www.palmyraamericanlegion.com.

In an effort to answer questions we received on a daily basis via phone, letter, or e-mail, here is information with regard to The American Legion Family and each branch's responsibility.

- The National Headquarters of the American Legion has no control over the day-to-day operations of Department Headquarters.
- Department Headquarters has no control over the day-to-day operations of Posts.
 - There is a chain of command for complaints regarding officers or members of a Post, beginning with the Commander of the Post.
 - If the Commander is the problem or fails to solve the problem, the next step is to go to the County Judge Advocate, then the District Judge Advocate, and THEN the Department Judge Advocate.

The American Legion Auxiliary was provided for by the first National Convention of the American Legion in 1919 as a SEPARATE corporation with no oversight or monetary ties to the American Legion at any level of the organization. The relationship between the two organizations is one of COOPERATION rather than REGULATION. The American Legion Posts and American Legion Auxiliary Units are related, but independent organizations, each with separate EIN's, financial records, by-laws, etc.

-The Post may not revoke nor threaten revocation of its Unit's charter. The Unit should regard its connection with the Post as a distinct honor.....
- Eligibility and membership in the Auxiliary is limited to women who have direct personal connection with service members

National Judge Advocate, Philip Onderdonk, states there are five rules of subsidiary corporations, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Riders as follows:

1. All officers, directors, trustees, etc. must be named by the Post (usually nominated by the Post Commander and confirmed by the Post Executive Committee).
2. All vacancies in the subsidiary corporation must be filled by the Post.
3. The subsidiary corporation must report to the Post no less than once per month. These reports must include financial reports.
4. The Post Treasurer or Finance Officer must be the signatory on all accounts.
5. All amendments to articles of incorporation or by-laws must be approved by the Department. If the current text has not been approved by the Department, it too must be so approved.

The Sons of the American Legion was created in 1932 as a COMMITTEE within the American Legion. It is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the US military and became eligible for membership in the American Legion.

All male descendants, adopted sons, or stepsons of members of the American Legion and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during periods of war as designated by the United States Congress for eligibility in the American Legion or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of the American Legion. You are NOT eligible under an uncle or aunt.

ALL actions of the Sons of the American Legion at all levels shall be subject to review and ratification at the appropriate level of the American Legion. The SAL Squadron shall be organized under the JURISDICTION and sponsorship of a local Post of the American Legion. Squadron officers elected are subject to the approval of the sponsoring American Legion Post.

All funds received in any manner for welfare purposes of any nature by a Squadron or County organization shall be deposited in a duly authorized banking institution.....All financial records of a Squadron must be open for review by the sponsoring Post.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave

Dave Jankowski, Adjutant

The American Legion website is a very useful and friendly tool. To check into services provided by the American Legion organization, please check it out. Here's a link for those of you reading this newsletter on line!

<http://www.legion.org/services>

APRIL / MAY / JUNE 2014 News & Notes

From the 2nd Vice Commander

Again this quarter, I have to report that there have been many compliments regarding the steak dinners and our experiment with a chicken and biscuit offering. Since we do listen to all the ideas that have been forwarded, we will make sure that there will be some extra gravy available for the next one! April 5th is the last steak dinner for this season, hopefully to resume in October. It has been a wonderful experience to work with the many people who have made the dinners successful.

If you haven't checked out the website, we have been keeping it filled with news and notes of the happenings here at the Post.

John Schlafer and I have been making presentations at various senior communities around the area. Our first was at Parkwood Heights in Macedon where we were able to share with over 15 WW II and Korean War Veterans what our Post has to offer. It was very interesting to talk with two of the men who have participated in Honor Flight and another who is making the flight in May. Surprisingly, they didn't know that there was an active post in the area. We are now scheduling an afternoon each week when we can bring the honored veterans to our Post to spend some time here with the opportunities we can offer: pool, shuffleboard, darts, etc.

Parkwood's leadership was extremely cordial and opened up their community to us because of the value they too place in the veterans. We already have scheduled additional presentations at Maplewood Estates in Perinton and The Terrace in Newark.

Dave Banister and I are looking to hook-up the TV in the bar area and be able to broadcast news, notes and advertisements from persons who support the Post and the Veterans. There are many new things coming out of the VA that should be shared. They are on the website but, as we know, not everyone has a computer.

Did you know about the new VA cards that are being sent out to replace the oldies? How about the housing available at the VA? Do you know who really helped make the Turkey and Ham Raffle successful? How about the surprise "game" in the bar that has prizes for some? The web has all those answers!

We need you to look for and volunteer for some activities here at the post. Sign up for an hour or two activities each month and this place will be the place we all want it to be. Just consider the question: What do you want from your Post? How can we see that it happens?

Check out the advertisement posters and the website for travel opportunities coming up soon. Trips to Hamilton, Ontario for a Military Tattoo, the Air Show at the Rochester International Airport, Honor Roll trip to Washington, DC, to name a few. Exciting times are ahead! Come join us!

Respectfully submitted,

Dave

Dave Borland, 2nd Vice Commander

